

SSC 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Selection Policy & Procedures- Short Track

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Article I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to provide the framework for selecting Canada's best junior athletes who are eligible to compete at the 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) which will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland from January 10-19, 2020.

Article II. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games, athletes must:

- I. be born between 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2004.
- II. be a Canadian citizen as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter;
- III. have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before July 22, 2020;
- IV. be a member in good standing of Speed Skating Canada;
- V. Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Lausanne 2020 Conditions of Participation form;
- VI. Have competed at least once either in national championships or in an ISU sanctioned International Competition during the last 16 months prior to the deadline of entries for Lausanne 2020 (December 16, 2019).

Article III. INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION (ISU)

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

These nomination procedures are based on ISU Qualification System, which can be found [here](#). In the event of a discrepancy between this document and the Qualification System, the Qualification System shall prevail. In the event of changes by the ISU to the selection and/or eligibility criteria, Speed Skating Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.

According to the ISU Qualification System, each country can qualify up to two (2) athletes per gender based on the results of the 2019 World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships. This selection process reflects the possibility of qualifying one (1) or two (2) athletes per gender.

Article IV. SELECTION PROCESS

Section IV.1 Quota:

According to the ISU Qualification System, Canada can qualify **up to two (2) positions per gender** for the 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

Section IV.2 SELECTION PRIORITY

Once the quota places have been determined by the ISU, based on results at the 2019 World Junior Short Track Championships, the following order of priority will be used to select the athletes per gender who will be nominated to compete.

Please note that an athlete who is granted a bye may supersede any of the athletes selected via the selection priority listed below.

1. Up to two (2) Junior athletes per gender that have qualified and participate in one of the first four World Cups during the 2019-2020 season will be selected in the order of their performance at those World Cups. The top ranked junior in any distance from the World Cup classification being ranked first and any others ranked subsequently.
Ties will be broken by favouring the athlete with the better result in their second-best distance. Any further ties will be broken by favouring the athlete with the better result based on best two distances at the Canadian Championships 2019.
2. If one (1) junior athlete qualifies to attend World Cups, then up to one (1) other quota position will be granted to the top ranked athlete from the 2019 Canadian Junior Short Track Championships from cumulative results of the 500m and 1000m only.
3. If no Junior athletes qualify to attend World Cups, then up to the top two (2) ranked athletes from the cumulative results of the 500m and 1000m only from the 2019 Canadian Junior Short Track Championships will be selected.
4. In the event that an athlete does not accept their position on the team (see section 4.04 below) for the 2020 Winter YOG, the next junior athlete having participated in World Cup(s) during the 2019-2020 season followed by the next ranked athlete from the cumulative results of the 500m and 1000m only at the 2019 Canadian junior Short Track Championships will take their place until all positions have been filled.
5. The next highest ranked eligible junior athlete per gender will be selected as the alternate. Any remaining eligible junior athletes having competed at the World Cup(s) in the 2019-2020 season will be considered ranked above those ranked according to the cumulative results of the 500m and 1000m only at the 2019 Canadian Junior Championships.

Section IV.3 BYE REQUESTS

Bye requests to the YOG team must be made according to the bye policy in effect at the time of the selection event. The Bye policy can be found at the following address:

<https://www.speedskating.ca/teams/short-track/bulletins-hp-short-track-committee>

Please note that the bye request bulletin for 2019-20 (not yet published) will specify the following limitations regarding eligibility for requesting a bye to the YOG.

Only the following athletes may request a bye to the team if they are unable to fully compete in any of the first four world cups of 2019-20 (following their selection to those teams) or the 2019 Canadian Junior Championships:

- Any 2019 World Junior Short Track Championships team member that has achieved a top 12 performance in an individual distance
- Any junior aged athlete that has been selected to the 2019-2020 World Cup racing pool.

In addition, only the results of Canadian Selections 2019, Canadian Championships 2019, ISU Short Track World Cups and World Junior Short Track Championships will be used to evaluate these bye requests.

Section IV.4 ACCEPTANCE OF TEAM MEMBERSHIP

The athletes will have until 5pm EST on December 4th 2019 to confirm their place on the team with the High Performance Director.

If athletes do not confirm their place on the team by this time, then their position will be forfeited and offered to the next athlete according to the selection priority in Section 4.02. The designation of the alternate will therefore be amended with Section 4.02 point 5.

Section IV.5 TEAM NOMINATION

The 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games team will be nominated by the ST High-Performance Committee following the 2019 Canadian Junior Short Track Championships.

Selection to a Team is provisional until any and all bye requests have been considered. Once all bye requests have been considered, SSC will then formally announce a team by posting the team list on the SSC website

Article V. REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE ONCE SELECTED

An athlete may be removed from the Team at any point prior to participation in the Games due to the following three circumstances:

- Confirmed or suspected doping violation
- Violation of the Athlete Code of conduct. (Athletes must have agreed to the Code during the confirmation of their position on the team)
- Performance readiness/injury

The final decision to remove the athlete will be the responsibility of the High Performance Committee prior to departure of the team for the Games. Once on site this will be under the responsibility of the Team Leader.

An athlete who is removed from the team may be replaced by the alternate, according to Article VI replacement of a team member.

Article VI. REPLACEMENT OF A TEAM MEMBER

In the event that an athlete already selected to the team is removed from the team subsequent to Article V, then that athlete can be replaced by the alternate at the discretion of the High Performance Committee. Any such replacements after December 11, 2019 are at the discretion of the Canadian Olympic Committee Team Selection Committee. Replacements after December 16, 2019 are also subject to the International Olympic Committee Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Article VII. YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES COACHES AND STAFF

The High Performance committee will designate support staff, a team leader and coach(es), according to the number of accreditations granted to the sport. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.

To be recognized as an official coach, an individual must be:

- In good standing with Speed Skating Canada
- In good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada (for coaches only)

Article VIII. DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

Prior to the departure of the team for the 2020 Youth Olympic Games, all decisions regarding team composition, the qualification process and other unforeseen circumstances will be taken by the ST High-Performance Committee with input from the designated YOG coach(es). Once at the Games, the designated YOG Team Leader present will have complete decision-making authority.

Article IX. APPEALS PROCESS

In the interest of expediently resolving matters relating to the (Provisional) selection of athletes to the Youth Olympic Team, any appeals with regard to the composition or application of the 2020 Youth Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures – Short Track Speed Skating shall be exempt from having to be filed first through the Speed Skating Canada internal appeal process outlined in Board resolution RES-100 as found here:

(http://www.speedskating.ca/sites/speedskating.ca/files/res_100_appeal_policy_2011_final.pdf).

Exceptionally, these matters shall be filed directly with the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC).

Article X. TIMELINES SUMMARY CHART

2020 Youth Winter Olympic Games timeline

Jan. 26-28, 2019	2019 World Junior Short Track Championships, Montreal, CAN: ISU Qualification competition for Lausanne 2020
Apr. 22, 2019	Launch of the COC Bridge to long list members
Jul. 29, 2019	Bridge Accreditation deadline
Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2019	2019 Canadian Junior Short Track Championships
Dec. 4, 2019	SSC Team Nomination
Dec. 4, 2019 – 5pm EST	Deadline to accept SSC Team Nomination
Dec. 10, 2019	Finalization of Team composition
Dec. 11, 2019	COC Team Nomination Deadline

Article XI. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

The High Performance Committee reserves the right, and has the sole discretion, to make changes to this document which it deems necessary to ensure selection of athletes with the greatest medal potential for the 2020 Youth Olympic team. Any changes to this document shall be communicated to all athletes potentially eligible to participate in the selection process by posting of the changes to the Speed Skating Canada website under:

<https://www.speedskating.ca/teams/short-track/bulletins-hp-short-track-committee>

This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or selections which formed part of the Selection Procedures unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording. The purpose of such changes must be made in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable and communicated to all athletes. In the event of a change to this document, Speed Skating Canada shall inform the Canadian Olympic Committee of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Speed Skating Canada that prevent the High Performance Committee from fairly implementing the 2020 Youth Olympic Games Selection Policy & Procedures as written, the Chief Executive Officer of Speed Skating Canada, with the input of the High Performance Director shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as he or she sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances he or she deems relevant.

Approved by the High Performance Committee on January 08, 2019.