



SELECTION CRITERIA – CANADIAN REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER (CRCE) 2019-2020

A. Philosophy

In the excellence vision of CRCE, keeping in mind the objectives of the national and provincial federations, all the athletes understand that they are part of a privileged training group with the goal of developing the best skaters in the world. In addition to support and professional programs, CRCE wants to innovate with a team philosophy based on the exemplary attitude of its members, distinguished by the profound desire to help, support and cheer on one another while focusing on each person's strengths by sharing their individual qualities with others. By developing a group dynamic based on positive attitude, each person can reach their maximum potential. Adhering to this philosophy is part of the conditions to continue the skater's development towards excellence

B. Selection criteria

All ages in this document refer to the athlete's age on July 1st, 2018, the current competition year.

1. 2 boys and 2 girls in the 14 years old category in order of the addition of the 2 best 500m times of the 2018-2019 season.
2. 3 boys and 3 girls in the 15 year old category based on the following priority :
 - A. First ranked in the age category at the Canadian Junior Championships (ranking of the best 2 distances of 3)
 - B. Top two ranked in the age category in the Canadian national junior ranking of the 2018-2019 season excluding the skater selected in point A.
3. 4 boys and 4 girls of the 14 and 15 years old category based on following criteria :
 - 4 best skaters based on the sum of the 2 best 500m times of the 2018-2019 season.
 - Maximum 2 places per gender for 15 year old skaters.

4. The skaters from the 13 year old category who achieved a better sum of the 2 best 500m times of the 2018-2019 season than the group of skaters selected at point 3 above, for a maximum of 2 skaters per gender.
5. 2 boys and 2 girls of the 16 year old category in the order of the Canadian Junior Championships' ranking (ranking of the best 2 distances of 3)
6. 2 boys and 2 girls of the 17 year old category in the order of the Canadian Junior Championships' ranking (ranking of the best 2 distances of 3)
7. 4 boys and 4 girls in the 16 and 17 year old category in order of their 2018-2019 national junior ranking (excluding athletes qualified through point 6 and 7) including a maximum of two 17 year old athletes per gender.
8. For the 16 and 17 year old category, places left vacant following a refusal or transfer to the national training center, may be replaced by an athlete who received a discretionary summer invitation from the same age category with an opening to an annual invitation. The following criteria will be used to make the discretionary choices (in no particular order) :
 - National ranking based on 500m time
 - 500m minimum standard :
 - 16 year old girls : 46,16 (106% of the junior world record)
 - 17 year old girls : 45,72 (105% of the junior world record)
 - 16 year old boys:42,91 (106% of the junior world record)
 - 17 year old boys:42,50 (106% of the junior world record)
 - Excellent attitude
 - Personal goal to reach the highest levels of performances
 - Demonstration of clear progression in the last 2 seasons
 - Excellent implication in the program
 - Respect of CRCE's values : Respect, Work, Cooperation

* CRCE coaches will divide the athletes invited through the 8 previous points into two groups based on the criteria of all the previous points, the evening group and the day group.

9. The summer invitations to the evening group (athletes of 15 years old or younger) will be determined based on the following criteria
 - Summer invitation should not cause the evening group to exceed 24 athletes.
 - Best skaters based on the addition of the 2 best 500m times of the 2018-2019 season
 - Maximum 2 places per gender available for 15 year olds
 - The selection priority will not favor gender equity but will go to skaters that have the closest % to the world junior record on 500m.

* In the event that a skater invited for the summer is judged exceptional by the CRCE coaches, s/he could, during the summer, receive an annual or progressive invitation, at the sole discretion of the CRCE coaches.

C. Special consideration

A skater that was not able to obtain a national ranking to meet the criteria due to an injury, illness or special circumstances (incident that prevented him/her to compete or finish one of the selection competitions) will be evaluated by CRCE's Technical Committee under recommendation of CRCE's coaches, following a written request from the skater and approved by the Technical Committee. Medical documentation could be required.

D. Guest Athletes of 18 years old and older

As discretionary choices, all senior athletes that competed at the Canadian Senior Selections in March, could be chosen as guest athletes. They will have the privilege to continue their development with CRCE/National Training Center while becoming teammates and important assets in our younger skater's development.

They will be chosen based on the following criteria :

- Excellent implication in the program
- Excellent attitude
- Personal goal to reach the highest levels of performances
- Demonstration of clear progression in the last 2 seasons
- Capacity to have a positive impact on the group's development
- Respect of the CRCE values : Respect, Work, Cooperation
- Training history

E. Paramètres

For the 2X500m ranking, all times skated in altitude (1000m above sea level or more), will have an adjustment based on the following :

- Male = time in altitude + 0.500 seconds per 500m
- Female = time in altitude + 0.500 seconds per 500m

Times that will be used to create the ranking based on the addition of the 2 best 500m times of the 2018-2019 season have to be skated in a Speed Skating Canada or provincial federation sanctioned competition with electronic timing done between August 1st 2018 and March 17th 2019. Please note in special circumstances manual times will be accepted (adjusted upwards by 0.2).

For skaters that need to move to Montreal, particularly minor athletes, meetings will be held with the parents to prepare the transition to make sure that the athlete is supported and given the needed resources.

To favor holistic development, it is mandatory for athletes to stay engaged in school. Athletes in post-secondary studies need to complete a minimum of 5 classes per school year but no more than 4 classes per session for the day group and 5 classes per session for the evening group. These rules follow the principles stated for Quebec's Relève athlete identification.

For athletes in college, it is strongly suggested to be part of "Alliance Sport-Études".

IMPORTANT POINT TO NOTE

Starting with the 2019-2020 season, all high school level athletes that are in the CRCE structure will need to be in a Sport-Études program in a school recognized by the Quebec ministry of Education. Exceptional cases could be evaluated individually.