

About the Intact Insurance 2014 Short Track Team Selections for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games

August 7 to 18th

Canada's top short track speed skaters compete in Speed Skating Canada's Intact Insurance 2014 Short Track Team Selections for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games and 2013-14 World Cups. The competition is the first event of the 2013-14 season to earn spots on the team competing in the four World Cups, including the International Skating Union (ISU) Olympic Qualification competitions (at World Cup #3 and World Cup #4) and ultimately at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Games.

Sixteen (16) male and 16 female skaters compete in each of the 500 m, 1000 m and 1500 m races, racing each distance three times at the Short Track Selections in Montreal. Athletes competing in the Selections are listed on the entry list at: <http://www.speedskating.ca/olympic-selections>

Schedule for the Intact Insurance 2014 Short Track Team Selections

August 7, 2013: 1500m (1) semis / finals 500m (1) quarters / semis / finals

August 10, 2013: 1000m (1) quarters / semis / finals 1500m (2) semis / finals

August 12, 2013: 500m (2) quarters / semis / finals

August 15, 2013: 1000m (2) quarters / semis / finals 1500m (3) semis / finals

August 18, 2013: 500m (3) quarters / semis / finals 1000m (3) quarters / semis / finals

August 29th, 2013

Speed Skating Canada, in a joint announcement with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), will name the 10 athletes nominated to the Canadian Short Track team. This will include the 5 men and 5 women and the alternates (1 male and 1 female). These Canadian athletes will then have to earn quota places, for themselves and for Canada, by competing in the Olympic Qualification competitions, which are World Cup #3 in Torino, Italy (November 7 to 10) and World Cup #4 in Kolomna, Russia (November 14 to 17). The 500, 1000, 1500 and relay (3000 meters relay ladies and 5000 meters relay men) are raced once at World Cup #3 and once at World Cup #4 (These four distances are referred to as 'SOQC').

Olympic Qualification

Canada is eligible to earn quota places to field a team of up to ten (10) Short Track speed skaters at the Sochi Olympic Winter Games. This includes up to 5 quota places for women and 5 quota places for men.

Short Track at the Sochi Winter Olympic Games

Events for Men: 500 meters, 1000 meters, 1500 meters, 5000 meters Relay

Events for Women: 500 meters, 1000 meters, 1500 meters, 3000 meters Relay

NOC QUOTA 10 / 6 Skaters: 5 Men & 5 Ladies (with Relay) 3 Men & 3 Ladies (without Relay)

Athlete quota (total): 120 Skaters (basically 60 Men - 60 Ladies) If for either Ladies or Men the respective IOC quota is not reached according to the Qualifying System, the respective unused number of quota places will be credited and added to the quota of the other gender.

Additional information:

- Speed Skating Canada (SSC) 2014 Short Track Olympic Team Selection Policy: http://www.speedskating.ca/sites/default/files/ssc_2014_short_track_olympic_team_selection_policy_vf_revised.pdf
- ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2013/14 & Qualifying Competitions for the Olympic Winter Games 2014: <http://www2.isu.org/vsite/vnavsite/page/directory/0,10853,4844-205151-222374-nav-list,00.html?id=1342>