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Purpose

The High Performance Bulletin's (HPB) fundamental strategic purpose for team selection is to define provisions that are designed ultimately to select athletes to teams who will perform at the highest level and achieve the best possible results for Canada at Olympic Games and World Single Distance Championships.

- The High Performance Committee Long Track(HPC-LT) will issue bulletins periodically throughout the season informing athletes, coaches, the Officials Development Committee, and SSC Branches of any updates and/or changes with respect, but not limited, to selection criteria and/or competitions.
- The HPC-LT reserves the right to modify or change the enclosed policies in the event that exceptional circumstances arise and that any such changes are, in the opinion of the HPC-LT, in the best interest of the High Performance program. In these situations, athletes and coaches will be advised of any changes as soon as is feasible after they are confirmed by the HPC-LT.

2012 – 2013 Selection Criteria

General Information

Eligibility

All athletes must meet the relevant ISU eligibility requirements in order to be considered for selection to an ISU Championship, ISU World Cup, Qualifying Competition or other International events.

Notification

All National and Development Team athletes must have completed and signed a National Team Agreement in order to be eligible for selection to any of the following competitions. Athletes earning selection to compete internationally for Canada who are not on the National or Development team will be required to sign an agreement in order to compete.

For the Fall World Cups, all athletes pre-selected to the team must sign the SSC declaration to compete form 1 week prior to the Fall World Cup Trials, indicating their intent to compete or not to compete in their pre-selected distance(s). For athletes who are selected following the Fall Trials, they must sign the SSC declaration to compete form within 24 hours following the selection competition-

For all World Championships and the Continental Championship, all athletes selected to the team must sign the SSC Declaration to compete form if they are competing in the applicable Championship at a date determined by the HPC-LT.

For the Winter World Cups, all athletes selected to the team must sign the SSC Declaration to compete form, if they are intending to compete in the applicable World Cup, at a date determined by the HPC-LT.

Selection Procedures

All athletes must qualify through the specific standards as set by the ISU to be eligible to compete in each specific event. The current policies are subject to change in accordance with any changes to ISU qualifications rules and regulations.

Speed Skating Canada will select athletes for each specific event in accordance with the following general procedures.

Athletes can gain selection, in order of priority, to a team by one of three methods:

- Pre-selection
- Performance/results at designated selection race/s as detailed in HPC-LT Bulletins. Selection is subject to any bye request application being granted;
- Bye request

1. Pre-selection

Pre-selection to an event may be granted to an athlete so that he/she can better prepare for that event. Pre-selection will be based on specific and objective results obtained by the athlete/s during the current skating season and is not subject to any decisions made with regard to bye request applications. Pre-selection may or may not be available for any specific event.

The results required to obtain a pre-selection are detailed in the relevant HPC-LT bulletins.

Pre-selection shall take place before any such selection competitions, and therefore all athletes participating in the competition will be aware of the number of positions available for selections. The HPC-LT will announce all pre-selections prior to the start of the selection competition.

Pre-selection is normally restricted to a maximum number of athletes as detailed later in this Bulletin. However, the HPC-LT has the discretion to pre-select additional athletes to a particular event/team if the performances of an athlete, in the opinion of the HPC-LT, are clearly superior to others in contention for selection and that these performances warrant such pre-selection.

2. Performance / results at designated selection event/s

Selection on the basis of performance/results at a designated selection event/s is subject to any decisions made with regard to bye request applications (see 3 below).

Designated selection events will be named for Fall and Winter World Cups, World Sprint Championship, Continental Championship, World All Round Championship and World Junior Championship Teams.

3. Bye requests

Due to exceptional circumstances and through no fault of their own, an athlete sometimes does not have the opportunity to compete in the designated selection event/s.

In this situation, the athlete may be eligible to apply for a bye selection to the relevant team.

The basic philosophy for selecting an athlete by granting a bye is that, all things being equal, the athlete given the bye has demonstrated clearly superior performances in previous competition to other athletes being considered for selection.

A bye request is considered as the last means by which an athlete can gain selection. It is intended to provide for exceptional circumstances outside the normal selection criteria. It is not a standard method by which an athlete can gain selection.

The procedure and policy for the allocation of Byes is detailed in **Appendix A (Bulletin 164)**.

Reskates:

1. Re-skates may be allowed as per ISU Rule 262.
2. In addition, re-skates outside the guidelines of ISU Rule #262 will be permitted by the HPC-LT for Team Selection purposes only. (i.e. World Championships, World Cups, Continental Championships)
3. Conditions under which a re-skate will be permitted for the purposes of Team Selection for World Cups, World Championships, and Continentals are:
 - I. The HPC-LT Jury has the right to restrict re-skates to those skaters ranked in the top 16 of the final 2011 – 2012 Canadian Rankings in consultation with the Referee;
 - II. The athlete cannot skate across the finish line except at Continental championships due to country quota implications;
 - III. The athlete has a fall, experiences equipment failure or is disqualified immediately following their race;
 - IV. The athlete elects not to complete the race and skates into the warm-up lane to indicate their withdrawal from that race.
4. In case of disqualification:
 - I. The time will not be considered official.
 - II. Eligibility for a re-skate will be determined by the HPC-LT Jury.
 - III. Athletes who are disqualified and complete their races will only be granted a re-skate in cases where their finishing time would have qualified them for selection to a team. The athlete cannot improve their rank with their re-skate.
 - IV. Please note that an athlete is entitled to a minimum rest of 30 minutes between his/her race and the re-skate, however they may elect to complete their re-skate within this minimum 30 minute allowance.
5. Exceptions to the re-skate: In the case of a re-skate in the 500m distance when both 500m rounds are conducted on the same day, the re-skate will take place after the 2nd round of the 500m races has been completed.
6. For re-skates permitted outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 262 the time recorded in the re-skate will be used for the purposes of Team Selection and the Canadian Rankings.
7. For re-skates permitted outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 262 the athlete/s will be drawn separately to any other athletes who have been granted a re-skate based on ISU Rule 262.

For the purpose of clarification with respect to re-skates as outlined above:

- Notwithstanding ISU Rule 266, for the second race of the 500m, an athlete who does not finish or who is disqualified in the first race has the right to start the second race excepting disqualifications pursuant to 216 (2) (f);
- Scheduling of re-skates awarded pursuant to ISU rule 262 will be at the discretion of the HPC-LT Jury.

Selection Meeting

The HPC-LT will have a Selection Meeting following each selection competition.

- A) In accordance with Paragraph VII-46 of the Procedures and Regulations, the HPC-LT require a quorum for any meeting at which decisions concerning the selection of athletes for teams for specific events is being taken. The quorum will consist of the majority of elected members (not including athlete's representatives) present at the meeting and not in a conflict of interest.
- B) Athlete and coach members are deemed to be in conflict of interest with respect to such decisions. The HPC-LT members deciding may permit representations from a coach with respect to the specific decision to be made. Regardless, in such circumstances the coach shall not participate in any subsequent discussions concerning the decision nor shall they vote.
- C) In any case where an elected member is deemed to have or declare a conflict of interest in relation to a specific decision, or in his or her absence, the Long Track Program Director (LTPD) will vote in his or her place.

Naming of Teams

Naming of 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 via email and by placing the respective team list on the SSC website.

The intent of the HPC-LT is to fund all qualified athletes named to each team. The HPC-LT, together with the National Coaching staff, may also determine that it is not in the athlete's best interest to compete in a specific competition. Additionally, at times, there may be a necessity to limit athletes named to events due to budget restrictions. In these instances where the HPC-LT determines that such restrictions will apply, the athlete will not be entered by SSC to compete in the respective competition.

All qualified athletes named to a World Championship, World Cup or Continental Championships team must sign and abide by the terms of the Athlete agreement including code of conduct provisions. An ISU Declaration Form must be signed immediately following the selection competition by all athletes.

Qualified means that the athlete has met the selection criteria or has been added because of someone declining their position for that event and they are the next ranked athlete from the selection competition.

Replacement of Athletes

The HPC-LT reserves the right to replace an athlete if medical advice is such that competing in the event is potentially injurious to the selected athlete or that the athlete has not recovered sufficiently from an existing injury.

If an athlete who is named to a team withdraws or declines their position on the team prior to departure for the competition they may be replaced on that team at the absolute discretion of the HPC-LT. Eligible replacements will be determined on the basis of the ranking of athletes from the original selection competition.

In determining if a replacement will be made, the HPC-LT will consider the performances of the replacement athlete during the last 12 month period, and will also consider, in consultation with the coaches, the development value of that athlete competing in the respective event. Other considerations include the budgetary circumstances; racing in more than one event or race; development opportunities; competitiveness of the athlete; progression of preparation; coaches' recommendations; and international ranking.

If an athlete who is named to a team withdraws from the team following departure from Canada for the competition, or series of competitions, they will not be replaced on the team. Another athlete who is already at that competition may be offered the opportunity to substitute for the withdrawn athlete. Eligible replacements will be determined firstly from the ranking of athletes from the original selection procedures and secondly based on coaches recommendations.

In either of the above situations if the replacement athlete is the next ranked athlete from the original selection competition they will be deemed as qualified and eligible to earn Canadian Ranking points from their participation in the respective competition. If the replacement athlete is not the next ranked athlete from the original selection competition, they will not be eligible to earn Canadian Ranking Points.

Participation in a vacant 2012 - 2013 World Cup position by a non-qualified athlete

A athlete may compete in a distance in a World Cup that they have not qualified for,

- a) If they are competing in another distance and if the quota is not filled for that distance or
- b) If someone drops out of that distance.

2012 Fall World Cups

November 16-18, 2012	All distances	Heerenveen (NED)
November 24-25, 2012	Middle/Long distances	Kolomna (RUS)
December 1- 2, 2012	Middle/Long distances	Astana (KAZ)
December 8-9, 2012	Sprint Distance	Nagano (JPN)
December 15-16, 2012	Sprint Distance	Harbin (CHN)

Selection Procedures:

Athletes will be selected to the 2012 Fall World Cups according to the following priority:

1. Athletes who placed top 5 at the 2012 World Single Distance Championships will be pre-selected to a Fall World cup position in order of their finish position in a specific distance(s).
2. Subject to byes, remaining 2012 Fall World Cup positions are awarded in finishing order per distance and gender from the 2012 Fall World Cup Trials. The quotas and replacements sent will be determined at the discretion of the HPC-LT.
3. Byes
The HPC-LT may grant a athlete a bye onto the team due to exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes.

In the event of a tie at the Fall World Cup Trials, the athlete with the highest 2011-2012 Canadian Ranking for that distance will be ranked highest amongst those athletes concerned.

The following athletes have been pre-selected for the 2012 Fall World Cup races.

Women

500m Christine Nesbitt
1000m Christine Nesbitt
1500m Christine Nesbitt
1500m Cindy Klassen

Men

1000m Denny Morrison
1500m Denny Morrison

Exceptions:

500m – The total points of both 500m from the 2012 Fall World Cup Trials will determine the final classification.

Mass start –

- All quota positions will be selected from those already competing at the Fall World Cups in another distance. Selection priority will be given to those with the highest rank from the Mass start selection event. Any remaining quota positions will be selected by the coaches present at the World Cup competition.
- Mass Start rules will follow the ISU Rules found in ISU Communication 1689 complementing ISU Technical Rule 253, paragraph 4 b, issued by the ISU Technical Committee in July 2012. As per ISU rules, athletes are required to wear shin pads and cut resistant gloves and the rear blade tips must be rounded to a radius of 1 centimetre. Additionally, in accordance with SSC D3-200 governing mass start races in Olympic Style competitions, athletes are required to wear ankle protection and eye protection. It is recommended that athletes consider wearing, in addition to those pieces of equipment required by the ISU and SSC, the neck protection of the type described in SSC Rule D3-301.
- The entry for the Mass Start Trials will be limited to those who placed in a quota position in an individual distance at the Fall World Cup trials. Remaining starting positions for the Mass start will be prioritized by rank order in the 1500m, followed by the 3000m women/ 5000m men and 1000m from the Fall World Cup Trials up to a maximum of 28 competitors

Seedings for Fall World Cups

Athletes will be ranked as follows;

1. Pre-selected athletes
2. Results of the Fall Trials

Note: Athletes who receive a bye will be ranked according to historical performances.

Team Pursuit Selection for Fall World Cups

Athletes will be selected to the 2012 Fall World Cup Team Pursuit Pool according to the following priority:

1. Athletes that competed in the Team Pursuit at the 2012 World Single Distance Championships and finished in the top 3 places are preselected to the TP pool.

Team Pursuit Pool: Christine Nesbitt, Cindy Klassen, Brittany Schussler

2. Subject to byes, any remaining positions (after Pre-selections) will be selected in order of their rank from the 2 distance cumulative total in Sammelagt for the 1500m and 3000m (ladies) and 1500m and 5000m (men) distances at the Fall World Cup Trials.
3. The HPC-LT may grant an athlete a bye onto the team pool due to exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes.
4. The HPC-LT may, solely at its discretion, name additional athletes to the Team Pursuit Pool from athletes competing at the World Cup in another distance.

Team Pursuit Training Pool will be named following the Fall World Cup Trials. The team selected for each event will be determined by the LTPD and coaches at each event.

2012 Fall Junior World Cup **Calgary, AB – November 15&16, 2012**

Eligibility:

A Junior athlete is an athlete who has reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2012. (ISU Rule 108)

All athletes must meet ISU Junior World Cup time standard requirements for each distance (ISU Communication 1753).

Selection Procedures:

Canada will enter athletes who are registered for the Can-Am competition and positions are awarded in finishing order per distance from the results of the 2012 Junior Canadian Championships.

2013 Winter World Cups

January 19-20, 2013	World Cup Sprint Distances	Calgary, (CAN)
February 9-10, 2013	World Cup Middle/Long Distances	Inzell (GER)
March 1-3, 2013	World Cup All Distances	Erfurt (GER)
March 8-10, 2013	World Cup All Distances	Heerenveen (NED)

Selection Procedures:

To be eligible for selection to the 2013 Winter World Cups, athletes will be required to achieve the following time standards at a sanctioned event from January 1, 2012 until the conclusion of the 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships or be ranked within the top 24 overall in the current 2012-2013 world cup ranking.

Women	500	38.67	Men	500	35.22
	1000	1,17.13		1000	1,09.41
	1500	1,59.06		1500	1,46.60

3000	4,10.84	5000	6,26.94
5000	7,16.89	10000	13,38.82

Athletes will be selected to the 2013 Winter World Cups (Calgary, Inzell and Erfurt) according to the following priority:

1. Pre-Selection: Athletes who competed at the Fall World Cups and have placed in the top 3 in a specific distance at the Fall World Cups will be pre-selected to a Winter World Cup position in that distance. A minimum of two World Cup quota positions (including bye requests) will remain per distance for Selection at the 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships. If the number of athletes eligible for pre selection in a distance exceeds this requirement, the order of priority will be:
 - a. Athletes with the most top 3 placings in the specific distance
 - b. Highest World Cup rank in that distance
2. Subject to byes, remaining 2013 Winter World Cup positions are awarded in finishing order per distance and gender from the 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships. Qualified athletes without a performance standard will not be replaced by those with a standard. If there is a distance in which no qualified athlete has a performance time standard, then the first place individual in that distance will be selected. The quotas sent will be determined at the discretion of the HPC-LT.
3. Byes
The High Performance Committee - Long Track may grant a athlete a bye onto the team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes.

In the event of a tie at the Canadian Single Distance Championships, the athlete with the highest current ISU Ranking for that distance will be ranked highest amongst those athletes concerned.

To be eligible to compete in the 2013 Erfurt World Cup (March 1-3), qualified athletes must finish in the top 30.0% of the Division B, or compete in Division A in their qualified event(s) at the Calgary and Inzell World Cups or be ranked top 24 overall in the World Cup Ranking. Quotas at the Erfurt World Cup will be filled by athletes who have qualified in another event. Ranking points will be awarded to those who qualified through the original ranking competition. Ranking points will not be granted to replacement athletes.

Athletes will be selected to the 2013 Heerenveen World Cup Final according to ISU qualification criteria.

Exceptions:

500m – The total points of both 500m from the 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships will determine the final classification.

Mass start –

- All quota positions will be selected from those already competing at the Winter World Cups in another distance. Selection priority will be given to those with the highest rank from the Mass start selection event. Any remaining quota positions will be selected by the coaches present at the World Cup competition.

- Mass Start rules will follow the ISU Rules found in ISU Communication 1689 complementing ISU Technical Rule 253, paragraph 4 b, issued by the ISU Technical Committee in July 2012. As per ISU rules, athletes are required to wear shin pads and cut resistant gloves and the rear blade tips must rounded to a radius of 1 centimetre. Additionally, in accordance with SSC D3-200 governing mass start races in Olympic Style competitions, athletes are required to wear ankle protection and eye protection. It is recommended that athletes consider wearing, in addition to those pieces of equipment required by the ISU and SSC, the neck protection of the type described in SSC Rule D3-301.
- The entry for the Mass Start Trials will be limited to those who placed in a quota position in an individual distance at the Winter World Cup trials. Remaining starting positions for the Mass start will be prioritized by rank order in the 1500m, followed by the 3000m women/ 5000m men and 1000m from the Winter World Cup Trials up to a maximum of 28 competitors

Team Pursuit Selection for Winter World Cups

Athletes will be selected to the 2013 Winter Team Pursuit pool according to the following priority:

1. Athletes that competed in the Team Pursuit at the 2012 Fall World Cups and finished in the top 3 places.
2. Subject to byes, any remaining positions (after Pre-selections) will be selected in order of their rank from the 2 distance cumulative total Sammelagt for the 1500m and 3000m (ladies) and 1500m and 5000m (men) distances at the Winter World Cup Trials.
3. Byes:
The HPC-LT may grant a athlete a bye onto the Team Pursuit Pool due to exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes. (Appendix A)
4. The HPC-LT may, solely at its discretion, name additional athletes to the Team Pursuit Pool from athletes competing at the World Cup in another distance.

Team Pursuit pool will be named following the 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships. The team selected for each event will be determined by the LTPD and coaches at each event.

2013 Continental Championships (Regional Qualifier) January 12 and 13, 2013

Eligibility:

To be eligible to compete at the Continental Championships, athletes must have achieved the ISU qualifying times in the 2012-13 season prior to the 2013 Continental Championships. These standards can be achieved at the 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships, 2012 Fall World Cup competitions and 2012 - 13 International competitions listed in the current ISU Communications.

Quota:

Canada is allowed to enter up to a maximum of 6 athletes per gender as per ISU rule 220-5c (subject to the entry numbers from other countries).

Selection Procedures:

Athletes will be selected to the 2013 Continental Championships Team according to the following priority:

1. Results at 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships

Subject to byes, athletes will be selected in order of their rank from the 3 distance cumulative total in sammelagt for the 500m(1), 1500m and 3000m (ladies) and 500m(1), 1500m and 5000m (men) distances at these Championships.

2. Byes

The HPC-LT may grant an athlete a bye onto the team due to exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes.

Seeding:

Seeding for the Continental Championships will be from results in individual distances at the 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships.

Re-skates:

Re-skates must be skated out of competition. The right to re-skate will be confirmed with the USA prior to the Competition.

2013 World Sprint Championships Salt Lake City, January 26 & 27, 2013

Eligibility:

To be able to participate at the 2013 World Sprint Championship, the athlete must have achieved the qualifying times for either the 500m or 1000m as per ISU Rule 208.

Quota:

Canada is entitled to enter 4 men and 2 women in the 2013 World Sprint Championships.

Selection Procedures:

Athletes will be selected to 2013 World Sprint Championships Team according to the following priority:

1. Results at 2013 Canadian Single Distances Championships

Subject to byes, Athletes will be selected in order of their final rank at the 2013 Canadian Single Distances Championships.

2. Byes

The HPC-LT may grant a athlete a bye onto the team due to exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes.

Ranking

Ranking will be determined as the cumulative total in sammelagt accumulated by athletes at these Championships including re-skates.

The sammelagt will be determined on the basis of the two 500m times recorded by an athlete and the 1000m time recorded by a athlete.

In calculating the sammelagt for the purposes of team selection the Sammelagt points for the 1000m will be doubled for each athlete.

In the event of a tie, the best 500m and the 1000m result for each of the tied athletes will be totalled and the athlete with the lowest total will be selected. In the event that there is still a tie the athletes will be paired together for a 1000m race with the winner of this race selected for the 2013 World Sprint Championships.

Seeding:

Seeding for the 2013 World Sprint Championship is according to ISU rule 242.

2013 World All Round Championships

Hamar, Norway, February 16, 17, 2013

Eligibility:

To be able to participate at the 2013 World All Round Championship, athletes must have achieved the qualifying times as per ISU Rule 208.

Quota:

The quota for the World All Round Championships team for Canada will be decided after 4 distances at the 2013 Continental Championships. Our region (North-America/Oceania) is entitled to 4 Men and 6 Ladies for the World All Round Championships with a maximum of 4 per country.

Selection Procedures:

Athletes will be selected to 2013 World All Round Team according to the following priority:

1. Pre Selection

Athletes who qualify for the World Sprint Championships and are ranked top 2 from the 3 distance cumulative total in sammelagt for the 500m, 1500m, and 3000m (ladies) and 500m, 1500m and 5000m (men) distances at the 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships.

2. Selection

Ladies – Subject to byes, any remaining positions (after Pre-selections) will be chosen in order of their cumulative 3 distance sammelagt ranking from the 500, 1500m and 3000m, at the **2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships**. The athletes must compete in the Continental Championships to be eligible, unless they are qualified for and compete at the World Sprint Championships.

Men – Subject to byes, any remaining positions (after Pre-selections) will be chosen in order of their cumulative 3 distance sammelagt ranking from the 500, 1500m, and 5000m at the **2013 Continental Championships**. The athletes must compete in the Continental Championships to be eligible, unless they are qualified for and compete at the World Sprint Championships.

3. Byes

The HPC-LT may grant an athlete a bye onto the team due to exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes.

Seeding:

Seeding for the 2013 World All Round Championship is according to ISU rule 240.

2013 World Junior Championships

Collalbo, Italy – February 22, 23, 24, 2013

Eligibility:

A Junior athlete is a athlete who has reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2012. (ISU Rule 108)

All athletes must meet ISU time standard requirements for each distance. (ISU Rule 208)

Quota:

Canada will select up to five athletes for the 2013 World Junior Championships.

Selection Procedures:

Athletes will be selected to the 2013 World Junior Championships Team according to the following priority:

1. Pre – selection

Any athlete, including the 1st alternate, selected to the 2013 World Sprint Championship, the 2013 World All Round Championship or any athlete who earns selection to a Winter World Cup Team, to a maximum of 1 athlete per distance per gender, will be pre-selected to the 2013 World Junior Championship team. A maximum of 2 athletes per gender can be pre-selected.

Athletes who are pre-qualified through the World Sprint Championship or the World Cup 500m or 1000m will be pre-selected in a sprint team position. Athletes who are pre-qualified through the World All Round Championship or World Cup 1500, 3000, or 5000m will be pre-selected in all round team position.

Should more than two athletes be eligible for pre-selection, the following priority will be used:

Female and male pre-selection have been separated because the female event favours more sprint-focused athletes, while the male event favors middle and long distance athletes.

1. Pre-selection priority

- a) Athletes qualifying for the 2013 World All-Round Championships in order of rank at the 2013 selection event (Canadian Single Distance Championships Women(500, 1500, 3000m), Continental Championships Men (500, 1500, 5000m));
- b) Athletes qualifying for the 2013 World Sprint Championships in order of rank at the 2013 Canadian Single Distances Championships;
- c) Athletes qualifying for a 2013 Winter World Cup team in order of best finish position in the respective distance from the selection events. If there is a tie in best finish position then the

rank will be by order of the athlete's finish time as a percentage of the winner's time from the respective selection race.

2. Results at 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships/Canada Cup 2

Subject to byes, athletes will be selected for the Junior World Championships as follows:

Canadian Single Distance Championships/Canada Cup 2, Calgary, AB

a) First three athletes in the All Round ranking – Total points

Ranking will be determined as the cumulative total of 4 distances, in sammelagt, accumulated by athletes at these competitions including re-skates for all distances.

Distances that will be used are:

Women: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m

Men: 500m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m

b) First athlete in Sprint ranking – 2 x 500m and Best 1000m

Note:

Athletes may qualify for more than one position. The HPC-LT would then select the replacement. The HPC-LT has full discretion in determining if a replacement will be made.

HPC-LT has full discretion to name a 5th member (Men and/or Women) to the Junior World Championship team to fill quotas.

3. Byes

The High Performance Committee - Long Track may grant an athlete a bye onto the team due to exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes.

Seeding:

Seeding times at the 2013 World Junior Championships are from the best times skated in the 2012 - 13 skating season. These include the Oval Invitational, Can Am, Canadian Single Distance Championships and the Canada Cups. (ISU Rule 227)

2013 World Junior Championship Pursuit Team:

The composition will be decided by the coaching staff at the Junior Worlds pending results of all athletes in individual competition

Re-skates:

Refer to the re-skate information provided in the HPC-LT Bulletin

2013 Winter Junior World Cup

Roseville, USA – January 19&20

Eligibility:

All athletes must be classified as Junior A or Junior B athletes.

All athletes must meet ISU Junior World Cup time standard requirements for each distance (Communication 1753).

Selection Procedures:

Athletes who are selected to the 2013 World Junior Championships may also be selected to the Roseville Junior World Cup. Selection priority will be given to the highest ranked athletes who have not earned 2012-2013 Junior World Cup points.

2013 World Single Distance Championships

Speed Skating Canada is permitted to enter a maximum of 3 athletes per distance at the World Single Distance Championships. Athletes must qualify by ISU World Ranking or by time ranking in order to be considered by SSC. As such, athletes on the reserve list will not be considered for selection.

If Canada has 3 or less athletes qualified according to the ISU qualification procedures then all athletes will be selected by SSC.

If Canada has more than 3 athletes qualified then the following procedures will be used to select the 3 athletes per distance:

No of athletes qualified by World Ranking	No of athletes qualified by time ranking	Decision by HPC-LT			
		Quota position 1	Quota position 2	Quota position 3	Alternate position
4 or more	1 or more	Highest world ranked athlete is selected	2 nd highest world ranked athlete is selected	HPC-LT compares head to head performances of remaining rank and time qualified athletes and selects the 3rd position **	2 nd highest ranked athlete (head to head) not selected to Quota position 3 is listed as the alternate
3	1 or more	Highest world ranked athlete is selected	2 nd highest world ranked athlete is selected	HPC-LT compares head to head performances of 3 rd world ranked athlete and time qualified athletes and selects the 3rd position **	Highest ranked athlete (head to head) not selected to Quota Position 3 is listed as the alternate
2	2 or more	Highest world ranked athlete is selected	2 nd highest world ranked athlete is selected	HPC-LT compares head to head performances of time qualified athletes and selects the final position **	Athlete who is ranked highest on ISU Time ranking list not already selected is listed as the alternate
1	3 or more	The athlete qualified by world ranking is selected	Athlete who is ranked highest on ISU Time	HPC-LT compares head to head performances of	Athlete who is ranked highest on ISU Time ranking list not already selected is listed as

			ranking list is selected	time qualified athletes and selects the final position **	the alternate
0	4 or more	Athlete who is ranked highest on ISU Time ranking list is selected	Athlete who is ranked 2 nd highest on ISU Time ranking list is selected	HPC-LT compares head to head performances of time qualified athletes and selects the final position **	Athlete who is ranked highest on ISU Time ranking list not already selected is listed as the alternate

** Head to Head comparisons will be made using ISU World Cup races, ISU World Championship races, Canadian Single Distance Championships races **skated after January 1, 2013**. Head to head comparison will take into account the times of the respective athletes recorded in each race as a separate head to head comparison. In the event that there are no head to head races that can be used for comparison after January 1, 2013, the Fall World Cup Trials and the Fall World Cups will be used for head to head comparison.

In the event that a tie-break is required to separate these head to head comparisons the HPC-LT will refer to performances of the respective athletes from the most recent Canadian Single Distance Championships.

2012 - 13 Canadian Rankings

1. General Information

The Canadian Ranking system for 2012 - 2013 will include a series of competitions subject to regulations that are published by the HPC-LT.

2. Basic Rules

The Canadian Ranking system provides multiple opportunities to obtain points in each individual distance, from both international and national competitions. Following defines the maximum number of races that will be used to calculate the final 2012 - 2013 Canadian Rankings. If athletes have raced more than the number of races indicated, only the highest ranking point performances will be used.

500 m	Ladies and Men	Best 7 races used for ranking
1000m	Ladies and Men	Best 6 races used for ranking
1500m	Ladies and Men	Best 3 races used for ranking
3000m	Ladies	Best 3 races used for ranking
5000m	Men	Best 3 races used for ranking
5000m	Ladies	Best 2 races used for ranking (No Bonus points)
10000m	Men	Best 2 races used for ranking (No Bonus points)

3. Canadian Ranking Series Competitions 2012 – 2013

The best 4 out of 6 competitions will count towards this ranking

Fall World Cup Trials

Canada Cup #1

Canadian Single Distance Championships/Canada Cup #2

Canada Cup #3

North American Championships

Canada Cup #4

4. Canadian Ranking Points System

Points will be awarded as per the 2012 - 2013 scoring tables for international and national competitions. Athletes competing in any of the Canadian Ranking Competitions will have their points readjusted after the season by eliminating the athletes that have finished in the top 16 at the 2013 World Single Distance Championships. These athletes will be ranked at the top for that distance.

Ties will be broken from the results of the Canadian Single Distance Championships (if athletes competed in the event).

Ranking Points

Points are awarded in accordance with the scoring tables noted below for specific events. The Canadian Ranking for each distance category will be determined by the accumulated points for each athlete over the season. A final Canadian Ranking list will be published after the season for each individual distance.

Athletes earn Canadian Ranking points at the events noted below as follows:

- a) 2012 Fall World Cup Trials;
- b) All Winter World Cups;
- c) Fall World Cups (Heerenveen, Kolomna, Astana, Nagano, Harbin): Only the highest ranking points scored from the Fall World Cups will be counted - (i.e. best 2x500m, 2x1000m, 1x1500m, 1x3000m, 1x5000m, 1x10000m);
- d) Continental Championships: Athletes in a distance of **3000m** or longer will be awarded performance points as follows: 100, 80, 70 etc. (only for those athletes who do not qualify for World Championships);
- e) World Sprint Championships: Athletes will be provided points as per World Cup points as follows: 110 + 1 point for each position above top 16;
- f) 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships and Canada Cup #2: Bonus points will be awarded based upon combined results from the CSD and CC #2 competitions except for the 5000m Ladies and the 10000m Men's distance;
- g) Canada Cups #1 and #3: Each race is treated separately for the purposes of earning Canadian Ranking points
- h) Canada Cup #4 (Final): Bonus points are awarded as per the Canada Cup points chart below for all distances except for the 5000m Ladies and the 10000m Men;
- i) North American Championships: Points will be awarded for Canadians only in each race.
- j) Points will be awarded for each of the *Winter World Cup and Fall Cup* events listed above as follows:

Event	Bonus points	Performance Points (allocated according to finish position)	Maximum points available per distance
World Cup A final	110 for a top 24 time overall from A & B divisions	1 point for each position above 24 th overall time	133
World Cup B final		110 minus each position below 24 th overall time from A & B divisions to a minimum of 101 points	110

2012/2013 Point Scoring Table**

Rank Canadian Championships/ CC#2 Fall World Cup Trials, North

	Canada Cup Final - #4	Americans, Canada Cups 1 & 3
1	125	100
2	100	80
3	88	70
4	75	60
5	63	50
6	45	45
7	40	40
8	36	36
9	32	32
10	28	28
11	26	26
12	24	24
13	22	22
14	20	20
15	18	18
16	17	17
17	16	16
18	15	15
19	14	14
20	13	13
21	12	12
22	11	11
23	10	10
24	9	9
25	8	8
26	7	7
27	6	6
28	5	5
29	4	4
30	3	3
31	2	2
32	1	1

**If two or more athletes have obtained the same rank, each athlete receives the full points assigned to the given rank.

- Canadian Ranking points will only be awarded to an athlete if they have qualified for and finish in the respective event. Athletes who do not finish or do not start a race due to injury will not be awarded Canadian Ranking Points for that race. Athletes who are disqualified in a race will not receive ranking points for that race.
- Only Canadian athletes are eligible to receive Canadian Ranking points.
- In the event of an equal ranking in a distance the athlete with the fastest time recorded at the 2013 Canadian Single Distance Championships/Canada Cup #2 for that distance will assume the higher ranking.

Athlete of the Year / Rising Star

Speed Skating Canada announces at the Annual General Meeting each year a Male and Female Long Track Athlete of the Year and a “Rising Star” award. .

The HPC-LT will determine the winner of the awards with consideration given to all performances throughout the current season including World Championships, World Cups and National Competitions.