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The High Performance Committee – Short Track (HPCST) will issue bulletins periodically throughout the season informing skaters, coaches and associations of any update and/or changes to selection criteria, competitions, etc.

The HPCST reserves the right to modify or change the enclosed policies in the event that exceptional circumstances arise and that any such changes are clearly in the best interest of the high performance program. In these situations all athletes and coaches will be advised of any changes as soon as they are confirmed by the HPCST.

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General Information

Bulletin 162 describes the selection criteria and entry requirements for competitions during the 2014-2015 season. Details regarding the format of these competitions and the bye request policy will be released in separate documents. These documents will be issued separately in order to ensure that participants receive information relevant to their preparation as early as possible.

According to the proposal made by the Short Track High Performance Committee at the 2014 Annual General Meeting, the Canadian Junior Open Team Selection #2 will be integrated into the 2014-15 competition calendar to complete the changes to the National calendar that were begun in the 2013-14 season. This open competition format has been chosen for the Junior selection #2 to allow wide participation for ISU junior skaters.

In order to manage entries for Open Format events, time standards have been established to help guide access to the appropriate competition circuit so that a meaningful racing experience is possible for all participants. This format for national open events includes the notion of “repechage” and is based upon the ISU World Cup format. Repechage is a system of racing that allows runners-up in qualifying heats to compete for a place in the main draw of an event.

The HPCST was able to test these changes in the 2013-14 season and concluded at the 2014 Annual review that they had a positive impact on the racing experience in Canada.

To better understand access for competitions and the resulting ranking for Junior and Senior skater groups:

It had come to the attention of the HPCST that the quality of races at some regional and provincial competitions was suffering due to a focus on obtaining fast times for access to National events. To ensure the proper development of racing skills and shift the focus away from “chasing times”, the HPCST has made some important changes to the ranking structure of skaters in Canada. The result is a National ranking for junior skaters based on a similar philosophy as that of the seniors. This ranking will be used to pre-qualify skaters for the National Qualifier competition as of next year and will also serve to give athletes a sense of their progress against other skaters of their age group. Junior skaters who excel at the National Qualifier and earn a place at the Canadian Senior Championship will earn a senior Canadian ranking at the end of the year. Limited spaces on the entry lists for National competitions will still be available through times for Open competition, but mostly for the purpose of allowing new skaters into the competition flow mid-year.

The details of access to each of this year’s competitions is found within the pages of this Bulletin, however a graphic, simplified version is in the section entitled “National competition progression”.

For next year, access to the Fall World Cup Selection will be based primarily upon the Senior ranking (and discretionary selection), while access to the National Qualifier will be primarily through the Senior and Junior ranking (and submitted times).

Notification

All National and Development Team members must have completed and signed a National Team Agreement in order to be eligible for selection to any of the following competitions.

Team Selection Procedures

All skaters must qualify for international competition through the standards set by the ISU to be eligible to compete in each event. Speed Skating Canada will select athletes for each event in accordance with the following general procedures.

Skaters may request a Bye for selection as detailed in the procedure and policy for the allocation of Byes. The Policy can be found on the SSC website in Bulletin 164.

Naming of Teams

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. Every effort will be made to ensure that this occurs within 7 days of the selection event, however, for the World Championship team, the HPCST reserves the right to delay announcement of the skater chosen by discretionary selection and the athletes participating in the individual distances until the return of the Team from World Cup 6. This will give the HPCST greater evidence of performance, if required, to finalize the decision in order to ensure that the best Team is selected.

For each Team, the HPCST will name an alternate athlete in the event that a replacement is required. The selection of the alternate is at the sole discretion of the HPCST.

Replacement of Skaters

The HPCST reserves the right to replace a skater if medical advice is such that competing in the event may be potentially injurious to the selected skater or that the skater has not recovered sufficiently from an existing injury.

If a skater who is named to a team withdraws or declines his/her position on the team prior to departure for the competition he/she will be replaced on that team at the discretion of the HPCST.

If a skater who is named to a team withdraws from that team due to injury, illness etc following departure from Canada for the competition, or series of competitions he/she may be replaced on the team at the discretion of the HPCST.

Specific to National Competitions

In order to compete in these competitions skaters must be Canadian citizens and registered participants of Speed Skating Canada. The competitions will be held on the ISU 111.12m oval track. ISU racing rules will apply unless otherwise indicated by SSC.

National Team Uniforms

All skaters are required to wear cut resistant clothing (undergarment or racing suit) that meets the ISU standards as described in ISU Communication 1265.

During an event sanctioned by Speed Skating Canada the athletes must not wear a competition uniform (skin suit) identified as belonging to a national team or to another country, unless he or she belongs to that team or country at the time of the competition. (SSC Rule N1-106).

In addition, no Speed Skating Canada National or Development Team skin suit from a previous season is permitted to be worn by any skater during any National event detailed in this Bulletin unless authorized by Speed Skating Canada.

Confirmation of Entries

Skaters are **required to confirm their intent to participate in writing** to Speed Skating Canada through their branch by:

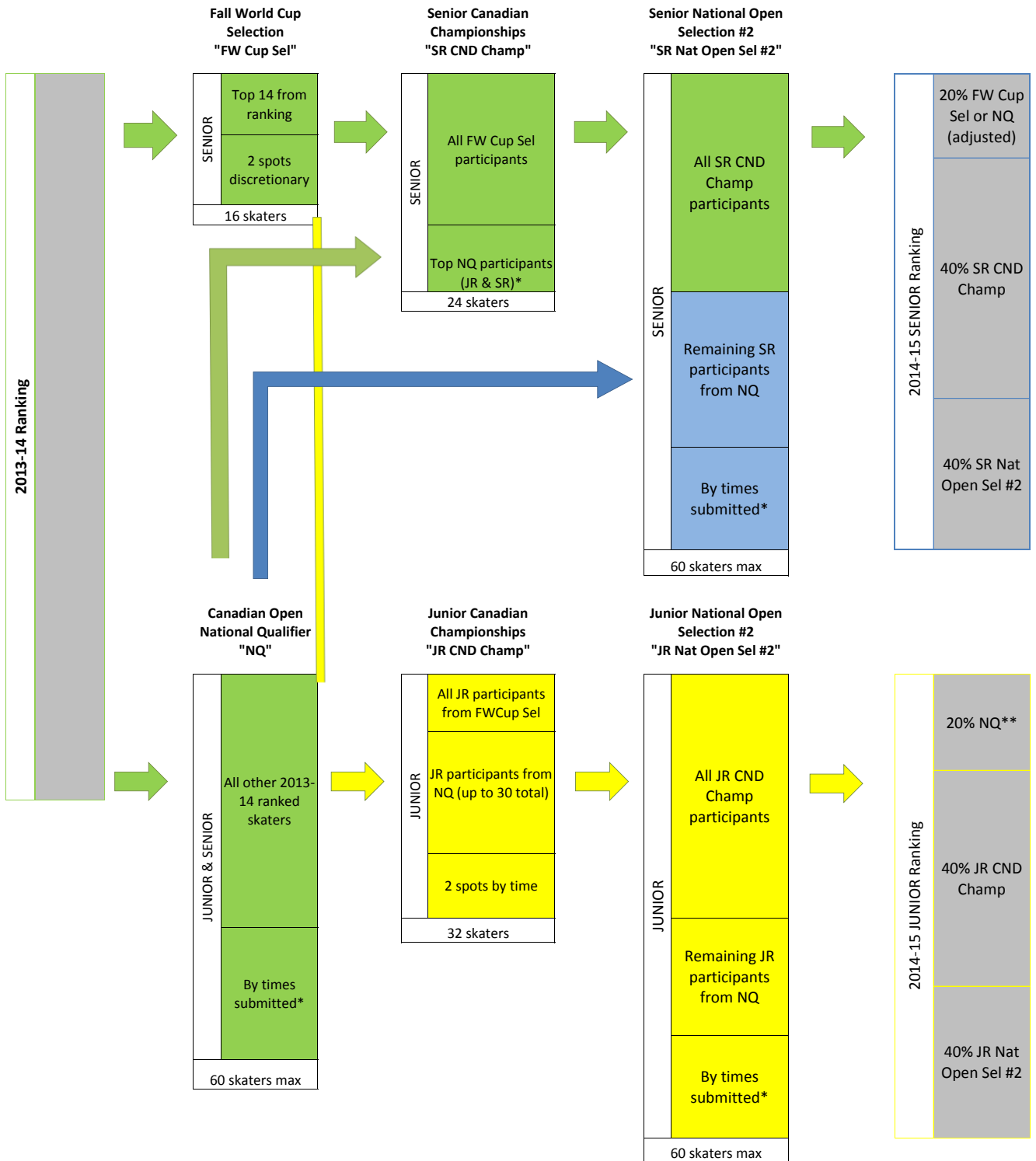
September 1	Fall World Cup Selection Competition
November 17	Canadian Open National Qualifier (with applicable entry times from earned September 1, 2013 – November 1, 2014)
December 22	Canadian Junior Short Track Championship (with 2014-15 entry times, if applicable)
December 29	Canadian Senior Short Track Championship
February 23	Canadian Senior Open National Team Selections #2 (with applicable 2014-15 entry times)
March 2	Canadian Junior Open Team Selection #2 (with applicable 2014-15 entry times)

The official entry list for each competition will be released one week following the dates listed above.

PLEASE NOTE: Entries **NOT confirmed by this time** will be allocated to the next ranked eligible skater.

If an athlete enters a National Event and is then forced to withdraw due to illness, injury etc, his/her position will automatically be offered to the next eligible skater. If the withdrawal is made within seven (7) days of the event only the next eligible athlete in the ranking list will be offered the vacant position. However, the HPCST reserves the right to evaluate any additional replacements after the first alternate athlete as necessary in the best interest of the competition.

National Competition Progression



LEGEND

- Includes Junior & Senior aged skaters
- Junior aged skaters only
- Senior aged skaters only

* If places remaining
 ** Full points

2014 / 15 International Competition Team Selection Criteria

1st Annual Apolo Ohno Invitational

Date/Location: Salt Lake City, UT, November 21, 2014

Quota: The team will be composed of four (4) women and four (4) men.

Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria: Apolo Ohno Invitational

- Step 1 The four (4) highest ranked athletes from the Fall World Cup selection competition will be selected to the team
- Step 2 If any of these athletes elect not to participate, the next highest ranked athlete following the Fall World Cup Selection competition will be offered the place on the team. Places on the team will similarly be offered until the team is complete.
- Step 3 If there is a space or spaces remaining on the team after the last athlete in the ranking list from the Fall World Cup competition declines, then the highest ranked athlete from the 2013-14 Canadian adjusted ranking list, not already offered a place on the team will be offered it. Places on the team will be similarly offered until the team is complete.

Prize money is available for the top three skaters in each distance and for the top three teams in the relay:

- 1st place \$5000 USD
- 2nd place \$3000 USD
- 3rd place \$1000 USD

Note: Due to budget considerations, Speed Skating Canada must limit financial support for competitions outside of the high performance circuit. For this event, SSC will fully fund the participation of one (1) coach and reimburse skaters up to 50% of their airfare (to a maximum of \$250 per person).

US Speed Skating will pay for skater accommodations; provide local transport and on-ice training during the time in Salt Lake.

Fall World Cups 1, 2, 3 and 4

Eligibility:

ISU determines the eligibility of Canada to submit entries for the World Cups.

An eligible skater is a skater who has reached the age of 15, by July 1st, 2014. (ISU Rule #108)

Quota: The Fall World Cup teams will be composed of six (6) women and six (6) men.

Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria: Fall World Cups

Step 1 Select **top two (2) ranked** athletes based on best two distances at the Fall World Cup Selection competition.

If a tie in points exists, the skater with the highest finish position in their 3rd best distance (not including the 3000m) will be ranked higher. If a tie persists, cumulative seeding points of the 3 distances will be used for breaking the tie.

Step 2 If a request has been made for a bye, the Bye Point System will be used for head-to-head comparison of athletes (refer to the Bye Point Policy – Bulletin 164). The Bye Point System will determine the placement of the athlete within the adjusted final selection ranking.

Step 3 The HPCST, in consultation with the National Team coaches, will select the athletes for the remaining positions according to the guidelines for discretionary selections as specified below. The discretionary selection will be limited to athletes placed in positions three (3) through twelve (12) of the adjusted final selection ranking which may include athletes placed through the application of the Bye Point System in step 2 above.

Due to the fact that the 2014-15 season is the first in the 2018 Olympic cycle, the HPCST has determined that there is significant strategic value in providing opportunities for developing skaters to earn international competition experience. For this reason, the HPCST has determined that entries for World Cups may be rotated amongst a group of skaters to maximise the number of skaters who can benefit from International experience.

In selecting the discretionary positions, the HPCST will consider past experiences and recent performances to maximize international racing opportunities. Athletes with less experience racing internationally will be prioritized, though the results obtained at recent competitions (including Fall World Cup Selections), as well as evaluation of future potential, quality and commitment to the summer and fall training program, physical testing results, and National Team coaches feedback, will all be considered by the HPCST in confirming the selections. The HPCST will seek to find the appropriate balance between offering skaters international experience and ensuring satisfactory team performance.

The top two (2) ranked athletes of the team (selected in step 1) will then have preference, as decided by the National team coach for entry to individual distances at the respective World Cup competitions.

The remaining individual distance entries will be made by the National Team coach at the respective World Cup competitions.

World Short Track Championships

Eligibility:

ISU Rule 281 determines the eligibility of Canada to submit entries for this Championship.

An eligible skater is a skater who has reached the age of 15, by July 1st, 2014. (ISU Rule #108)

Quota: The World Short Track Championships 2015 Team will be composed of five (5) women and five (5) men.

Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria: World Championships

The following selection criteria will be based on a combination of cumulative overall ranking results from the Canadian Championships (80%) and overall ranking results from the Fall World Cup Selection (20%) or National Open Qualifier competition (20% of adjusted point scheme). See Points scheme

Step 1 Select **top three (3)** athletes based on combined ranking as described above.

If a tie in points exists, the athlete with the higher cumulative overall ranking prior to the 3000m, including only the 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances of the Canadian Senior Championships will be ranked higher.

Step 2 If a request has been made for a bye, the Bye Point System will be used for head-to-head comparison of athletes (refer to the Bye Point Policy – Bulletin 164). The Bye Point System will determine the placement of the athlete within the adjusted final selection ranking. The athlete in the 4th position of this adjusted final combined ranking will be selected to the Team.

If no request for a bye has been made, or if a request or requests have been made but have not placed the athlete requesting the bye within the top four (4) athletes of the adjusted final selection ranking, then the athlete in the 4th position of the combined rankings will be selected to the Team.

If a tie in points exists, the athlete with the higher cumulative overall ranking prior to the 3000m, including only the 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances of the Canadian Championships will be ranked higher.

Step 3 The HPCST, in consultation with the National Team coaches, will select the athlete for the remaining 5th position according to the guidelines for discretionary selections noted below. The discretionary selection will be limited to athletes in positions five (5) through twelve (12) of the adjusted final selection ranking which may include athletes placed through the application of the Bye Point System. Should the HPCST wish to delay selection of the discretionary position until the return of the team from World Cup 6, only those who participated in World Cup 5 or 6 will be eligible for selection. The athlete who is not selected to the World Championships team will be named alternate for the team.

In order to meet the overall objective of Team selections the following elements will be reviewed. As the discretionary position is primarily to select the best Team member for the relay events, the National Team coaches' assessment will include the following elements:

- International relay performances & experience

- International performances & experience
- National performances
- Training performance
- Readiness for competition
- Team dynamics
- Commitment to the training program
- Medical and health status

“National/International performances” will be defined as performance in competitions within the past twelve (12) months. When performances from the past twelve (12) months are not sufficient to enable a fair comparison and evaluation between athletes, competitions from beyond this period may be considered at the discretion of the HPCST.

Individual distances

The full quota to skate individual distances at the World Short Track Championships from the ISU is three (3) men and three (3) women. The top two (2) men & two (2) women identified in Step 1 (above) will automatically be entered for the individual distances at the World Championship competition.

The remaining individual distance entry will be determined at the absolute discretion of the HPCST from amongst the remaining team members.

In order to meet the overall objective of Team selections for the individual distances the national team coaches’ assessment will include the following elements:

- Potential for Podium performances
- International performances & experience
- National performances
- Training performance
- Readiness for competition
- Commitment to the training program
- Medical and health status

Relay

All five (5) Team members will be eligible to compete in the relay; however, the National Team coach at the World Championships will determine the composition of the relay Team for each round of competition.

Performance issue

If an athlete’s training performances are clearly inferior to the performances that earned him/her selection to the World Short Track Championships Team, the HPCST may make the decision to replace this athlete with the alternate.

World Cups 5 & 6

Eligibility

Competitors at World Cup 5 & 6 must have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2014 (ISU Rule 108).

Quota: The Team for World Cups 5 & 6 will be composed of six (6) men and six (6) women.

Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria: World Cups 5 & 6

Step 1 Select the four (4) athletes chosen in step 1 and 2 for the World Championships Team.

Step 2 **If all five (5) athletes for the World Championships team have been announced:**
Select 5th athlete on World Championships team and the designated alternate for that competition to the team for World Cup 5 & 6.

If only four (4) athletes for the World Championships team have been announced:
Select 2 athletes among those in contention for the discretionary position on the World Championships team (according to Step 3 of the Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria for World Championships).

Individual distances

The top three (3) athletes identified in Step 1 above, in consultation with the National Team coaches will have preference as to their entry in individual distances at the World Cup 5 & 6 competitions. The remaining individual distance entries will be determined on the basis of individual needs for the athletes' preparation for the World Championships and will be made by the National Team coach at the respective World Cup competitions.

World Junior Short Track Championships

Eligibility:

A Junior skater is a skater who has reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2014. (ISU Rule #108)

Quota: The Team will be composed of four (4) women and four (4) men

Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria: World Junior Short Track Championships

Athletes will be selected on the basis of the overall results of the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships 2015, pre-selection and byes as described below.

Step 1 **Pre-Selection:**

Junior skaters who have earned selection to a Fall World Cup team in the 2014-15 season, and who have achieved a ranking of at least 6th in an individual distance at one of the World Cup events will be pre-selected to the World Junior Short Track Championship Team.

A maximum of **two (2)** athletes per gender may be pre-selected to the World Junior Short Track Championships.

Step 2 Select the highest ranked athletes from the overall results of the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships up to a total of **three (3)**, including those who were pre-selected in Step 1.

If a tie in points exists, the athlete with the higher cumulative overall ranking prior to the Super 1500m, including only the 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances of the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships will be ranked higher.

Step 3 If a request has been made for a bye, it will be evaluated according to the Bye Policy (see Bulletin 164) specific to byes for the World Junior Championships. If the bye is accepted, the athlete will be placed in the 4th position on the team.

If no request for a bye has been made, or if a request or requests have been made but have not resulted in placing the athlete on the team, then the athlete in the 4th position of the overall results of the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships will be selected to the Team.

If a tie in points exists, the athlete with the higher cumulative overall ranking prior to the Super 1500m, including only the 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances of the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships will be ranked higher.

Individual distances:

The top two (2) men & two (2) women identified in Step 1 (above) will automatically be entered for the individual distances at the World Junior Championship competition. Any skaters who have been pre-selected to the team will be considered as the highest ranked athletes and will automatically occupy these positions.

The remaining individual distance entry will be determined at the absolute discretion of the HPSTC from amongst the remaining team members.

In order to meet the overall objective of Team selections for the individual distances the national team coaches' will assess skaters based on:

- Potential for Podium performances
- International performances & experience
- National performances
- Training performance
- Readiness for competition
- Commitment to the training program
- Medical and health status

FISU Winter Universiades

Location: Granada, Spain

Date: February 11-13, 2015 (TBC)

Eligibility:

The Universiade is open to any Canadian citizen who has reached the age of 17 but not the age of 28 on 1 January 2015 who is:

- a) currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute (e.g. college, CEGEP); or,
- b) has graduated from a post-secondary institution within the previous year of the event.

SSC eligibility requirements include the successful completion of any university or college courses enrolled in during the fall term.

Quota: The team will be composed of five (5) men and five (5) women.

Selection procedures:

Step 1 Select **top three (3)** athletes based on the best 2 distances (excluding 3000m) from Canadian Senior Championships EXCLUDING:

- The five (5) athletes named to the World Short Track Championships team.
- Any athlete competing in individual distances at the World Junior Short Track Championships

If a tie in points exists, the athlete with the higher cumulative overall ranking prior to the Super 3000m, including only the 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances of the Canadian Senior Championships will be ranked higher.

Step 2 If a request has been made for a bye, it will be evaluated according to the Bye Policy (see Bulletin 164) specific to byes for the World Junior Championships/FISU Games. If the bye is accepted, the athlete will be placed in the 4th position on the team.

Step 3 If no request for a bye has been made, or if a request or requests have been made but have not resulted in placing the athlete on the team, then the HPCST, in consultation with the National Team coaches, will select the athlete(s) for any remaining positions according to the guidelines for discretionary selections. The discretionary selection will be limited to eligible athletes who competed in the Canadian Senior Championships, and will include the athlete selected as the alternate for the World Short Track Championships team, and the 4th athlete selected to the World Junior Short Track Championships team (only if s/he attained at least top 16 ranking at the Canadian Senior Championships).

The HPCST will consider recent performances, including quality and commitment to the training program to confirm the discretionary selections.

2014 / 15 National Competition Entry Criteria

Fall World Cup Selections

Location: Calgary, Alberta

Date: September 19-21, 2014 inclusive

Field of entry: Sixteen (16) skaters per gender

Eligibility:

Competitors at the Fall World Cup Selection must have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2014 (ISU Rule 108).

Entry to the Fall World Cup Selection is done through the following priorities up to a maximum number of entries (see below):

1. The top fourteen (14) ranked skaters based on overall ranking from the 2013-14 season*, not including those who are injured, have retired or decided not to skate this season.
2. Two (2) Remaining positions: The HPCST will select skaters at its discretion to complete the field of entry. Any skaters who decline their place in the field of entry will be replaced at the absolute discretion of the HPCST.

If the HPCST does not exercise any or all of its discretion then any vacant starting positions will be allocated based on overall ranking from the 2013-14 season.

*Any ties between skaters will be broken by favouring the skater with the better overall result at the Canadian Championship.

Canadian Open National Qualifier

Location: Montréal, Québec

Date: December 4-7, 2014 inclusive

Eligibility:

Competitors at the Canadian Open National Qualifier must have reached the age of 14 before July 1, 2014 (ISU Rule 108).

Entry to the Canadian Open National Qualifier is done through the following priorities up to a maximum number of entries (see below):

1. Athletes with a 2013-14 Canadian senior ranking (excluding those who competed at the Fall World Cup Selections event)
2. Remaining positions*: Athletes who meet the time standard stated below based on their combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded from September 1st 2013 to November 1st, 2014 in a SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing. Please note in special circumstances manual times will be accepted (adjusted upwards by 0.2).

Time Standard*

Women: 3min 39sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times. (ex: 0:52+2:47)

Men: 3min 21sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times. (ex: 0:50+2:31)

*Exception: In the event that the number of entries meeting the time standard exceed the total number of places available, each province will be guaranteed an entry of at least two (2) skaters per gender who meet the time standard stated above.

Maximum number of competitors:

The competition will have a maximum of 60 entries for women and 60 for men.

Skater will compete in the qualifying rounds for the 500m and the 1500m on Thursday. The top ten (10) ranked skaters after the completion of these distances enter the Main Event for the 1000m on Sunday, while the remainder compete in the repechage.

Competition schedule/Format:

This competition will be a 4 day event, from Thursday to Sunday. Thursday will be a qualifying day for the 1500m and the 500m and the three other days will include the Main Event as well as "repechage" rounds according to the open competition format. Minimum six (6) skaters will have access to the Main Event from repechage rounds. Friday will have repechage and Main Event for the 1500m, Saturday will have repechage and Main Event for the 500m and Sunday will have repechage and Main Event for the 1000m. In order to determine which skaters enter the 1000m repechage or Main Event, the cumulative ranking from the 500m and 1500m results will be used to generate a ranking for the 1000m distance. The top ten (10) athletes go directly to the Main Event, while the remainder compete in the repechage.

Day 1

AM: Qualifying round 1500m

PM: Qualifying round 500m

Day 2

AM: Repechage 1500m

PM: Final 1500m

Day 3

AM: Repechage 500m

PM: Final 500m

Day 4

AM: Repechage 1000m

PM: Final 1000m

Special note:

For end of year ranking purposes, senior aged skaters will receive ranking points from this competition based on the adjusted point scheme (see page 25). This means that the greatest points available from this competition for athletes being ranked within the Senior Canadian Ranking will be equal to those in 17th place of the full point system.

Junior skaters who do not qualify for Senior Canadian Championships will have the opportunity to earn full points towards the Junior Canadian Ranking.

An example of the comparison for end of year ranking for skaters in junior and senior streams is provided below:

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Final rank	Name	Status	For senior ranking	For Junior ranking
1	Pam	Junior	17	-
2	Molly	Senior	18	-
3	Polly	Senior	19	-
4	Sarah	Junior	20	-
5	Rachel	Senior	21	-
6	Laura	Junior	22	-
7	Doris	Senior	23	-
8	Lainey	Senior	24	-
9	Deirdre	Senior	25	-
10	Dallas	Junior	-	2
11	Shelley	Junior	-	3
12	Meaghan	Senior	28	-
13	Claire	Junior	-	5

Move up to CND Champs, therefore in Senior ranking (not necessarily top 8 athletes - but enough to complete field of 24)

Will be Senior ranked Will be Junior ranked

Canadian Senior Championships

Location: Montreal, Quebec

Date: January 16-18, 2015 inclusive

Field of entry: Twenty-four (24) skaters per gender

Eligibility

Competitors at the Canadian Senior Championships must have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2014 (ISU Rule 108).

Entry to the Canadian Senior Championships is done through the following priorities up to a maximum number of entries (see below):

1. All skaters who competed at the Fall World Cup Selections.
2. Remaining positions: athletes will be selected based on overall ranking from the Canadian Open National Qualifier.

If any skaters from the Fall World Cup Selections are not able to compete at the Canadian Open Championships, the resulting positions will be added to those available through the National Qualifier.

Competition schedule/Format:

This competition will be a 3 day event, with each distance skated once (1500m, 500m, 1000m, Super 3000m). Exhibition relays for men and women will be held, time permitting.

Canadian Senior Open National Team Selections #2

Location: Calgary, Alberta

Date: March 12-15, 2015

Eligibility

Competitors at the Canadian Senior Open National Team Selections #2 must have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2014 (ISU Rule 108).

Entry to the Canadian Senior Open National Team Selections #2 is done through the following priorities up to a maximum number of entries (see below):

1. All skaters who qualified for the Canadian Senior Championship competition and were not selected to the World Senior Championship
2. All Senior aged skaters who qualified for the Canadian Open National Qualifier
3. Remaining positions: Senior athletes who meet the time standard stated below based on their combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded from August 1st to February 24th 2015 in a SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing. Please note in special circumstances manual times will be accepted (adjusted upwards by 0.2).

Time Standard

Women: 3min 32sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times. (ex: 0:50+2:42)

Men: 3min 17sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times. (ex: 0:47+2:30)

Maximum number of competitors:

The competition will have a maximum of 60 entries for women and 60 for men.

Skater will compete in the qualifying rounds for the 500m and the 1500m on Thursday. The top ten (10) ranked skaters after the completion of these distances enter the Main Event for the 1000m on Sunday, while the remainder compete in the repechage.

Competition schedule/Format:

Please note that the format of this competition is subject to change dependent upon the final number of entries.

This competition will be a 4 day event, from Thursday to Sunday. Thursday will be a qualifying day for the 1500m and the 500m and the 3 other days will include the Main Event as well as "repechage" rounds according to the open competition format. Minimum six (6) skaters will have access to the Main Event from repechage rounds. Friday will have repechage and Main Event for the 1500m, Saturday will have repechage and Main Event for the 500m and Sunday will have repechage and Main Event for the 1000m. In order to determine which skaters enter the 1000m repechage or Main Event, the cumulative ranking from the 500m and 1500m results will be used to generate a ranking for the 1000m distance. The top ten (10) athletes go directly to the Main Event, while the remainder compete in the repechage.

Day 1

AM: Qualifying round 1500m

PM: Qualifying round 500m

Day 2

AM: Repechage 1500m

PM: Final 1500m

Day 3

AM: Repechage 500m

PM: Final 500m

Day 4

AM: Repechage 1000m

PM: Final 1000m, 3000m Final A& B, Exhibition relays 3000m women, 5000m men (time permitting).

Canadian Junior Short Track Championships

Location: Trois-Rivières, Quebec

Date: January 9-11 inclusive

Field of entry: Thirty-two (32) skaters per gender

Eligibility:

Competitors at the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships must have reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2014. (ISU Rule 108)

Entry to the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships 2015 is done through the following priorities:

1. All Junior athletes who competed at the Fall World Cup Selections. These include the originally qualified skaters as well as the replacement skaters who participated in the competition.
2. Junior athletes, up to a maximum total of 30, taken from the final ranking of the Canadian Open National Qualifier
3. Remaining positions: junior athletes based on their combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded from August 1st to December 15th, 2014 in a SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing. Please note in special circumstances manual times will be accepted (adjusted upwards by 0.2).

Competition schedule/Format:

The schedule for this competition will be 3 days as follows:

Day 1: 1500m

Day 2: 500m

Day 3: 1000m, super 1500m, Exhibition relays 3000m women, 5000m men (time permitting).

Please note that the HPCST intends to continue hosting the Canadian Junior Short Track Championship as a three day event in the future.

Special notes:

Only skaters who ranked in the top 16 of the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships of 2014 may request a bye for access to the competition. For details, see Bulletin 164 Bye Requests

Canadian Junior Open Team Selections #2

Location: Toronto, Ontario

Date: March 19-22, 2015

Eligibility:

Competitors at the Canadian Junior Open Team Selections #2 must have reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2014. (ISU Rule 108)

Entry to the Canadian Junior Open Team Selections #2 is done through the following priorities up to a maximum number of entries (see below):

1. All skaters who qualified for the Junior Canadian Championships
2. All Junior skaters who qualified for the Canadian Open National Qualifier
3. Remaining positions: Junior athletes who meet the time standard stated below based on their combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded from August 1st to February 24th, 2015 in a SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing. Please note in special circumstances manual times will be accepted (adjusted upwards by 0.2).

Time Standard*

Women: 3min 39sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times. (ex: 0:52+2:47)

Men: 3min 21sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times. (ex: 0:50+2:31)

*Exception: In the event that the number of entries meeting the time standard exceed the total number of places available, each province will be guaranteed an entry of at least two (2) skaters per gender who meet the time standard stated above.

Maximum number of competitors:

The competition will have a maximum of 60 entries for women and 60 for men.

Skater will compete in the qualifying rounds for the 500m and the 1500m on Thursday. The top ten (10) ranked skaters after the completion of these distances enter the Main Event for the 1000m on Sunday, while the remainder compete in the repechage.

Competition schedule/Format:

This competition will be a 4 day event, from Thursday to Sunday. Thursday will be a qualifying day for the 1500m and the 500m and the 3 other days will include the Main Event as well as "repechage" rounds according to the open competition format. Minimum six (6) skaters will have access to the Main Event from repechage rounds. Friday will have repechage and Main Event for the 1500m, Saturday will have repechage and Main Event for the 500m and Sunday will have repechage and Main Event for the 1000m. In order to determine which skaters enter the 1000m repechage or Main Event, the cumulative ranking from the 500m and 1500m results will be used to generate a ranking for the 1000m distance. The top ten (10) athletes go directly to the Main Event, while the remainder compete in the repechage.

Day 1

AM: Qualifying round 1500m

PM: Qualifying round 500m

Day 2

AM: Repechage 1500m

PM: Final 1500m

Day 3

AM: Repechage 500m

PM: Final 500m

Day 4

AM: Repechage 1000m

PM: Final 1000m, 1500m Final A& B.

2014 / 15 Canadian Senior Rankings

For the purposes of determining a final overall Canadian Senior Ranking, the athletes selected to the 2015 World Championships Team will be ranked 1 to 5 in order of their selection to that Team. If the alternate selected for the Team participates at the World Championships, s/he will be ranked 6th.

For the remaining athletes, overall Canadian ranking will be determined from the cumulative ranking points from Fall World Cup Selections 2014 or the Canadian Open National Qualifier 2014, the Canadian Senior Championship 2015 and the Canadian Senior Open National Team Selections #2 (adjusted for any Bye Requests).

The three competitions will be weighted as follows:

Fall World Cup Selections or Canadian Open National Qualifier (based on adjusted points)	= 20%
Canadian Senior Championship	= 40%
Canadian Senior Open National Team Selections #2	= 40%

In the event that 2 or more skaters achieve the same ranking the one with the best result in an individual distance at the Canadian Senior Championship will be ranked higher.

Individual distance rankings will also be determined using the same weighting of distances:

Fall World Cup Selections or Canadian Open National Qualifier (based on adjusted points)	= 20%
Canadian Senior Championship	= 40%
Canadian Senior Open National Team Selections #2	= 40%

Athletes selected to the ISU (Senior) World Short Track Championship will have the same Canadian Ranking for individual distances as they would have earned with the cumulative ranking points of only the Fall World Cup Selection (20%) and the Canadian Senior Championship (80%). The ranking for these athletes will not be affected by that of other athletes who participated at the Canadian Senior Open National Team Selection #2.

2014 / 15 Canadian Junior Rankings

For the purposes of determining a final overall Canadian Junior Ranking, the athletes selected to the 2015 World Junior Championships Team will be ranked 1 to 4 in order of their selection to that Team. If the alternate selected for the Team participates at the World Junior Championships, s/he will be ranked 5th.

For the remaining athletes, ranking will be determined from the cumulative ranking points from Canadian Open National Qualifier 2014, Canadian Junior Short Track Championship 2015 and the Canadian Junior Open Team Selections #2 (adjusted for any Bye Requests). The three competitions will be weighted as follows:

Canadian Open National Qualifier (based on full points)	= 20%
Canadian Junior Short Track Championship	= 40%
Canadian Junior Open Team Selections #2	= 40%

In the event that 2 or more skaters achieve the same ranking the one with the best result in an individual distance at the Canadian Junior Short Track Championship will be ranked higher.

Individual distance rankings will also be determined using the same weighting of distances:

Canadian Open National Qualifier (based on full points)	= 20%
Canadian Junior Short Track Championship	= 40%
Canadian Junior Open Team Selections #2	= 40%

Athletes selected to the ISU (Junior) World Short Track Championship will have the same Canadian Ranking for individual distances as they would have earned with the cumulative ranking points of only the Fall World Cup Selections/National Qualifier (20%) and the Canadian Senior Championship (80%). The ranking for these athletes will not be affected by that of other athletes who participated at the Canadian Junior Open National Team Selection #2.

Appeals

Following the announcement of the "Team" the athlete/s affected by the bye request decision has/have the opportunity to appeal this decision in accordance with the Speed Skating Canada Appeal Policy. (refer to SSC Appeals Policy RES 100)

Ranking Points

Rank	Full	Adjusted
1	10000	1028
2	8000	925
3	6400	833
4	5120	750
5	4096	675
6	3277	607
7	2949	546
8	2654	492
9	2389	443
10	2150	398
11	1935	359
12	1741	323
13	1567	290
14	1411	261
15	1269	235
16	1143	212
17	1028	191
18	925	171
19	833	154
20	750	139
21	675	125
22	607	113
23	546	101
24	492	91
25	443	82
26	398	74
27	359	66
28	323	60
29	290	54
30	261	48

Rank	Full	Adjusted
31	235	44
32	212	39
33	191	35
34	171	32
35	154	29
36	139	26
37	125	23
38	113	21
39	101	19
40	91	17
41	82	15
42	74	14
43	66	12
44	60	11
45	54	10
46	48	9
47	44	8
48	39	7
49	35	7
50	32	6
51	29	5
52	26	5
53	23	4
54	21	4
55	19	3
56	17	3
57	15	3
58	14	3
59	12	2
60	11	2

Approved by the High Performance Committee Short Track on July 29 2014.