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2014 / 15 Short Track Competition Formats

General Information

This Bulletin describes the Competition Formats that will be used for National Competitions within the National Short Track Program, as defined by the Short Track High Performance Committee. This document will serve as a reference for competition organizing committees and officials in order to establish the appropriate format for a given competition.

The Competition formats included in this bulletin are those for 16, 24, or 32 skaters only. Bulletin 163B will describe the format for open entry competitions.

From this point forward, Bulletin 163A and 163B will serve as the only reference for competition formatting and will provide details and reference information for all short track high performance competitions.

Following feedback received from the first open competitions held last season, the High Performance committee has made adjustments in the format to further enhance the development of skaters across Canada. We continue to welcome any feedback that will assist in improving the High Performance competition structure leading to the Olympic Games in 2018.

Competition requirements / eligibility criteria are stated in the Bulletin 162 which can be found on Speed Skating Canada's Website.

2014 / 15 Competition Format

1. Competition with 16 entries (per gender)

Typically used for Fall World Cups Selections

The format for this competition is as follows:

Day 1: 1500m / 500m

Day 2: 1000m / 1500m

Day 3: 500m / 1000m, 3000m relay women, 5000m relay men

I. Seeding

Seeding for the first round of the first 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances will be made on the basis of the skater's Current ranking (see definition on page 21) in each of these distances. If there is a tie, the skater/s with the best overall Current ranking will be seeded higher.

Seeding for the first round of the second 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances will be made on the basis of the skater's finish position in each of the respective distances in the first round of the present Competition and on their seeding for the first round of these same distances. This will be determined by calculating the average of the original seeding per distance for the Competition and the finish position per distance from the present Competition. In the event of a tie in this average value, the skater with the better result in the respective distance from present Competition will be seeded higher.

For example: if a skater had a seeding of 4th for the 1500m going into the Competition and finished in 8th position in the first 1500m distance at the present Competition, their average for seeding would be calculated as 6. This score is then ranked against the other skaters and a final seeding for the second 500m, 1000m and 1500m distance at the Competition would be determined.

PLEASE NOTE: the HPC reserves the right to adjust seeding for all competitions to ensure the most fair and appropriate racing conditions for athletes who do not have a Current ranking or were not able to participate in all competitions counting towards the Current ranking .

II. Lane Positions

For the first round of a distance lane positions will be as per seeding for that distance. For each subsequent round the lane position will be decided by the times skated in the preceding round. Skaters will be assigned lane positions from the inside of the track to the outside in the order of their times commencing with the fastest time.

III. Format for 1500m event

Composition of semi-finals (1500m)

1500m Semi-finals			
Distance Seeding	A	B	C
	1	2	3
	6	5	4
	7	8	9
	12	11	10
	13	14	15
			16

If starting numbers are reduced from 16, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

Composition of the Finals (1500m)

- Final A: 1st and 2nd of Semis A, B and C
Final B: 3rd and 4th of Semis A, B and C
Final C: Remaining skaters from Semis A, B and C

Any athlete that has been penalized in the semi-finals will be automatically seeded into Final C.

IV. Format for 500m and 1000m events

Composition of the Heats (500m and 1000m)

500m and 1000m				
Distance seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	2	3	4
	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
	16	15	14	13

Composition of the Semi-finals (500m and 1000m)

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 heats will be placed into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final rank 1-8 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the heats as follows:

Placing in previous round:	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>
ISU seeding points	34	21	13	8	5	3	2	1

	Semi - finals top bracket			
	A	B	C	D
Rank from	1	2	9	10
quarter	4	3	12	11
finals	5	6	13	14
	8	7	16	15

Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 heats will be placed into the next 2 semi-finals (C, D; final rank 9-16) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the heats. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.

Composition of the Finals (500m and 1000m)

- Final A: Top 2 skaters from semi-final A and semi-final B
- Final B: Remaining skaters from semi-final A and B
- Final C: Top 2 skaters from semi-final C and semi-final D
- Final D: Remaining skaters from semi-final C and D

V. Composition of relay teams.

The relay teams will be composed on the basis of overall rankings as follows:

- Team A – 1, 8, 9, 16
- Team B – 2, 7, 10, 15
- Team C – 3, 6, 11, 14
- Team D – 4, 5, 12, 13

If any skater from the top 16 withdraws, the race will involve 3 teams only.

VI. Ranking Points

Skaters earn ranking points during the final rounds for each distance.

Exceptionally, for the competition format with 16 entries skaters earn HALF THE POINTS per distance from what is described in the tables in on page 20.

Each distance will be raced twice and results combined before the ranking of each distance. If two (2) athletes are tied, the skater with the highest finish position in either of the other distances will be prioritized in the higher individual ranking position. If a tie still persists cumulative seeding points of the three (3) distances will be used for breaking the tie. In the event of a continued tie, the comparison will be made according to the skater's Current ranking.

2. Competition with 24 entries (per gender)

(This year to be used for Canadian Senior Championships)

The format for these competitions is as follows:

Day 1: 1500m

Day 2: 500m

Day 3: 1000m, 3000m or Super 1500m (if junior level competition), 3000m relay women, 5000m relay men

I. Seeding

1500m

For those skaters who earned an automatic entry by competing in the Fall World Cup Selections, seeding for the first round of the 1500m distance will be made on the basis of the skater's 1500m distance ranking at the Fall World Cup Selections.

Skaters who earned a position through the 2014 Canadian Open National Qualifier will be seeded for the first round of the 1500m distance on the basis of their ranking in the 1500m at the Canadian Open National Qualifier, below those who earned automatic entry from the Fall World Cup Selections. In the event of a tie, the skater with the best time will be placed higher in the ranking.

500m

For those skaters who earned an automatic entry by competing in the Fall World Cup Selections, seeding for the first round of the 500m distance will be made on the basis of the skater's 500m distance ranking at the Fall World Cup Selections.

Skaters who earned a position through the 2014 Canadian Open National Qualifier will be seeded for the first round of the 500m distance on the basis of their ranking in the 500m at the Canadian Open National Qualifier, below those who earned automatic entry from the Fall World Cup Selections. In the event of a tie, the skater with the best time will be placed higher in the ranking.

1000m

Seeding for the first round of the 1000m will be made on the basis of the sum of ranking points earned in the 1500m and 500m distances of the present competition. In the event of a tie, the skater with the best ranking on the entry list will be placed higher in the seeding.

PLEASE NOTE: the HPC reserves the right to adjust seeding for all competitions to ensure the most fair and appropriate racing conditions for athletes who did not compete in either the Fall World Cup Selections or the National Open Qualifier competitions.

II. Lane Positions

For the first round of a distance lane positions will be as per seeding for that distance. For each subsequent round the lane position will be decided by the times skated in the preceding round. Skaters will be assigned lane positions from the inside of the track to the outside in the order of their times commencing with the fastest time.

III. Format for the 1500m event

Composition of the Heats (1500m)

	1500m Heats			
Distance seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	2	3	4
	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
	16	15	14	13
	17	18	19	20
	24	23	22	21

If starting numbers are reduced from 24, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the most fair racing conditions.

Composition of the Semi-finals (1500m)

The top 3 skaters from each of the 4 heats will be seeded into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final rank 1-12 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. If there is still a tie then the skater with the highest original seeding for the distance will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by lot.

The remaining skaters from the 4 heats will be seeded into the next 2 semi-finals (C, D; final rank 13-24) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. If there is still a tie then the skater with the highest original seeding for the distance will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by lot.

Semi-Finals 1500m					
	Semi-finals top bracket			Semi-finals bottom bracket	
	A	B		C	D
Rank from 1st round	1	2		13	14
	4	3		16	15
	5	6		17	18
	8	7		20	19
	9	10		21	22
	12	11		24	23

Composition of the Finals (1500m)

- Final A: Top 3 from Semi A and Semi B
Final B: Remaining skaters from Semi A and Semi B
Final C: Top 3 from Semi C and Semi D
Final D: Remaining skaters from Semi C and Semi D

IV. Format for the 500m and 1000m events

Composition of heats (500m and 1000m)

	Heats 500m & 1000m					
Distance seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	12	11	10	9	8	7
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	24	23	22	21	20	19

If starting numbers are reduced from 24, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the most fair racing conditions.

Composition of the Quarter-finals (500m and 1000m)

The top 2 skaters from each of the 6 heats plus the 4 fastest 3rd place finishers will be placed into the top 4 quarterfinals (A, B, C, D; final rank 1-16 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the 1st round) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the 1st round. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the 1st round; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. If there is still a tie then the skater with the highest original seeding for the distance will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by lot.

Note: All other skaters [final rank 17 (or lower depending on advancements from the 1st round) – 24] will proceed directly to the semi-finals E & F.

	Quarter-finals 500m & 1000m			
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	2	3	4
	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13	

Composition of the Semi-finals (500m and 1000m)

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 quarter-finals will be placed into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final rank 1-8 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the quarter-finals) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the heats and quarter-finals. Ties in seeding points will

be broken by referring to the placing and then times skated in the previous round of racing; the highest placing and then fastest time among those tied in seeding points will be seeded highest and so on. If there is still a tie then the skater with the highest original seeding for the distance will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by lot.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 quarter-finals will be placed into the next 2 semi-finals (C, D; final rank 9-16 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the heats and quarter-finals. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the quarter-finals; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. If there is still a tie then the skater with the highest original seeding for the distance will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by lot.

The remaining skaters from the heats will be placed into the last 2 semi-finals (E, F; final rank 17-24) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the heats. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. If there is still a tie then the skater with the highest original seeding for the distance will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.

	Semi-finals 500m & 1000m					
Rankings from quarter finals + heats 500m& 1000m	A	B	C	D	E	F
	1	2	9	10	17	18
	4	3	12	11	20	19
	5	6	13	14	21	22
	8	7	16	15	24	23

Composition of the Finals (500m and 1000m)

- Final A: Top 2 from Semis A and B
- Final B: Remaining skaters from Semis A and B
- Final C: Top 2 from Semis C and D
- Final D: Remaining skaters from Semis C and D*
- Final E: Top 2 from Semis E and F
- Final F: Remaining skaters from Semis E and F

* If there are more than 6 skaters in Final D, a Final D-2 will be held, containing the 5th and 6th place finishers in Semi-finals C and D. This is to prevent too many skaters in Final D.

V. Format for the 3000m event

The 3000m will consist of 2 finals. Skaters ranked 1-8 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final A. Skaters ranked 9-16 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final B. In case of a tie for the 8th or 16th place, the tied skaters will skate in final A or final B respectively.

A premium of points will be awarded for the skater crossing the finish line first after 9 laps. See note below for details.

During the 3000m, if the referee stops the race the number of laps for the restart, depending where the referee stops the race, is as follows:

<u>Laps remaining</u>	<u>Laps for restart</u>
27 – 18	27
18 – 0	18

If the 3000m race is stopped by the referee, and if a skater(s) has/have established a one-lap lead with respect to the main group and has rejoined the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s). The same will be true if the main group laps a skater(s).

Note a premium of 740 points will be awarded to the athlete crossing the line first following the first nine laps of the 3000m distance in Final A. This represents the same percentage provided at the ISU World Championships (5 points premium for 34 total points: 740 points premium for 5000 total points). The same percentage of points will be awarded to the athlete crossing the line first following the first nine laps of the 3000m distance in Final B according to the top points available in Final B (222 points if 8 in final A, 199 points if 9 in final A and so on).

VI. Format for the Super 1500m (if Junior level competition)

The Super 1500m will consist of 4 finals. Skaters ranked 1-6 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final A. Skaters ranked 7-12 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final B. Skaters ranked 13-18 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final C. Skaters ranked 19-24 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final D. Please note the Super 1500m Final A and B for both genders is the priority for selection purposes and Finals C through D will only take place if time permits.

In case of a tie for the 6th, 12th, 18th, or 24th place, the tied skaters will skate in final A, final B, final C or final D respectively.

During the Super 1500m, if the referee stops the race the number of laps for the restart, depending where the referee stops the race, is as follows:

<u>Laps remaining</u>	<u>Laps for restart</u>
13.5 – 9.5	13.5
9.5 – 0	9.5

If the Super 1500m race is stopped by the referee, and if a skater(s) has/have established a one-lap lead with respect to the main group and has rejoined the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s). The same will be true if the main group laps a skater(s).

VII. Composition of relay teams

The top 16 ranked skaters overall will be eligible to compete in the relay event or top 12 if the members of the World Junior Championships Team have been named. If any of the top 12 ranked skaters or members of the World Junior Championships Team are unable to participate, the relay teams will be filled by going down the ranking list after position 12.

The relay teams will be composed on the basis of rankings as follows:

Team A – 1, 8, 9, 16

Team B – 2, 7, 10, 15

Team C – 3, 6, 11, 14

Team D – 4, 5, 12, 13

(If World Junior Championships team members are known, they will form Team D)

VIII. Ranking Points

Skaters earn ranking points during the final round for each distance according to the Tables on page 20.

3. Competition with 32 entries (per gender)

(This year to be used for Canadian Junior Short Track Championships)

The format for these competitions is as follows:

Day 1 – 1500m

Day 2 – 500m

Day 3 – 1000m, 3000m or Super 1500m (if junior level competition), 3000m relay women, 5000m relay men

I. Seeding

Seeding for the first round

1500m

Seeding for the first round of the 1500m distance will be according to the following priority:

- Skaters with a 2013 / 14 Canadian Ranking in attendance, in order of this ranking
- All other skaters seeded in order of their combined entry time standards
- Any ties will be broken by referring to a coin toss

500m

Skaters will be seeded for the first round of the 500m distance based on their result in the 1500m of the present competition.

1000m

Seeding for the first round of the 1000m will be made on the basis of the sum of ranking points earned in the 1500m and 500m distances of the present competition. In the event of a tie, the skater with the best Current ranking in the 1000m distance will be placed higher in the seeding.

Seeding for Quarter-finals and semi-finals

Seeding for the semi-finals in the 1500m, and for the quarter-finals and semi-finals in the 500m and 1000m distances will be done on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points awarded in the heats (for the 1500m) and heats and quarter-finals (for the 500m and 1000m) as described below.

Ties in seeding points will be broken by referring to the placing and then times skated in the previous round of racing; the highest placing and then fastest time among those tied in seeding points will be seeded highest and so on.

If there is still a tie then the skater with the highest original seeding for the distance will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.

Placing in previous round:	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>
ISU Seeding points	34	21	13	8	5	3	2	1

II. Lane Positions

Lane positions will be determined as per ISU rule 296. For the first round of a distance lane positions will be drawn by the Competitor Steward. For each subsequent round the lane position will be decided by the times skated in the preceding round. Skaters will be assigned lane positions from the inside of the track to the outside in the order of their times commencing with the fastest time.

III. Format for the 1500m event

Composition of the Heats (1500m)

		1500m Heats					
Distance seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	12	11	10	9	8	7	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	24	23	22	21	20	19	
	25	26	27	28	29	30	
					32	31	

If starting numbers are reduced from 32, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

Composition of Semi-finals (1500m)

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters from each of the 6 heats will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-18) and seeded into 3 semi-finals (A, B, C) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 6 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 19-32) and seeded into 2 semi-finals (D, E) as described below.

Semi-finals 1500m						
		Semi-finals top bracket			Semi-finals bottom bracket	
Rank from 1st round	A	B	C		D	E
	1	2	3		19	20
	6	5	4		22	21
	7	8	9		23	24
	12	11	10		26	25
	13	14	15		27	28
	18	17	16		30	29
				31	32	

Composition of the Finals (1500m)

- Final A: 1st and 2nd of Semis A, B and C
Final B: 3rd and 4th of Semis A, B and C
Final C: Remaining skaters from Semis A, B and C
Final D: 1st, 2nd and 3rd from Semis D and E, + fastest 4th from semis D and E (7 skaters)
Final E: Remaining skaters from Semis D and E

IV. Format for the 500m and 1000m events

Composition of Heats (500m and 1000m)

		500m and 1000m Heats							
Distance seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	

If starting numbers are reduced from 32, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

Composition of Quarter- finals (500m and 1000m)

Top Bracket

The top 2 skaters from each of the 8 heats will be placed into the top bracket (final rank 1-16 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats) and seeded into 4 quarter-finals (A, B, C, D) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 8 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 17-32) and seeded into 4 quarter-finals (E, F G, H) as described below.

Quarter-finals 500m and 1000m									
		Quarter-finals top bracket				Quarter-finals bottom bracket			
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Rank from 1st round	1	2	3	4		17	18	19	20
	8	7	6	5		24	23	22	21
	9	10	11	12		25	26	27	28
	16	15	14	13		32	31	30	29

Composition of Semi-Finals (500m and 1000m)

Top Bracket

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final ranks 1-8 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the quarter-finals) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the next 2 semi-finals (C, D; final ranks 9-16 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats and quarter-finals) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 bottom bracket semi-finals (E, F; final ranks 17-24) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the last 2 semi-finals (G, H; final ranks 25-32) as described below.

Semi-finals 500m and 1000m									
	Semi-finals top bracket				Semi-finals bottom bracket				
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
Rank from quarter finals	1	2	9	10	17	18	25	26	
	4	3	12	11	20	19	28	27	
	5	6	13	14	21	22	29	30	
	8	7	16	15	24	23	32	31	

Composition of the Finals (500m and 1000m)

- Final A: Top 2 skaters from Semis A and B
Final B: Remaining skaters from Semis A and B
Final C: Top 2 skaters from Semis C and D
Final D: Remaining skaters from Semis C and D
Final E: Top 2 skaters from Semis E and F
Final F: Remaining skaters from Semis E and F
Final G: Top 2 skaters from Semis G and H
Final H: Remaining skaters from Semis G and H

If there are more than 6 skaters in Final D, a Final D-2 will be held containing the 5th and 6th place finishers from Semi-finals C and D. This is to prevent too many skaters in Final D, a situation that could arise if there are numerous advancements into the top bracket in the heats and quarterfinals. In the case where a Final D-2 is held, the points for Finals E-H will be adjusted downwards to account for the extra skaters in Final D-2.

V. Format for the 3000m event

The 3000m will consist of 2 finals. Skaters ranked 1-8 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final A. Skaters ranked 9-16 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final B. In case of a tie for the 8th or 16th place, the tied skaters will skate in final A or final B respectively.

A premium of points will be awarded for the skater crossing the finish line first after 9 laps. See note below for details.

During the 3000m, if a skater in contention for a final combined ranking within the top four of the competition is taken out of the race (due to a fall or major interference) resulting in a penalty for another skater, the referee may stop the race and begin again without the penalized skater, regardless of how many laps remain in the race. If an athlete is penalized once the race is complete, and this athlete has created a major interference with a skater in contention for a final ranking within the top three of the competition, the referee must restart the race without the penalized skater if the skater who was interfered with is still able to skate. Should the skater who was interfered with not be able to skate, the race will not be restarted and the results of the race (including the penalization) will hold. The number of laps for the restart, depending where the referee stops the race, is as follows:

<u>Laps remaining</u>	<u>Laps for restart</u>
27 – 18	27
18 – 0	18

If the 3000m race is stopped by the referee, and if a skater(s) has/have established a one-lap lead with respect to the main group and has rejoined the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s). The same will be true if the main group laps a skater(s).

Note a premium of 740 points will be awarded to the athlete crossing the line first following the first nine laps of the 3000m distance in Final A. This represents the same percentage provided at the ISU World Championships (5 points premium for 34 total points: 740 points premium for 5000 total points). The same percentage of points will be awarded to the athlete crossing the line first following the first nine laps of the 3000m distance in Final B according to the top points available in Final B (222 points if 8 skaters in final A, 199 points if 9 skaters in final A).

VI. Format for the Super 1500m (if Junior level competition)

The Super 1500m will consist of 5 finals. Skaters ranked 1-6 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final A. Skaters ranked 7-12 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final B. Skaters ranked 13-18 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final C. Skaters ranked 19-25 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final D. Skaters ranked 26-32 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final E. Please note the Super 1500m Final A and B for both genders is the priority for selection purposes and Finals C through E will only take place if time permits.

In case of a tie for the 6th, 12th, 18th, or 25th place, the tied skaters will skate in final A, final B, final C or final D respectively.

During the Super 1500m, if a skater in contention for a final ranking within the top four of the competition is taken out of the race (due to a fall or major interference) resulting in a penalty of another skater, the referee may stop the race and begin again without the penalized skater, regardless of how many laps remain in the race. If an athlete is penalized once the race is complete, and this athlete has created a major interference with a skater in contention for a final ranking within the top four of the competition, the referee must restart the race without the penalized skater if the skater who was interfered with is still able to skate. Should the skater who was interfered with not be able to skate, the race will not be restarted and the results of the race (including the penalization) will hold. The number of laps for the restart, depending where the referee stops the race, is as follows:

<u>Laps remaining</u>	<u>Laps for restart</u>
13.5 – 9.5	13.5
9.5 – 0	9.5

If the Super 1500m race is stopped by the referee, and if a skater(s) has/have established a one-lap lead with respect to the main group and has rejoined the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s). The same will be true if the main group laps a skater(s).

VII. Composition of relay teams

The top 16 ranked skaters overall will be eligible to compete in the relay event or top 12 if the members of the World Junior Championships Team have been named. If any of the top 12 ranked skaters or members of the World Junior Championships Team are unable to participate, the relay teams will be filled by going down the ranking list after position 12.

The relay teams will be composed on the basis of rankings as follows:

Team A – 1, 8, 9, 16
Team B – 2, 7, 10, 15
Team C – 3, 6, 11, 14
Team D – 4, 5, 12, 13

(If World Junior Championships team members are known, they will form Team D)

VIII. Ranking Points

Skaters earn ranking points during the finals rounds for each distance according to the Tables on page 20.

Special Racing Rules (applicable for all competitions):

Penalizations, failure to finish, scratches

In case of penalty, failure to finish due to infraction, or scratches, the following rules will apply:

1. Penalized skaters will receive the last place rank and seeding points in that race and be placed directly into the lowest bracket/race in the next round.
2. Skaters who drop out before a race will receive the last place position, behind any skaters who might subsequently fail to finish due to infraction or penalization and receive the seeding points according to the final order in that event.
3. Skaters who withdraw before the event will receive no Ranking points for that event and the event will be re-seeded.
4. Skaters who withdraw from an event due to illness or injury are permitted to continue in the competition for any subsequent distances or events.
5. A skater who has not finished the race because of an infraction by another skater will receive their position ahead of any penalized skaters.
6. A skater who does not finish a race will not be allowed to start the following round in the event of the distance unless advancement is warranted according to the ISU World Cup procedures or Special Rules Exception as noted in point 7 and/or point 8.
7. Where a skater is not able to finish a race as a result of a fall, the referee in consultation with the High Performance Committee members in attendance may decide to advance the skater to the next round or to authorize the skater to restart to ensure the fairest allocation of final ranking points.
8. Where a skater is not able to finish a race as a result of equipment failure or breakage during a race, this must be reported to and verified by the race referee immediately following the race in which the equipment breakage occurred. The skater will be advanced in the lower bracket of the next round and permitted to continue in the event.
9. Advancement will be in accordance with the ISU World Cup procedures. In brief, advanced skaters will receive seeding points as per their finish in the race from which they were advanced, and will be seeded into the next round of racing on the basis of these seeding points. Advanced skaters will not be seeded in any specified order; instead, their ranking after the previous round will determine which race they are seeded into for the subsequent round.

Canadian Ranking Points

Canadian Ranking Points are allocated according to the final rankings per distance for each competition.

Canadian Ranking Points will be used to select teams for competitions and determine a final season ranking to select athletes for the National and Development Teams for the following season. Final placing in a particular distance is determined on the basis of the final in which a skater competes and their finish position in that final.

Canadian Ranking Points are allocated based on the final ranking in each distance (1500m, 500m and 1000m) as follows:

Canadian Ranking points for 1500m, 500m & 1000m events

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

Rank	Full	Adjusted
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

Rank	Full	Adjusted
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
31	235	44
32	212	39

Canadian Ranking points for the 3000m event

Rank	Full	Adjusted
1	5000	514
2	4000	463
3	3200	417
4	2560	375
5	2048	338
6	1639	304
7	1475	273
8	1327	246

Rank	Full	Adjusted
9	1195	222
10	1075	199
11	968	180
12	871	162
13	784	145
14	706	131
15	635	118
16	572	106

If there are more than 4 skaters in a 500m or 1000m final or 6 in a 1500m final, the ranking points of the 5th place, 6th place etc, will be the ranking points of the 1st place, 2nd place, etc. of the following final. The rest of the ranking points will then be adjusted accordingly.

2014-15 ranking process

Current ranking

Seeding for some competitions in this Bulletin is based on “current ranking”. In the past the previous season’s Canadian Ranking, or the times submitted for entry was the most common method by which to seed skaters at the start of a competition. Since the addition of the open entry competition and a shift away from using times as a ranking method, we have devised a system whereby once an athlete competes in a National event, his/her result in this competition can be used to help seed him/her for any subsequent competition in the same season. This means we will no longer refer to results achieved many months ago when more recent results are available and this should provide us a more accurate reflection of an athletes’ ability as we progress through the season.

To determine an athlete’s current ranking, either overall or by distance, the ranking points earned by that athlete from each competition/distance in which s/he has competed in the current season must be multiplied by the appropriate weighting of each competition and then added together (See Bulletin 162 for appropriate weightings). If no competitions have yet occurred in the season, then the current ranking is equal to the previous season’s Canadian Ranking.

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