

# **SPEED SKATING CANADA**

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The fundamental strategic purpose of the High Performance Bulletin (HPB) for team selection is to establish 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, other SSC Committees and SSC Branches of 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 policies and criteria contained herein in the event that exceptional circumstances arise and that any such changes are, in the opinion of the HPC-LT, in the best interests 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.

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## **1. General Information**

Naming of a team (Team) is provisional until any and all Bye requests have been considered. Once all Bye requests have been considered, Speed Skating Canada (SSC) will then formally announce a Team via email and by publishing the respective Team list on the SSC website.

Subject to budgetary considerations, the intent of the HPC-LT is to support all qualified athletes. 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 the participation of qualified athletes 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 Team must sign and abide by the terms of the SSC Athlete Agreement including code of conduct provisions. An ISU Declaration Form must be signed by all athletes immediately following the selection competition.

"Qualified" means that the athlete has met the selection criteria. "Named" means that the athlete has been formally announced by SSC as being selected to a Team.

### **1.1. Philosophy**

- i. Athletes will be selected based on whom the HPC-LT determines are in the best position to achieve the best possible results for Canada at international competitions; such as the Olympic Games, World Championships, and/or World Cups.
- ii. The HPC-LT intends to select Teams to such events as objectively as possible. Subject to Byes, the HPC-LT, for that purpose, and at its determination, will use criteria such as time/placing at a specific competition or competitions, and/or ranking after a series of competitions, as described in this Bulletin as the criteria in selecting athletes.

### **1.2. Eligibility**

In accordance with ISU rule 208, 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.

### **1.3. Notification**

All SSC supported athletes (i.e. athletes who are financially supported by Sport Canada, Own the Podium or SSC program funds) must have completed and signed an

SSC Athlete Agreement in order to be eligible for selection to any of the competitions identified in this bulletin. In addition, athletes earning selection to compete internationally for Canada who are not SSC supported athletes will be required to sign an SSC Athlete 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 one 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 World Cup Trials, they must sign the SSC Declaration to Compete form within 24 hours following the selection competition-

For all World Championships, World Cups, or other competitions being attended by SSC, all athletes selected to the Team must sign the SSC Declaration to Compete form if they are competing in the applicable competition at a date determined by the HPC-LT.

#### **1.4. 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.

SSC 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:

- i. Pre-selection (See section 1.5)
- ii. Performance/results at designated selection race(s) as detailed in HPC-LT Bulletins. Selection is subject to any Bye request application being granted (See section 1.6)
- iii. Bye request (See section 1.7).

#### **1.5. Pre-Selection**

Pre-selection to an event may be granted to an athlete/team so that athlete(s) can better prepare for that event. Pre-selection will be based on specific and objective results obtained by the athlete/team during the past or present skating season, and is/are 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 specific pre-selection criteria for any specific event are detailed in the relevant event section within this Bulletin.

Pre-selection shall be determined before any such selection competitions, and therefore all athletes participating in the competition will be aware of the number of positions available for selection through performance results. The HPC-LT will announce all pre-selected athletes/teams prior to the start of the selection competition.

Pre-selection is normally restricted to a maximum number of athletes/teams as detailed within each event section of this Bulletin. However, the HPC-LT has the sole, full and absolute discretion to pre-select additional athletes to a particular event 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.

### **1.6. Performance Results at Selection Events**

Selection on the basis of performance/results at designated selection event(s) is subject to any decisions made with regard to Bye request applications (see Section 1.7 below).

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

### **1.7. Bye Selection**

In exceptional circumstances, as the HPC-LT determines, where an athlete has not had the opportunity, through no fault of his or her own, to compete in the nominated selection event or events, the athlete may be eligible to apply for a Bye selection to the relevant Team.

A Bye request is considered as the last means by which an athlete may gain selection and is intended to provide for exceptional circumstances outside the normal selection criteria rather than being a normal means by which an athlete can gain selection.

The basic philosophy for selecting an athlete by granting a Bye is that, all things being equal, the athlete given the Bye has clearly demonstrated superior performances in previous competition to other athletes being considered for selection. In that regard, the process and considerations outlined below in this section 1.7 will apply.

Byes apply only with respect to selection to specific competitions and/or events. Nothing in this section 1.7 concerning Byes applies with respect to nominations by SSC to Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP). In the case of a major injury, the AAP Injury Card procedures apply.

### **1.7.1. Procedures**

- i. Bye requests must be made in writing to the HPC-LT (see deadlines noted below)
- ii. Unless physically incapable, only the athlete requesting a Bye is permitted to submit the request.
- iii. If the Bye request is made on the basis of an illness or injury, the athlete must provide documented evidence from a sports medicine practitioner. The HPC-LT has the right to request further independent medical review after the Bye request has been submitted.
- iv. If the Bye request is made on the basis of equipment breakage, this must be reported to and verified by the race referee or HPC-LT representative immediately following the race in which the equipment breakage occurred.

### **1.7.2. Conditions for Applying for a Bye**

- i. Bye requests must be for a specific competition in the current skating season.
- ii. Bye requests will be considered in two categories:
  - a. Pre-competition illness or injury that prevents an athlete from competing in the ranking / selection event will only be considered if the athlete is ill or injured before the beginning of the competition. The athlete must request a Bye before the Coaches' meeting, or daily draw for which the athlete is requesting the bye. The HPC-LT Representative must formally announce all Bye requests at this meeting so that all other competitors are made aware of the possibility of a Bye being granted.
  - b. Injury, illness or \*equipment breakage during the selection event and other exceptional circumstances, all as determined in the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT.
- iii. A Bye request will be ruled ineligible if the athlete subsequently competes in the selection event.
- iv. In the case of selection being based upon a cumulative ranking from multiple events, an athlete is eligible to apply for a Bye request to a subsequent ranking event if they are prevented from competing in one of the ranking events due to a pre-existing illness or injury.
- v. A Bye request must be made within 24 hours following the end of the competition unless the athlete is physically incapable of making this request (in such a case, the athlete's coach may make the request).

\*See Clause 1.7.1 iv. above for the reporting requirements for equipment breakage.

In both situations, each described in 1.7.2 ii the Bye request must state clearly what the athlete is seeking, and the supporting documentation (medical, race referee report, for example) must be attached. Prior to granting a Bye, the HPC-LT must be able to confirm that the athlete will be able to perform at the competition for which the Bye request is made at a capacity (physical and psychological) which is commensurate with performances prior to the injury or illness. The athlete must provide the confirmation from a qualified medical practitioner or, in the case of an issue not related to an injury or illness, other attestation as may be required by the HPC-LT.

### **1.7.3. Process for Reviewing a Bye Application**

The following steps are involved in the process of considering a request for a Bye:

- i. Following the final selection event for the respective Team / event, the relevant HPC-LT meets (in person or via conference call) to review any Bye requests.
- ii. In cases where multiple Bye applications are lodged they will be assessed individually and on their own merit.
- iii. The members of the HPC-LT (who are not in conflict of interest) will review the facts and make a recommendation (with supporting rationale).
- iv. If necessary, the HPC-LT will establish a revised ranking of athletes based upon the selection event/s and an assessment of previous performances from those who have requested a Bye.

The final selections for a Team will be made from this revised ranking and the athletes named to a Team will be communicated to the athlete/s requesting a Bye, athlete/s directly affected by a Bye request, the coaches, and the athlete representatives.

### **1.7.4. Considerations for Granting a Bye**

The basic question the HPC-LT must answer is whether the athlete requesting the Bye had a recent history of performances, or other factors as listed below, that demonstrate clear superiority of the athlete requesting a Bye when compared to other athletes in consideration for selection.

The HPC-LT must also be certain that the athlete requesting the Bye would be able to compete at a similar level in the event or Team event for which they seek selection. The HPC-LT may award a “Conditional Bye” to athletes recovering from injury or illness. In this situation the athlete may have certain conditions imposed. These conditions may include, but are not limited to, such things as a certain time frame within which to demonstrate fitness or the meeting of a performance requirement.

In order to make these decisions, the HPC-LT will evaluate a number of elements including, but not limited to the following:

- i. Head-to-head competition results of the athletes being considered for selection,
- ii. Past performances of the athlete requesting the Bye and of the other athletes in contention for selection,
- iii. Results of the selection competition (by athletes in contention for the Team),
- iv. Recent training and testing performances of the athlete requesting the Bye and those in contention for selection.

In evaluating past performances, the HPC-LT will assign higher weighting priority to those performances from the 12 month period immediately prior to the final selection event. However, occasionally this is not possible because of injuries, or the lack of opportunity for the athletes to compete. In such instances, performances beyond this 12 month period may be considered but will be treated as having a lower weighting in assessing the Bye request.

Other than Mass Start, following the consideration of the bye request, the HPC-LT may, at its sole, full and absolute discretion, award a Bye to an athlete who is:

- 0.5 sammelagt points faster than the last athlete selected in a specific distance based on the race skated at the selection event (that would mean 0.5 seconds in the 500m, 1 second in the 1000m, 1.5 seconds in the 1500m, 3 seconds in the 3000m, 5 seconds in the 5000m, and 10 seconds in the 10000m); or,
- 0.5 sammelagt point per race skated for a selection over cumulative points (4 distances skated = 2 sammelagt points, 500m skated twice = 1.0 sammelagt point).

In assessing the past performances of the athlete requesting the Bye and the history of the athletes involved, the HPC-LT will give priority and weighting to the best time (in sanctioned events) of the athletes involved during the last 12 months including the selection competition(s).

For Mass Start, the HPC-LT may, at its sole, full and absolute discretion, award a bye to an athlete after the consideration of the factors and requirements described in this Section 1.7, other than the sammelagt considerations described in the immediately preceding paragraph of this Section 1.7.4.

In the case of a multiple event selection (World Sprint, World All-round, Junior World, etc), if an athlete cannot complete the selection competition due to

exceptional circumstances, the missing distances will be evaluated by using the best time rule (in the last 12 months) for the athletes involved.

### **1.8. Selection Meeting**

The coaches, HPD and the HPC-LT will have a Selection Meeting following each selection competition.

- i. Athlete and coaches are deemed to be in conflict of interest with respect to Team selection decisions. Notwithstanding such conflicts of interest, SSC will facilitate representations from all coaches with respect to the specific decisions to be made regarding Team selection.
- ii. In any case where a member of the HPC-LT is deemed to have or declares a conflict of interest in relation to a specific decision, such member shall abstain from voting on such decision.

### **1.9. Allowance of Fresh Start (Re-skates)**

Fresh Starts may be allowed as per ISU Rule 262.

- i. In addition, fresh starts outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 262 will be permitted by the HPC-LT for Team Selection purposes only. (e.g. World Championships, World Cups)
- ii. Conditions under which a fresh start will be permitted for the purposes of Team Selection are:
  - a) The HPC-LT Jury has the right to restrict fresh starts to those skaters ranked in the top 16 of the final 2016– 2017 Canadian Rankings;
  - b) The athlete cannot skate across the finish line;
  - c) The athlete has a fall, experiences equipment failure, or is disqualified immediately following their race;
- iii. In case of disqualification:
  - a) The time will not be considered official;
  - b) Eligibility for a fresh start will be determined by the HPC-LT Jury;
  - c) Athletes who are disqualified and complete their races will only be granted a fresh start in cases where their finishing time would have qualified them for selection to a Team. The athlete cannot improve their rank with their fresh start.
  - d) In the case of a non-advantageous disqualification, the HPC-LT shall have the sole, full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit.

NOTE: An athlete is entitled to a minimum rest of 30 minutes between his/her race and the fresh start, however they may elect to complete their fresh start within this minimum 30 minute allowance.

- iv. Exceptions to the fresh start:
  - a) In the case of a fresh start in the 500m distance when both 500m rounds are conducted on the same day, the fresh start will take place after the 2nd round of the 500m races has been completed.
  - b) For fresh starts permitted outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 262, the time recorded in the fresh start will be used for the purposes of Team Selection and the Canadian Rankings.
  - c) For fresh starts permitted outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 262, the athlete/s will be drawn separately from any other athletes who have been granted a fresh start based on ISU Rule 262.
- v. For the purpose of clarification with respect to fresh starts as outlined above:
  - a) 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 ISU rule 216 (2) (f);
  - b) Scheduling of fresh starts awarded pursuant to ISU rule 262 will be at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT Jury.

### **1.10. Replacement of Athletes**

The HPC-LT reserves the right to remove an athlete from competing at an event, 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 sole, full and 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.

### **1.11. Appeals Deadline**

Following the announcement of the ratified Team for an event or events, an athlete has 7 calendar days within which to appeal the decision in accordance with the Speed Skating Canada Appeals Policy (refer to [SSC Appeals Policy RES 100](#)).

### **1.12. High Performance Jury**

For all relevant domestic selection events, the High Performance Jury will consist of the HPC- LT members in attendance, or in the absence of any members of the HPC-LT, such person or persons the HPC-LT members may appoint, if any, to the High Performance Jury for such competition, and the Chief Referee.

### **1.13. Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL)**

See Rule 208 of the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules.

## **2. 2017-2018 International Competition Team Selection Criteria**

### **2.1. Fall World Cup Team Selection**

#### **2.1.1. Calendar**

November 10-12, 2017	World Cup #1	Heerenveen, NED
November 17-19, 2017	World Cup #2	Stavanger, NOR
December 1-3, 2017	World Cup #3	Calgary, CAN
December 8-10, 2017	World Cup #4	Salt Lake City, USA

**2.1.2. World Cup Entry Quota (World Cup #1, #2, #3 and #4)**

Ladies 500	Ladies 1000	Ladies 1500	Ladies 3000/5000
4	4	4	4
<b>Mass Start</b>			
2			

Men 500	Men 1000	Men 1500	Men 5000/10000
5	4	4	3
<b>Mass Start</b>			
2			

In accordance with ISU Communication 2112 for ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2017/18, 3.3 Entry rules, 3.3.1 Entry Quotas for World Cup 1 to 4: The organizing Member of an ISU World Cup Competition will be granted maximum entry quotas for all events.

**2.1.3. Selection Procedure**

Athletes will be selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team according to the following criteria:

- i. Athletes who placed top 5 at the 2017 ISU World Single Distance Championship in an individual distance(s) will be pre-selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team in order of their finish position in that specific distance(s). Athletes granted a pre-selection must have demonstrated commitment to the daily performance environment and performance commensurate to previous performance levels as determined by the HPC-LT.
- ii. Byes: The HPC-LT may, in its sole, full and absolute discretion, grant an athlete a Bye onto the 2017 Fall World Cup Team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per section 1.7 of this Bulletin.
- iii. Subject to Byes, the remaining 2017 Fall World Cup positions are awarded in finishing order per distance and gender from the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials. The quotas and any replacements to be named to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team will be determined at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT.

For World Cup #1 and World Cup #2, a maximum of up to 20 athletes may be selected, however additional athletes may be added at the sole, full and

absolute discretion of the HPC-LT for Team Pursuit as per Section 2.1.5. In order to be selected for World Cup #1 and World Cup #2, an athlete must achieve the time standard set forth below in at least one event at the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials. The priority of selection of the up to 20 athletes, and the events they will be selected to race, will be based on the following:

(Note: The selection of athletes may be limited to a number less than 20 athletes, in the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT, for budgetary reasons or other considerations).

- iv. World Cup #1 and #2, athletes will be selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team in priority of selection, and in respect of the events they will be selected to race, based on the following:
  - a. Pre-Selected athletes for each event in which they were pre-selected (See section 2.1.3i).
  - b. Athletes granted a Bye at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT for each event in which they were granted a Bye.
  - c. The first place skater of each gender in each event at the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials, except in the Mass Start event where selection will be based pursuant to Section 8.3 of the 2018 Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures. The following time standard\* must be achieved in the specific distance at the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials in order to be eligible for selection:

	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>500m</b>	38.43	35.09
<b>1000m</b>	1.16.34	1.09.32
<b>1500m</b>	1.57.40	1.46.72
<b>3000m</b>	4.10.73	---
<b>5000m</b>	7.13.57	6.28.71
<b>10000m</b>	---	13.35.30

\*These times are based on 20th best time on the 2015-2016 Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL), adding an average correction factor of 0.45 sammelagt for World Cup ice conditions.

- d. Athletes not already selected pursuant to sections 2.1.3 iv. a), b) or c) above will be ranked per race based on the percentage ahead of the 2017 Fall World Cup Team Selection times above. For greater certainty, the above time standards must be

achieved in the specific distance at the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials in order to be eligible for selection.

- e. At the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT, skaters may be added to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team in order to field a competitive Team Pursuit Team (as per Section 2.1.5).

\*For greater certainty, in respect of the 500m, the total points of both 500m from the Fall World Cup Trials will determine the final classification for the 500m for ranking purposes.

For World Cup #3 and World Cup #4, the maximum number of athletes may be selected based on quota spots earned. The priority of selected athletes, and the events they will be selected to race, will be based on the following:

(Note: The selection of athletes may be limited to a number less than the maximum Entry Quota earned, in the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT, for budgetary reasons or other considerations).

- v. World Cup #3 and #4, athletes will be selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team in priority of selection, and in respect of the events they will be selected to race, based on the following:
  - a. Pre-Selected athletes for each event in which they were pre-selected (See section 2.1.3i).
  - b. Athletes granted a Bye at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT for each event in which they were granted a Bye.
  - c. The next highest ranked skater(s) of each gender in each event at the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials until the Entry Quotas for World Cup #3 and #4 are filled, except in the Mass Start event where selection will be based pursuant to Section 8.3 of the 2018 Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures.

\* For greater certainty, in respect of the 500m, the total points of both 500m from the Fall World Cup Trials will determine the final classification for the 500m for ranking purposes.

- vi. In the event that a 2017 Fall World Cup entry quota in an individual distance remains unfilled, the replacement for such unfilled event will be selected from athletes already selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team in order of priority, and based on:
  - a) the finishing order per distance and gender from the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials; and

- b) the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Team Leader and coaches at each event.
  
- vii. Athletes that accept a nomination for an event (i.e. a specific race distance) to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team will be required to compete in all such event(s) for all 2017 Fall World Cups in which such event is being contested, except for the following situations:
  - a) Junior age athletes shall be allowed to compete in fewer than all of the 2017 Fall World Cup events for which they have accepted a nomination if their coach believes it is in the best interest of the athlete to do so;
  - b) An athlete that is injured, sick or otherwise physically incapable of competing at any particular event shall be allowed not to compete in that particular 2017 Fall World Cup event upon: (i) providing medical evidence satisfactory to the head coach of their inability to compete at any particular event; or (ii) providing to the HPC-LT the recommendation of the coach at such event that it would be in the best interests of the athlete to not compete at that particular event; and
  - c) At the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT after receiving and considering submissions from an athlete, and a submission by the coach, as to why it would be in the best interests of such athlete not to compete in all 2017 Fall World Cup events in which such athlete has accepted a nomination.

#### **2.1.4. Seeding for World Cup #1**

Athletes will be seeded for the World Cup #1 as follows:

- i. Pre-selected athletes;
- ii. Results of the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials
  - a) Individual Distances (500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, 10000m, Mass Start)
  - b) Team Pursuit

Note: Athletes who receive a Bye will be ranked according to historical performances as per Section 1.7

##### **2.1.4.1. Pre-selected Athletes – Individual Distances**

Skaters who placed in the top 5 at the 2017 ISU World Single Distance Championship are pre-selected to all 2017 Fall World Cups in order of their finish position in a specific distance to a maximum of 2 quota entries.

The following athletes have been pre-selected for the 2017 Fall World Cup races.

- i. Men**
  - a) 1000m: Vincent De Haitre
  - b) 1500m: Vincent De Haitre
  - c) 5000m: Ted-Jan Bloemen
  - d) 10000m: Ted-Jan Bloemen
  - e) Mass Start: Olivier Jean
- ii. Women**
  - a) 500m: Heather McLean
  - b) 3000m: Ivanie Blondin
  - c) 5000m: Ivanie Blondin

#### **2.1.5. Team Pursuit Selection**

Athletes will be selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team Pursuit Pool according to the following priority:

- i. Skaters who competed on a Team Pursuit Team which placed in the top 5 in the Team Pursuit at the 2017 ISU World Single Distance Championship will be pre-selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team Pursuit Pool.
- ii. The Team Pursuit Team will be made up from the skaters in the Team Pursuit pool that are qualified for an individual distance at the World Cup. At the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT, skaters may be added to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team in order to field a competitive Team Pursuit Team. This decision will be based on recommendation of the head coach and final decision will be made by the HPC-LT in its sole, full and absolute discretion.
- iii. The HPC-LT may, in its sole, full and absolute discretion, grant an athlete a Bye onto the Team Pursuit Pool due to exceptional circumstances as per Section 1.7 of this Bulletin.
- iv. The HPC-LT may, in sole, full and absolute 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 2017 Fall World Cup Trials.

#### **2.1.6. Team Pursuit Composition**

The specific composition of the three (3) or four (4) members Team Pursuit Team, if applicable, that will compete at the Fall World Cups, including the athletes that will compete in each World Cup competition, will be determined

at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Team Pursuit coach(es), the Head Coach and/or Team Leader.

The Team Pursuit coach(es), the Head Coach and/or Team Leader shall be free to assign different weightings to the importance of factors considered in their decision making process as they deem appropriate with the goal of fielding the best possible Team Pursuit Team. The following factors will be considered along with any other factors which the Team Pursuit coach(es), the Head Coach and/or Team Leader, at their the sole, full and absolute discretion, deem relevant:

- a) Medal potential of the individual athletes selected to the Team;
- b) Medal potential of the Team Pursuit Team with the athletes qualified in an individual distance;
- c) Historical individual and team pursuit performances;
- d) Availability and commitment to train as part of the Team Pursuit Team;
- e) International experience in the event of Team Pursuit;
- f) International performance profile in the event of Team Pursuit;
- g) Combined 1500m and 3000m points for Women and 1500m and 5000m points for Men from the Fall World Cup Selection;
- h) Fit with other athletes already qualified for the Team and selected to be part of Team Pursuit Team;
- i) Other factors as may be identified by the Team Pursuit coach(es), the Head Coach and/or Team Leader.

#### **2.1.6.1. Pre-Selected Athletes – Team Pursuit**

The following athletes have been pre-selected for the 2017 Fall World Cup Team Pursuit Pool.

- i. Men**
  - a. Ted-Jan Bloemen
  - b. Jordan Belchos
  - c. Ben Donnelly

#### **2.1.7. Mass Start Selection**

As mentioned in Section 2.1.3 iv. c) and v. c), athletes will be selected for the Mass Start events from the 2017 MS Fall World Cup Trial 1, and MS Fall World Cup Trial 2 as per Section 8.3.1 of the 2018 Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures. Priority for selection to the Mass Start event will be given as follows:

- i. Skaters who placed top 5 in the Mass Start at the 2017 ISU World Single Distance Championship will be pre-selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Mass Start.
- ii. The first and second place skater of each gender, will be selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team. The exception would be where a skater is pre-selected, then only the first skater will be selected.
- iii. If the first or second place skater decline their spot, the HPC-LT will have the choice, in its sole, full and absolute discretion, to nominate the third place skater by order of finishing time to compete in the Mass Start events, but such skater must be qualified for an individual distance for the 2017 Fall World Cups in order to be eligible to be nominated by the HPC-LT.
- iv. If the third place skater does not qualify for an individual distance for the 2017 Fall World Cups, the nomination of a replacement skater for the Mass Start events will be made by the Team Leader and Coaches present at each event. The replacement skater will be chosen from skaters already selected to compete and present at the specific World Cup in which the Mass Start event is being staged.
- v. All Mass Start athletes selected to compete will be expected to work together, for the best Canadian Team result, under the guidance of the Mass Start coach.

#### **2.1.8. Team Sprint Selection**

Athletes will be selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team Sprint Pool according to the following priority:

- i. Skaters who placed top 5 in a Sprint distance (500m, 1000m or 1500m) at the 2017 ISU World Single Distance Championship will be pre-selected to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team Sprint Pool. See section 2.1.4.1 i.
- ii. The HPC-LT may, in its sole, full and absolute discretion, provide an athlete a Bye onto the 2017 Fall World Cup Team Sprint Pool due to exceptional circumstances as per section 1.7 of this Bulletin.
- iii. The HPC-LT may, at its sole, full and absolute discretion, nominate additional athletes to the 2017 Fall World Cup Team Sprint Pool from athletes competing at the 2017 Fall World Cups in another distance.

The 2017 Fall World Cup Team Sprint Pool will be named following the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials.

The 2017 Fall World Cup Team Sprint Team selected for each world cup competition will be determined by the Team Leader and Coaches at each event.

### 2.1.9. Team Sprint Composition

The criteria for the starting order for the final composition of the Team will be based on the most recent World Cup competition (or Fall World Cup Trials if that is the most recent competition):

- Start position #1 will be selected from the fastest 500m;
- Start position #2 will be selected according to the fastest lap in either the 500m or 1000m;
- Start position #3 will be selected according to the fastest 1000m;
- If a skater has both the fastest 500m and the fastest lap the Team Sprint coach(es), the Head Coach and/or Team Leader will determine the start position to which that skater will be selected;
- The vacant start position will be filled by the next fastest skater in that particular start position category ;
- If a skater is unable to compete or chooses not to accept a start position, that start position will go to the next fastest skater in that particular start position category.

## 2.2. World Cup #5 and World Cup Final

### 2.2.1. Calendar

January 19-21, 2018	World Cup #5	Erfurt (GER)
March 16-18, 2018	World Cup Final	Minsk, (BEL)

### 2.2.2. World Cup Entry Quota (World Cup #5)

Ladies 500	Ladies 1000	Ladies 1500	Ladies 3000/5000
5	5	5	5

Men 500	Men 1000	Men 1500	Men 5000/10000
5	5	5	5

### 2.2.3. World Cup #5 Selection Procedures

Skaters selected to the 2018 Olympic Team will be selected to compete in the World Cup #5. Additional athletes may be added at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPC-LT.

#### **2.2.4. World Cup Entry Quota (World Cup Final)**

At the present time, SSC is not in a financial position to support athletes to attend World Cup Final, and as a result, athletes will not be supported to attend World Cup Final. In the event that SSC's financial position changes, and SSC, on the recommendation of the HPC-LT, in its sole, full and absolute discretion, determines to send athletes to the World Cup Final, the HPC-LT may issue further selection criteria for the World Cup Final.

### **2.3. World Sprint Championships**

#### **2.3.1. Calendar**

March 3-4, 2018 World Sprint Championships Changchun, CHN

#### **2.3.2. Eligibility**

To be able to participate at the 2017 World Sprint Championship, the athlete must have achieved the qualifying times for either the 500m or 1000m as per ISU Rule 208.

#### **2.3.3. Quota**

In accordance with ISU Communication 2103, Canada has been pre-allocated an entry quota of two competitors for the Men and one competitor for the Ladies. Additional quota (a maximum of 3) can be earned based on results from World Cup #5 in Erfurt, January 19-20, 2017 as per ISU Rule 208, paragraph 6.

#### **2.3.4. Selection Procedure**

At the present time, SSC is not in a financial position to support athletes to attend the 2018 World Sprint Championships, and as a result, athletes will not be supported by SSC to attend. In the event that SSC's financial position changes, and SSC, on the recommendation of the HPC-LT, in its sole, full and absolute discretion, determines to send athletes to the World Sprint Championships, athletes will be selected to 2017 World Sprint Championships Team according to the following priority:

- i. Results from the ranking at the 2017 Canadian Championships, 1x500m + 1000m sammelagt.
- ii. Byes: The HPC-LT may, in its sole, full and absolute discretion, grant an athlete a Bye onto the Team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per Section 1.7 of this Bulletin.

## **2.4. World Allround Championships**

### **2.4.1. Calendar**

March 10-11, 2018                      World Allround Championships Amsterdam (NED)

### **2.4.2. Eligibility**

To be able to participate at the 2018 World All Round Championship, athletes must have achieved the qualifying times as per ISU Rule 208 as per ISU Communication 1956.

### **2.4.3. Quota**

In accordance with ISU Communication 2103, Canada has been pre-allocated an entry quota of one competitor for the Ladies and no competitors for the Men. Additional quota (a maximum of 3) can be earned based on results from World Cup #5 in Erfurt, January 19-20, 2017 as per ISU Rule 208, paragraph 4.

### **2.4.4. Selection Procedures**

At the present time, SSC is not in a financial position to support athletes to attend the 2018 World Allround Championships, and as a result, athletes will not be supported by SSC to attend. In the event that SSC's financial position changes, and SSC, on the recommendation of the HPC-LT, in its sole, full and absolute discretion, determines to send athletes to the World Sprint Championships, athletes will be selected to 2017 World Allround Championships Team according to the following priority:

- i. **Ladies** – Subject to Byes, any remaining positions will be chosen in order of their cumulative 2 distance sammelagt ranking from the 1500m and 3000m, at the 2018 Olympic Trials.
- ii. **Men** – Subject to Byes, any remaining positions will be chosen in order of their cumulative 2 distance sammelagt ranking from the 1500m, and 5000m at the 2018 Olympic Trials.

### **2.4.5. Byes**

The HPC-LT may, in its sole, full and absolute discretion, grant an athlete a Bye onto the Team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per section 1.7 of this Bulletin.

### 3. Junior Information

#### 3.1. World Junior Championships

##### 3.1.1. Calendar

March 9-11, 2018                      World Junior Championships                      Salt Lake City (USA)

##### 3.1.2. Eligibility

A Junior athlete is an athlete who has reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2017. (ISU Rule 208).

All athletes must meet ISU Junior World Cup Final time standard and entry requirements for each distance (Communication 2109).

##### 3.1.3. Quota

In accordance with ISU Rule 208, paragraph 7, each ISU Member may enter a total of 5 Ladies and 5 Men.

Canada will select a maximum of four athletes per gender.

##### 3.1.4. Selection Procedure

Athletes will be selected to the 2018 World Junior Championships Team according to the following priority:

##### 3.1.4.1. *Priority 1*

Under Priority 1, athletes will be selected to the 2018 World Junior Championships Team according to the following priority:

- i. Skaters will be pre-qualified (up to a maximum of 1 quota spot for Sprint, 1 quota spot for Allround, and 1 quota spot for Mass Start per gender) based on qualification to the 2018 Olympic Team.
- ii. Subject to Byes, and pre-qualification allocation, results at Canada Cup 3\*/Canadian Junior Championships:
  - a) First four athletes in the Allround 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: best 500m, best 1000m, 1500m, 3000m  
Men: best 500m, best 1000m, 1500m, 5000m

\* In the event that Canada Cup 3 is cancelled, the results from Canada Cup 2 will be used.

Note: ISU Rules require Allround skaters to have the time standards in all distances.

#### **3.1.4.2. Priority 2**

The HPC-LT may, in its sole, full and absolute discretion, grant an athlete a Bye onto the Team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per Section 1.7 of this Bulletin.

#### **3.1.5. Seeding**

Seeding times at the 2018 World Junior Championships are from the best times skated in the 2017-2018 skating season. These include the Oval Invitational, Can Am, Fall Classic and the Canada Cups. (See ISU Rule 243)

#### **3.1.6. Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Mass Start**

The composition of competitors for each race will be decided by the coaching staff at the Junior World Championships pending results of all athletes in individual competition.

## **4. 2017-2018 National Competition Entry Criteria**

### **4.1. Fall World Cup Trials and 2018 Olympic Trials**

#### **4.1.1. All Distances**

1. Skaters that have achieved a World Cup standard
2. Additional skaters may be selected by the HPC-LT

#### **4.1.2. Mass Start**

1. \*Ranked by best 1500m time as of January 1, 2017 up to a maximum of 32 skaters.

\* See 2018 Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures Sections 8.3.1.1 and 8.3.1.2

**Note:** There will be no Mass Start events at 2018 Olympic Trials, only Canada Cup #2.

ISU World Cup Standards can be found in Appendix B of this bulletin.

## **4.2. Canada Cup #1**

### **Senior, Junior A, B, C2**

Time Standards in effect to qualify for this event are as noted in Appendix A.

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2016 and the entry deadline.

- Submitted Times may be verified with [SpeedskatingResults.com](http://SpeedskatingResults.com)

Seeding for all Distances:

- **Group 1** - Top 4 time-ranked skaters in attendance, from the 2016/2017 season.
- **Group 2** - The next 4 time-ranked skaters
- **Group 3** - The next 4 time-ranked skaters
- **Group 4** - The next 4 time-ranked skaters
- Groups of 4 will continue until all skaters are seeded.

For the 2nd 500m and 2nd 1000m, the pairing will be done as per ISU Regulation 262.

## **4.3. 2018 Olympic Trials**

Refer to 2018 Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures for more information.

### **500m**

1. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup 500m
2. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup 1000m
3. Time ranking from Fall 2017 competitions from those skaters that have achieved a World Cup standard

### **1000m**

1. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup 1000m
2. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup 500m
3. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup 1500m
4. Time ranking from Fall 2017 competitions from those skaters that have achieved a World Cup standard

### **1500m**

1. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup 1500m
2. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup 1000m
3. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup 3000m Ladies/5000m Men

4. Time ranking from Fall 2017 competitions from those skaters that have achieved a World Cup standard

#### **3000mLadies/5000mMen**

1. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup L3000m/M5000m.
2. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup 1500m.
3. Qualifiers for the Fall World Cup L5000m/M10000m.
4. Time ranking from Fall 2017 competitions from those skaters that have achieved a World Cup standard.

The HPC-LT may in their sole, full and absolute discretion invite other skaters to compete and also limit the field to less than the recommended maximum.

#### **4.4. Canada Cup #2**

##### **Senior, Junior A, B, C2**

Time Standards in effect to qualify for this event are as noted in Appendix A.

- For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2016 and the entry deadline. (Submitted times may be verified with [speedskatingresults.com](http://speedskatingresults.com))

#### **4.5. Canadian Junior Championships**

##### **Junior - A, B, C2**

- Submitted times may be verified with [SpeedskatingResults.com](http://SpeedskatingResults.com)
- ISU Junior competition rules will be used for the Canadian Junior Championships.

#### **4.6. Canada Cup #3**

##### **Senior**

Time Standards in effect to qualify for this event are as noted below:

- For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2017 and the entry deadline. (Submitted Times may be verified with [speedskatingresults.com](http://speedskatingresults.com)).
- For Time Standards, please refer to Appendix A of this document.

#### **4.7. Canada Cup Final**

##### **Senior, Junior A, Junior B and Junior C**

## Appendix A – Canada Cup Time Standards

		Senior Inside	Senior Outside		Junior Inside	Junior Outside	
		Canada Cups 1,2,3	Canada Cup 2	Canada Cups 1&3	Canada Cups 1,2,3	Canada Cup 2	Canada Cups 1&3
<b>Women</b>	500	0:44.0	0:46.9	0:48.4	0:46.2	0:49.1	0:50.6
	1000	1:27.2	1:33.0	1:35.9	1:31.6	1:37.4	1:40.3
	1500	2:15.3	2:24.2	2:28.7	2:22.0	2:30.9	2:35.4
	3000	4:44.7	5:03.3	5:12.7	4:58.7	5:17.3	5:26.7
<b>Men</b>	500	0:40.2	0:42.9	0:44.2	0:42.2	0:44.9	0:46.3
	1000	1:19.0	1:24.4	1:27.0	1:23.0	1:28.3	1:31.0
	1500	2:01.2	2:09.3	2:13.4	2:07.3	2:15.4	2:19.4
	3000				4:35.9	4:53.3	5:02.0
	5000	7:19.6	7:48.7	8:03.2	7:45.0	8:14.1	8:28.6

Ladies must have the time standard from the 1500m or 3000m to be eligible to compete in the 3000m. Ladies with a standard in any distance are eligible to compete in the 500, 1000, and 1500m.

Men must have the time standard from the 1500m, 3000m or 5000m to be eligible to compete in the 5000m. Men with a standard in any distance are eligible to compete in the 500, 1000, and 1500m.

## Appendix B – ISU Time Standards

### World Junior Championships

	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>500m</b>	42.50	38.50
<b>1000m</b>	1.25.00	1.16.00
<b>1500m</b>	2.12.00	1.58.00
<b>3000m</b>	4.45.00	4.05.0 for 5000m only
<b>5000m</b>	---	7.05.0

To be entered for the Mass Start event a Skater must have achieved the following qualifying time:

Ladies, 1500 meters: 2.17.00 Men, 1500 meters: 2.03.00

A Skater will be considered as entered for the Allround Championship event if, and only if, the Skater is entered for all four Single Distance Championship events

### Senior World Cups

Entered Skaters must have achieved qualifying times for the respective distances, as follows:

	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>500m</b>	40,00	36,20
<b>1000m</b>	1.20,00	1.11,90
<b>1500m</b>	2.03,00	1.51,00
<b>3000m</b>	4.24,00	---
<b>5000m</b>	7.25,00 or 4.15,00	6.48,00
<b>10000m</b>	---	13.40,00 or 6.35,00

However, for results achieved outside the ice rinks in Calgary (Olympic Oval) and Salt Lake City (Utah Olympic Oval) the following qualifying time limits apply:

	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>500m</b>	40,50	36,60
<b>1000m</b>	1.21,00	1.12,80
<b>1500m</b>	2.05,00	1.52,50
<b>3000m</b>	4.28,00	---for
<b>5000m</b>	7.32,00 or 4.20,00	6.52,00
<b>10000m</b>	---	13.50,00 or 6.40,00

## Appendix B – ISU Time Standards (cont.)

### Senior World Cups (cont.)

For the Mass Start, Team Sprint or Team Pursuit, any one of the listed qualifying times will apply. However, for these events an ISU member may enter maximum one skater (per gender) who has not achieved any of the qualifying times. The qualifying time limit for such a skater will be the following:

	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>1500m</b>	2:10.00	1:57.50

### World Allround Championships

	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>3000m</b>	4.24.00 (4.28.00)	5000m 6.48.00 (6.52.00)

### World Sprint Championships

	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>500m</b>	40.00 (40.50)	36.20 (36.60)
<b>1000m</b>	1.20.00 (1.21.00)	1.11.90 (1.12.80)

### World Junior Championships

	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>500m</b>	45.0	41.0
<b>1000m</b>	1.30.0	1.22.0
<b>1500m</b>	2.20.0	2.07.0
<b>3000m</b>	5.00.0	4.25.0