

# **SPEED SKATING CANADA**

## **HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETIN**

### **#171 - Long Track**



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## **HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETINS**

### **Purpose**

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.

# **2014 – 2015 Selection Criteria**

## **General Information**

### **Eligibility**

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

### **Notification**

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

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

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

### **Selection Procedures**

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

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

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

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

### **1. Pre-selection**

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

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

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

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

### **2. Performance / results at designated selection event/s**

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

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

### **3. Bye requests**

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

In this situation, the athlete may be eligible to apply for a Bye selection to the relevant event(s).

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

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

The procedure and policy for the allocation of Byes is detailed in **HPB 172**.

## **Reskates:**

1. Re-skates may be allowed as per ISU Rule 262.
2. In addition, re-skates outside the guidelines of ISU Rule #262 will be permitted by the HPC-LT for Team Selection purposes only. (e.g. World Championships, Olympic Winter Games, World Cups)
3. Conditions under which a re-skate will be permitted for the purposes of Team Selection for are:
  - I. The HPC-LT Jury has the right to restrict re-skates to those skaters ranked in the top 16 of the final 2013– 2014 Canadian Rankings;
  - II. The athlete cannot skate across the finish line;
  - III. The athlete has a fall, experiences equipment failure, or is disqualified immediately following their race;
  - IV. The athlete elects not to complete the race and skates into the warm-up lane to indicate their withdrawal from that race.
4. In case of disqualification:
  - I. The time will not be considered official;
  - II. Eligibility for a re-skate will be determined by the HPC-LT Jury;
  - III. Athletes who are disqualified and complete their races will only be granted a re-skate in cases where their finishing time would have qualified them for selection to a team. The athlete cannot improve their rank with their re-skate.

### **NOTE:**

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

5. Exceptions to the re-skate:

In the case of a re-skate in the 500m distance when both 500m rounds are conducted on the same day, the re-skate will take place after the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 500m races has been completed.
6. For re-skates permitted outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 262, the time recorded in the re-skate will be used for the purposes of Team Selection and the Canadian Rankings.
7. For re-skates permitted outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 262, the athlete/s will be drawn separately from any other athletes who have been granted a re-skate based on ISU Rule 262.

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

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

### **Selection Meeting**

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

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

### **Naming of World Cup and World Championships Teams**

Naming of a Team is provisional until any and all Bye requests have been considered.

Once all Bye requests have been considered, SSC will then formally announce a Team via email and by placing the respective team list on the SSC website.

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

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

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

### **Replacement of Athletes**

The HPC-LT reserves the right to 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 absolute discretion of the HPC-LT. Eligible replacements will be determined on the basis of the ranking of athletes from the original selection competition.

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

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

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

**Participation in a vacant 2014 - 2015 World Cup position by a non-qualified athlete**

An athlete may compete in a distance in a World Cup for which they have not qualified if:  
a) they are competing in another distance and if the quota is not filled for that distance; or,  
b) someone drops out of that distance.

**High Performance Jury**

For all relevant events listed below, the High Performance Jury will consist of the High Performance Committee Chairman and/or elected Committee members in attendance, the High Performance Director, and the Chief Referee.

# 2014-2015 World Cup Entry Quotas

Ladies 500	Ladies 1000	Ladies 1500	Ladies 300/5000	Men 500	Men 1000	Men 1500	Men 5000/10000
4	4	4	3	5	4	4	2
Mass Start - 2				Mass Start - 1			

## 2014 Fall World Cups

November 14-16, 2014	World Cup	Obihiro (JPN)
November 21-23, 2014	World Cup	Seoul (KOR)
December 5-7, 2014	World Cup	Berlin (GER)
December 12-14, 2014	World Cup	Heerenveen (NED)

### Selection Procedures:

Athletes will be selected to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team according to the following criteria:

1. Athletes who placed top 5 at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in a specific distance(s) will be pre-selected to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team in order of their finish position in that specific distance(s).
2. Byes The High Performance Committee - Long Track may grant an athlete a Bye onto the 2014 Fall World Cup Team team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting Byes.
3. Subject to Byes, the remaining 2014 Fall World Cup positions are awarded in finishing order per distance and gender from the 2014 Fall World Cup Trials. The quotas and any replacements to be named to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team will be determined at the discretion of the HPC-LT.

A maximum of 20 athletes will be selected to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team. The priority of selection of the 20 athletes and the events they will be selected to race will be based on the following:

4. The selection of athletes may be limited for reasons of budgetary or other considerations. In that event, athletes will be selected to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team in priority of selection to a maximum of 20 athletes and the events they will be selected to race will be based on the following:
  - a. Pre-Selected athletes for each event in which they were pre-selected.
  - b. Athletes granted a bye at the 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 race at the 2014 Fall World Cup Trials, including the Mass Start events, will be automatically selected to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team to race in that particular event. (ISU time standard must be achieved in the specific distance at the 2014 Fall World Cup Trials.)



- d. The remaining positions for the 2014 Fall World Cup Team up to a maximum of 20 athletes (including athletes selected from items 4a, b or c above will be selected from the finishing order per distance and gender from the 2014 Fall World Cup Trials. Other than for the Mass Start events.

Athletes not already selected pursuant to items 4 a, b or c above will be ranked per race based on the percentage of the 2014 Fall World Cup Trials times compared against the 20<sup>th</sup> place time at WC #1 in 2013-14 season for each distance. The remaining positions up to a maximum of 20 athletes will be selected from this ranking.

Each athlete will be selected to race the event(s) at the 2014 Fall World Cups based on this ranking list up to and including the inclusion of the 20<sup>th</sup> athlete.

Notwithstanding the previous sentences of this item 4(d), a minimum of 8 women and 8 men will be selected to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team such that lower ranked skaters of one gender may move ahead of another gender such that a minimum of 8 athletes per gender are selected to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team.

5. In the event that a World Cup Entry quota in an individual distance remains unfilled due to the 20 athlete maximum, the replacement for such unfilled event will be selected from athletes already selected to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team based on, in order of priority:
- the finishing order per distance and gender from the 2014 Fall World Cup Trials; and
  - the sole discretion of the Team Leader and coaches at each event.

6. Athletes that accept a nomination for an event (ie a specific race distance) to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team **will be required** to compete in all such event(s) for all 2014 Fall World Cups in which such event is being contested, except for the following situations:

- Junior age athletes shall be allowed to compete in fewer than all of the Fall World Cup events for which they have accepted a nomination if their coach believes it is in the best interests of the athlete to do so;
- 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 2014 Fall World Cup event upon: (i) providing medical evidence satisfactory to the HPC –LT 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
- At the discretion of the HPC-LT after receiving and considering submissions from an athlete as to why it would be in the best interests of such athlete not to compete in all Fall World Cup events in which such athlete has accepted a nomination.

500m – The total points of both 500m from the 2014 Fall World Cup Trials will determine the final classification and ranking purposes.

## **Seedings for Fall World Cups**

Athletes will be ranked as follows;

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

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

## **Team Pursuit Selection for Fall World Cups**

Athletes will be selected to the 2014 Fall World Cup Team Pursuit Pool according to the following priority:

1. The HPC-LT may grant an athlete a Bye onto the team pool due to exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting Byes.
2. The HPC-LT may, solely at its discretion, name additional athletes to the Team Pursuit Pool from athletes competing at the World Cup in another distance.

Team Pursuit Training Pool will be named following the Fall World Cup Trials.

The Team selected for will be determined by the Team Leader and Coaches at each event.

## **2014 Fall World Cup Pre selections**

Skaters who placed top 5 at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games were pre-selected to a Fall World Cup position in order of their finish position in a specific distance.

The following athletes have been pre-selected for the 2014 Fall World Cup races.

### **Men**

1000m Denny Morrison

1500m Denny Morrison

## **Mass Start Selection for Fall World Cups**

Athletes will be selected for the mass start from the Canadian Trials Mass Start race. The first place skater of each gender will be automatically selected to the World Cup Team. The second place skater must be qualified for an individual distance for the Fall World Cups. However, if the second place skater does not qualify for an individual distance, the selection will be made by the Team Leader and Coaches present at each event.

## **Fall World Cup Trials, October 23 - 26, 2014, Calgary, AB**

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
Thursday, October 23	1500m	1500m
Friday, October 24	3000m	5000m
Saturday, October 25	2x500m, 5000m	2x500m, 10000m
Sunday, October 26	1000m, Mass Start	1000m, Mass Start

Mass Start: ISU Rules will apply with the following additions. Safety equipment must be worn which includes Helmet, Neck Protector, Gloves, Shin Guards, Ankle Protection, Eyewear.

## **Eligibility for entry into the Fall World Cup Trials**

### **All Distances**

1. Skaters that have achieved a World Cup standard
2. The HPC-LT may in their absolute discretion invite other skaters to compete.

### **Mass Start – 24 skaters**

1. Skaters that have achieved the 1500m World Cup standard\*
2. The HPC-LT may in their absolute discretion invite other skaters to compete.

\*ISU World Cup Standards can be found on the last page of this Bulletin.

For the 2014 Fall World Cup Trials, skaters who meet the above criteria are eligible to compete for a position on the World Cup Team:

1. The HPC-LT reserves the unrestricted right to invite other skaters to participate in the 2014 Fall Trials.
2. A final list of eligible athletes per distance will be published 24 hours prior to the Draw.

### **Drawing**

#### **For all Distances**

Group 1: Top 4 time-ranked skaters 2013/2014 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.

The group with the 4 best time ranked competitors shall be drawn to form the two last pairs, and so on. If there would be an odd number of participants, the first pair shall consist of a single competitor.

For the second race of the 500 meters for Ladies and Men, the competitors shall be paired according to the time ranking from the first race in such a way that the participants change starting lanes in the second race. (ISU rule 242). If some competitors with the same starting lane in the first race get the same finishing time, the ranking of those competitors shall be based on their initial ranking.

The starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the competitors in the first race. Therefore, the two competitors with the best rank from each starting lane shall skate in the last pair, and the lowest ranked competitor(s) in the first pair.

Mass Start: ISU Rules will apply with the following additions. Safety equipment must be worn which includes Helmet, Neck Protector, Gloves, Shin Guards, Ankle Protection, Eyewear.

# 2015 Winter World Cups

January 31-February 1, 2015

World Cup

Hamar (NOR)

February 7-8, 2015

World Cup

Heerenveen (NED)

March 21-22, 2015

World Cup Final

Erfurt (GER)

## Selection Procedures:

Athletes will be selected to the **2015 Hamar Winter World Cup** from the Canadian Championships according to the following priority:

1. Byes - The High Performance Committee Long Track may grant an athlete a Bye onto the team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting Byes.
2. Skaters with top six ranking in World Cup ranking – Up to a max of 2 per distance
3. Top 3 skaters per distance plus 2 skaters from total Sammelagt points (if not already selected)

Athletes will be selected to the **2015 Heerenveen Winter World Cup** according to the following priority:

1. Byes - The High Performance Committee Long Track may grant an athlete a Bye onto the team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting Byes.
2. Skaters with top six ranking in World Cup ranking – Up to a max of 2 per distance
3. Up to 5 skaters per distance/gender will be selected. Two (2) entries for the women and one (1) entry for the men (to complete the maximum country quota of 3/gender), will be selected from the sammelagt of those who competed in these two distances in the selection competition (Cdn Championships)  
(Note: Skaters must skate both distances (1-500 and 1-1000) to qualify for the World Sprints).

## Mass start Selection for Winter World Cups

Athletes will be selected for the mass start from the Canadian Championships Mass Start race.

The first place skater of each gender will be automatically selected to the World Cup Team.

The second place skater must be qualified for an individual distance for the Winter World Cups.

However, if the second place skater does not qualify for an individual distance, the selection will be made by the Team Leader and Coaches present at each event.

# 2015 World Single Distance Championships

Heerenveen, Netherlands, February 13 - 15, 2015

## Eligibility:

To be able to participate at the 2015 World Single Distance Championship, the athletes will be selected from the ISU Ranking List.

## Selection Procedures:

Athletes will be selected to 2015 World Single Distance Championships Team as per the ISU Selection Procedure and Ranking List.

1. Byes The High Performance Committee - Long Track may grant an athlete a Bye onto the team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting Byes.

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

If Canada has 3 or less skaters qualified according to the ISU qualification procedures then all skaters will be selected by SSC. **If Canada has more than 3 skaters qualified then the following procedures will be used to select the 3 skaters per distance:**

No of skaters qualified by World Ranking	No of skaters qualified by time ranking	Decision by HPC-LT			
		Quota position 1	Quota position 2	Quota position 3	Alternate position
4 or more	1 or more	Highest world ranked skater is selected	2 <sup>nd</sup> highest world ranked skater is selected	HPC-LT compares head to head performances of remaining rank and time qualified skaters and selects the 3 <sup>rd</sup> position **	2 <sup>nd</sup> highest ranked skater (head to head) not selected to Quota position 3 is listed as the alternate
3	1 or more	Highest world ranked skater is selected	2 <sup>nd</sup> highest world ranked skater is selected	HPC-LT compares head to head performances of 3 <sup>rd</sup> world ranked skater and time qualified skaters	Highest ranked skater (head to head) not selected to Quota Position 3 is listed as the alternate

				and selects the 3rd position **	
2	2 or more	Highest world ranked skater is selected	2 <sup>nd</sup> highest world ranked skater is selected	HPC-LT compares head to head performances of time qualified skaters and selects the final position **	Skater who is ranked highest on ISU Time ranking list not already selected is listed as the alternate
1	3 or more	The skater qualified by world ranking is selected	Skater who is ranked highest on ISU Time ranking list is selected	HPC-LT compares head to head performances of time qualified skaters and selects the final position **	Skater who is ranked highest on ISU Time ranking list not already selected is listed as the alternate
0	4 or more	Skater who is ranked highest on ISU Time ranking list is selected	Skater who is ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest on ISU Time ranking list is selected	HPC-LT compares head to head performances of time qualified skaters and selects the final position **	Skater who is ranked highest on ISU Time ranking list not already selected is listed as the alternate

**\*\* Head to Head comparisons will be made using ISU World Cup #5 and #6. Head to head comparison will take into account the times of the respective skaters recorded in each race as a separate head to head comparison.**

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

# ***2015 World Sprint Championships***

## **Astana, Kazakhstan, February 28 - March 1, 2015**

### **Eligibility:**

To be able to participate at the 2015 World Sprint Championship, the athlete must have achieved the qualifying times for either the 500m or 1000m as per ISU Rule 208

### **Quota:**

The quota for the World Sprint team for Canada will be decided at the World Cup, Heerenveen, February 7-8, 2015.

### **Selection Procedures:**

Athletes will be selected to 2015 World Sprint Championships Team according to the following priority:

1. Results from the Canadian Championships, 2x500m + 1000m total time. First 2 men and first lady.
2. Remaining skaters will be selected at the Winter World Cup, Heerenveen, February, 2015.  
Subject to Byes, Athletes will be selected in order of their ISU final ranking in the cumulative sammelagt.
3. Byes The High Performance Committee - Long Track may grant an athlete a Bye onto the team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting Byes.

# **2015 World All Round Championships**

## **Calgary, Alberta, March 7 & 8, 2015**

### **Eligibility:**

To be able to participate at the 2015 World All Round Championship, athletes must have achieved the qualifying times as per ISU Rule 208.

### **Quota:**

The quota for the World All Round Championships team for Canada will be decided at the World Cup, Hamar, January 2015.

### **Selection Procedures:**

Athletes will be selected to 2015 World All Round Team according to the following priority:

#### **1. Selection**

Ladies – Subject to Byes, any remaining positions will be chosen in order of their cumulative 3 distance sammelagt ranking from the first 500, 1500m and 3000m, at the **2015 Canadian Single Distance Championships**.

Men – Subject to Byes, any remaining positions will be chosen in order of their cumulative 3 distance sammelagt ranking from the first 500, 1500m, and 5000m at the **2015 Canadian Single Distance Championships**.

- 2. Byes** - the High Performance Committee - Long Track may grant an athlete a bye onto the team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting Byes.

### **Seeding:**

Seeding for the 2015 World All Round Championship is according to ISU rule 240.



# **Junior Information**

## ***2014 Fall Junior World Cup Regional*** **Calgary, AB - November 23-23, 2014**

### **Eligibility:**

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

All athletes must meet ISU Junior World Cup time standard requirements for each distance (ISU Communication **1887**).

### **Selection Procedures:**

Canada will enter athletes who are registered for the **Can-AM** competition and positions are awarded in finishing order per distance from the results of the 2014 Canadian **Junior Championships**.

Athletes will be prioritized on the basis of the results from the **2014 Canadian Junior Championships**.

**A list of eligible skaters will be circulated in early November**

## ***2015 Junior World Cup Final*** **Warsaw, Poland – February 14-15, 2015**

### **Eligibility:**

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

All athletes must meet ISU Junior World Cup time standard and entry requirements for each distance (Communication 1887).

### **Selection Procedures:**

Athletes who are selected to the 2015 World Junior Championships will also be selected to compete at the Junior World Cup Final.

# **2015 World Junior Championships**

## **Warsaw, Poland – February 20-22, 2015**

### **Eligibility:**

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

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

### **Quota:**

Canada will select up to five male athletes and five female athletes for the 2015 World Junior Championships.

### **Selection Procedures:**

Athletes will be selected to the 2015 World Junior Championships Team according to the following priority:

#### **1. Results at Canada Cup 3 / Canadian Junior Championships**

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

##### **a) First two athletes in the All Round ranking – Total points**

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

Distances that will be used are:

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

Men: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m

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

##### **b) First two athletes in Sprint ranking –Total points 500m and 1000m**

The 500m and 1000m at Canadian Junior Championships will be used for Selections.

### **Note:**

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

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

1. **Byes** The High Performance Committee - Long Track may grant an athlete a bye onto the team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting Byes.

**Seeding:**

Seeding times at the 2015 World Junior Championships are from the best times skated in the 2014 - 15 skating season. These include the Oval Invitational, Can Am, Fall Classic and the Canada Cups. (ISU Rule 227)

**2015 World Junior Championships - Pursuit Team/Team Sprint/Mass Start:**

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

**Re-skates:**

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

## ***Athlete of the Year / Rising Star***

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

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