



SSC COMPETITION GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIALS

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Speed Skating Canada's number one priority is the health and well-being of our speed skating community and the general public who live, work, and play in our shared spaces.

The following considerations, expectations, and responsibilities are in place to assist officials in navigating the guidelines and precautions for competitions.

In response to reduced restrictions Speed Skating Canada has adjusted the guidelines for officials as follows:

Protection

1. SSC strongly encourages all participants to be vaccinated against Covid before attending a competition as a safety measure. SSC recognizes that this may not be possible for all participants;
2. Venues may require daily health screen.

Rights and Expectations

1. Officials should expect
 - a. The competition shall follow all requirements of Federal, provincial, and local health authorities;
 - b. Facility requirements regarding venue capacity and the permitted use of the space shall be considered as part of the planning process;
 - c. A designated change area for on-ice officials separate from other participants shall be provided;
 - d. Access to the timing deck shall be restricted to essential officials;
 - e. An electronic whistle will be provided to referees and starters prior to an officials' first SSC assignment.
2. Right to withdraw
 - a. Any official has the right to withdraw from an assignment at any time if they feel the conditions surrounding the competition pose an unacceptable risk to themselves or close contacts.



Hygiene

1. Officials will be provided a workplace that is clean and follows good hygiene practices;
2. The facility shall have easy access to hand sanitizers and/or soap and hot water;
3. All shared equipment shall be cleaned between each use (e.g. starting equipment);
4. The emergency action plan provided by the local organizing committee shall include steps dealing with infectious disease.

Travel

1. Be aware of your personal risk when travelling:
 - a. Air travel;
 - b. Train;
 - c. Taxi, bus, metro.

Event Management

1. Work with the local organizing committee to mitigate the impact of health accommodations on the racing schedule;
2. Share pre-event information online;
3. Go paperless;
4. Post results online or share via email;
5. Meetings:
 - a. Limit face-to-face meetings
 - b. The chief referee should consult with the organizer regarding the contents of an information package to be shared online;
 - c. The chief referee may wish to use the PA system at the venue to communicate general information regarding racing usually shared in the coaches' meeting;
 - d. Competition briefing and de-briefing may be managed online.

Competition Guidelines

1. Be familiar with SSC's competition guidelines for hosting