



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.

Competition Guidelines

1. Officials should familiarize themselves with the SSC Competition Guidelines to fully understand the environment they will be working in
2. A safety officer will be in place to monitor
 - a. Environmental hygiene
 - b. Physical distancing
 - c. Track daily attendance
 - d. Confirm health screening
3. While steps have been undertaken to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19, that risk is not zero
4. It is not the officials' responsibility to enforce the safety guidelines regarding COVID-19, officials will focus on the racing

Rights and Expectations

1. Officials should expect
 - a. To be physically distanced from each other and all participants
 - b. A workspace that is clean and equipped with hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes
 - c. A designated change area for on-ice officials
2. 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 household members
3. Masks to be worn at all times and in all places while indoors
4. SSC holds its officials in the highest regard with the understanding that each official recognizes their responsibility to perform their duties in a professional manner
5. While it is often the case that officials gather to share meals and socialize after a day's racing, limit your group size, do so in a safe manner, wear a mask when appropriate and practice good hand hygiene

Racing

1. The implementation of the competition guidelines may create delays in the competition schedule
2. Time between races will be longer to accommodate the entry and exit of skaters



3. In consultation with the organizer the on-ice warm-up may be eliminated. Some accommodations may be required to allow a skater to test equipment before racing or to permit a turn on the track to prepare for racing
4. Be prepared to accept there will be delays, the reduced number of officials and volunteers will have an impact

Equipment

1. Any equipment repairs will be at the discretion of the official to allow the skater to resolve the issue
2. Handling of the starting equipment, clean the equipment after each series of starts before use by the next starter, use hand sanitizer before and after use of shared equipment, regularly clean common touch points in the starter's area
3. All officials will be provided access to hand sanitizer and a mask.
4. To reduce the spread of droplets, an electronic whistle will be provided to referees and starters at the start of the season. The use of blowing whistles will not be used going forward until told otherwise (pending availability)
5. Officials are reminded to not share equipment with the exception of the starter's equipment this includes pens, pencils, note pads and laptops

Travel

1. Avoid travel in large groups, wear a mask and practice good hand hygiene
2. Sharing a ride? One driver and one passenger, passenger in the back seat away from the driver on the passenger's side of the car

Meetings

1. There will be no face to face meetings
2. The event organizer will prepare a pre-event information package for distribution to all participants. The chief referee should consult with the organizer regarding the contents of the information package
3. 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
4. Competition briefing and de-briefing will be managed online.