

# **SPEED SKATING CANADA HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETIN**

**#163B Competition Formats** - SHORT TRACK



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## **HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETINS**

The High Performance Committee – Short Track (HPCST) will issue bulletins periodically throughout the season informing skaters, coaches and associations of any update and/or changes to selection criteria, competitions, etc.

The HPCST reserves the right to modify or change the enclosed policies in the event that exceptional circumstances arise and that any such changes are clearly in the best interest of the high performance program. In these situations all athletes and coaches will be advised of any changes as soon as they are confirmed by the HPCST.

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# **Competition format for Open entries**

**(This year to be used for Canadian Open National Qualifier and Canadian Senior and Junior Open Team Selections #2)**

## **I. Entries**

The Entries shall be restricted to a maximum of 60 Ladies and 60 Men.

## **II. Qualifying times**

To qualify for open competitions, skaters must have met entry time standards in a gender-specific competition (see appropriate HP Bulletin for Eligibility requirements).

## **III. Competition Sequence**

- a) The competition will take place over 4 days.
- b) Warm up sessions will be scheduled at the beginning of each day's program but are limited to 10 minutes per session. The number of warm up groups is limited to a maximum of three (3) per category/distance.
- c) All Skaters will start in the Qualifying rounds of the 1500m and 500m.**
- d) Day 1 (Qualifying Day) will consist of qualifying rounds for access to the Main Event.
- e) On Day 2, Day 3, Repechage sessions will precede the Main Event rounds of each distance. Skaters who did not qualify for the Main Event for either the 500m or the 1500m on the first day of competition will proceed to the Repechage session for the relevant distance(s), except those who did not start or failed to finish in the Qualifying session.
- f) Any skater who receives a penalty in the qualifying session will be seeded directly into the lowest Repechage final of that distance. If there is more than one heat of penalized skaters for the repechage final, then those who made it through the most rounds on the qualifying day before being penalized would be prioritized in the order of the finals. If there is only 1 penalized skater for the distance, s/he would be added to the last repechage final.
- g) On Day 4, in order to determine which skaters enter the 1000m Repechage or Main Event, the cumulative ranking from the 500m and 1500m results will be used to generate a ranking for the 1000m distance. The top 10 athletes go directly to the Main Event, while the remainder compete in the Repechage.
- h) All skaters who qualify for either the Repechage or Main round of the 1500m, 500m and 1000m will skate a Final in that round.**
- i) The number of qualifying rounds, of races per round and skaters to qualify for the next round, for both the Qualifying Day and the Repechage Sessions, are specified in the tables below.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Organizing Committee will determine the starting times for each day in consultation with the Short Track HPC. No other Short Track Speed Skating events are allowed in the same facility during the event.

### Daily Racing Schedule

	Standard Events	Supplemental events where applicable, as specified in Bulletin 162
Day 1	Qualifying session : 1500m & 500m	
Day 2	Repechage session 1500m & Main Event 1500m	
Day 3	Repechage session 500m & Main Event 500m	
Day 4	Repechage session 1000m & Main Event 1000m	3000m or Super 1500m (if junior level competition) and /or relay

## IV. Progression

### Qualifying Session\*

According to the qualifying tables below:

10 Skaters qualify for the Main Event of the 500m

12 skaters qualify for the Main Event of the 1500m

### Repechage Session and Main event

Six (6) skaters from Repechage qualify for the Main Event.

Therefore, including these skaters, the Main Event for the 500m and 1000m will consist of 16 skaters and 18 skaters for the 1500m.

These numbers could increase depending upon advancements from the qualifying or Repechage session.

### PLEASE NOTE:

\*There are no qualifying rounds for the 1000m. In order to determine which skaters enter the 1000m Repechage or Main Event, the sum of ranking points earned in the 1500m and 500m distances will be used to generate a ranking for the 1000m distance. The top 10 athletes go directly to the Main Event, while the remainder compete in the Repechage.

The Qualifying Table for the qualifying day as well as for the Repechage session could change according to the number of entries to the competition.

## **V. Seeding**

### **Canadian Open National Qualifier**

#### **1500m & 500m**

Skaters will be seeded for the first round of the 1500m and the 500m distances based on their Current Ranking in the respective distance (see definition in Bulletin 163A). In the event of a tie, the skater with the best time will be placed higher in the ranking.

Athletes qualifying for the competition based on times submitted will be seeded on their time in the respective distance after any skaters who have qualified based on their Current ranking (as described in Bulletin 163A).

#### **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.

### **Canadian Open National Team Selection #2**

#### **1500m & 500m seeding for first round of the qualifying session**

Seeding for the first round of the 1500m & 500m distance will be according to the following priority:

- Skaters who qualified via Canadian Championships (Current ranking), in order of their ranking in the respective distance at that competition, then;
- Skaters who qualified via participation in the Canadian Open National Qualifier only, in order of their ranking in the respective distance at that competition, then;
- All other skaters seeded in order of their combined entry time standards. Any ties among these skaters will be decided by a coin toss.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the HPC reserves the right to adjust seeding for the qualifying session 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.

#### **1500 & 500m Seeding for second and third rounds of the qualifying session**

- 1- Skaters will be seeded on the basis of a ranking derived from the cumulative ISU

seeding points earned in the previous rounds of the qualifying session as follows:

ISU Seeding points :       $\frac{1^{\text{st}}}{34}$     $\frac{2^{\text{nd}}}{21}$     $\frac{3^{\text{rd}}}{13}$     $\frac{4^{\text{th}}}{8}$     $\frac{5^{\text{th}}}{5}$     $\frac{6^{\text{th}}}{3}$     $\frac{7^{\text{th}}}{2}$     $\frac{8^{\text{th}}}{1}$

- 2- Any tie(s) in seeding points will be broken by prioritizing the skater with the fastest time in the previous round.
- 3- Any persisting tie(s) between skaters will be broken by prioritizing the skater seeded higher at the start of the previous round.

### **1500 & 500m Seeding for Repechage**

Seeding for the first round of the Repechage session will be done the same way as described above for second and third rounds of the qualifying session and will be based on seeding points earned in the qualifying session with ties broken as above.

Seeding for any subsequent round of the Repechage will follow the same principle as described above, however will take into account only seeding points earned in the Repechage session.

### **1000m Seeding for Repechage**

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 ranked higher on the entry list at the start of the competition will be placed higher in the seeding.

Any skaters whose cumulative ranking points totals zero after the 1500m and 500m distances will be seeded below those with points, and according to the sum of their ranking positions in the two distances.

### **Seeding for Main Events (1500, 500 & 1000m)**

Seeding for the main event will be done the same way as described above using cumulative seeding points, however skaters who qualified for the main event via the qualifying session will be seeded above those who qualified via the repechage session. Those who qualified via the repechage session will be seeded based on the seeding points earned only in the repechage session.

## **VI. Lane Positions**

Lane positions will be determined as per ISU rule 296. For the first round of the 1500m and 500m distances lane positions will be drawn by the Competitor Steward. For the first round of the 1000m, in both the repechage and the main event, skaters will be assigned lane positions based on their seeding from the combined 1500m and 500m

events. For each subsequent round of a distance, 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. In the case that no time in the previous round is available for a Skater, or two or more Skaters have the same time, then the best time in any race in this competition over the distance concerned will be taken to determine the lane position. If no times are available at all then a draw for lane positions shall take place first for any Skaters without a time. The following Skaters with a time will be assigned their position according to the times.

## VII. Format for the 1500m

### 1500m Qualifying Table

1500m ( 32 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Heat	6	5/6	32	3+4	22
Quarter	4	5/6	22	3+0	12
Repechage rounds					
Heat	4	5	20	3+0	12
Quarter	2	6	12	3+0	6
Final F	1	2	2	2 slowest 5th position from Heat Rep	
Final E	1	6	6	Position 4 from Heat Rep and 2 fastest 5th position from Heat Rep	
Final D	1	6	6	Position 4, 5 & 6 from Quarter Rep	
Main Event					
Semi	3	6	18	2+0	6
Final C	1	6	6	Position 5&6 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	6	6	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final A	1	6	6	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	

1500m ( 48 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Prelim	10	5	48	3+0	30
Heat	5	6	30	3+3	18
Quarter	3	6	18	4+0	12
Repechage rounds					
Heat	6	6	36	3+4	22
Quarter	4	6	22	3+0	12
Semi	2	6	12	3+0	6
Final D to H	5	6	30	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Semi	3	6	18	2+0	6
Final C	1	6	6	Position 5&6 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	6	6	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final A	1	6	6	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	

1500m (60 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Prelim	12	5	60	3+6	42
Heat	7	6	42	3+3	24
Quarter	4	6	24	3+0	12
Repechage rounds					
Prelim	8	6	48	3+6	30
Heat	5	6	30	3+3	18
Quarter	3	6	18	2+0	6
Final D to J	7	6	42	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Semi	3	6	18	2+0	6
Final C	1	6	6	Position 5&6 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	6	6	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final A	1	6	6	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	

## VIII. Format for the 500m

### 500m Qualifying Table

500m (32 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Prelim	8	4	32	2+4	20
Heat	5	4	20	2+0	10
Repechage rounds					
Prelim	6	3/4	22	2+0	12
Heat	3	4	12	2+0	6
Final H	1	4	4	Position 4 from Prelim Rep	
Final G	1	4	4	4 slowest 3rd from Prelim Rep	
Final F	1	4	4	2 Slowest 4th from the Heat Rep & 2 fastest 3rd from Prelim Rep	
Final E	1	4	4	Position 3 & fastest 4th from Heat Rep	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	



500m (48 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Pre-Prelim	12	4	48	2+8	32
Prelim	8	4	32	2+4	20
Heat	5	4	20	2+0	10
Repechage rounds					
Pre-Prelim	10	3/4	38	2+4	24
Prelim	6	4	24	2+0	12
Heat	3	4	12	2+0	6
Final E to L	8	4	32	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	

500m (60 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Pre-Prelim	15	4	60	2+10	40
Prelim	10	4	40	2+0	20
Heat	5	4	20	2+0	10
Repechage rounds					
Pre-Prelim	13	3/4	50	2+10	36
Prelim	9	4	36	2+6	24
Heat	6	4	24	2+0	12
Quarter	3	4	12	2+0	6
Final E to O	11	4	44	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	

## IX. Format for the 1000m event

### 1000m Qualifying Table

1000m (32 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Repechage rounds					
Prelim	6	3/4	22	2+0	12
Heat	3	4	12	2+0	6
Final H	1	4	4	Position 4 from Prelim Rep	
Final G	1	4	4	4 slowest 3rd from Prelim Rep	
Final F	1	4	4	2 Slowest 4th from the Heat Rep & 2 fastest 3rd from Prelim Rep	
Final E	1	4	4	Position 3 & fastest 4th from Heat Rep	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	

1000m (48 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Repechage rounds					
Pre-prelim	10	4	38	2+4	24
Prelim	6	4	24	2+0	12
Heat	3	4	12	2+0	6
Final E to L	8	4	32	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	

1000m (60 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Repechage rounds					
Prelim	10	5	50	2+8	28
Heat	7	4	28	2+2	16
Quarter	4	4	16	1+2	6
Final E to O	11	4	44	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	

## X. Format for the 3000m event (when applicable)

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 8<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> 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 place on the national team (top 8, including World Championship Team) 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 eight 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 the A final, 199 points if 9 skaters in the A final).

## **XI. 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup> place, the tied skaters will skate in final A, final B, final C or final D respectively.

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).

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

## **XII. Ranking points**

The ranking by individual distances will be defined as follows:

1. Skaters will receive ranking points according to tables described in High Performance Bulletin 163A.
2. The ranking list will be formed by ranking skaters in each final round from highest to lowest in order of their finish, beginning with final A and until the last final of repechage.

3. Any skater who was shown a yellow card or failed to finish in the first round of the Qualifying session will not be ranked, and will not receive any points but will be listed as having participated.
4. Any skater who was shown a yellow card in any subsequent round will not receive points for that distance.
5. Any skater who was shown a red card will not be listed for any distance of the competition.
6. Skaters who have been entered but did not start, due to whatever reason, will not be listed.
7. If the 3000m is included in an Open Format competition, it will include only the top 16 athletes from the final ranking of the competition and will earn points for this distance as described as described in High Performance Bulletin 163A.

### **XIII. Special Racing Rules**

Please note that the special racing rules described in Bulletin 163A, apply to all competitions throughout the season, including those with an open format.