

# **SPEED SKATING CANADA**

## **HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETIN**

**#175 ANNEX– Selection Process**  
**(SHORT TRACK)**



## **October 2017**

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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.

In light of recently announced funds from Own the podium, Sport Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee, and the Canadian Paralympic Committee, targeted for the NextGen program of Speed Skating Canada, two international competitions have been added to the short track high performance program: the Intercontinental short track invitational and the Shanghai Trophy.

To meet the objectives of the NextGen Program, the short track high performance committee is announcing selection criteria specific for these competitions that will provide the framework for a more targeted approach to allocating competition experience to those who will most benefit from the opportunity.

The criteria are based on the ongoing study of what the most high performing athletes internationally have been exposed to/achieved prior to taking their place on the podium at the senior level. As this study is still underway, the criteria below provide general guidelines for the discretionary selections based on the preliminary findings, rather than specific limits.

Speed Skating Canada intends to release more detailed criteria for determining NextGen status in the coming months at the completion of this study.

## **International Short Track Invitational Calgary**

### **Eligibility:**

An eligible skater is a skater who has reached the age of 14 years by the 1st of July 2017

(ISU Rule #108)

**Quota:** The team will be composed of six (6) men and six (6) women.

### **Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria:**

Step 1: Select the skater named as the alternate to the Provisional Olympic Team.

Step 2: The HPCST, in consultation with the NextGen coach and the National team coaches, will select athletes for the remaining positions according to the guidelines for discretionary selections as specified below.

### **Discretionary selections:**

The HPCST will solicit the comments of the NextGen coach and the national team coaches to assign different weightings for the factors considered to be relevant, with the goal of providing additional competition opportunities for athletes in development (junior/neo senior).

The evaluation will consider the following elements (listed in no particular order)

- a) Results earned in international competition (limited to Junior world Championships and World Cups)
- b) National rankings (junior and senior)
- c) Potential for future development

- d) Race times achieved in the 500m and 1000m distances
- e) International experience
- f) Readiness for competition
- g) Commitment to the training program
- h) Effect on team dynamics
- i) Health and medical status

## Shanghai Trophy

### **Eligibility:**

An eligible skater is a skater who has reached the age of 15 years by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2017

**Quota:** The team will be composed of 3 men and 3 women

### **Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria**

Step 1: Select the skater named as the alternate to the Provisional Olympic Team.

Step 2: The HPCST, in consultation with the NextGen coach and the National team coaches, will select athletes for the remaining positions according to the guidelines for discretionary selections as specified below.

### **Discretionary selections:**

The HPCST will solicit the comments of the NextGen coach and the national team coaches to assign different weightings for the factors considered to be relevant, with the goal of providing additional competition opportunities for athletes in development (junior/neo senior).

The evaluation will include the following elements (listed in no particular order)

- a) Results of international competitions (limited to Junior World Championships and World Cups)
- b) National Rankings (Junior and Senior)
- c) Potential for future development
- d) Race times achieved in the 500m and 1000m distances
- e) International experience
- f) Readiness for competition
- g) Commitment to the training program
- h) Effect on team dynamics
- i) Health and Medical status of the athlete