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and
TEAM BC (Long Track Speed Skating)**

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INTRODUCTION

TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Skater Eligibility

Skaters who meet *all of the Inclusion Criteria*, and who do *not meet any of the Exclusion Criteria*, are eligible to compete for TEAM BC (Speed Skating) at the 2015 Canada Winter Games (CWG). The criteria are referenced from the [2015 Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Technical Package](#).

Inclusion Criteria:

- A skater who has reached the age of 14 on June 30th, 2014 but has not reached the age of 19 on June 30th, 2014. Year of Birth: July 1, 1995 to June 30, 2000 (inclusive).
- A skater must be registered as a competitive member (Elite category) of both BCSSA and SSC, in good standing. Note that Elite skaters must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents (formerly Landed Immigrants).
- A skater's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the Province or Territory they are representing. A skater can have only one domicile.
 - A skater attending school on a full-time basis outside his or her province or territory of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either their province or territory of permanent residence or the province or territory in which the skater attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province/territory where the skater attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.
 - An athlete who is training outside his or her province or territory of permanent residence may represent the province or territory in which they are training provided he or she can demonstrate a commitment to the province or territory she or he wishes to represent by:
 - Having been a member of a club or provincial/territorial sport organization in that province/territory for the entire previous or current competitive season, and
 - Having represented that province or territory at an international, national or regional championship, and
 - Not having received direct development funding from their province or territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team.
 - -OR- Other similar circumstances may be considered.
- An athlete is permitted to try out for any province or territory of eligibility but can only try out for one province or territory per sport.
- Athletes may only compete for one province or territory at a single Canada Games.
- Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled in the same week.

Exclusion Criteria:

- Athletes that have held a senior card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time*.
- Athletes that have been National Senior Team members (as defined by Speed Skating Canada and approved by the Canada Games Council) at any time*.
- Athletes that have competed in speed skating for any nation at any Olympics Games, Senior World Championship or World Cup Competition*.

**If a skater competed in one of the above competitions in one discipline e.g. Short Track, they would remain eligible to compete in the Canada Winter Games in Long Track. No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to a change in carding status or national team status (no athlete will be excluded if they attain National Senior Team members status for the first time, skate in a World Cup or World Championships for the first time, or they are granted carding status after November 15, 2014).*

TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Composition

TEAM BC (Short Track Speed Skating)- known as "TEAM BC (ST)":

- 5 female skaters
- 5 male skaters
- 1 coach
- 1 manager

TEAM BC (Long Track Speed Skating)- known as "TEAM BC (LT)":

- 4 female skaters
- 4 male skaters
- 1 coach
- 1 manager

Additionally, TEAM BC (Speed Skating) will have one *Women in Coaching* apprentice coach whose efforts will be split between long track and short track.

TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Selection Committee

All activities related to the selection of TEAM BC (Speed Skating) will be carried out by an ad-hoc committee known as the TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Selection Committee ("Selection Committee"). The Selection Committee will be comprised of the BC Speed Skating Association (BCSSA) Technical Director, representatives of the TEAM BC (Speed Skating) CWG Coaches and representatives of the BCSSA High Performance Committee.

Sport Jury

A Sport Jury will be formed for both the TEAM BC (Short Track) and TEAM BC (Long Track) Selection Trials. The Jury will be comprised of a Referee (either Chief or Assistant), the BCSSA Technical Representative and one other individual who is deemed not to be in conflict with the selection event.

TEAM BC (SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING) QUALIFICATION FORMAT

TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials Overview

There will be one TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials. The event will be a two-day competition on November 1-2, 2014 in Prince George. The TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials will be composed of an individual 9 lap time trial and the four mass start events (500m, 1000m, 1500m and the 3000m points race).

TEAM BC (ST) will be selected from skaters who compete at these trials. The five skaters with the highest (cumulative) point score will be offered a position on TEAM BC (ST). Any ties for qualifying position will be broken by the skaters' best combined 500m + 1500m time achieved during the TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials.

TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials Entry and Seeding

Skaters qualify for entry to the TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials on the basis of their combined 500m and 1500m times as recorded in a provincially (or higher) sanctioned competition between January 1, 2014 and October 19, 2014. Please note: times must be skated in gender-specific races and manual times will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds (adjustments will be made by the Selection Committee).

A ranking list of 24 skaters (per gender) will be released after October 20, 2014. The first 16 skaters (per gender) will be eligible to skate at the TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials. In the event of a top 16 skater declining to skate, the next highest ranked skater(s) will be offered a spot in the event.

Each of the three traditional distances (500m, 1000m, 1500m) will be individually seeded according to the skater's seed time for that distance. Seed times must be recorded in a provincially (or higher) sanctioned competition between January 1, 2014 and October 19, 2014. Please note: times must be skated in gender-specific races and manual times will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds (adjustments will be made by the Selection Committee).

- 1500m semifinals will be seeded on skaters' best 1500m times (as described above)
- 500m heats will be seeded on skaters' best 500m times (as described above)
- 1000m heats will be seeded on skaters' best 1000m time (as described above)
- The individual individual 9 lap time trial will be seeded using the same seed times as used in the 1000m race (i.e. times skated January 1, 2014 to October 19, 2014). The fastest skaters will skate first in pairs with the fastest seeded skater starting and finishing on the finish line and the second fastest starting and finishing on the opposite side. The same procedures will be continued for the remaining pairs.
- In the 3000m points race, skaters will advance directly to the finals based on the points accumulated during the four preceding distances (see points awarded below). Final A will be skaters ranked 1-8 and Final B will be skaters ranked 9-16.

TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials Race Schedule (subject to change)

Day 1 Individual 9 lap time trial (optional 2 nd skate) 1500m- semis and finals 500m- heats	Day 2 500m- semis and finals 1000m- heats, semis and finals 3000m points race (final)
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TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials Format

Advancement through the rounds of racing will be as follows:

Event	Number of Heats	Advancement from Heats to Semis	Number of Semis	Advancement from Semis to Finals	Number of Skaters in Final (Barring Advancements)
Individual individual 9 lap time trial	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a (all skaters skate once and may request 1 reskate – max 2 skates)
500m and 1000m	4	2+0	2 (a, b) 2 (c, d)	2+0 2+0	4
1500m	n/a	n/a	3	2+0	6
3000m	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8

The format for the 3000m points race will be the format described in the most current Speed Skating Canada Competitions Bulletin 2014-2015 as of the date of the TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials event.

Skaters who are penalized in a heat will be relegated to the last place final. Skaters who are penalized in a top-bracket semi will be relegated to Final B. A skater who does not finish a final, due to equipment or injury, will receive last place points ahead of a penalized skater and a skater who does not start, for the relevant race. If a skater will not be starting a final, officials must be notified prior to the start in order to receive the applicable points. After the advancements, remaining skaters qualify based on time to the remaining semis and finals.

Ranking points will be assigned based on final placements in the 1500m, 500m and 1500 event, as follows:

Final Placement (Rank)	Points	Final Placement (Rank)	Points
1	1000	9	196
2	816	10	160
3	666	11	130
4	543	12	106
5	443	13	86
6	362	14	70
7	295	15	57
8	241	16	46

In a tie for first, both skaters receive 1000 points with the next skater receiving 666 points. In a tie for second, both skaters receive 816 points with the next skater receiving 543 points etc. In the case of multiple penalties in the same final, skaters will share the remaining points available in that final.

The skater may skate the individual 9 lap time trial twice and the fastest of the two skates will count in the placement ranking. Skaters will be given a minimum of 20 minutes rest between skates. Ranking points for the individual 9 lap time trial and the 3000m points race will be assigned as follows (half the points of the other events):

Final Placement (Rank)	Points	Final Placement (Rank)	Points
1	500	9	98
2	408	10	80
3	333	11	65
4	271.5	12	53
5	221.5	13	43
6	181	14	35
7	147.5	15	28.5
8	120.5	16	23

Overall ranking will be the total ranking points accumulated from the skater's results in the five events.

TEAM BC (LONG TRACK SPEED SKATING) QUALIFICATION FORMAT

TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials Overview

There will be one TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials. The event will be a three-day competition held November 28-30, 2014 in Fort St John, run in conjunction with Canada Cup #1 (CC#1). The TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials will be composed of the five events to be contested at the 2015 CWG:

- Females will skate 500m, 1000m, 1500m, and 3000m traditional races and the mass start 8 lap race;
- Males will skate 500m, 1500m, 3000m, and 5000m and the mass start 12 lap race.

Skaters competing for the spots on TEAM BC (LT) must skate in the TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials. TEAM BC (LT) will be selected from skaters using the four-race sammelagt (80%) and by the results of the mass start race (20%). Female skaters may use their best 500m and best 1000m for the overall calculation; male skaters may use their best 500m. The four skaters with the highest point score will be offered a position on TEAM BC (LT). Calculation is done as in the following example:

Example:

Skater A stands 3rd in the sammelagt after 4 races (i.e. they have the third best total score) and Skater A finishes 7th in the mass start event.

Using the 1000 ranking point system (as used in short track, see above) for the placing in the sammelagt and for the placing in the mass start the final score is calculated as $(666 \text{ points} \times 0.8) + (295 \text{ points} \times 0.2) = 591.8 \text{ points}$.

TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials Entry and Seeding/Pairing

All CWG age-eligible skaters may compete at the TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials. Skaters meeting the CC#1 time standards, as set out in the SSC HPLTC Bulletin (issued in Fall 2014), will compete amongst the CC#1 competitors. Additional BC skaters (CWG age-eligible) will be added to an Exhibition Class that will race each distance after the CC#1 competitors compete in that distance. For the purpose of the TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials, skaters may race in both CC#1 races and the Exhibition Class (e.g. in the case of a skater qualifying to race in the sprint distances, but not the distance races, at CC#1). Skaters will not be permitted to race in CC#1 races and the Exhibition Class for the same distance.

Pairings will be determined as per the SSC Bulletin. Skaters not meeting the CC entry standards will be seeded and paired on the basis of personal best times achieved for each distance at a sanctioned event dating back to January 1, 2014. Skaters who do not have a time for a distance will be seeded below the other skaters and their pairings drawn by lot. If there are an odd number of seeded skaters, the slowest skater will be paired with a skater who does not have a seed time.

The mass start event shall be an Open Event. Non-BC skaters will be invited to compete amongst the BC skaters to best replicate the mass start event at the CWG. Ranking will be determined by final placement, with ranking points being awarded exclusively to BC skaters (i.e. top finishing BC skater will receive 1000 points, regardless of overall finishing position etc.) .

TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials Race Schedule *(subject to change)*

The race schedule will follow a typical Canada Cup 3-day event format, per the SSC HPLTC Bulletin:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Women 500m, 1500m Men 500m, 1000m, 3000mJr	Women 1000m, 3000m Men 1500m, 5000m	Women 500, 1000m, 5000m Men 500m, 1000m, 10000m Mass Start Races

TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials Format

The TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials will follow a typical Canada Cup format, per the SSC HPLTC Bulletin, with additional considerations as outlined in this Selection Bulletin.

Re-skates

As the objective is to pick the fastest skaters for TEAM BC (LT), ranking points towards the selection of TEAM BC (LT) will include times skated in a re-skate, if a re-skate is granted by the referee. Re-skates (outside of those permitted under ISU Rule 262) may be granted under the following circumstances (referenced from the SSC HPLTC Bulletin):

- The athlete has a fall, experiences equipment failure or is disqualified immediately following their race;
- The athlete elects not to complete the race and skates into the warm-up lane to indicate their withdrawal from that race.

Requests for re-skates will be considered by the Sport Jury. The time recorded in a re-skate permitted outside of ISU Rule 262 is used exclusively for selection purposes. Note that the slower of the two times will be recorded in the case of a re-skate following a disqualification. 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.

TEAM BC (SPEED SKATING) GENERAL SELECTION INFORMATION

TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Final Team Selection

TEAM BC (ST) and TEAM BC (LT) final selection will be made by December 8, 2014.

Skaters may choose to try out for both disciplines. Should a skater qualify for both disciplines, that skater must choose which team to join. The Selection Committee will advise the skater of this situation, should it occur, along with a deadline for choosing a discipline (in writing). The deadline will be prior to the final selection of TEAM BC (Speed Skating). Other skaters will then be moved up according to rankings from final results in the discipline with the open spot.

TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Bye Requests

As the objective is to pick the fastest skaters for TEAM BC (Speed Skating), bye requests will be evaluated by the Selection Committee and will only be considered if:

- The skater attends the respective TEAM BC Selection Trials and becomes injured; AND
- The skater immediately reports the injury to the Sport Jury and completes a BCSSA Injury Report Form; AND
- The skater must have skated a designated time in a sanctioned race during the 2014-2015 season, i.e. during or after July 2014:

Event	Designated Time
Female ST 500m	45.0
Male ST 500m	42.5
Female LT 500m	41.0
Male LT 500m	37.2
Female LT 1000m	1:22.5
Female LT 1500m	2:07.0
Male LT 1500m	1:53.0
Female LT 3000m	4:33.0
Male LT 3000m	4:00.0
Male LT 5000m	6:58.0

All skaters granted provisional positions on TEAM BC (Speed Skating) are subject to the requirements described in TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Injury Replacements (below).

TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Alternates

It is the intention of the Selection Committee to identify one alternate per gender, per discipline, in order to create a more optimal training group and to adequately prepare alternates in the eventuality of an injury prior to the 2015 CWG. The alternates will be the sixth ranked short track skater (from TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials) and the fifth ranked long track skater (from TEAM

BC (LT) Selection Trials). Alternates will train and attend competitions as part of TEAM BC (Speed Skating) until the commencement of the 2015 CWG. Due to budget restrictions, the alternates will not be provided with a TEAM BC (Speed Skating) skinsuit.

TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Injury Replacements

If a skater is injured following their selection to TEAM BC (Speed Skating), they will be required to prove adequate levels of recovery, both from a medical and a performance perspective. The determination of what constitutes adequate recovery will be made by medical staff, TEAM BC (Speed Skating) CWG Coaches and the Selection Committee and will be based upon an assessment of the skater's ability to perform at a level equal to current members of TEAM BC (Speed Skating). The final date for finalizing such decisions is one week prior to the registration deadline for the 2015 CWG (i.e. January 8, 2015). If a skater is subsequently deemed medically unfit to compete in the 2015 CWG, they may be replaced in accordance with the Canada Games Technical Manual.

TEAM BC (SPEED SKATING) SKATER COMMITMENTS

TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Selection Trials

ST skaters must compete in TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials and LT skaters must compete in the TEAM BC (LT) Selection Trials in order to be eligible to be named to TEAM BC (Speed Skating).

After TEAM BC (Speed Skating) Selections

- Attend mandatory competitions and camps as per the TEAM BC (Speed Skating) CWG Coaches recommendations; these will include relay, team pursuit, mass start and points race practices.
- Skaters should prepare for the 2015 CWG in their preferred distances and non-preferred distances. All athletes skate all individual events at the 2015 CWG. Skaters are reminded that TEAM BC's objective is not just to win medals, but also to be awarded the highest number of "Flag Points" for TEAM BC. The point values are specified in the [2015 Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Technical Package](#) and the first three finishers for BC accrue flag points for all placings as described in the technical bulletin.
- There may be additional fees, over and above usual fees, required payable to BCSSA upon acceptance of a position on TEAM BC (Speed Skating).