

Provincial Performance Program Skater Selection

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This bulletin outlines the requirements, as established by the BCSSA ADC, to be eligible for the 2016-2017 Provincial Performance (PP) Program. Some of the requirements must be completed during the 2015-2016 season (see below for details); other requirements may be achieved during the 2016-2017 season.

Introduction

The Provincial Performance (PP) Program is aimed at increasing the number of BC skaters on the National Team/Development Team, and at increasing the medal count for BC at the Canada Winter Games. The PPP is a five-tier program (Tier 1 to Tier 5), with Tier 1 being closest to qualifying to Speed Skating Canada national programs. *Once qualified, skaters are guaranteed to have a secured position in a specific Tier of the program for the whole season but funding adjustments may be made throughout the season. New for this season, skaters have the opportunity to enter the PPP and/or upgrade their Tier at defined points through the season (these skaters then remain secured into their new Tier for the remainder of the season). Skaters nominated to Tiers 1-4 of the PP Program receive additional support through the Canadian Sport Institute in the form of IPS (Integrated Performance System) carding.*

Skaters in the PP Program are on a pathway towards the Development Team (DT) and the National Team (NT); a goal of the PP Program is to ensure that these skaters are being adequately supported at a provincial level.

- Tier 1 skaters are expected to be performing at levels competitive with skaters who are named to the NT/DT. Skaters are typically engaged in Stage 4 programming on the Elite Athlete Pathway (see <u>Elite Athlete Pathway Overview</u> document for details).
- Tier 2 skaters are expected to be qualifying to compete in the Canadian Senior Championships. Junior-aged Tier 2 skaters are expected to be competitive with skaters who are named to the Canadian Team sent to the World Junior Championships. Skaters are typically engaged in Stage 3 programming on the <u>Elite Athlete Pathway</u>.
- Tier 3 skaters are expected to be progressing towards qualifying for the Canadian Senior Championships. Junior-aged Tier 3 skaters are expected to be ranking in the top half of the junior system. Skaters are typically engaged in Stage 2/3 programming on the <u>Elite</u> <u>Athlete Pathway</u> and are named to the Canada Winter Games short list during the season of the Games.
- Tier 4 skaters (ISU Juniors only) are expected to be participating in national junior ranking competitions and/or performing at the T2T age-class national championships. Skaters are typically engaged in Stage 1/2 programming on the <u>Elite Athlete Pathway</u> and are named to the Canada Winter Games long list during the two seasons prior to the Games.
- Tier 5 skaters (ISU Juniors only) are entering the PP system and are expected to be qualifying to the T2T age-class national championships.

ADC will complete the first review for potential candidates for the 2016-2017 BCSSA PP Program in April of 2016. All candidates must be BCSSA members in good standing and must be Canadian Citizens. Skaters who have achieved the required standards will be notified by ADC.

BCSSA PP Program Requirements: Short Track

Candidates include skaters who have met *one (1)* of the qualification requirements (see below). Where applicable, times must be skated on a 111.12m track during the 2015-2016 season in a sanctioned competition (BCSSA/Provincial, SSC or ISU). Manual times will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds.

	Qualification Requirement: March 31, 2016	Qualification Requirement: November 30, 2016	Qualification Requirement: February 14, 2017
Tier 1 (All ages)	• 2015-2016 Senior National Rank* of top 20	 Participate in 2016 FWC Selection Trials 2016 NQ results top 4 	 2017 Canadian Senior Championship top 20 overall 2017 Canadian Senior Championship top 12 in a single distance
Tier 2 (All ages)	 2015-2016 Senior National Rank* of top 32 2015-2016 Junior National Rank* of top 10 	 2016 NQ results top 16 Top 12 Juniors at 2016 NQ 	 Participating in 2017 Canadian Senior Championship 2017 Canadian Junior Championship top 12 overall 2017 Canadian Junior Championship top 8 in single distance
Tier 3 (All ages)	 2015-2016 Senior National Rank* of top 36 2016 Canadian Open Senior Selections #2 results top 30 2015-2016 Junior National Rank* of top 36 2016 Canadian Open Junior Selections #2 results top 30 2015-2016 WEC Open Rank** top 25% 	• Participate in 2016 NQ	 2016 WEC #2 top 3 (Open Rank) in single distance Participate in 2016 Canadian Junior Championship
Tier 4 (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)	 Have a 2015-2016 Junior National Rank* 2016 Canadian Open Junior Selections #2 	 Junior at WEC #1 2016 top 50% Open Rank Junior at WEC #2 2016 top 50% Open Rank WEC #1 2016 top 50% U17 Rank WEC #2 2016 top 50% U17 Rank 	periodization of younger/developing athletes)

	Canada West 2016 During 2015-2016 season, Junior skater achieves 500m time within 110% of the fastest 500m time (per gender) skated at the 2016 Canadian Junior Championship		
Tier 5 (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)	achieves 500m time within 115% of the fastest 500m time (per gender)	• Junior participating in WEC #2 2016	n/a (reflects double vs. triple periodization of younger/developing athletes)

Abbreviations:

• FWC: Fall World Cup

• NQ: National Qualifier ("Canadian Open National Qualifier")

• WEC: Western Elite Circuit

o WEC #1: aka "Oktoberfest"

• WEC #2: aka "Richmond Single Distance"

o WEC #3: aka "Winterfest"

• BCWG: BC Winter Games

^{*} For more details about the 2015-2016 Speed Skating Canada (SSC) Ranking System, please see the <u>SSC High Performance ST Bulletins</u>.

^{**} For more details about the 2015-2016 Western Elite Circuit Ranking System, please see the WEC Information Document.

BCSSA PP Program Selection Requirements: Long Track

Candidates include skaters who have met one (1) of the qualification requirements (see below).

	Qualification Requirement: March 31, 2016	Qualification Requirement: December 31, 2016
Tier 1 (All ages)	 Place (Canada's World Cup #5 quota x2) at CSD 2016*** 	 Place (Canada's Fall World Cup quota x2) at FWCT 2016***
Tier 2 (All ages)	 Participate in CSD 2016 Top 10 overall at Canadian Junior Championship 2016 Top 5 overall sprint ranking at Canadian Junior Championship 2016 	Participate in FWCT 2016
Tier 3 (All ages)	 Achieve 2015-2016 Canada Cup time standard*** in >1 distance Top 50% overall at Canadian Junior Championship 2016 Top 30% sprint ranking at Canadian Junior Championship 2016 	Achieve 2016-2017 Canada Cup time standard in >1 distance
Tier 4 (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)	 Achieve 2015-2016 Canada Cup time standard in 1 distance Participate in Canadian Junior Championship 2016 Place in the top 5 overall in the F13, F14, M13 or M14 categories at CACLT 2016 Junior-aged skater finishing in the top ¾ in a distance at Oval Grand Prix 	 Achieve 2016-2017 Canada Cup time standard in 1 distance Junior-aged skater finishing in the top ½ in a distance at CanAm
Tier 5 (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)	 Achieve 2015-2016 (Canada Cup time standard + 5%) in 1 distance F13, F14, M13, M14 skaters attending CACLT 2016 	Achieve 2016-2017 (Canada Cup time standard + 5%) in 1 distance

Abbreviations:

• CSD: Canadian Single Distance • FWCT: Fall World Cup Trials

• CACLT: Canadian Age Class Long Track Championship

***For more details about Canada's World Cup quotas and Canada Cup time standards, please see the SSC High Performance LT Bulletins.