



Zone 5 Qualification Format 2022 BC Winter Games

The 2022 BC Winter Games (BCWG) will take place in Vernon, BC on February 24th-27th, 2022. The speed skating event will feature short track races. Please see the Speed Skating [Technical Package](#) for details. Skaters must be 12 or 13 years old as of June 30th, 2021. All Skaters compete at the BCWG for their [Zone](#), which is based on their place of residence. There are three methods of qualification to the BCWG.

1. Qualify, via Zone Qualification Format, for a Zone quota position (see details below).
2. Qualify, via Zone Wild Card Format, for a Zone wildcard position (see details below).
3. Qualify into a wildcard position (see Technical Package for details).

Zone 5 Qualification Format

Skaters qualifying for a Zone quota position (1 male and 1 female per Zone) must participate in their Zone Qualification Format (QF). The Zone QF is established by the Zone Co-Reps (Grace Cheng and Franziska Astor) and the Provincial Advisor (Chris Acton, BCSSA Technical Director).

Zone 5 QF selects skaters to Zone quota positions based on the skaters' best times skated as defined below.

- **Time determinant:** Times captured manually will have 0.2 seconds added to them in order to compare to the times to electronic times.
- **Eligible Times must be skated based on the following criteria:**
 - Categories: Male, Female
 - Distances: 400m and 1500m
 - Tiebreaker distances: 200m and/or 500m (see below for details)
 - Track: 100m
 - BCSSA and/or SSC Sanctioned Competitive Meets
 - Qualifying Dates: Between August 1st, 2021 and December 31st, 2021.
- **Zone 5 Selection Process:**
 - The skater's combined "personal best" time from the 400m and 1500m races held between August 1st, 2021 and December 31st, 2021 at a sanctioned competition.
 - Selection will be based on the lowest overall combined ranking for each male and female quota positions.
 - In the event of a tie, the results of a 200m (mass start only) held between August 1st, 2021 and December 31st, 2021 will be reviewed and the fastest "personal best" time will be the definitive tiebreaker.

- **Zone Wild Card Selection Process:**
 - Any Zone with 2 or more eligible female skaters will be guaranteed one wildcard position for a female skater.
 - Any Zone with 2 or more eligible male skaters will be guaranteed one wildcard position for a male skater.
 - Any Zone who has only 1 eligible male or 1 eligible female skater will not receive a Zone wildcard.
 - A list of wildcard contenders need to be submitted using a [wildcard application](#).
 - Selection will be based on the second lowest overall combined ranking from the skaters' "personal best" time from the 400m and 1500m races for each male or female position.
 - In the event of a tie, the results of a 200m (mass start only) held between August 1st, 2021 and December 31st, 2021 will be reviewed and the fastest "personal best" time will be the definitive tiebreaker.
 - Zone wildcard positions will be determined after December 31st, 2021.
- **Wild Card Selection Process:**
 - A minimum of 8 and up to a maximum of 16 wildcards for Speed Skating, for each gender, are potentially awarded after December 31st, 2021. The number of wildcards available will be dependent on whether Zones are granted a Zone wildcard (see above). This is in order to achieve the maximum allowed athletes for the event (24 male and 24 female).
 - Inclusion: U14 Males, U14 Females.
 - All eligible skaters registered who have not otherwise qualified for their Zone.
 - Remaining [wildcard positions](#) will be distributed based on the best (lowest) combined 400m+1500m time. Times must be skated at a sanctioned competition between August 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 on the 100m track.

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All Zone quota position and Zone Wildcard position must be awarded by December 31st, 2021. Between January 1st and 15th, 2022, wildcard positions will be calculated and awarded by the Provincial Advisor. All skaters must be registered by the Zone Rep by the BC Winter Games registration deadline of January 24th, 2022.

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