



Zone 8 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. Eligible skaters are born between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2009. 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 8 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 Rep (Kari Rae) and the Provincial Advisor (Chris Acton, BCSSA Technical Director).

Zone 8 QF selects skaters to Zone quota positions based on the skaters' best times skated as defined below.

- **Eligible Times must be skated based on the following criteria:**
 - Categories: Male and Female,
 - Distances: 400m and 1500m, on the 100m track,
 - Tiebreaker distance: 200m mass start race or TT,
 - BCSSA and/or SSC Sanctioned Competitive Meets or equivalent,
 - Qualifying Dates: Between August 1st, 2021 and December 31st, 2021.
- **Zone 8 Selection Process:**
 - The skater's combined personal best time from the 400m and 1500m races,
 - Selection will be based on the lowest overall combined time for each male and female quota positions,
 - In the event of a tie, the results of a 200m will determine the candidate,
 - Race format can be either mass start or time trial.

- **Zone Wild Card Selection Process:**

- If our zone has more than 2 or more eligible skaters per gender, there will be guaranteed one wildcard position for each gender,
- If our zone has only 1 eligible male or 1 eligible female skater we will not receive a zone wildcard for that gender,
- A list of wildcard contenders need to be submitted by the zone rep using the [wildcard application](#).
- Selection will be based on the second lowest overall combined ranking as determined for the zone quota spot,
- In the event of a tie, the above procedure will be used,
- 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 available 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),
- All eligible skaters registered who have not otherwise qualified can be considered for a wildcard position,
- 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,
- Check the BCSSA Website for possible updates on the wildcard process.

Racing Opportunities

Given the reduced number of meets in our Health Region, I encourage planning early mini meets or time trials to allow skaters the opportunity to race. As always, please follow all provincial and local guidelines and restrictions.

BC Winter Games Registration

All zone quota position and zone wildcard positions 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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