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CANADA WINTER GAMES TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

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INTRODUCTION

The Team which will represent the Province at the Canada Winter Games will consist of 5 male and 5 female athletes for Short Track and 3 male and 3 female athletes for Long Track. This document outlines the process that OSSA will utilise to select the athletes who will represent the Association as part of Team Ontario. Alternates for each discipline and sex will be identified but will only travel to the Games if one of the selected team members is not able to attend.

The selection for Short Track will take place on November 30 and December 1, 2002 during the Regional Ability Meet in London. A Special Open Division for both men and women will be established. Eligible skaters will race head to head. The top 5 from each of the men's and women's divisions will be considered for the Team at the conclusion of the competition.

The Team selection for Long Track will take place at the Canada's Capital Long Track meet on January 11-12, 2003 in Ottawa. In that case, the top 3 men and women will be considered for the Team. This date and location is subject to change depending on weather conditions.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to compete in the Games, competitors must:

1. be a competitive member of both OSSA and CASSA in good standing and properly registered with the event organisers for the selection events;
2. have reached the age of 13 on June 30, 2002 but not have reached the age of 21 on June 30, 2002, (Year of Birth: July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1989, inclusive);
3. All competitors must meet the requirements as outlined in Appendix A of this document.

Athletes NOT eligible for selection are those meeting the following tests:

1. Athletes who have held A, B, or C or Senior cards, as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program, at any time;
2. Athletes who have been National Senior Team Members, as defined by SSC and approved by the Canada Games Council, at any time;
3. Athletes who have competed in speed skating for any nation at any senior Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games or senior World Championships;

GENERAL

The Technical Committee will be deal with and decide on all situations not expressly covered by the rules contained herein.

SHORT TRACK

1. COMPOSITION

The Canada Winter Games Team, Short Track will be composed of 5 women and 5 men. The 5 men and 5 women with the best point total will be considered for team selection. The Technical Committee may also grant a bye on to the Team due to illness or injury

TIE BREAKER

Ties for the final position on the Short Track Team will be broken by using the tied skaters' fastest 500M time from the selection event. If the skaters remain tied, the next fastest 500m from the selection event will be used and so on.

3. COMPETITION FORMAT

- A. Canada Winter Games eligible athletes will be ranked based upon their best 777M pursuit from any Provincially and/or CASSA sanctioned event between October 1, 2002 to November 11, 2002. The fastest 16 times for men and women will determine the two groups eligible for racing in the Canada Winter Games Selection Division.
- B. It is the responsibility of the skater or coach to ensure that pursuits skated outside of Ontario are forwarded to the office no later than close of business on November 11, 2002.
- C. In case of a tie for the 16th place position, the tied skaters will skate a 7-lap pursuit at the selection event. The fastest time will be the 16th skater in the group.
- D. Points will **not** be awarded for the pursuit ranking. The pursuit ranking will determine the seeding for the 1500m on day 1 of the selection event.
- E. The pursuit ranking will break ties in seeding the next heats during the selection event. If a tie exists for the 16th place rank in the pursuits, the tie will be broken by lot.

1. Race Format

Day 1:	1500M	500M	
Day 2	1000M	500m	3000M

1. POINTS

- A. The overall points standings will be determined by the cumulative of the results of the 1500M, 1000M and 3000M, and the best of the two 500M results;

B. Only the top 8 point scorers, including ties, will race in the 3000M primary final;

C. Points will be awarded in the finals in accordance with the following:

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

A. If a skater retires from the competition due to illness or injury, the skater will retain the position where he/she left and will retain the points he/she has accumulated to that point. The skater will, then, be seeded in last place in all subsequent heats. This is done in order that the skater is not penalised. The skater will be listed in proper start order and take last place in each event, except for the 3000M where the skater will be seeded in accordance with the points they have earned to the point in the competition they left.

Example:

The skater is in heat A. he or she will be placed in semi-final C. He or she will, then, be placed in the Quaternary final and receive 46 points.

1. SEEDING

A. The first distance will be seeded from the results of the pursuits. Seeding for the heats for the other distances is from the cumulative points at that point in the competition;

B. Seeding will be conducted in accordance with the following:

500M and 1000M

HEATS

A	1	8	9	16
B	2	7	10	15
C	3	6	11	14
D	4	5	12	13

500M and 1000M

SEMI-FINALS

A	1st + 2nd FROM HEATS A + D
B	1st + 2nd FROM HEATS B + C
C	3rd + 4th FROM HEATS A + D
D	3rd + 4th FROM HEATS B + C

FINALS

PRIMARY	1st + 2nd FROM SEMI A + B
SECONDARY	3rd + 4th FROM SEMI A + B
TERTIARY	1st + 2nd FROM SEMI C + D
QUATERNARY	3rd + 4th FROM SEMI C + D

1500M

HEATS

A	1	6	7	12	13	
B	2	5	8	11	14	
C	3	4	9	10	15	16

FINAL

PRIMARY	1st + 2nd FROM HEATS A, B, C
SECONDARY	3rd + 4th FROM HEATS A, B, C

3000m

A. The 3000M is seeded directly to the final. The top 8 and ties in cumulative points, using the best 500M only, are to be seeded into the Primary final.

1. LAST RACE

A. During the last race, if a skater in contention for a place on the team is fouled, the referee may stop the race and begin again without the disqualified skater regardless of how many laps remain in the race. The race will be restarted immediately for the following distances:

RACE STOPPED - LAPS TO GO	# OF LAPS TO RE-SKATE
27 - 10	20
9 - 5	9
4 - 0	4

A. If the referee feels there was an intentional take down, the disqualified skater will receive no points for that race and the last place points for the race will not be awarded.

B. Also, if it is felt by the referee that there is team skating, he has the right to remove the points from those skaters in that race who are involved.

A. If the skater retires prior to the start of the first race, the 17th ranked skater will move into the 16th place and the rest will move up to fill the vacancy. Thus, the 18th ranked skater becomes the 17th ranked and so on.

1. DISQUALIFICATION:

A. Disqualified skaters will be considered last in the race and will advance or score points as the last place skater. If more than 1 disqualification occurs in the same race the skaters do not divide the points of the last 2 positions.

Example: Tertiary final 500M the points are 196, 160, 130, 106;

- o One disqualified - skater receives 106;
- o Two disqualified - skaters each receive 106.

A. Disqualified skaters in the same race are awarded points ahead of any skater who retires prior to the commencement of the race. Skaters who do not start the race are entitled to receive last place points for that final.

1. ADVANCEMENT

Advancements will occur as follows:

A. If a skater is advanced in the heats, he or she shall be placed in the same semi-final as the second place skater from that heat. With respect to advancements the semi-finals are to be balanced. The first advancement will follow the normal path. The second and subsequent advancements are to be distributed evenly. If the advancement is for the semi-final, skaters finishing 5th or lower in semi-finals A or B skate in the secondary final.

B. A skater who does not start a race is eligible to skate the remaining distances.

LONG TRACK**1. COMPOSITION**

The Canada Winter Games Team, Long Track will consist of 3 men and 3 women. The top 3 men and 3 women using Sammelagat points over four distances will be considered for team selection.

The Technical Committee may also grant a bye on to the Team due to illness or injury.

A referee may award re-skates in accordance with ISU rule 257.

1. RE-SKATES

A skater who falls during the race may request a re-skate from the referee prior to the next 2 pairs starting their race as long as the skater proceeds directly to the referee. In the case of a fall, the re-skate time will be the official time for team selection.

1. DISTANCES

The distance will be the Canada Winter Games distances.

Men	500M	1500M	3000M	5000M
Women	500M	1000M	1500M	3000m

1. COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition will follow ISU rules for events with one award over 4 distances (Rule 228 #5).

1. RACE ORDER

Day One	Men	500M	3000M
	Ladies	500M	1500M
Day Two	Men	1500M	5000M
	Ladies	1000M	3000M

ANNEX A

SPECIAL RULES - SHORT AND LONG TRACK

1. Each athlete or, in the case of an athlete who is under 18 years of age, his or her parent/guardian, must sign a declaration immediately following the completion the first selection event. The declaration may be revised up to 48 hours following the completion of the first selection event.
2. "I _____, declare that if I should qualify for the Ontario Speed Skating Association's Canada Winter Games Team in both Short Track and Long Track, I choose to skate _____ Track at the 2003 Canada Winter Games in Campbellton, New Brunswick."
1. Each team member will not be able to compete in the other discipline within three weeks of the first Games event. Each team member must concentrate on the discipline he or she has accepted on the Team. The Canada Winter Games Team Leader and the Coach must approve any exceptions.

ANNEX B

Pursuits at OSSA Sanctioned Short Track Events

Special permission is granted to second year Juvenile skaters to enter pursuits at OSSA sanctioned short track events prior to November 11, 2002 for the purpose of obtaining a ranking in order to be eligible for entry into the Canada Winter Games (CWG) Selection Event in London. Any Juvenile skater that enters a pursuit must skate in Open A Division, which race the CWG selection distances, for the entire competition.