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TIME STANDARDS and SELECTION CRITERIA

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide, in a timely manner, information concerning Competition Regulation s changes that will impact the running of competitions and the participation of athletes at those competitions. Decision noted in previous Bulletins remain in effect except to the extent that they have been superseded in a later Bulletin

The Bulletin will also be posted on the OSSA's website at www.speedskatingontario.org.

A. COMPETITON ENTRY CRITERIA

ONTARIO CUPS & PROVINCIAL AGE CLASS SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

➤ **PROVINCIAL AGE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1.1 The Committee after having reviewed the process for entry into the *Provincial Age Class Short Track Championships* decided, at its April meeting, consistent with its objective to provide better competition experiences for all, to introduce the following process to better reflect the commitment of athletes taking into account the necessity to achieve Ontario Cup time standards. Participation entry requirements will be graduated based upon when the athlete achieves his or her time. Athletes who achieve their Ontario Cup time standards later in the season will then have the clear opportunity to satisfy the participation requirements. In this manner, athletes may demonstrate their level of commitment regardless of when they achieve their time standards. As such:

➤ **Graduated Entry Requirements for Regional Stream skaters into the Ontario Cup Circuit**

1.2 The application of this section is subject to the provisions of paragraph 1.5 of Technical Bulletin #19. As such, skaters who meet the eligibility requirements noted in paragraph 1.4 of that Bulletin and who choose not to participate in the *Junior Open Championships* will be required, notwithstanding the remaining provisions of this section, to participate in three (3) Ontario Cup competitions in order to participate in the *Ontario Provincial Short Track Championships*.

1.3 At the beginning of the competitive season only skaters with Ontario Cup times for their respective age grouping may compete in the Ontario Cup circuit. Skaters who achieve Ontario Cup time standards prior to the entry deadline for the first Ontario Cup are subject to all the qualifying standards of attendance in order to be eligible to participate in the *Ontario Provincial Short Track Championships*.

1.4 Skaters who achieve Ontario Cup time standards subsequent to the first Ontario Cup event but prior to the entry deadline of the second Ontario Cup event are required to participate in one less Ontario Cup than the remaining number of Ontario Cup events in order to satisfy the participation requirement for the *Provincial Short Track Championships*.

➤ *For example, if there are three events remaining then the skater who has graduated from the Regional stream must enter and compete in at least two Ontario Cup events*

1.5 The same procedure shall be followed after each Ontario Cup and prior to the entry deadline of the next Ontario Cup to establish the participation requirement for Regional stream skaters who graduate to the Ontario Cup circuit during the skating season.

1.6 Any Regional stream skater who achieves Ontario Cup time standards prior to the entry deadline of the last Ontario Cup event must enter and skate the final

Ontario Cup event to meet the attendance requirement for participation in the *Provincial Short Track Championships*.

B TIME STANDARDS

➤ **ONTARIO CUPS**

1. Skaters who must have participated Ontario Cup Events during the season in accordance with the entry criteria noted in section A above must achieve the time performance standards outlined in **Annex A** to this Bulletin.
2. These standards are unchanged from last season.

➤ **PROVINCIAL AGE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. As noted above in order to participate in the Provincial Age Class Championships, athletes must have participated in Ontario Cup events in the current season in accordance with the provisions outlined in section A..
2. Athletes may count participation in an FPVQ Elite or Competitive level competition, if, due to conflicts in the timing of the events; they are unable to participate in an the Ontario Cup events and it is considered by the Technical Committee that participation in the *FPVQ Elite or Competitive* level competition is a better training and development alternative for the athlete in question.
3. Athletes must make the Technical Committee aware that they will have such a potential conflict, at least 30 days prior to the competition in order that the Committee may deal with the matter and advise the athlete.
4. Participation in a national ranking qualifying event which is being run co-extensively with an Ontario Cup competition will count as one of the two competitions.
5. The specific time performance standards are attached as **Annex B** to this Bulletin.
6. These standards are unchanged from the last season.

➤ **Canadian and North American Age Class Championships**

2006-07 Canadian and North American Short Track Championships:

The specific time performance standards will be published in a Technical Bulletin once the National Records for the past season have been approved by SSC.

1. To qualify to be entered by OSSA the athlete must have skated, in at least two (2) distances, within 115% of the applicable Canadian Age Class Record. The qualifying times must be skated at a sanctioned event; and,
2. Finish in the top four (4) overall positions at the Ontario Short Track Championships in their respective age category. Notwithstanding this, the absolute results of the Open Class will be tabulated to determine the ranking, for the Intermediate and Senior classes where these classes are combined in a racing division.

3. In the case where the top four (4) athletes at the Provincial Championships have not skated times within the 115% time standard, an athlete outside the top four (4) who raced at the Provincial Championships and has skated times within the time standard will be eligible for the Championship Event. These athletes will be ranked by their best two (2) distance average percentages and only the top four (4) are eligible to be entered.
4. Pre-qualification, for the Intermediate age category can occur for skaters who have a national ranking from the National Short Track Trials. These skaters must confirm their intention to participate in the Age Class Short Track Championships prior to the registration deadline for the Provincial Short Track Championships.
5. If North American Short Track Championships are held after the Canadian Short Track Mass Start Championships, an athlete earning a medal in any distance at the Canadian Short Track Mass Start Championships will also qualify for this event.
6. In cases where athletes named to participate as a member of team to either Championship declines, the next two finishing positions per age category will be named as an alternate if they also have achieved the required time standard. . An athlete outside of the top 6 finishing positions may be named as an alternate if they have also achieved a time standard of 112% or less for their best two (2) distance average percentages.

2006-07 Canadian and North American Mass Start Long Track Championships:

In order to be eligible to be named to the Team representing Ontario at the Canadian and North American Long Track Championships, it will be necessary to have competed in a **sanctioned mass** start long track event in Ontario other than the Provincial Championships.

Any exception to the above must have the prior approval of the Technical Committee. Athletes must make the Technical Committee aware that they wish to have an exception approved by notifying the Committee, at least 30 days prior to the competition in question in order that the Committee may deal with the matter and advise the athlete of its decision. .

The specific time performance standards will be published in a Technical Bulletin once the National Records for the past season have been approved by SSC.

CANADIAN LONG TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mass Start

1. To qualify to be entered by OSSA, the athlete must have skated, in at least two (2) distances, within 115% of the applicable Canadian Age Class Record, other than records established at Calgary, and, finish in the top four (4) overall positions at the Ontario Long Track Mass Start Championships in the athlete's respective age category; **or**,
2.
 - a) Finish in the top six (6) overall positions at the Ontario Long Track Mass Start Championships provided that the six (6) athletes have recorded times in the current

season within 105% of the applicable Canadian Age Class Record in two (2) distances, as per SSC Rule K2-101 (b); **or**,

- b) In the case where the top four (4) athletes at the Provincial Championships have not skated times within the 115% time standard, an athlete outside the top four (4) who raced at the Provincial Championships and has skated times within the time standard will qualify to be entered. These athletes will be ranked by their best two (2) distance average percentages and only the top four (4) are eligible to be entered.
3. The qualifying times must be skated at a sanctioned event excluding events held at the Calgary Oval, subject to the provisions of K2-101 (b) noted above.

North American Long Track Championships

Mass Start

1. To qualify to be entered by OSSA athlete must have skated in at least two (2) distances within 115% of the applicable Canadian Age Class Record, other than Calgary; and,
2. Finished in the top four (4) overall positions at the Ontario Long Track Mass Start Championships; or,
3. In the case where the top four (4) athletes at the Provincial Championships have not skated times within the 115% time standard, an athlete who has finished outside the top four (4) at the Provincial Championships and has skated times within the time standard will be eligible for entry into the event. These athletes will be ranked by their best two (2) distance average percentages. Only the top four (4) are eligible to be entered.
4. The qualifying times must be skated at a sanctioned event except for events in the Calgary Oval. If the event is held after the Canadian Long Track Mass Start Championships, an athlete earning a medal in any distance at the Canadian Long Track Mass Start Championships will also qualify for this event.

NOTE:

SSC's Competitions Development Committee has recommended the North American Alliance agreement be altered to convert the *North American Long Track Mass Start Championships* to an Olympic Style event commencing in the 2006-2007 season. Should this take place, details with respect to participation in this event will be published in a later Technical Bulletin.

SCHEDULE I

ANNEX A

2006-2007 Ontario Cup Short Track Standards

1. These standards apply to all Ontario Cup meets,
2. Skaters must have skated a total time less than or equal to the standard total time for their age class. The total time is the sum of the best times skated in the 2005-06 or the current season for the two distances shown for their age class in the table below. The best times must be from a meet or meets completed before the registration deadline of the Ontario Cup for which the skater is applying.
3. Intermediate and Senior skaters will skate either Open A or Open B.
4. Junior skaters may skate Open A if they meet the Open A time standard.
5. Skaters must meet the **total** time standard for the two distances. The times shown for individual distances are simply targets and do not count by themselves. All the times are in seconds. For times greater than 1 minute, the time is also listed in minutes and seconds.

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| PEEWEE | 111 | 222 | Total |
| Girls | 25 | 51 | 76.00 |
| Boys | 25 | 47 | 72.00 |
| BANTAM | 222 | 333 | Total |
| Girls | 36 | 52 | 88.00 |
| Boys | 33 | 49 | 82.00 |
| MIDGET | 333 | 500 | Total |
| Girls | 43 | 65 (1:05) | 108.00 |
| Boys | 42 | 64 (1:04) | 106.00 |
| JUVENILE | 500 | 666 | Total |
| Girls | 59 | 79 (1:19) | 138.00 |
| Boys | 58 | 75 (1:15) | 133.00 |
| JUNIOR | 500 | 1000 | Total |
| Women | 56 | 116 (1:56) | 172.00 |
| Men | 51 | 108 (1:48) | 159.00 |
| OPEN B | 500 | 1000 | Total |
| Women | 56 | 114 (1:54) | 170.00 |
| Men | 51 | 104 (1:44) | 155.00 |
| OPEN A | 500 | 1000 | Total |
| Women | 53 | 110 (1:50) | 163.00 |
| Men | 49 | 98 (1:38) | 147.00 |

ANNEX B

2006-2007 Provincial Short Track Age Class Championships Standards

1. Skaters must have participated in Ontario Cup events this season subject to the provisions noted earlier in this Bulletin.
2. Skaters must have skated a total time less than or equal to the standard total time for their age class. The total time is the sum of the best times skated in the 2006-07 season for the two distances shown for their age class in the table below. The best times may be skated at any sanctioned meet including but not limited to Ontario Cup events. In any case, the times must be completed prior to the registration deadline for the Provincial Championships.
3. Skaters must meet the **total** time standard for the two distances. The times shown for individual distances are simply targets and do not count by themselves. All the times are in seconds. For times greater than 1 minute, the time is also listed in minutes and seconds.

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|---------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| PEEWEE | 111 | 222 | Total |
| Girls | 25 | 49 | 74.00 |
| Boys | 24 | 46 | 70.00 |
| BANTAM | 222 | 333 | Total |
| Girls | 35 | 50 | 85.00 |
| Boys | 32 | 48 | 80.00 |
| MIDGET | 333 | 500 | Total |
| Girls | 42 | 63 (1:03) | 105.00 |
| Boys | 41 | 62 (1:02) | 103.00 |
| JUVENILE | 500 | 666 | Total |
| Girls | 58 | 77 (1:17) | 135.00 |
| Boys | 55 | 75 (1:15) | 130.00 |
| JUNIOR | 500 | 1000 | Total |
| Women | 55 | 111 (1:51) | 166.00 |
| Men | 51 | 103 (1:43) | 154.00 |
| INTERMEDIATE | 500 | 1000 | Total |
| Women | 55 | 111 (1:51) | 166.00 |
| Men | 48 | 101 (1:41) | 149.00 |
| SENIOR | 500 | 1000 | Total |
| Women | 55 | 111 (1:51) | 166.00 |
| Men | 48 | 101 (1:41) | 149.00 |

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