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CANADA WINTER GAMES TEAM
SELECTION PROCESS
&
TECHNICAL PACKAGE

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SECTION A

INTRODUCTION

The Team, which will represent Ontario and the OSSA at the Canada Winter Games, will consist of 5 male and 5 female athletes for Short Track and 4 male and 4 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 travel to the Games only if one of the selected team members is not able to attend.

The selection for Short Track will take place *December 9-10, 2006* during the *Canada Winter Games Selection/Junior Open Championships* in Gloucester. A Canada Winter Games Selection 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 division will be considered for the Team at the conclusion of the competition.

The Team selection for Long Track will take place at *Canada Winter Games Selection/Canada's Capital Long Track* meet on *January 13-14, 2007* in Ottawa. In that case, the top 4 men and top 4 women will be considered for the Team. The date and location is subject to change depending on weather conditions. An alternate for the competition will be identified in the event that this competition cannot be completed

SECTION B

ELIGIBILITY

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

1. be a competitive member of both OSSA and SSC in good standing and properly registered with the event organisers for the selection events;
2. Competitors who have reached the age of 14 on June 30th, 2006 but have not reached the age of 19 on June 30th, 2006. *Year of Birth:* July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1992 inclusive
3. All competitors must meet the requirements as outlined in ANNEX D of this document.

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

1. Athletes that have held a senior card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time;
2. Athletes that have been National Senior Team members (as defined by Speed Skating Canada and approved by the Canada Games Council) at any time;
3. Athletes that have competed in speed skating for any nation at any senior Pan American Games, Olympic Games, Senior World Championships, or a World Cup competition.

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to a change in carding status or national team status (no athlete will be excluded if they attain National Senior Team members status for the first time, skate in a World Cup or World Championships for the first time, or they are granted carding status after December 23, 2006)

Section C **GENERAL**

The Technical Committee, using its absolute discretion, will deal with all situations not expressly covered by the rules contained herein.

BYES:

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

PRE-SELECTION:

Skaters who earn a position as a member of either Canada's Short or Long Track World Junior Team are pre-selected to a position as a member of the respective Canada Winter Games Team.

Skater's who are pre-selected in this manner shall **not** compete in the relevant selection event.

COMPETITION JURY

The Competition Jury will consist of the Chair of the Technical Committee, or his or her designate, the Chief Referee, the Director of Sport Development, and other members of the Technical Committee in attendance except for the Skater's Representative.

Section D **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. .

2. 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. If after having referred to the 500 time, the skaters remain tied, referring to the 1000M will break the tie and so on.

3. COMPETITION FORMAT

□ *ELIGIBILITY:*

Athletes who have achieved the Open A time standard as published in Technical Bulletin #17 by December 2, 2006. .

□ *Race Format*

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

4. POINTS

- The overall points standings will be determined by the cumulative of the results of the 1500M, 1000M and 3000M, and the best placing of the two 500M results;
- Only the top 8 point scorers, including ties, will race in the 3000M primary final;
- Points will be awarded in the competition in accordance with the following:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	1000	11	130	21	23	31	13	41	3
2	816	12	106	22	22	32	12	42	2
3	666	13	86	23	21	33	11	43	1
4	543	14	70	24	20	34	10	Others	1
5	443	15	57	25	19	35	9		
6	362	16	46	26	18	36	8		
7	295	17	37	27	17	37	7		
8	241	18	30	28	16	38	6		
9	196	19	25	29	15	39	5		
10	160	20	24	30	14	40	4		

A tie for 1st 908points each, the next skater 666 points

A tie for 2nd 741 points each, the next skater 543 points

A tie for 3rd 605 points each, the next skater 443 points

A tie for 4th 493 points each, the next skater 362 points etc...

- 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 a 500m 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.

5. SEEDING and ADVANCEMENT

- Seeding into the heats for the initial distance will be based upon the ranking of skaters using the total time of the best 500m and 1000m time.

- Advancements will occur subsequently as follows
 - 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.
 - A skater who does not start a race is eligible to skate the remaining distances

Seeding for Quarter-finals and Semi-finals.

Seeding for the semi-finals in the 1500m, and for the quarter-finals and semi-finals in the 500m and 1000m distances will be done on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU competition points awarded in the heats (for the 1500m) and heats and quarter-finals (for the 500m and 1000m) as described below:

Competition Points							
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
34	21	13	8	5	3	2	1

- Ties in competition points will be broken by referring to the placing and then times skated in the previous round of racing; the highest placing and then fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on.
- If there is still a tie then the skater with the highest original seeding for the distance will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.
- **Annex C:** provides the pattern for seeding skaters in accordance with the above.

LAST RACE (3000m)

- 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 in accordance with the following:

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 considered by the Referee that there is team skating, he or she has the right to remove the points from the skaters in the race who are involved.

7. AWARDING OF POINTS

- A) Those skaters who complete an event will be ranked ahead of those who start but do not complete the event.
- B) Those skaters who do not complete a race will be ranked ahead of a disqualified skater in the race. The competitors that start but do not complete the event will receive last place points unless there is a disqualification. A disqualification in any race will place that skater in last place position.
- C) Disqualified skaters in the same race are awarded points ahead of any skater who retires prior to the commencement of the race.
- D) Skaters who do not start a final race are entitled to receive last place points for that final.
- E) 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;

- One disqualified - skater receives 106;
 - Two disqualified - skaters each receive 106.
- F) In the case of disqualification in a final, no points will be given to the skater if the Referee judges that there is unsportsmanlike-like conduct or a major infraction, subject to review by the Competition Jury. For all other disqualifications in finals, the skater (s) will receive the points of the last place for the final skated. Athletes who register but do not compete will not be ranked in that event.

Section E **LONG TRACK**

1. COMPOSITION

The Canada Winter Games Team, Long Track will consist of 4 men and 4 women. The top 4 men and 4 women using performance points over 5 distances will be considered for team selection.

The Team will be chosen based upon the total accumulated performance points earned, in accordance with the schedule noted in Annex A, over the 5 distances noted in sub-section 4 below.

2. DISTANCES

The distances will be the Canada Winter Games distances.

Men	100M	500M	1500M	3000M	5000M
Women	100M	500M	1000M	1500M	3000M

3. RACE PROGRAM

Day One	Men	500M	100M HEATS	3000M
	Women	500M	100M HEATS	1500M
Day Two	Men	100M FINALS	1500M	5000M
	Women	100M FINALS	1000M	3000M

4. SEEDING

- A For the 100m, the seeding will be based on the 100m openers in the 500m. If for any reason, the 500m is not been raced at the Trials, the most recent Canada Post Cup 100m openers from the 500m will be used for ranking. Skaters who did not compete in the 500m will be unranked. These unranked skater(s) will skate in the first pair(s). If there is more than one unranked skater, their order of skating and lanes will be determined by a draw.
- B The skaters seeding will be the skater's performances in the appropriate distance at Canada Post Cup #1.

If for any reason these distances are not completed at Canada Post Cup #1, the seeding will be the appropriate distances at Canada Post Junior Championships / Canada Post Cup #2. If a distance is not completed at both Canada Cup #1 and #2, the 2006 Canadian rankings – Long Track will be used for seeding.

The skaters will be Grouped based on the seeding as defined above.

- Group 1: Top 8 ranked skaters based on the appropriate seeding ranking
- Group 2: The next 8 ranked skaters for the distance
- Group 3: The next 8 ranked skaters for the distance
- Group 4: All unranked skaters

C Seeding for Ladies 3000 and the Men's 5000m

For the ladies 3000m skaters will be paired from the CWG Group ladies 1500m with the order of skating from lowest ranked to highest ranked (fastest). Skaters who did not compete in the 1500m will be unranked. These unranked skater(s) will skate in the first pair(s). If there is more than one unranked skater, their order of skating and lanes will be determined by a draw.

For the men's 5000m skaters will be paired from the CWG Group men's 3000m with the order of skating from lowest ranked to highest ranked (fastest). Skaters who did not compete in the 3000m will be unranked. These unranked skater(s) will skate in the first pair(s). If there is more than one unranked skater, their order of skating and lanes will be determined by a draw

5. RE-SKATES

Re-skates may be awarded in accordance with ISU Rule #257:

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.

If the Competition Jury thinks that the ice and/or weather conditions would give the skater an undeserved advantage, they shall inform the skater that the re-skate will not be permitted.

6. COMPETITION FORMAT

a) The competition will follow ISU rules for events with one award over 4 distances (Rule 228 #5) with the exception that the 100m results will **not** count for the purpose of seeding the Men's 1500m and the Women's 1000m.

b) **Order of Racing:**

Normally the events will be raced with the highest ranked Group racing last. However, weather and ice conditions may necessitate changing the order to the highest Group racing first. The Competition Jury will make this decision.

Decisions made by the Competition Jury are final and not subject to appeal.

ANNEX A

LONG TRACK PERFORMANCE POINTS

Performance points for all distances are allocated as per the following schedule

1 st - 100	9 th - 32	17 th - 14	25 th - 6
2 nd - 80	10 th - 28	18 th - 13	26 th - 5
3 rd - 70	11 th - 26	19 th - 12	27 th - 4
4 th - 60	12 th - 24	20 th - 11	28 th - 3
5 th - 50	13 th - 22	21 st - 10	29 th - 2
6 th - 45	14 th - 20	22 nd - 9	30 th - 1
7 th - 40	15 th - 18	23 rd - 8	
8 th - 36	16 th - 16	24 th - 7	

NB: If two or more skaters have obtained the same rank, each skater receives the full points assigned to the given rank.

ANNEX B**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 2007 Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon.”
3. 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 C

SEEDING and ADVANCEMENT**Advancements for a Group of 16**

- Advancement from the heats to the semis will be top 2, and from the semis to the finals will be top 2.

□ **500m and 1000m**

<i>500m and 1000m Heats</i>				
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	2	3	4
	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
	16	15	14	13
<i>500m and 1000m Semis</i>				
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	2	9	10
	4	3	12	11
	5	6	13	14
	8	7	16	15
<i>500m and 1000m Finals</i>				
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	5	9	13
	2	6	10	14
	3	7	11	15
	4	8	12	16

□ **1500m**

<i>1500m Heats</i>			
Distance Seeding	A	B	C
	1	2	3
	6	5	4
	7	8	9
	12	11	10
	13	14	15
			16
<i>1500m Finals</i>			
Distance Seeding	A	B	C
	1	7	13
	2	8	14
	3	9	15
	4	10	16
	5	11	
6	12		

□ **Composition of 3000m finals**

- The 3000M is seeded directly to the final. The top 8 in cumulative points, using the best placing in the 500M, are to be seeded into the Primary final.
- Skaters ranked 9-16 in overall total points after the first three distances will skate in final B. Skaters ranked 17-24 in overall total points after the first three distances will skate in final C.
- In case of a tie for the 8th, 16th or 24th place, the tied skaters will skate in the A, B, or C final respectively

<i>3000m Finals</i>		
Distance Seeding	A	B
	1	9
	2	10
	3	11
	4	12
	5	13
	6	14
	7	15
	8	16

Advancements for a Group of 24

□ **500m and 1000m**

- Advancement from the heats to the quarters will be top 2.
- Advancement from quarters A, B, C, and D to the semis will be top 2.
- Advancement from quarters E and F will be top 2 and proceed directly to the final round E and F.
- Advancement from semis A and B will be top 2 and proceed to finals A and B. Advancements from semis C and D will be top 2 and proceed to finals C and D.

<i>500m and 1000m Heats</i>								
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>500m and 1000m Quarters</i>								
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F		
	1	2	3	4	17	18		
	8	7	6	5	20	19		
	9	10	11	12	21	22		
	16	15	14	13	24	23		
<i>500m and 1000m Semis</i>								
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D				
	1	2	9	10				
	4	3	12	11				
	5	6	13	14				
	8	7	16	15				

<i>500m and 1000m Finals</i>						
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F
	1	5	9	13	17	21
	2	6	10	14	18	22
	3	7	11	15	19	23
	4	8	12	16	20	24

□ **1500m**

- Advancements for each round of the 1500m are top 3.

<i>1500m Heats</i>				
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	2	3	4
	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
	16	15	14	13
	17	18	19	20
	24	23	22	21

<i>1500m Semis</i>				
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	2	13	14
	4	3	16	15
	5	6	17	18
	8	7	20	19
	9	10	21	22
	12	11	24	23

<i>1500m Finals</i>				
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	7	13	19
	2	8	14	20
	3	9	15	21
	4	10	16	22
	5	11	17	23
	6	12	18	24

□ **Composition of 3000m finals**

Composition of 3000m finals

- The 3000M is seeded directly to the final. The top 8 in cumulative points, using the best placing in the 500M, are to be seeded into the Primary final.
- Skaters ranked 9-16 in overall total points after the first three distances will skate in final B. Skaters ranked 17-24 in overall total points after the first three distances will skate in final C.
- In case of a tie for the 8th, 16th or 24th place, the tied skaters will skate in the A, B, or C final respectively.

<i>3000m Finals</i>			
Distance Seeding	A	B	C
	1	9	17
	2	10	18
	3	11	19
	4	12	20
	5	13	21
	6	14	22
	7	15	23
	8	16	24

Advancements for a Group of 32

□ **500m and 1000m**

- Advancements from the heats to the quarters will be top 2, from the quarters to the semis will be top 2, and from the semis to the finals will be top 2.

<i>500m and 1000m Heats</i>								
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
<i>500m and 1000m Quarters</i>								
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	1	2	3	4	17	18	19	20
	8	7	6	5	24	23	22	21
	9	10	11	12	25	26	27	28
	16	15	14	13	32	31	30	29
<i>500m and 1000m Semis</i>								
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	1	2	9	10	17	18	25	26
	4	3	12	11	20	19	28	27
	5	6	13	14	21	22	29	30
	8	7	16	15	24	23	32	31
<i>500m and 1000m Finals</i>								
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
	2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30
	3	7	11	15	19	22	27	31
	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32

□ **1500m**

- Advancement from the heats to the semi round will be top 3.
- Advancement from semis A, B, and C to the final round will be top 2.
- Advancement from semis D and E to the final round will be top 3 plus the fastest fourth from semi D and E.

<i>1500m Heats</i>						
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	12	11	10	9	8	7
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	24	23	22	21	20	19
	25	26	27	28	29	30
					32	31

<i>1500m Semis</i>					
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D	E
	1	2	3	19	20
	6	5	4	22	21
	7	8	9	23	24
	12	11	10	26	25
	13	14	15	27	28
	18	17	16	30	29
			31	32	

<i>1500m Finals</i>					
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D	E
	1	7	13	19	25
	2	8	14	20	26
	3	9	15	21	27
	4	10	16	22	28
	5	11	17	23	29
	6	12	18	24	30

□ **Composition of 3000m finals**

- The 3000M is seeded directly to the final. The top 8 in cumulative points, using the best placing in the 500M, are to be seeded into the Primary final.
- Skaters ranked 9-16 in overall total points after the first three distances will skate in final B. Skaters ranked 17-24 in overall total points after the first three distances will skate in final C. Skaters ranked 25-32 in overall total points after the first three distances will skate in final D.
- In case of a tie for the 8th, 16th or 24th place, the tied skaters will skate in the A, B, or C final respectively.

<i>3000m Finals</i>				
Distance Seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	9	17	25
	2	10	18	26
	3	11	19	27
	4	12	20	28
	5	13	21	29
	6	14	22	30
	7	15	23	31
	8	16	24	32

ANNEX D

2007 Whitehorse Canada Winter Games

Competitor Eligibility

1. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements noted outlined Section B and in the CWG Technical Package including those noted below.
1. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants.
2. The Games are open to amateur athletes who are members in good standing of their respective provincial and/or national sport organization.
4. An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the province or territory they are representing. An athlete can have only one domicile.
5. Students attending school on a full-time basis outside their province of permanent residence during the year of the Games shall be permitted to compete for either their province of permanent resident or the province in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the 2006-2007 academic year.
6. If a non-student athlete attends a recognized national training centre outside his or her Province of permanent residence, the athlete is encouraged to represent his or her province of permanent residence; however, the athlete could represent the province where the centre is located under the terms of paragraph (7), below.
7. Exceptions to the domicile requirement will be possible if the athlete can demonstrate a commitment to the province or territory she or he wishes to represent by such means as having been a member of a club or provincial sport organization in that province for the entire previous competitive season, having represented that province or territory at a previous national or regional championship or having attended school full-time the previous academic year or a recognized national training centre full-time during the previous 12 months. Other similar circumstances may be considered.
8. An athlete is permitted to try out for only one province or territory per Games.