



The Olympic Oval invites you to the
**2013 Canadian Open National Qualifier
 Short Track Speed Skating Competition**

at the Olympic Oval, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
 October 3 - 6, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENT

Program

Wednesday, October 2	19:00	Coaches Meeting
Thursday, October 3	09:00	Qualifying Rounds 1500m, 500m
Friday, October 4	09:00	Repechage 1500m Final 1500m
Saturday, October 5	09:00	Repechage 500m Final 500m
Sunday, October 6	09:00	Repechage 1000m Final 1000m

*Start times may be moved if necessary

Eligibility

Competitors at the Canadian Open National Qualifier must have reached the age of 14 before July 1, 2013 (ISU Rule 108). All athletes with a 2012-13 Canadian Senior Ranking (excluding those who competed or were originally qualified for the Intact Insurance 2014 Short Track Team Selections event) will be automatically entered for the competition.

Remaining positions will be awarded to skaters who meet the time standard from the 2012-2013 season stated below*

Time Standard*

Women: 3 min 30 sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times (eg: 50" and 2'40")
 Men: 3 min 09 sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times (eg: 46" and 2'23")

***Exception:** In the event that the number of entries meeting the time standard exceeds the total number of places available, each province will be guaranteed an entry of at least two(2) skaters per gender who meet the time standard stated above.

General Regulations

The 2013 Canadian Open National Qualifier Competition will be held in accordance with the 2013 SSC High Performance Bulletin ST158 Regulations and SSC General Rules and Regulations.

Maximum number of competitors

The competition will have a maximum of 60 entries for women and 74 for men. Of these skaters, the top 48 women and 60 men will compete in the qualifying round on Thursday and the remaining skaters (up to 12 women and 14 men) will join the competition for repechage or final rounds on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Track

The Olympic Oval North Rink is an International size rink measuring at 30m by 60m. The Centurian ST-2000 safety mat system surrounds the north rink to reduce the chance and severity of injury.

Format

This competition will be a 4 day event, from Thursday to Sunday. Thursday is a qualifying day for the 1500m and the 500m and the 3 other days include final rounds as well as 'repechage' rounds according to the open competition format. Four(4) skaters will have access to final rounds from repechage rounds. Friday will have repechage and final rounds for the 1500m, Saturday will have repechage and final rounds for the 500m and Sunday will have repechage and final rounds for the 1000m. In order to determine which skaters enter the 1000m repechage or final rounds, the cumulative ranking from the 500m and 1500m results will be used to generate a ranking for the 1000m distance. The top 12 athletes go directly to final rounds, while the remainder compete in the repechage.

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Sanction

This competition is sanctioned by the Alberta Speed Skating Association and Speed Skating Canada

Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119; the International Skating Union, Speed Skating Canada, Alberta Speed Skating Association, the Olympic Oval, and the University of Calgary assume no responsibility for, or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with the 2013 Canadian Open National Qualifier Short Track Competition. Each Skater is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Transportation

Each skater is responsible for his/her own transportation.

Training Times

Please contact Maggie Dekking at maggie.dekking@ucalgary.ca for information

Official Hotels of the Olympic Oval (Please use the code L-OVAL when booking rooms)

Best Western Village Park Inn 1804 Crowchild Trail NW Calgary, AB Phone: 1-403-289-4645 sara@villageparkinn.com	Four Points by Sheraton – Calgary West 8220 Bowridge Cr NW, Calgary, AB Phone: 1-403-288-4441 sara@fourpoints-calgary.ca	Hotel Alma 169 University Gate NW Calgary, AB Phone – 1-403-220-5443 stay@hotelalma.ca
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Entry Fees:

Canadian Open National Qualifier Entry Fee: \$100 (CDN) includes GST

Late Fee: Double entry fee after Entry Deadline as per SSC rule.

Olympic Oval Waiver Form: Skaters in their first competition of the season in the Olympic Oval must fill out the Waiver Form which can be found next to the corresponding competition name [here](#).

Send entry times to:

Deadline ~~September 02, 2013~~ Extended to September 04, 2013

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Send entry fee to:

Deadline September 25, 2013 4:00 pm

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