

SPEED SKATING CANADA HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETIN



Competition format for International Invitational competition

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I. Seeding

Seeding for the first round

1500m

Seeding for the first round of the 1500m distance will be according to the following priority:

- 1500m World Ranking 2018-19 then,
- 1500m entry times, ties broken by best combined time, subsequent ties broken by coin toss

500m

Seeding for the first round of the 500m distance will be according to the following priority:

- 500m World Ranking 2018-19 then,
- 500m entry times, ties broken by best combined time, subsequent ties broken by coin toss

1000m

Seeding for the first round of the 1000m will be made on the basis of the sum of ranking points earned in the 1500m and 500m distances of the present competition. (Any ties will be broken by referring to a coin toss).

Seeding for Qualifications and semi-finals

ISU rule 295 Paragraph 6 will be applied for seeding.

Rule 295 Paragraph 6:

For each distance a classification will be made in which the participants are ranked:

- by block; Final A, Final B, Semi-Finalists, Quarter-Finalists, etc.;
- by position (finish place) within the respective block;
- by position (finish place) within the subsequent previous Qualifying Rounds;
- by best time skated in any race over the distance;
- further ties will not be broken for completed Distance Classifications.

For any intermediate Distance classifications:

- in the case of equal times over the distance, a draw will take place to establish the order;
- in the case where there are no time(s) available, a draw will take place for the respective Skaters/Teams to determine their rank in comparison to the others with the same position (finish place).

II. Lane Positions

For the first round of a distance lane positions will be drawn by the Competitor Steward. For each subsequent round the lane position will be decided by the times skated in the preceding round, referring to ISU rule 296 paragraph 8. Skaters will be assigned lane positions from the inside of the track to the outside in the order of their times commencing with the fastest time.

III. Format for the 1500m event

Composition of the Preliminaries (1500m)

	1500m Prelim							
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
	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41
	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
					60	59	58	57

If starting numbers are reduced from 60, the HPCST Chair or his/her delegate, in consultation with the chief referee and the competitor steward for the competition, will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

Composition of Qualifications (1500m)

Top Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 5 fastest 3rd placed skaters* from each of the 8 prelim heats will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-21; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 3 qualification heats (A, B, C) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 8 prelim heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 22-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 5 qualification bottom bracket heats (A, B, C, D, E) as described below.

Qualification 1500m									
Rank from 1st round	Qualification top bracket				Qualification bottom bracket				
	A	B	C		A	B	C	D	E
	1	2	3		22	23	24	25	26
	6	5	4		31	30	29	28	27
	7	8	9		32	33	34	35	36
	12	11	10		41	40	39	38	37
	13	14	15		42	43	44	45	46
	18	17	16		51	50	49	48	47
	19	20	21		52	53	54	55	56
						60	59	58	57

Composition of Finals (1500m)

Top Bracket

- Final A: 1st, 2nd and fastest 3rd placed skater* of qualification A B and C
 Final B: 3rd, 4th and 2 fastest 5th placed skaters of qualification A B and C
 Final C: Remaining skaters from qualification A B and C

Bottom Bracket

Final A: The top 1 skaters as well as the 2 fastest 2nd placed skaters from each of the 5 bottom bracket qualifications (final ranks 22-28; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds)

Final B: The 2nd placed skaters as well as the 4 fastest 3rd placed skaters from each of the 5 bottom bracket qualifications (final ranks 29-35; lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds)

Final C: The 3rd and 4th placed skaters as well as the 1 fastest 5th placed skater from each of the 5 bottom bracket qualifications (final ranks 36-42; lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds)

Final D: The 5th placed skaters as well as the 3 fastest 6th placed skaters from each of the 5 bottom bracket qualifications (final ranks 43-49; lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds)

Final E: The 6th and the 4 fastest 7th placed skaters from each of the 5 bottom bracket qualifications (final ranks 50-56; lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds)

Final F: The remaining skaters (final ranks 57-60).

IV. Format for the 500m event

Composition of the Preliminaries (500m)

500m Preliminaries												
Distance seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37
	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

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Composition of Qualifications

Top Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 6 fastest 3rd placed skaters* from each of the 12 preliminaries will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-30; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 6 qualification heats (A, B, C, D, E, F) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 12 preliminaries will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 31-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 6 qualification bottom bracket heats (A, B, C, D, E, F) as described below.

Qualifications 500m													
Rank from 1st round	Qualif top bracket							Qualif bottom bracket					
	A	B	C	D	E	F		A	B	C	D	E	F
	1	2	3	4	5	6		31	32	33	34	35	36
	12	11	10	9	8	7		42	41	40	39	38	37
	13	14	15	16	17	18		43	44	45	46	47	48
	24	23	22	21	20	19		54	53	52	51	50	49
25	26	27	28	29	30		55	56	57	58	59	60	

Composition of Semi-finals

Top Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 3 fastest 3rd placed skaters* from each of the 6 top bracket qualif heats will be seeded into the 3 top A bracket semi-finals (A, B, C, ; final ranks 1-15; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 6 top bracket heats will be seeded into the next 3 top B bracket semi-finals (A, B, C final ranks 16-30; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below

Semi-finals 500m							
Rank from 2nd round	Top A				Top B		
	A	B	C		A	B	C
	1	2	3		16	17	18
	6	5	4		21	20	19
	7	8	9		22	23	24
	12	11	10		27	26	25
13	14	15		28	29	30	

Bottom Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 3 fastest 3rd placed skaters* from each of the 6 bottom bracket qualif heats will be seeded into the 3 bottom A bracket semi-finals (A, B, C, ; final ranks 31-45; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 6 bottom bracket heats will be seeded into the next 3 bottom B bracket semi-finals (A, B, C final ranks 46-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below

Semi-finals 500m							
Rank from 2nd round	Bottom A				Bottom B		
	A	B	C		A	B	C
	31	32	33		46	47	48
	36	35	34		51	50	49
	37	38	39		52	53	54
	42	41	40		57	56	55
43	44	45		58	59	60	

Composition of the Finals (500m)

Top A

- Final A: 1st and fastest 2nd of Top A Semis A B and C
- Final B: 2nd and 2 fastest 3^{rds} of Top A Semis A B and C
- Final C: 3rd and 3 fastest 4^{ths} of Top A Semis A B and C
- Final D: Remaining skaters from Top A Semis A B and C

Top B

- Final A: 1st and fastest 2nd of Top B Semis A B and C
- Final B: 2nd and 2 fastest 3^{rds} of Top B Semis A B and C
- Final C: 3rd and 3 fastest 4^{ths} of Top B Semis A B and C
- Final D: Remaining skaters from Top B Semis A B and C

Bottom A

- Final A: 1st and fastest 2nd of Bottom A Semis A B and C
- Final B: 2nd and 2 fastest 3^{rds} of Bottom A Semis A B and C
- Final C: 3rd and 3 fastest 4^{ths} of Bottom A Semis A B and C
- Final D: Remaining skaters from Bottom A Semis A B and C

Bottom B

- Final A: 1st and fastest 2nd of Bottom B Semis A B and C
- Final B: 2nd and 2 fastest 3^{rds} of Bottom B Semis A B and C
- Final C: 3rd and 3 fastest 4^{ths} of Bottom B Semis A B and C
- Final D: Remaining skaters from Bottom B Semis A B and C

V. Format for the 1000m event

Composition of the Preliminaries (1000m)

1000m Preliminaries										
Distance seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31
	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51

If starting numbers are reduced from 60, the HPCST Chair or his/her delegate, in consultation with the chief referee and the competitor steward for the competition, will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

Composition of Qualifications (1000m)

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters from each of the 10 preliminaries will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-30; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 6 qualification heats (A, B, C, D, E, F) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 10 preliminaries will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 31-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 6 qualification bottom bracket heats (A, B, C, D, E, F) as described below.

Qualifications 1000m													
Rank from 1st round	Qualif top bracket							Qualif bottom bracket					
	A	B	C	D	E	F		A	B	C	D	E	F
	1	2	3	4	5	6		31	32	33	34	35	36
	12	11	10	9	8	7		42	41	40	39	38	37
	13	14	15	16	17	18		43	44	45	46	47	48
	24	23	22	21	20	19		54	53	52	51	50	49
25	26	27	28	29	30		55	56	57	58	59	60	

Composition of Semi-finals (1000m)

Top Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 3 fastest 3rd placed skaters* from each of the 6 top bracket heats will be seeded into the top 3 top A bracket semi-finals (A, B, C; final rank 1-15; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 6 top bracket heats will be seeded into the next 3 top B bracket semi-finals (A, B, C; final rank 16-30; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

Semi-finals 1000m							
Rank from 2nd round	Top A				Top B		
	A	B	C		A	B	C
	1	2	3		16	17	18
	6	5	4		21	20	19
	7	8	9		22	23	24
	12	11	10		27	26	25
13	14	15		28	29	30	

Bottom Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 3 fastest 3rd placed skaters* from each of the 6 bottom bracket heats will be seeded into the top 3 bottom A bracket semi-finals (A, B, C; final rank 31-45; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 6 bottom bracket heats will be seeded into the next 3 bottom B bracket semi-finals (A, B, C; final rank 46-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

Semi-finals 1000m							
Rank from 2nd round	Bottom A				Bottom B		
	A	B	C		A	B	C
	31	32	33		46	47	48
	36	35	34		51	50	49
	37	38	39		52	53	54
	42	41	40		57	56	55
43	44	45		58	59	60	

Composition of the Finals (1000m)

Top A

Final A: 1st and 2 fastest 2nd of Top A Semis A B and C
Final B: 2nd , 3rd and fastest 4th of Top A Semis A B and C
Final C: Remaining skaters from Top A Semis A B and C

Top B

Final A: 1st and 2 fastest 2nd of Top B Semis A B and C
Final B: 2nd , 3rd and fastest 4th of Top B Semis A B and C
Final C: Remaining skaters from Top B Semis A B and C

Bottom A

Final A: 1st and 2 fastest 2nd of Bottom A Semis A B and C
Final B: 2nd , 3rd and fastest 4th of Bottom A Semis A B and C
Final C: Remaining skaters from Bottom A Semis A B and C

Bottom B

Final A: 1st and 2 fastest 2nd of Bottom B Semis A B and C
Final B: 2nd , 3rd and fastest 4th of Bottom B Semis A B and C
Final C: Remaining skaters from Bottom B Semis A B and C

VI. Format for the Relay event

Composition of Semi-Finals (3000m relay)

All international athletes will have a place on a relay team. Additionally, two teams will be formed by the top 8 finishers present from the 2019 Canadian Junior Championships (CAN JRA, CAN JRB). Subsequent Canadian teams will be formed according to the 500m entry seed times from the present competition.

In the event of an invited member not having a 'full relay team' (four skaters) the member's team will be complemented with additional skater(s) and will be totally at the discretion of the organizing committee.

If starting numbers of teams are reduced from 15, the HPCST Chair or his/her delegate, in consultation with the chief referee and the competitor steward for the competition, will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

Semi final seeding:

Ladies Semi-finals 3000m Relay			
A	B	C	D
INTL 1	USA1	GBR 1	CAN JRA
CAN 3	CAN 2	CAN1	CAN JRB
CAN 4	CAN 5	CAN 6	CAN 7
	CAN 10	CAN 9	CAN 8

Men Semi-finals 3000m Relay			
A	B	C	D
NED 1	USA 1	GBR 1	INTL 1
CAN JR B	CAN JR A	USA 2	NED 2
CAN 1	CAN 2	CAN 3	CAN 4
	CAN 7	CAN 6	CAN 5

Composition of Finals (3000m relay)

Final A: 1st team from Semi final A, B, C and D
Final B: 2nd team from Semi final A, B, C and D

VII. Ranking Points

Rank	Points
1	10000
2	8000
3	6400
4	5120
5	4096
6	3277
7	2949
8	2654
9	2389
10	2150
11	1935
12	1741
13	1567
14	1411
15	1269
16	1143
17	1028
18	925
19	833
20	750
21	675
22	607
23	546
24	492
25	443
26	398

Rank	Points
27	359
28	323
29	290
30	261
31	235
32	212
33	191
34	171
35	154
36	139
37	125
38	113
39	101
40	91
41	82
42	74
43	66
44	60
45	54
46	48
47	44
48	39
49	35
50	32
51	29
52	26

Rank	Points
53	23
54	21
55	19
56	17
57	15
58	14
59	12
60	11
61	10
62	9
63	8
64	7
65	7
66	6
67	5
68	5
69	4
70	4
71	3
72	3
73	3
74	3
75	2
76	2

Special Racing Rules

In case of penalty, failure to finish due to infraction, or scratches, the following rules will apply:

1. Skaters who withdraw 30 minutes or more before the start of a distance will receive no Ranking points for that distance and the distance will be re-seeded. Skaters who withdraw less than 30 minutes before the start of a distance will be penalized by losing 50% of the ranking points earned in the previous distance skated. When this occurs at the first distance of the competition, the penalty will apply to the next distance in which the skater participates, rather than the previous one.
2. A skater who has not finished the race because of an infraction by another skater will receive their position ahead of any penalized skaters.
3. Where a skater is not able to finish a race as a result of an infraction, the referee may decide to advance the skater to the next round in the bracket he would have qualified for at the moment of the infraction or to authorize the skater to restart to ensure the fairest allocation of final ranking points.
4. Where a skater is not able to finish a race as a result of equipment failure or breakage during a race, this must be reported to and verified by the race referee immediately following the race in which the equipment breakage occurred. The skater will be advanced in the lower bracket of the next round and permitted to continue in the event.
5. A race with 1 Skater/Relay Team will not be skated and the qualified Skater/Relay Team will be advanced accordingly or assigned the corresponding rank and points.

Matrice de progression pour le format de 60 patineurs - Internationale par invitation

Progression matrix for format of 60 skaters - International Invitational

1500 M

Preliminaries				Qualifications				Finals				
	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters		
Open - Prelim	60	8	7/7/7/7/8/8/8/8	2+5**	Top - Qual	21	3	7/7/7	2+1	Top - Final	A-C	7/7/7
					Bottom - Qual	39	5	7/8/8/8/8	1+2	Bottom - Final	A-F	7/7/7/7/7/4

500 M

Preliminaries				Qualifications				Semi Finals				Finals					
	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters			
Open - Prelim	60	12	5/5/5/5/5/5/5/5/5/5/5	2+6	Top - Qual	30	6	5/5/5/5/5/5	2+3	Top A - Semi	15	3	5/5/5	1+1	Top A - Final	A-B-C-D	4/4/4/3
										Top B - Semi	15	3	5/5/5	1+1	Top B - Final	A-B-C-D	4/4/4/3
					Bottom - Qual	30	6	5/5/5/5/5/5	2+3	Bottom A - Semi	15	3	5/5/5	1+1	Bottom A - Final	A-B-C-D	4/4/4/3
										Bottom B - Semi	15	3	5/5/5	1+1	Bottom B - Final	A-B-C-D	4/4/4/3

1000 M

Preliminaries				Qualifications				Semi Finals				Finals					
	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters			
Open - Prelim	60	10	6/6/6/6/6/6/6/6/6/6	3+0	Top - Qual	30	6	5/5/5/5/5/5	2+3	Top A - Semi	15	3	5/5/5	1+2	Top A - Final	A-B-C	5/5/5
										Top B - Semi	15	3	5/5/5	1+2	Top B - Final	A-B-C	5/5/5
					Bottom - Qual	30	6	5/5/5/5/5/5	2+3	Bottom A - Semi	15	3	5/5/5	1+2	Bottom A - Final	A-B-C	5/5/5
										Bottom B - Semi	15	3	5/5/5	1+2	Bottom B - Final	A-B-C	5/5/5

** ISU Matrix: 8x1 + 8x2 + (5)