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### **HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETINS**

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# ***2013 / 14 Short Track Competition Formats***

## ***General Information***

This Bulletin describes the Competition Formats that will be used for National Competitions within the National Short Track Program, as defined by the Short Track High Performance Committee. This document will serve as a reference for competition organizing committees and officials in order to establish the appropriate format for a given competition.

The Competition formats included in this bulletin are those for 16, 24, or 32 skaters as well as that for the new open entry competition which was introduced at the National Competition Workshop conducted by the Short Track High Performance Committee during the 2013 AGM.

From this point forward, Bulletin 159 will serve as the only reference for competition formatting and will provide details and reference information for all short track high performance competitions.

Given the number of changes being introduced to the High Performance Competition environment this year, we will use this year as a first test to measure the effectiveness of these changes towards attaining our objectives. We welcome feedback from our stakeholders in order to evaluate and adjust for 2014-15 if necessary.

Competition requirements / eligibility criteria are stated in the Bulletin 158 which can be found on Speed Skating Canada's Website [here](#).

# ***2013 / 14 Competition Format***

## **1. Competition with 16 entries (per gender)**

Typically used for Fall World Cups Selections

The format for this competition is as follows:

Day 1: 1500m / 500m

Day 2: 1000m / 1500m

Day 3: 500m / 1000m, 3000m relay women, 5000m relay men

### **I. Seeding**

Seeding for the first round of the first 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances will be made on the basis of the skater's Current ranking (see definition on page 34) in each of these distances. If there is a tie, the skater/s with the best overall Current ranking will be seeded higher.

Seeding for the first round of the second 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances will be made on the basis of the skater's finish position in each of the respective distances in the first round of the present Competition and on their seeding for the first round of these same distances. This will be determined by calculating the average of the original seeding per distance for the Competition and the finish position per distance from the present Competition. In the event of a tie in this average value, the skater with the better result in the respective distance from present Competition will be seeded higher.

**For example:** if a skater had a seeding of 4<sup>th</sup> for the 1500m going into the Competition and finished in 8<sup>th</sup> position in the first 1500m distance at the present Competition, their average for seeding would be calculated as 6. This score is then ranked against the other skaters and a final seeding for the second 500m, 1000m and 1500m distance at the Competition would be determined.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the HPC reserves the right to adjust seeding for all competitions to ensure the most fair and appropriate racing conditions for athletes who do not have a Current ranking or were not able to participate in all competitions counting towards the Current ranking .

### **II. Lane Positions**

For the first round of a distance lane positions will be as per seeding for that distance. For each subsequent round the lane position will be decided by the times skated in the preceding round. 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 1500m event

#### Composition of semi-finals (1500m)

1500m Semi-finals			
Distance Seeding	A	B	C
	1	2	3
	6	5	4
	7	8	9
	12	11	10
	13	14	15
			16

If starting numbers are reduced from 16, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

#### Composition of the Finals (1500m)

- Final A: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of Semis A, B and C  
Final B: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of Semis A, B and C  
Final C: Remaining skaters from Semis A, B and C

Any athlete that has been penalized in the semi-finals will be automatically seeded into Final C.

### IV. Format for 500m and 1000m events

#### Composition of the Heats (500m and 1000m)

500m and 1000m				
Distance seeding	A	B	C	D
	1	2	3	4
	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
	16	15	14	13

#### Composition of the Semi-finals (500m and 1000m)

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 heats will be placed into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final rank 1-8 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the heats as follows:

Placing in previous round:       $\frac{1^{\text{st}}}{34}$     $\frac{2^{\text{nd}}}{21}$     $\frac{3^{\text{rd}}}{13}$     $\frac{4^{\text{th}}}{8}$     $\frac{5^{\text{th}}}{5}$     $\frac{6^{\text{th}}}{3}$     $\frac{7^{\text{th}}}{2}$     $\frac{8^{\text{th}}}{1}$   
ISU seeding points

	Semi - finals top bracket			
	A	B	C	D
Rank from	1	2	9	10
quarter	4	3	12	11
finals	5	6	13	14
	8	7	16	15

Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 heats will be placed into the next 2 semi-finals (C, D; final rank 9-16) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the heats. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.

#### Composition of the Finals (500m and 1000m)

- Final A: Top 2 skaters from semi-final A and semi-final B
- Final B: Remaining skaters from semi-final A and B
- Final C: Top 2 skaters from semi-final C and semi-final D
- Final D: Remaining skaters from semi-final C and D

#### **V. Composition of relay teams.**

The relay teams will be composed on the basis of overall rankings as follows:

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

If any skater from the top 16 withdraws, the race will involve 3 teams only.

#### **VI. Ranking Points**

Skaters earn ranking points during the final rounds for each distance.

Exceptionally, for the competition format with 16 entries skaters earn HALF THE POINTS per distance from what is described in the tables in on page 33.

Each distance will be raced twice and results combined before the ranking of each distance. If 2 athletes are tied the skater with the highest finish position in either of the other distances will be prioritized in the higher individual ranking position. If a tie still persists cumulative seeding points of the 3 distances will be used for breaking the tie. In the event of a continued tie, the comparison will be made according to the skater's Current ranking.

## **2. Competition with 24 entries (per gender)** **(This year to be used for Canadian National Team Selections #1)**

The format for these competitions is as follows:

Day 1: 1500m

Day 2: 500m

Day 3: 1000m, 3000m or Super 1500m (if junior level competition), 3000m relay women, 5000m relay men

### **I. Seeding**

#### **1500m**

For those skaters who earned an automatic entry by competing in the Intact Insurance Short Track Selections, seeding for the first round of the 1500m distance will be made on the basis of the skater's 1500m distance ranking at the Intact Insurance Short Track Selection.

Skaters who earned a position through the 2013 Canadian Open National Qualifier will be seeded for the first round of the 1500m distance on the basis of their ranking in the 1500m at the Canadian Open National Qualifier, below those who earned automatic entry from the Intact Insurance Short Track Selections. In the event of a tie, the skater with the best time will be placed higher in the ranking.

#### **500m**

For those skaters who earned an automatic entry by competing in the Intact Insurance Short Track Selections, seeding for the first round of the 500m distance will be made on the basis of the skater's 500m distance ranking at the Intact Insurance Short Track Selection.

Skaters who earned a position through the 2013 Canadian Open National Qualifier will be seeded for the first round of the 500m distance on the basis of their ranking in the 500m at the Canadian Open National Qualifier, below those who earned automatic entry from the Intact Insurance Short Track Selections. In the event of a tie, the skater with the best time will be placed higher in the ranking.

#### **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. In the event of a tie, the skater with the best ranking on the entry list will be placed higher in the seeding.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the HPC reserves the right to adjust seeding for all competitions to ensure the most fair and appropriate racing conditions for athletes who did not compete in either the Intact Insurance Short Track Team Selections or the National Open Qualifier competitions.

### **II. Lane Positions**

For the first round of a distance lane positions will be as per seeding for that distance. For each subsequent round the lane position will be decided by the times skated in the preceding round. 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 Heats (1500m)

	1500m Heats			
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

If starting numbers are reduced from 24, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the most fair racing conditions.

#### Composition of the Semi-finals (1500m)

The top 3 skaters from each of the 4 heats will be seeded into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final rank 1-12 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the 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 lot.

The remaining skaters from the 4 heats will be seeded into the next 2 semi-finals (C, D; final rank 13-24) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the 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 lot.

Semi-Finals 1500m					
	Semi-finals top bracket			Semi-finals bottom bracket	
	A	B		C	D
Rank from 1st round	1	2		13	14
	4	3		16	15
	5	6		17	18
	8	7		20	19
	9	10		21	22
	12	11		24	23

### Composition of the Finals (1500m)

- Final A: Top 3 from Semi A and Semi B  
Final B: Remaining skaters from Semi A and Semi B  
Final C: Top 3 from Semi C and Semi D  
Final D: Remaining skaters from Semi C and Semi D

## **IV. Format for the 500m and 1000m events**

### Composition of heats (500m and 1000m)

	<b>Heats 500m &amp; 1000m</b>					
<b>Distance seeding</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	12	11	10	9	8	7
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	24	23	22	21	20	19

If starting numbers are reduced from 24, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the most fair racing conditions.

### Composition of the Quarter-finals (500m and 1000m)

The top 2 skaters from each of the 6 heats plus the 4 fastest 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers will be placed into the top 4 quarterfinals (A, B, C, D; final rank 1-16 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the 1<sup>st</sup> round) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the 1<sup>st</sup> round. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the 1<sup>st</sup> round; the 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 lot.

Note: All other skaters [final rank 17 (or lower depending on advancements from the 1st round) – 24] will proceed directly to the semi-finals E & F.

	<b>Quarter-finals 500m &amp; 1000m</b>			
<b>Distance Seeding</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
	1	2	3	4
	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13	

### Composition of the Semi-finals (500m and 1000m)

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 quarter-finals will be placed into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final rank 1-8 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the quarter-finals) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the heats and quarter-finals. Ties in seeding 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 seeding 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 lot.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 quarter-finals will be placed into the next 2 semi-finals (C, D; final rank 9-16 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the heats and quarter-finals. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the quarter-finals; the 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 lot.

The remaining skaters from the heats will be placed into the last 2 semi-finals (E, F; final rank 17-24) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU seeding points from the heats. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the 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.

	<b>Semi-finals 500m &amp; 1000m</b>					
<b>Rankings from quarter finals + heats 500m &amp; 1000m</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
	1	2	9	10	17	18
	4	3	12	11	20	19
	5	6	13	14	21	22
	8	7	16	15	24	23

#### Composition of the Finals (500m and 1000m)

- Final A: Top 2 from Semis A and B
- Final B: Remaining skaters from Semis A and B
- Final C: Top 2 from Semis C and D
- Final D: Remaining skaters from Semis C and D\*
- Final E: Top 2 from Semis E and F
- Final F: Remaining skaters from Semis E and F

\* If there are more than 6 skaters in Final D, a Final D-2 will be held, containing the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place finishers in Semi-finals C and D. This is to prevent too many skaters in Final D.

#### **V. Format for the 3000m event**

The 3000m will consist of 2 finals. Skaters ranked 1-8 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final A. Skaters ranked 9-16 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final B. In case of a tie for the 8<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> place, the tied skaters will skate in final A or final B respectively.

A premium of points will be awarded for the skater crossing the finish line first after 9 laps. See note below for details.

During the 3000m, if the referee stops the race the number of laps for the restart, depending where the referee stops the race, is as follows:

<u>Laps remaining</u>	<u>Laps for restart</u>
27 – 18	27
18 – 0	18

If the 3000m race is stopped by the referee, and if a skater(s) has/have established a one-lap lead with respect to the main group and has rejoined the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s). The same will be true if the main group laps a skater(s).

**Note** a premium of 74 points will be awarded to the athlete crossing the line first following the first nine laps of the 3000m distance in Final A. This represents the same percentage provided at the ISU World Championships (5 points premium for 34 total points: 74 points premium for 500m total points). The same percentage of points will be awarded to the athlete crossing the line first following the first nine laps of the 3000m distance in Final B according to the top points available in Final B (15 points if 8 in final A, 12 points if 9 in final and so on).

## **VI. Format for the Super 1500m (if Junior level competition)**

The Super 1500m will consist of 4 finals. Skaters ranked 1-6 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final A. Skaters ranked 7-12 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final B. Skaters ranked 13-18 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final C. Skaters ranked 19-24 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final D. Please note the Super 1500m Final A and B for both genders is the priority for selection purposes and Finals C through D will only take place if time permits.

In case of a tie for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, or 24<sup>th</sup> place, the tied skaters will skate in final A, final B, final C or final D respectively.

During the Super 1500m, if the referee stops the race the number of laps for the restart, depending where the referee stops the race, is as follows:

<u>Laps remaining</u>	<u>Laps for restart</u>
13.5 – 9.5	13.5
9.5 – 0	9.5

If the Super 1500m race is stopped by the referee, and if a skater(s) has/have established a one-lap lead with respect to the main group and has rejoined the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s). The same will be true if the main group laps a skater(s).

## **VII. Composition of relay teams**

The top 16 ranked skaters overall will be eligible to compete in the relay event or top 12 if the members of the World Junior Championships Team have been named. If any of the top 12 ranked skaters or members of the World Junior Championships Team are unable to participate, the relay teams will be filled by going down the ranking list after position 12.

The relay teams will be composed on the basis of rankings as follows:

Team A – 1, 8, 9, 16

Team B – 2, 7, 10, 15

Team C – 3, 6, 11, 14

Team D – 4, 5, 12, 13

(If World Junior Championships team members are known, they will form Team D)

## **VIII. Ranking Points**

Skaters earn ranking points during the final round for each distance according to the Tables on page 33.

### **3. Competition with 32 entries (per gender)**

**(This year to be used for Canadian Junior Short Track Championships)**

The format for these competitions is as follows:

Day 1 – 1500m

Day 2 – 500m

Day 3 – 1000m, 3000m or Super 1500m (if junior level competition), 3000m relay women, 5000m relay men

#### **I. Seeding**

##### Seeding for the first round

##### 1500m

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

- Skaters with a 2012 / 13 Canadian Ranking in attendance, in order of this ranking
- All other skaters seeded in order of their combined entry time standards
- Any ties will be broken by referring to a coin toss

##### 500m

Skaters will be seeded for the first round of the 500m distance based on their result in the 1500m of the present competition.

##### 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. In the event of a tie, the skater with the best Current ranking in the 1000m distance will be placed higher in the seeding.

##### 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 seeding points awarded in the heats (for the 1500m) and heats and quarter-finals (for the 500m and 1000m) as described below.

Ties in seeding 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 seeding 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.

Placing in previous round:	$\frac{1^{\text{st}}}{34}$	$\frac{2^{\text{nd}}}{21}$	$\frac{3^{\text{rd}}}{13}$	$\frac{4^{\text{th}}}{8}$	$\frac{5^{\text{th}}}{5}$	$\frac{6^{\text{th}}}{3}$	$\frac{7^{\text{th}}}{2}$	$\frac{8^{\text{th}}}{1}$
ISU Seeding points								

## II. Lane Positions

Lane positions will be determined as per ISU rule 296. 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. 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 Heats (1500m)

		1500m Heats					
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	

If starting numbers are reduced from 32, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

### Composition of Semi-finals (1500m)

#### Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters from each of the 6 heats will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-18) and seeded into 3 semi-finals (A, B, C) as described below.

#### Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 6 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 19-32) and seeded into 2 semi-finals (D, E) as described below.

Semi-finals 1500m						
		Semi-finals top bracket			Semi-finals bottom bracket	
Rank from 1st round	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	

### Composition of the Finals (1500m)

- Final A: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of Semis A, B and C  
Final B: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of Semis A, B and C  
Final C: Remaining skaters from Semis A, B and C  
Final D: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from Semis D and E, + fastest 4<sup>th</sup> from semis D and E (7 skaters)  
Final E: Remaining skaters from Semis D and E

## **IV. Format for the 500m and 1000m events**

### Composition of Heats (500m and 1000m)

		500m and 1000m Heats							
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	

If starting numbers are reduced from 32, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

### Composition of Quarter- finals (500m and 1000m)

#### **Top Bracket**

The top 2 skaters from each of the 8 heats will be placed into the top bracket (final rank 1-16 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats) and seeded into 4 quarter-finals (A, B, C, D) as described below.

#### **Bottom Bracket**

The remaining skaters from each of the 8 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 17-32) and seeded into 4 quarter-finals (E, F G, H) as described below.

Quarter-finals 500m and 1000m									
		Quarter-finals top bracket				Quarter-finals bottom bracket			
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Rank from 1st round	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



## Composition of Semi-Finals (500m and 1000m)

### **Top Bracket**

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final ranks 1-8 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the quarter-finals) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the next 2 semi-finals (C, D; final ranks 9-16 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats and quarter-finals) as described below.

### **Bottom Bracket**

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 bottom bracket semi-finals (E, F; final ranks 17-24) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the last 2 semi-finals (G, H; final ranks 25-32) as described below.

Semi-finals 500m and 1000m									
	Semi-finals top bracket				Semi-finals bottom bracket				
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
Rank from quarter finals	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	

## Composition of the Finals (500m and 1000m)

- Final A: Top 2 skaters from Semis A and B  
Final B: Remaining skaters from Semis A and B  
Final C: Top 2 skaters from Semis C and D  
Final D: Remaining skaters from Semis C and D  
Final E: Top 2 skaters from Semis E and F  
Final F: Remaining skaters from Semis E and F  
Final G: Top 2 skaters from Semis G and H  
Final H: Remaining skaters from Semis G and H

If there are more than 6 skaters in Final D, a Final D-2 will be held containing the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place finishers from Semi-finals C and D. This is to prevent too many skaters in Final D, a situation that could arise if there are numerous advancements into the top bracket in the heats and quarterfinals. In the case where a Final D-2 is held, the points for Finals E-H will be adjusted downwards to account for the extra skaters in Final D-2.

## V. Format for the 3000m event

The 3000m will consist of 2 finals. Skaters ranked 1-8 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final A. Skaters ranked 9-16 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final B. In case of a tie for the 8<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> place, the tied skaters will skate in final A or final B respectively.

A premium of points will be awarded for the skater crossing the finish line first after 9 laps. See note below for details.

During the 3000m, if a skater in contention for a final combined ranking within the top four of the competition is taken out of the race (due to a fall or major interference) resulting in a penalty for another skater, the referee may stop the race and begin again without the penalized skater, regardless of how many laps remain in the race. If an athlete is penalized once the race is complete, and this athlete has created a major interference with a skater in contention for a final ranking within the top three of the competition, the referee must restart the race without the penalized skater if the skater who was interfered with is still able to skate. Should the skater who was interfered with not be able to skate, the race will not be restarted and the results of the race (including the penalization) will hold. The number of laps for the restart, depending where the referee stops the race, is as follows:

<u>Laps remaining</u>	<u>Laps for restart</u>
27 – 18	27
18 – 0	18

If the 3000m race is stopped by the referee, and if a skater(s) has/have established a one-lap lead with respect to the main group and has rejoined the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s). The same will be true if the main group laps a skater(s).

**Note** a premium of 74 points will be awarded to the athlete crossing the line first following the first nine laps of the 3000m distance in Final A. This represents the same percentage provided at the ISU World Championships (5 points premium for 34 total points: 74 points premium for 500m total points). The same percentage of points will be awarded to the athlete crossing the line first following the first nine laps of the 3000m distance in Final B according to the top points available in Final B (15 points if 8 skaters in the A final, 12 points if 9 skaters in the A final).

## VI. Format for the Super 1500m (if Junior level competition)

The Super 1500m will consist of 5 finals. Skaters ranked 1-6 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final A. Skaters ranked 7-12 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final B. Skaters ranked 13-18 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final C. Skaters ranked 19-25 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final D. Skaters ranked 26-32 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final E. Please note the Super 1500m Final A and B for both genders is the priority for selection purposes and Finals C through E will only take place if time permits.

In case of a tie for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup> place, the tied skaters will skate in final A, final B, final C or final D respectively.

During the Super 1500m, if a skater in contention for a final ranking within the top four of the competition is taken out of the race (due to a fall or major interference) resulting in a penalty of another skater, the referee may stop the race and begin again without the penalized skater, regardless of how many laps remain in the race. If an athlete is penalized once the race is complete, and this athlete has created a major interference with a skater in contention for a final ranking within the top four of the competition, the referee must restart the race without the penalized skater if the skater who was interfered with is still able to skate. Should the skater who was interfered with not be able to skate, the race will not be restarted and the results of the race (including the penalization) will hold. The number of laps for the restart, depending where the referee stops the race, is as follows:

<u>Laps remaining</u>	<u>Laps for restart</u>
13.5 – 9.5	13.5
9.5 – 0	9.5

If the Super 1500m race is stopped by the referee, and if a skater(s) has/have established a one-lap lead with respect to the main group and has rejoined the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s). The same will be true if the main group laps a skater(s).

## VII. Composition of relay teams

The top 16 ranked skaters overall will be eligible to compete in the relay event or top 12 if the members of the World Junior Championships Team have been named. If any of the top 12 ranked skaters or members of the World Junior Championships Team are unable to participate, the relay teams will be filled by going down the ranking list after position 12.

The relay teams will be composed on the basis of rankings as follows:

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

(If World Junior Championships team members are known, they will form Team D)

## **VIII. Ranking Points**

Skaters earn ranking points during the finals rounds for each distance according to the Tables on page 33.

## **4. Competition format for Open entries**

**(This year to be used for Canadian Open National Qualifier and Canadian Open National Team Selections #2)**

### **I. Entries**

The Entries shall be restricted to a maximum of 60 Ladies and 60 Men. Each province will be guaranteed an entry of at least two (2) skaters per gender who meet the time standard stated in the appropriate HP Bulletin.

### **II. Qualifying times**

To qualify for open competitions, skaters must have met entry time standards (see appropriate HP Bulletin for Eligibility requirements).

### **III. Competition Sequence**

- a) The competition will take place over 4 days.
- b) Warm Up sessions will be scheduled at the beginning of each day's program but are limited to 10 minutes per session. The number of warm up groups is limited to a maximum of three (3) per category/distance.
- c) All Skaters will start in the Qualifying rounds of the 1500m and 500m.**
- d) Day 1 (Qualifying Day) will consist of qualifying rounds for access to the Main Event.
- e) On Day 2, Day 3, Repechage sessions will precede the Main Event rounds of each distance. Skaters who did not qualify for the Main Event for either the 500m or the 1500m on the first day of competition will proceed to the Repechage session for the relevant distance(s), except those who received a penalty, did not start or failed to finish in the Qualifying session.
- f) On Day 4, in order to determine which skaters enter the 1000m Repechage or Main Event, the cumulative ranking from the 500m and 1500m results will be used to generate a ranking for the 1000m distance. The top 10 athletes go directly to the Main Event, while the remainder compete in the Repechage.
- g) All skaters who qualify for either the Repechage or Main round of the 1500m, 500m and 1000m will skate a Final in that round.**
- h) The number of qualifying rounds, of races per round and skaters to qualify for the next round, for both the Qualifying Day and the Repechage Sessions, are specified in the tables below.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Organizing Committee will determine the starting times for each day in consultation with the Short Track HPC. No other Short Track Speed Skating events are allowed in the same facility during the event.

## Daily Racing Schedule

	Standard Events	Supplemental events where applicable, as specified in Bulletin 158
Day 1	Qualifying session : 1500m & 500m	
Day 2	Repechage session 1500m & Main Event 1500m	
Day 3	Repechage session 500m & Main Event 500m	
Day 4	Repechage session 1000m & Main Event 1000m	3000m or Super 1500m (if junior level competition) and /or relay

### IV. Progression

#### Qualifying Session\*

According to the qualifying tables below:

10 Skaters qualify for the Main Event of the 500m

12 skaters qualify for the Main Event of the 1500m

#### Repechage Session and Main event

Six (6) skaters from Repechage qualify for the Main Event.

Therefore, including these skaters, the Main Event for the 500m and 1000m will consist of 16 skaters and 18 skaters for the 1500m.

These numbers could increase depending upon advancements from the qualifying or Repechage session.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

\*There are no qualifying rounds for the 1000m. In order to determine which skaters enter the 1000m Repechage or Main Event, the sum of ranking points earned in the 1500m and 500m distances will be used to generate a ranking for the 1000m distance. The top 10 athletes go directly to the Main Event, while the remainder compete in the Repechage.

The Qualifying Table for the qualifying day as well as for the Repechage session could change according to the number of entries to the competition.

### V. Seeding

#### Canadian Open National Qualifier

##### 1500m & 500m

Skaters will be seeded for the first round of the 1500m and the 500m distances based on their Current ranking in the respective distance (see definition on page 34). In the event of a tie, the skater with the best time will be placed higher in the ranking.

Athletes qualifying for the competition based on times submitted will be seeded on their time in the respective distance after any skaters who have qualified based on their Current ranking (as described on page 34).

## **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. In the event of a tie, the skater with the best ranking on the entry list will be placed higher in the seeding.

## **Canadian Open National Team Selection #2**

### **1500m & 500m seeding for first round of the qualifying session**

Seeding for the first round of the 1500m & 500m distance will be according to the following priority:

- Skaters who qualified via National Team Selection #1 (Current ranking), in order of their ranking in the respective distance at that competition, then;
- Skaters who qualified via participation in the Canadian Open National Qualifier only, in order of their ranking in the respective distance at that competition, then;
- All other skaters seeded in order of their combined entry time standards. Any ties among these skaters will be decided by a coin toss.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the HPC reserves the right to adjust seeding for the qualifying session to ensure the most fair and appropriate racing conditions for athletes who do not have a Current ranking or were not able to participate in all competitions counting towards the Current ranking.

### **1500 & 500m Seeding for second and third rounds of the qualifying session**

- 1- Skaters will be seeded on the basis of a ranking derived from the cumulative ISU seeding points earned in the previous rounds of the qualifying session as follows:

ISU Seeding points :       $\frac{1^{\text{st}}}{34}$      $\frac{2^{\text{nd}}}{21}$      $\frac{3^{\text{rd}}}{13}$      $\frac{4^{\text{th}}}{8}$      $\frac{5^{\text{th}}}{5}$      $\frac{6^{\text{th}}}{3}$      $\frac{7^{\text{th}}}{2}$      $\frac{8^{\text{th}}}{1}$

- 2- Any tie(s) in seeding points will be broken by prioritizing the skater with the fastest time in the previous round.
- 3- Any persisting tie(s) between skaters will be broken by prioritizing the skater seeded higher at the start of the previous round.

### **1500 & 500m Seeding for Repechage**

Seeding for the first round of the Repechage session will be done the same way as described above for second and third rounds of the qualifying session and will be based on seeding points earned in the qualifying session with ties broken as above.

Seeding for any subsequent round of the Repechage will follow the same principle as described above, however will take into account only seeding points earned in the Repechage session.

## **1000m Seeding for Repechage**

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. In the event of a tie, the skater ranked higher on the entry list at the start of the competition will be placed higher in the seeding. Any skaters whose cumulative ranking points totals zero after the 1500m and 500m distances will be seeded below those with points, and according to the sum of their ranking positions in the two distances.

## **Seeding for Main Events (1500, 500 & 1000m)**

Seeding for the main event will be done the same way as described above using cumulative seeding points, however skaters who qualified for the main event via the qualifying session will be seeded above those who qualified via the repechage session. Those who qualified via the repechage session will be seeded based on the seeding points earned only in the repechage session.

### **I. Lane Positions**

Lane positions will be determined as per ISU rule 296. 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. 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. In the case that no time in the previous round is available for a Skater, or two or more Skaters have the same time, then the best time in any race in this competition over the distance concerned will be taken to determine the lane position. If no times are available at all then a draw for lane positions shall take place first for any Skaters without a time. Following the Skater with a time will be assigned their position according to the times.



## II. Format for the 1500m event

### 1500m Qualifying Table

1500m ( 32 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Heat	6	5/6	32	3+4	22
Quarter	4	5/6	22	3+0	12
Repechage rounds					
Heat	4	5	20	3+0	12
Quarter	2	6	12	3+0	6
Final D	1	6	6	Position 4, 5 & 6 from Quarter Rep	
Final E	1	6	6	Position 4 from Heat Rep and 2 fastest 5th position from Heat Rep	
Final F	1	2	2	2 slowest 5th position from Heat Rep	
Main Event					
Semi	3	6	18	2+0	6
Final A	1	6	6	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	6	6	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final C	1	6	6	Position 5&6 from Semi-Finals	

1500m ( 48 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Prelim	10	5	48	3+0	30
Heat	5	6	30	3+3	18
Quarter	3	6	18	3+3	12
Repechage rounds					
Prelim	6	6	36	3+4	22
Heat	4	6	22	3+0	12
Quarter	2	6	12	3+0	6
Final D to H	5	6	30	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Semi	3	6	18	2+0	6
Final A	1	6	6	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	6	6	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final C	1	6	6	Position 5&6 from Semi-Finals	

1500m (60 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Prelim	12	5	60	3+6	42
Heat	7	6	42	3+3	24
Quarter	4	6	24	3+0	12
Repechage rounds					
Prelim	8	6	48	3+6	30
Heat	5	6	30	3+3	18
Quarter	3	6	18	2+0	6
Final D to J	7	6	42	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Semi	3	6	18	2+0	6
Final A	1	6	6	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	6	6	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final C	1	6	6	Position 5&6 from Semi-Finals	

### III. Format for the 500m

#### 500m Qualifying Table

500m (32 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Prelim	8	4	32	2+4	20
Heat	5	4	20	2+0	10
Repechage rounds					
Prelim	6	3/4	22	2+0	12
Heat	3	4	12	2+0	6
Final E	1	4	4	Position 3 & fastest 4th from Heat Rep	
Final F	1	4	4	2 Slowest 4th from the Heat Rep & 2 fastest 3rd from Prelim Rep	
Final G	1	4	4	4 slowest 3rd from Prelim Rep	
Final H	1	4	4	Position 4 from Prelim Rep	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	

500m (48 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Pre-Prelim	12	4	48	2+8	32
Prelim	8	4	32	2+4	20
Heat	5	4	20	2+0	10
Repechage rounds					
Pre-Prelim	10	3/4	38	2+4	24
Prelim	6	4	24	2+0	12
Heat	3	4	12	2+0	6
Final E to L	8	4	32	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	

500m (60 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Qualifying rounds					
Pre-Prelim	15	4	60	2+10	40
Prelim	10	4	40	2+0	20
Heat	5	4	20	2+0	10
Repechage rounds					
Pre-Prelim	13	3/4	50	2+10	36
Prelim	9	4	36	2+6	24
Heat	6	4	24	2+0	12
Quarter	3	4	12	2+0	6
Final E to O	11	4	44	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	

## IV. Format for the 1000m event

### 1000m Qualifying Table

1000m (32 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Repechage rounds					
Prelim	6	3/4	22	2+0	12
Heat	3	4	12	2+0	6
Final E	1	4	4	Position 3 & fastest 4th from Heat Rep	
Final F	1	4	4	2 Slowest 4th from the Heat Rep & 2 fastest 3rd from Prelim Rep	
Final G	1	4	4	4 slowest 3rd from Prelim Rep	
Final H	1	4	4	Position 4 from Prelim Rep	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	

1000m (48 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Repechage rounds					
Pre-prelim	10	4	38	2+4	24
Prelim	6	4	24	2+0	12
Heat	3	4	12	2+0	6
Final E to L	8	4	32	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	

1000m (60 skaters)					
	Heats	Athletes/heats	Total athletes	Qualifying position	Total qualified
Repechage rounds					
Pre-prelim	10	5	50	2+8	28
Prelim	7	4	28	2+2	16
Heat	4	4	16	1+2	6
Final E to O	11	4	44	Remaining athletes from Repechage	
Main Event					
Quarter	4	4	16	2+0	8
Semi	2	4	8	2+0	4
Final A	1	4	4	Position 1&2 from Semi-Finals	
Final B	1	4	4	Position 3&4 from Semi-Finals	
Final C	1	4	4	Position 3 from Quarter Finals	
Final D	1	4	4	Position 4 from Quarter Finals	

## V. Format for the 3000m event (when applicable)

The 3000m will consist of 2 finals. Skaters ranked 1-8 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final A. Skaters ranked 9-16 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final B. In case of a tie for the 8<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> place, the tied skaters will skate in final A or final B respectively.

A premium of points will be awarded for the skater crossing the finish line first after 9 laps. See Note below for details.

During the 3000m, if a skater in contention for a place on the national team (top 8, including World Championship Team) is taken out of the race (due to a fall or major interference) resulting in a penalty for another skater, the referee may stop the race and begin again without the penalized skater, regardless of how many laps remain in the race. If an athlete is penalized once the race is complete, and this athlete has created a major interference with a skater in contention for a final ranking within the top eight of the competition, the referee must restart the race without the penalized skater if the skater who was interfered with is still able to skate. Should the skater who was interfered with not be able to skate, the race will not be restarted and the results of the race (including the penalization) will hold. The number of laps for the restart, depending where the referee stops the race, is as follows:

<u>Laps remaining</u>	<u>Laps for restart</u>
27 – 18	27
18 – 0	18

If the 3000m race is stopped by the referee, and if a skater(s) has/have established a one-lap lead with respect to the main group and has rejoined the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s). The same will be true if the main group laps a skater(s).

**Note** a premium of 74 points will be awarded to the athlete crossing the line first following the first nine laps of the 3000m distance in Final A. This represents the same percentage provided at the ISU World Championships (5 points premium for 34 total points: 74 points premium for 500m total points). The same percentage of points will be awarded to the athlete crossing the line first following the first nine laps of the 3000m distance in Final B according to the top points available in Final B (15 points if 8 skaters in the A final, 12 points if 9 skaters in the A final).

## VI. Ranking points

The ranking by individual distances will be defined as follows:

1. Skaters will receive ranking points according to tables described in page 33 of this Bulletin.
2. The ranking list will be formed by ranking skaters in each final round from highest to lowest in order of their finish, beginning with final A and until the last final of repechage.
3. Any skater who was shown a yellow card or failed to finish in the first round of the Qualifying session will not be ranked, and will not receive any points but will be listed as having participated.

4. Any skater who was shown a yellow card in any subsequent round will not receive points for that round.
5. Any skater who was shown a red card will not be listed for any distance of the competition.
6. Skaters who have been entered but did not start, due to whatever reason, will not be listed.
7. If the 3000m is included in an Open Format competition, it will include only the top 16 athletes from the final ranking of the competition and will earn points for this distance as described as described in page 33.

## ***Special Racing Rules (applicable for all competitions):***

Penalizations, failure to finish, scratches

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

1. Penalized skaters will receive the last place rank and seeding points in that race and be placed directly into the lowest bracket/race in the next round.
2. Skaters who drop out before a race will receive the last place position, behind any skaters who might subsequently fail to finish due to infraction or penalization and receive the seeding points according to the final order in that event.
3. Skaters who withdraw before the event will receive no Ranking points for that event and the event will be re-seeded.
4. Skaters who withdraw from an event due to illness or injury are permitted to continue in the competition for any subsequent distances or events.
5. A skater who has not finished the race because of an infraction by another skater will receive their position ahead of any penalized skaters.
6. A skater who does not finish a race will not be allowed to start the following round in the event of the distance unless advancement is warranted according to the ISU World Cup procedures or Special Rules Exception as noted in point 7 and/or point 8.
7. Where a skater is not able to finish a race as a result of a fall, the referee in consultation with the High Performance Committee members in attendance may decide to advance the skater to the next round or to authorize the skater to restart to ensure the fairest allocation of final ranking points.
8. 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.
9. Advancement will be in accordance with the ISU World Cup procedures. In brief, advanced skaters will receive seeding points as per their finish in the race from which they were advanced, and will be seeded into the next round of racing on the basis of these seeding points. Advanced skaters will not be seeded in any specified order;

instead, their ranking after the previous round will determine which race they are seeded into for the subsequent round.



# Canadian Ranking Points

Canadian Ranking Points are allocated according to the final rankings per distance for each competition.

Canadian Ranking Points will be used to select teams for competitions and determine a final season ranking to select athletes for the National and Development Teams for the following season. Final placing in a particular distance is determined on the basis of the final in which a skater competes and their finish position in that final.

Canadian Ranking Points are allocated based on the final ranking in each distance (1500, 500 and 1000m) as follows:

## Canadian Ranking points for 1500m, 500m & 1000m events

<u>Place</u>	<u>pts</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>pts</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>pts</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>pts</u>
1	1000	9	196	17	37	25	5
2	816	10	160	18	30	26	4
3	666	11	130	19	24	27	3
4	543	12	106	20	19	28	2
5	443	13	86	21	15	29	1.5
6	362	14	70	22	12	30	1
7	295	15	57	23	9	31	0.5
8	241	16	46	24	7	32	0

## Canadian Ranking points for the 3000m event

<u>Place</u>	<u>pts</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>pts</u>
1	500	9	98
2	408	10	80
3	333	11	65
4	272	12	53
5	222	13	43
6	181	14	35
7	148	15	29
8	121	16	23

If there are more than 4 skaters in a 500m or 1000m final or 6 in a 1500m final, the ranking points of the 5<sup>th</sup> place, 6<sup>th</sup> place etc, will be the ranking points of the 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, etc. of the following final. The rest of the ranking points will then be adjusted accordingly.

## Specific to Open format

ISU Seeding points :                       $\frac{1^{\text{st}}}{34}$      $\frac{2^{\text{nd}}}{21}$      $\frac{3^{\text{rd}}}{13}$      $\frac{4^{\text{th}}}{8}$      $\frac{5^{\text{th}}}{5}$      $\frac{6^{\text{th}}}{3}$      $\frac{7^{\text{th}}}{2}$      $\frac{8^{\text{th}}}{1}$

# ***2013-14 ranking process***

## **Weighting of each competition**

According to Bulletin 158, the weighting for each competition will be:

Canadian National Team Selections #1	50%
Canadian Open National Team Selections #2	50%

## **National Team Selection # 1 & # 2**

Ranking for these competitions will take into account points earned in all 4 distances (500, 1000m, 1500m & 3000m). Therefore the points from 4 events will be taken into consideration for a maximum total of 3500 points. 50% of the overall result of each of these 2 National Selection competitions will be kept for the 2014 Canadian ranking.

## **Current ranking**

Seeding for some competitions in this Bulletin is based on “current ranking”. In the past the previous season’s Canadian Ranking, or the times submitted for entry was the most common method by which to seed skaters at the start of a competition. Since the addition of the open entry competition and a shift away from using times as a ranking method, we have devised a system whereby once an athlete competes in a National event, his/her result in this competition can be used to help seed him/her for any subsequent competition in the same season. This means we will no longer refer to results achieved many months ago when more recent results are available and this should provide us a more accurate reflection of an athletes’ ability as we progress through the season. This will be more fully integrated into the High Performance system next season.

To determine an athlete’s current ranking, either overall or by distance, the ranking points earned by that athlete from each competition/distance in which s/he has competed in the current season must be multiplied by the appropriate weighting of each competition and then added together. If no competitions have yet occurred in the season, then the current ranking is equal to the previous season’s Canadian Ranking.

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