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2019/20 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 24, 32 skaters and for open competitions.

Competition requirements / eligibility criteria are stated in the Bulletin 184 which can be found on Speed Skating Canada's Website.

All references to advancements by time, ie "+ X", should be considered conditional, according to the number of advancements made by Officials in the previous round. Advancements from the Officials will be prioritized over those by time and will replace them in the race progression. Therefore, for example, a round which has a progression of 2+2* will have only 1 space for an athlete to qualify by time in the case that there is 1 advancement made by an Official in the previous round. The * notation indicates that this is a conditional advancement.

2019 / 20 Competition Format

1. Competition with 24 entries (per gender)

This year, this format will be used for the Canadian Short Track Championships.

The format for this competition is as follows:

Day 1: 1500m / 500m

Day 2: 1000m / 1500m

Day 3: 500m / 1000m

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 2018/19 senior adjusted ranking in each of these distances. If there is a tie, the skater/s with the best overall 2018/19 senior adjusted ranking will be seeded higher. For skaters qualified via their NextGen ranking, they will be seeded on the basis of their 2018/19 senior adjusted ranking in each of these distances, if they do not have a senior adjusted ranking, they will be seeded below those who do, on the basis of their 2018/19 junior ranking in each of these distances. If there is a tie, the skater/s with the best overall 2018/19 senior adjusted ranking will be seeded higher, if they do not have a senior adjusted ranking it will be on the basis of their junior overall ranking.

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 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 4th for the 1500m going into the Competition and finished in 8th 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 senior adjusted ranking from 2018/19 or were not able to participate in all competitions counting towards that season's ranking.

Seeding for Quarter-finals and semi-finals

ISU rule 295 Paragraph 6 will be applied for seeding, please refer to page 29 of the present Bulletin.

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, 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 1500m event

Composition of heats (1500m)

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

If starting numbers are reduced from 24, the High Performance 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 semi-finals (1500m)

Top Bracket

The top 4 skaters from each of the 3 heats as well as the 2 fastest 5th placed skaters* will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-14; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 2 semi-finals (A, B) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 3 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 15-24; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 2 semi-finals (C, D) as described below.

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

Composition of the Finals (1500m)

Final A: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and fastest 4th* of Semis A and B

Final B: Remaining skaters from Semis A and B

Final C: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and fastest 4th* of Semis C and D

Final D: Remaining skaters from Semis C and D

IV. Format for 500m event

Composition of the Heats (500m)

500m					
Distance seeding	A	B	C	D	E
	1	2	3	4	5
	10	9	8	7	6
	11	12	13	14	15
	20	19	18	17	16
	21	22	23	24	

Composition of the quarter-finals (500m)

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters from each of the 5 heats as well as the fastest 4th placed skaters* will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-16; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 4 quarter-finals (A, B, C and D) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 5 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 17-24; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded straight into 2 semi-finals (E, F).

Rank from heats	Quarter-finals top bracket			
	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)

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 previous rounds) 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 previous rounds) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 5 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 17-24; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 2 semi-finals (E, F) as described below.

Rank from quarter-finals	Semi-finals top bracket				Rank from heats	Semi-finals bottom bracket	
	A	B	C	D		E	F
	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)

- Final A: Top 2 skaters from semi-finals A and B
- Final B: Remaining skaters from semi-finals A and B
- Final C: Top 2 skaters from semi-finals C and D
- Final D: Remaining skaters from semi-finals C and D
- Final E: Top 2 skaters from semi-finals E and F
- Final F: Remaining skaters from semi-finals E and F

I. Format for 1000m event

Composition of the Heats (1000m)

	500m and 1000m			
	A	B	C	D
Distance seeding	1	2	3	4
	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
	16	15	14	13
	17	18	19	20
	24	23	22	21

Composition of the quarter-finals (1000m)

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters from each of the 4 heats as well as the 3 fastest 4th placed skaters* will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-15; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 3 quarter-finals (A, B and C) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 16-24; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded straight into 2 semi-finals (C,D).

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

Composition of the semi -finals

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters as well as the fastest 4th placed skater* from each of the 3 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final ranks 1-10; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 3 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded straight into final C (final ranks 11-15; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 16-24; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 2 semi-finals (C, D) as described below.

Rank from quarter-finals	Semi-finals top bracket		Rank from heats	Semi-finals bottom bracket	
	A	B		C	D
1	2		16	17	
4	3		19	18	
5	6		20	21	
8	7		23	22	
9	10		24		

Composition of the Finals (500m)

- Final A: Top 2 skaters and fastest 3rd placed* from semi-finals A and B
- Final B: Remaining skaters from semi-finals A and B
- Final C: Remaining skaters from quarter-finals A, B and C
- Final D: Top 2 skaters and fastest 3rd placed* from semi-finals C and D
- Final E: Remaining skaters from semi-finals C and D

II. Ranking Points

Skaters earn ranking points during the final rounds for each distance. Exceptionally, for the competition format with 24 entries skaters earn HALF THE POINTS per distance from what is described in the tables in on page 30.

Each distance will be raced twice and results combined to establish the ranking for each distance. If two (2) athletes are tied, the skater with the highest finish position in either of the other distances will be prioritized for the individual ranking position.

2. Competition with 32 entries (per gender)

(This year to be used for Canadian Junior Short Track Championships and Short Track Canada Cup Final)

For Canadian Junior Short Track Championships the format is as follows:

Day 1 – 1500m

Day 2 – 500m

Day 3 – 1000m, 3000m relay men/women

For the Short Track Canada Cup Final the format is as follows :

Day 1 – 1500m – 500m

Day 2 – 1000m – 1500m

Day 3 – 500m – 1000m

I. Seeding

Canadian Junior Short Track Championships

Seeding for the first round

1500m

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

- 1500m ranking achieved at the Canadian Short Track Championships
- 1500m ranking achieved at Short Track Canada Cup 1
- Combined entry time standards for those who entered the competition based on time (Any ties will be broken by referring to a coin toss)

500m

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

- 500m ranking achieved at the Canadian Short Championships
- 500m ranking achieved at Short Track Canada Cup 1
- Combined entry time standards for those who entered the competition based on time (Any ties will be broken by referring to a 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).

Short Track Canada Cup Final

Seeding for the first round of each distance

Athletes from the World Junior Championships Team will be reseeded manually by the High Performance Committee.

1500m

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

- 1500m ranking achieved at the Canadian Short Track Championships for athletes qualified to Short Track Canada Cup Final via the Racing Pool
- 1500m ranking achieved at the Short Track Canada Cup 2

500m

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

- 500m ranking achieved at the Canadian Short Track Championships for athletes qualified to Short Track Canada Cup Final via the Racing Pool
- 500m ranking achieved at the Short Track Canada Cup 2

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 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 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 the present Competition will be seeded higher.

For example: if a skater had a seeding of 4th for the 1500m going into the Competition and finished in 8th 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.

Seeding for Quarter-finals and semi-finals

ISU rule 295 Paragraph 6 will be applied for seeding, refer to page 29 of the present Bulletin.

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 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
	25	26	27	28
	32	31	30	29

If starting numbers are reduced from 32, 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 Semi-finals (1500m)

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters as well as the 2 fastest 3rd placed skaters* from each of the 4 heats will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-14; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 2 semi-finals (A, B) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 15-32; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 3 semi-finals (C, 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	15	16	17
	4	3	20	19	18
	5	6	21	22	23
	8	7	26	25	24
	9	10	27	28	29
	12	11	32	31	30
	13	14			

Composition of the Finals (1500m)

- Final A : Top 3 skaters and fastest 4th placed skater* from semi-finals A and B
 Final B : Remaining skaters from semi-finals A and B
 Final C : Top 2 skaters and fastest 3rd placed skater* from semi-finals C, D and E
 Final D : 3rd, 4th and 2 fastest 5th placed skaters* from semi-finals C, D and E
 Final E : Remaining skaters from semi-finals C, D and E

IV. Format for the 500m

Composition of Heats (500m)

	500m Heats						
Distance seeding	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	28	27	26	25	24	23	22
	29	30	31	32			

If starting numbers are reduced from 32, 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 Quarter- finals (500m)

Top Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 6 fastest 3rd placed skater* from each of the 7 heats will be placed into the top bracket (final rank 1-20; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 4 quarter-finals (A, B, C, D) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 7 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 21-32; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 3 quarter-finals (E, F G) as described below.

Quarter finals 500m								
Rank from 1 st round	Quarter finals top bracket				Quarter finals bottom bracket			
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
	1	2	3	4	21	22	23	
	8	7	6	5	26	25	24	
	9	10	11	12	27	28	29	
	16	15	14	13	32	31	30	
17	18	19	20					

Composition of Semi-Finals (500m)

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 previous rounds) as described below.

The 3rd and 4th placed 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 previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded straight to final E (final rank 17-20; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds).

Bottom Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 2 fastest 3th placed skater* from each of the 3 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 bottom bracket semi-finals (F, G; final ranks 21-28; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 3 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded straight to final H (final ranks 29-32; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

Semi-finals 500m						
Rank from quarter finals	Semi-finals top bracket				Semi-finals bottom bracket	
	A	B	C	D	F	G
	1	2	9	10	21	22
	4	3	12	11	24	23
	5	6	13	14	25	26
	8	7	16	15	28	27

Composition of the Finals (500m)

- 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 : Remaining skaters from quarter-finals A, B, C and D
- Final F: Top 2 skaters from Semis F and G

Final G: Remaining skaters from Semis F and G
 Final H: Remaining skaters quarter-finals E, F and G

V. Format for the 1000m

Composition of Heats (1000m)

		1000m 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 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 Quarter- finals (1000m)

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters as well as the 2 fastest 4th placed skater* from each of the 6 heats will be placed into the top bracket (final rank 1-20; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 4 quarter-finals (A, B, C, D) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 6 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 21-32; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 3 quarter-finals (E, F G) as described below.

		Quarter finals 1000m							
Rank from 1 st round	Quarter finals top bracket				Quarter finals bottom bracket				
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G		
	1	2	3	4	21	22	23		
	8	7	6	5	26	25	24		
	9	10	11	12	27	28	29		
	16	15	14	13	32	31	30		
	17	18	19	20					

Composition of Semi-Finals

Top Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 2 fastest 3rd placed skaters* from each of the 4 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final ranks 1-10 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) 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 11-20 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats and quarter-finals) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The top 3 skaters as well as the fastest 4th placed skater* from each of the 3 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 bottom bracket semi-finals (E, F; final ranks 21-30; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 3 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded straight to final G (final ranks 31-32; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

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

Composition of the Finals

- Final A: Top 2 skaters and fastest 3rd* from Semis A and B
- Final B: Remaining skaters from Semis A and B
- Final C: Top 2 skaters and fastest 3rd* from Semis C and D
- Final D: Remaining skaters from Semis C and D
- Final E: Top 2 skaters and fastest 3rd* from Semis E and F
- Final F: Remaining skaters from Semis E and F
- Final G: Remaining skaters from quarters E, F and G

VI. Ranking Points

Skaters earn ranking points during the final rounds for each distance. Exceptionally, for Short Track Canada Cup Final skaters earn HALF THE POINTS per distance from what is described in the tables in on page 30.

Each distance will be raced twice and results combined to establish the ranking for each distance. If two (2) athletes are tied, the skater with the highest finish position in either of the other distances will be prioritized for the individual ranking position.

Composition of relay teams

The top 16 ranked skaters overall will compete in the relay event. If any of the top 16 ranked skaters are unable to participate, the relay teams will be filled by going down the ranking list after position 16.

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

Ranking Points

Skaters earn ranking points during the finals rounds for each distance according to the Tables on page 30.

3. Competition format for Open entries

(This year, this format will be used for Short Track Canada Cup 1, Short Track Canada Cup 2 and Short Track Canada Cup Junior Final)

I. Entries

The Entries shall be restricted to a maximum of 60 Ladies and 60 Men.

II. Qualifying times

To qualify for open competitions, skaters must have met entry time standards in a gender-specific competition

III. The format for these competitions is as follows:

Day 1 – 1500m

Day 2 – 500m

Day 3 – 1000m

IV. Seeding

Seeding for the first round

Short Track Canada Cup 1

1500m

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

- 1500m ranking from the 2018/19 Senior adjusted Ranking
- 1500m ranking from on the 2018/19 Canadian Junior Ranking
- Combined entry time standards for those who entered the competition based on time (Any ties will be broken by referring to a coin toss)

500m

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

- 500m ranking from the 2018/19 Senior adjusted Ranking
- 500m ranking from on the 2018/19 Canadian Junior Ranking
- Combined entry time standards for those who entered the competition based on time (Any ties will be broken by referring to a 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).

Short Track Canada Cup 2

1500m

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

- 1500m ranking achieved at the Canadian Short Track Championships
- 1500m ranking achieved at Short Track Canada Cup 1
- 1500m ranking achieved at the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships
- Combined entry time standards for those who entered the competition based on time (Any ties will be broken by referring to a coin toss)

500m

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

- 500m ranking achieved at the Canadian Short Track Championships
- 500m ranking achieved at Short Track Canada Cup 1
- 500m ranking achieved at the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships
- Combined entry time standards for those who entered the competition based on time (Any ties will be broken by referring to a 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).

Short Track Canada Cup Junior Final

1500m

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

- 1500m ranking achieved at Short Track Canada Cup 2
- 1500m ranking achieved at Canadian Junior Short Track Championships
- Combined entry time standards for those who entered the competition based on time (Any ties will be broken by referring to a coin toss)

500m

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

- 500m ranking achieved at Short Track Canada Cup 2
- 500m ranking achieved at Canadian Junior Short Track Championships
- Combined entry time standards for those who entered the competition based on time (Any ties will be broken by referring to a 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 Quarter-finals and semi-finals

ISU rule 295 Paragraph 6 will be applied for seeding, refer to page 29 of the present Bulletin.

V. 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.

VI. Format for the 1500m event

Composition of the Heats (1500m)

		1500m Heats							
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Distance seeding	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 Quarter-finals (1500m)

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters as well as the 4 fastest 4th placed skaters* from each of the 8 heats will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-28; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) 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 29-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 5 quarter-finals (E, F, G, H, I) as described below.

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

Composition of Semi-finals (1500m)

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters as well as the 2 fastest 4th placed skaters* from each of the 4 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 top bracket semi-finals (A, B; final ranks 1-14; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the next 2 top bracket semi-finals (C, D; final rank 15-28; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below

Bottom Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 4 fastest 3rd placed skaters* from each of the 5 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 bottom bracket semi-finals (E, F; final ranks 29-42; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The 3rd, 4th and 5th placed skaters as well as the 3 fastest 6th placed skaters* from each of the 5 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the next 2 bottom bracket semi-finals (G, H; final ranks 43-56; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 5 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded straight to final I (final rank 57-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds).

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

Composition of the Finals (1500m)

Final A: 1st, 2nd and 3rd and fastest 4th placed skater* of Semis A and B

Final B: Remaining skaters from Semis A and B

- Final C: 1st, 2nd and 3rd and fastest 4th placed skater* of Semis C and D
- Final D: Remaining skaters from Semis C and D
- Final E: 1st, 2nd and 3rd and fastest 4th placed skater* of Semis E and F
- Final F: Remaining skaters from Semis E and F
- Final G: 1st, 2nd and 3rd and fastest 4th placed skater* of Semis G and H
- Final H: Remaining skaters from Semis G and H
- Final I: Remaining skaters from quarter-finals E, F, G, H, I

I. 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	

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 Heats

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters as well as the 4 fastest 4th placed skaters* from each of the 12 preliminaries will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-40; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 8 heats (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The remaining skaters from each of the 12 preliminaries will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 41-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 4 heats (I, J, K, L) as described below.

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

Composition of Quarter-finals

Top Bracket

The top 2 skaters as well as the 4 fastest 3rd placed skaters* from each of the 8 top bracket heats will be seeded into the top 4 top bracket quarter-finals (A, B, C, D; final ranks 1-20; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 8 top bracket heats will be seeded into the next 4 top bracket quarter-finals (E, F, G, H; final ranks 21-40; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below

Quarter-finals 500m								
Rank from 2nd round	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	1	2	3	4	21	22	23	24
	8	7	6	5	28	27	26	25
	9	10	11	12	29	30	31	32
	16	15	14	13	36	35	34	33
17	18	19	20	37	38	39	40	

Composition of Semi-finals

Top Bracket

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

The remaining skaters from each of the 2 top bracket quarter-finals will be placed into the top-2 bracket (final ranks 9-20; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 3 semi-finals (C, D, E) as described below.

The top 2 skaters from each of the 2 next top bracket quarter-finals will be placed into the top-3 bracket (final ranks 21-28; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 2 semi-finals (F, G) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 2 next top bracket quarter-finals will be placed into the top-4 bracket (final ranks 29-40; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) and seeded into 3 semi-finals (H, I, J) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 bottom bracket heats will be seeded straight into 2 semi-finals (K,L ; final ranks 41-48; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 bottom bracket heats be seeded straight into 3 semi-finals (M, N, O; final ranks 49-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

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

Composition of the Finals (500m)

- Final A: 1st and 2nd of Semis A and B
 Final B: Remaining skaters from Semis A and B
 Final C: 1st and fastest 2^{nd*} of Semis C, D and E
 Final D : 2nd and 2 fastest 3^{rd*} of Semis C, D and E
 Final E : Remaining skaters from Semis C, D and E
- Final F: 1st and 2nd of Semis F and G
 Final G: Remaining skaters from Semis F and G
 Final H: 1st and fastest 2^{nd*} of Semis H, I and J
 Final I : 2nd and 2 fastest 3^{rd*} of Semis H, I and J
 Final J : Remaining skaters from Semis H, I and J
- Final K: 1st and 2nd of Semis K and L
 Final L: Remaining skaters from Semis K and L
 Final M: 1st and fastest 2^{nd*} of Semis M, N and O
 Final N : 2nd and 2 fastest 3^{rd*} of Semis M, N and O
 Final O : Remaining skaters from Semis M, N and O

II. 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 Heats (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 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 heats (G, H, I, J, K, L) as described below.

Heats 1000m													
Rank from 1st round	Heats top bracket						Heats bottom bracket						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	
	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 Quarter-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 bracket quarter-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 bracket quarter-finals (D, E, F; final rank 16-30; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

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 bracket quarter-finals (G, H, I; 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 bracket quarter-finals (J, K, L; final rank 46-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

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

Composition of Semi-finals (1000m)

Top Bracket

The top 3 skaters as well as the fastest 4th placed skaters* from each of the 3 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into 2 semi-finals (A, B; final rank 1-10; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 3 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded straight into final C (final rank 11-15; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The top 3 skaters as well as the fastest 4th placed skaters* from each of the next 3 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into 2 semi-finals (D, E; final rank 16-25; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the next 3 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded straight into final F (final rank 26-30; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

Bottom Bracket

The top 3 skaters as well as the fastest 4th placed skaters* from each of the 3 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into 2 semi-finals (G, H; final rank 31-40; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the 3 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded straight into final I (final rank 41-45) as described below.

The top 3 skaters as well as the fastest 4th placed skaters* from each of the next 3 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into 2 semi-finals (J, K; final rank 46-55); or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds as described below.

The remaining skaters from each of the next 3 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded straight into final L (final rank 56-60; or lower depending on the number of advancements in the previous rounds) as described below.

Semi-finals 500m									
Rank from 2nd round	Top bracket				Bottom bracket				
	A	B	D	E	G	H	J	K	
	1	2	16	17	31	32	46	47	
	4	3	19	18	34	33	49	48	
	5	6	20	21	35	36	50	51	
	8	7	23	22	38	37	53	52	
9	10	24	25	39	40	54	55		

Composition of the Finals (1000m)

- Final A: 1st and 2nd and fastest 3rd* of Semis A and B
 Final B: Remaining skaters from Semis A and B
 Final C: Remaining skaters from quarter-finals A, B and C
- Final D: 1st and 2nd and fastest 3rd* of Semis D and E
 Final E: Remaining skaters from Semis D and E
 Final F: Remaining skaters from quarter-finals D, E and F
- Final G: 1st and 2nd and fastest 3rd* of Semis G and H
 Final H: Remaining skaters from Semis G and H
 Final I: Remaining skaters from quarter-finals G, H and I
- Final J: 1st and 2nd and fastest 3rd* of Semis J and K
 Final K: Remaining skaters from Semis J and K
 Final L: Remaining skaters from quarter-finals J, K and L

III. Ranking Points

Skaters earn ranking points during the finals rounds for each distance according to the Tables on page 30.

4. Special Racing Rules (applicable for all competitions):

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.

5. Reminder of applicable ISU rules (applicable for all competitions):

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).

Rule 295 Paragraph 2 (g)

g) Race winners and second placed Skaters in the races will qualify to move forward to the next round. Skaters who were impeded, for which another Skater received a penalty, a yellow card or a red card, and at the moment of the infringement were in one of these direct qualifying positions, will be advanced to the next round. In the case that Race winners, second placed Skaters and advanced Skaters do not fill up to the scheduled number of Skaters in the next round, fastest thirds may be added to the next round. In exceptional cases, the number of Skaters directly qualifying to the next round may be different from the two best placed Skaters. In those cases, the fastest skaters in the next finishing position may be added to the next round.

5. 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 to 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.

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

Approved by the High Performance Committee - Short Track on September 12 2019

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

ANNEX

Progression Matrix for format of 24 skaters

1500 M

Quarter				Semi				Final	
Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters
24	3	8/8/8	4+2	14	2	7/7	3+1	A-B	7/7
				10	2	5/5	3+1	C-D	7/3

500 M

Heat				Quarter				Semi				Final	
Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters
24	5	5/5/5/5/4	3+1	16	4	4/4/4/4	2+0	8	2	4/4	2+0	A-B	4/4
								8	2	4/4	2+0	C-D	4/4
								8	2	4/4	2+0	E-F	4/4

1000 M

Heat				Quarter				Semi				Final	
Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters
24	4	6/6/6/6	3+3	15	3	5/5/5	3+1	10	2	5/5	2+1	A-B	5/5
												C	5
								9	2	5/4	2+1	E-F	5/4

Progression matrix for format of 32 skaters

1500 M

Quarter				Semi				Final	
Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters
32	4	8/8/8/8	3+2	14	2	7/7	3+1	A-B	7/7
				18	3	6/6/6	2+1	C-E	7/7/4

500 M

Heat				Quarter				Semi				Final	
Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters
32	7	5/5/5/5/4/4/4	2+6	20	4	5/5/5/5	2+0	8	2	4/4	2+0	A-B	4/4
								8	2	4/4	2+0	C-D	4/4
												E	4
				12	3	4/4/4	2+2	8	2	4/4	2+0	F-G	4/4
								H	4				

1000 M

You could drop this to 6 races in the Heat (Based on the WC Communication 2193)

Heat				Quarter				Semi				Final	
Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters
32	6	5/5/5/5/6/6	3+2	20	4	5/5/5/5	2+2	10	2	5/5	2+1	A-B	5/5
								10	2	5/5	2+1	C-D	5/5
				12	3	4/4/4	3+1	10	2	5/5	2+1	E-F	5/5
												G	2

Progression matrix for format of 60 skaters

1500 M

Heats				Quarters				Semis				Finals	
Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters
60	8	7/7/7/7/8/8/8/8	3+4	28	4	7/7/7/7	3+2	14	2	7/7	3+1	A-B	7/7
				14	2	7/7	3+1	C-D	7/7				
				32	5	7/7/6/6/6	2+4	14	2	7/7	3+1	E-F	7/7
				14	2	7/7	3+1	G-H	7/7				
												I	4

500 M

Preliminaries				Heats				Quarter				Semi				Final	
Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters
60	12	5/5/5/5/5/5/5/5/5/5	3+4	40	8	5/5/5/5/5/5/5/5	2+4	20	4	5/5/5/5	2+0	8	2	4/4	2+0	A-B	4/4
								12	3	4/4/4	1+1	C-D-E	4/4/4				
				20	4	5/5/5/5	2+0	20	4	5/5/5/5	2+0	8	2	4/4	2+0	F-G	4/4
								12	3	4/4/4	1+1	H-I-J	4/4/4				
												8	2	4/4	2+0	K-L	4/4
												12	3	4/4/4	1+1	M-N-O	4/4/4

1000 M

Preliminaries				Heat				Quarter				Semi				Final	
Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Skaters	Races	# on Line	Advancement	Races	Skaters
60	10	6/6/6/6/6/6/6/6/6/6	3+0	30	6	5/5/5/5/5/5	2+3	15	3	5/5/5	3+1	10	2	5/5	2+1	A-B	5/5
				30	6	5/5/5/5/5/5	2+3	15	3	5/5/5	3+1	10	2	5/5	2+1	D-E	5/5
				30	6	5/5/5/5/5/5	2+3	15	3	5/5/5	3+1	10	2	5/5	2+1	G-H	5/5
								15	3	5/5/5	3+1	10	2	5/5	2+1	J-K	5/5
																L	5