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The High Performance Committee – Short Track (HPCST) will issue bulletins periodically throughout the season informing skaters, coaches and associations of any update and/or changes to selection criteria, competitions, etc.

The HPCST reserves the right to modify or change the enclosed policies in the event that exceptional circumstances arise and that any such changes are clearly in the best interest of the high performance program. In these situations all athletes and coaches will be advised of any changes as soon as they are confirmed by the HPCST.

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2013 World Junior Championships

Eligibility:

A Junior skater is a skater who has reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2012. (ISU Rule #108)

Team Composition:

The 2013 Junior World Short Track Championships Team will be composed of 4 women and 4 men

Selection Procedures:

For the World Junior Championships, athletes will be selected on the basis of results from the 2012/13 Canadian Junior Championships, pre-selection and byes as described below

Pre-Selection:

Skaters who have earned selection to a Fall World Cup team in the 2012 / 13 season may be pre-selected to the 2013 Junior World Championships Team. A maximum of 2 athletes per gender may be pre-selected to the 2013 World Junior Championships.

Selection

If no athletes have been pre-selected to the team, then skaters ranked 1-4 in the overall final ranking at the 2012-13 Canadian Junior Championships will be selected to the team. Otherwise the remaining positions on the team after pre-selection will be filled with the highest ranked skaters from the overall final ranking at the 2012-13 Canadian Junior Championships, starting with the first ranked skater and subsequent positions going down the ranking list until all positions are occupied.

Tie break

Ties in the overall final ranking will be broken by using the highest ranked athlete in the Super 1500m race.

Individual distances:

The top three athletes selected to the World Junior Championships team will compete in the individual distances. Those skaters who have been pre-selected to the team, will be considered as the top athletes and will automatically occupy the top position or positions.

Bye

An athlete may apply for a Bye to obtain a specific place on the World Junior Team. A Bye provides the opportunity to be selected to a team for an athlete who, due to exceptional circumstances and through no fault of their own, is unable to qualify for the team through the normal selection event(s). The basic philosophy for granting a Bye to the World Junior Team is that the skater being given the Bye has demonstrated superior performance in a senior national or junior international event than other athletes being considered for selection.

Please note that the "Guidelines for the allocation of byes" contained in Appendix A of Bulletin 154 are ONLY applicable for Senior National and International competitions and will not be used in the determination of byes for the World Junior Championships.

Naming of Team

Once the HPCST has finalized the team, SSC will formally announce the selection by posting the team list on the SSC website. Every effort will be made to ensure that this occurs within 5 days of the selection event.

2012 – 2013 National Competitions

General information

In order to compete in these events skaters must be Canadian citizens, registered members of Speed Skating Canada and eligible to represent Canada in international competition

- a) The competitions will be held on the ISU 111.12m oval track. The racing rules of SSC, and where applicable, the ISU will be used. Exceptions to the rules for the purpose of selecting the World Championship, National and Development Teams are noted in the 2012 / 13 Competition Format section of this Bulletin.
- b) For the Canadian Junior Championships, skaters must have reached the age of 14 but not the age of 19 before July 1, 2012 to compete in the event as they are selection races for junior international competitions (ISU Rule 108).
- c) For the National Qualifier, skaters must have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2012 to compete in these events as they are selection races for senior international competitions (ISU Rule 108).
- d) **PLEASE NOTE** All skaters are required to wear cut-resistant clothing (undergarment or racing suit) that meets the ISU standards as described in ISU Communication 1265.
- e) Skaters qualify for these National Team Selection events as follows:

Canadian Junior Championships (Toronto, On, December 8 & 9, 2012)

The Canadian Junior Championships will have a maximum of 32 entries. Entry to the Canadian Junior Championships will be on the basis of combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded in a gender-specific SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing during the period from August 1st, 2012 to November 19th, 2012. 500m & 1500 times will be taken as absolute times. Times need to be submitted to SSC by November 19 at noon. Manual times may be accepted and will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds. The preliminary list of the top 32 entries will be issued on the 20th of November.

Times recorded in a gender-specific competition sanctioned by another country's national governing body will be accepted only if electronic timing was used. A special request must be made to the HPCST for evaluation.

National Qualifier (Drummondville, Qc, December 15 & 16, 2012)

The National Qualifier Competition will have a maximum of 32 entries. All athletes with a 2011-12 Canadian ranking in the top 30 will be eligible for the competition. Remaining positions will qualify for entry to the National Qualifier on the basis of their combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded in a gender-specific SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing during the period from August 1st, 2012 to November 19th, 2012. 500m & 1500 times will be taken as absolute times. Times need to be submitted to SSC by November 19th ; manual times may be accepted and will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds. The preliminary list of the top 32 entries will be issued on the 21st of November.

Times recorded in a gender-specific competition sanctioned by another country's national governing body will be accepted only if electronic timing was used. A special request must be made to the HPCST for evaluation.

Seeding for the competition will be on the basis of individual distance ranking in 2011-12 for those entrants with a Canadian Ranking. Skaters qualified on the basis of entry times will be seeded for all distances on their combined 500m time and 1500m times.

Confirmation of Entries

Skaters are **required to confirm their intent to participate in writing** to Speed Skating Canada by:

Confirmation deadline	Competition	Publication date of final entry list
November 21, 2012	Canadian Junior Championships	November 23, 2012
November 26, 2012	National Qualifier	November 28, 2012

PLEASE NOTE: Positions **NOT confirmed by the deadline** will be allocated to the next ranked eligible skater.

If an athlete enters and is then forced to withdraw due to illness, injury etc, the resulting available position at the end of the entry list will automatically be offered to the next eligible skater. If the withdrawal is made within seven (7) days of the event, typically only the next eligible athlete in the ranking list will be offered the vacant position. However, the HPC reserves the right to evaluate any additional replacements after the first reserve athlete as necessary in the best interest of the competition.

National Team Uniforms

During an event sanctioned by Speed Skating Canada, athletes must not wear a competition uniform (skin suit) identified as belonging to a national team or to another country, unless he or she belongs to that team or country at the time of the competition. (SSC Rule N1-106).

In addition, no Speed Skating Canada National or Development Team skin suits from a previous season are permitted to be worn by any skater during Fall World Cup Selections, Canadian Open Championships, National Team Selections #2, Canadian Junior Championships or National Qualifier unless specifically authorized by Speed Skating Canada.

Special Racing Rules:

Penalizations, failure to finish, scratches:

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

1. A penalized skater will receive the last place rank and seeding points for the race in which he is penalized and will 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 of that race, behind any skaters who might subsequently fail to finish due to infraction or penalization and will receive the seeding points according to the final order in that distance
3. Skaters who withdraw before the distance will receive no Rankings points for that distance and the distance will be re-seeded
4. Skaters who withdraw from a distance are permitted to continue in the competition for any subsequent distances.
5. A skater who does not finish the race because of an infraction by another skater will receive their position ahead of any penalized skaters.
6. An athlete who does not finish a race will not be allowed to start the following round of the distance unless an advancement is warranted according to the ISU World Cup procedures or Special Rules Exception.
7. In special circumstances where an athlete is not able to finish a race as a result of a fall, the referee in consultation with the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and National Short Track Program Director) may decide to advance the athlete to the next round or to authorize the athlete to restart to ensure the most fair allocation of final ranking points.
8. In special circumstances where an athlete is not able to finish a race as a result of equipment failure/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 athlete will be advanced in the lower bracket of the next round and permitted to continue in the distance.
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.

2012 / 13 Competition Format Canadian Junior Championships

Eligibility:

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In order to compete in these competitions skaters must be Canadian citizens, registered members of Speed Skating Canada and eligible to represent Canada in international competitions.

Entry:

Skaters qualify for entry to these Championships on the basis of their combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded in a gender-specific SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing during the period from August 1st, 2012 to November 19th, 2012. Please note in special circumstances manual times will be accepted (adjusted upwards by 0.2). 500m & 1500m times will be taken as absolute times.

The 32 highest ranked skaters based on these combined times will then receive automatic entry to the 2012-13 Canadian Junior Championships, December 8 - 9 in Toronto, Ontario.

Please note no additional groups will be permitted for competition during the Canadian Junior Championships.

PLEASE NOTE All skaters are required to wear cut-resistant clothing (undergarment or racing suit) that meets the ISU standards as described in ISU Communication 1265.

Competition schedule:

The schedule for this competition is as follows:

Day 1: 1500m, 500m
Day 2: 1000m, super 1500m

Ranking Points:

Skaters earn ranking points during the finals races for each distance as follows:

a) The ranking points for the first 1500m are as follows:

Finals	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Final A	1000	816	666	543	443	362	
Final B	295	241	196	160	130	106	
Final C	86	70	57	46	37	30	
Final D	24	19	15	12	9	7	5
Final E	4	3	2	1.5	1	.5	0

b) The ranking points for the 500m and 1000m are as follows:

Finals	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Final A	1000	816	666	543
Final B	443	362	295	241
Final C	196	160	130	106
Final D	86	70	57	46
Final E	37	30	24	19
Final F	15	12	9	7
Final G	5	4	3	2
Final H	1.5	1	.5	0

c) The ranking points for the 1500m Super Final are as follows:

Finals	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
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Final A	1000	816	666	543	443	362	
Final B	295	241	196	160	130	106	
Final C	86	70	57	46	37	30	
Final D	24	19	15	12	9	7	5
Final E	4	3	2	1.5	1	.5	0

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

Lane Positions

PLEASE NOTE: Lane positions will be determined as per ISU rule 296. For the first qualifying 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 qualifying 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.

Composition of the Heats (1500m)

Priority for seeding the 1500m on Day 1 will be as follows:

- Skaters with a 2011 / 12 Canadian Ranking in attendance, in order of this ranking, then;
- All other skaters seeded in order of their combined entry time standards, then;
- Any ties will be broken by referring to a coin toss

PLEASE NOTE: the HPC reserves the right to adjust seedings for all competitors to ensure the most fair and appropriate racing conditions for athletes who do not have a 2011 / 12 Canadian ranking or were not able to participate in applicable national selection competitions from the 10-11 and 11-12 seasons.

Seedings 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 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:	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>
Seeding points	34	21	13	8	5	3	2	1

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 National 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 above.

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 above.

Semi-Finals 1500m

		Semi-finals top bracket			Semi-finals bottom bracket	
		A	B	C	D	E
Rank from 1 st round	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 Finals (1500m)

Final A: 1st and 2nd of Semis A, B and C

Final B: 3rd and 4th of Semis A, B and C

Final C: Remaining skaters from Semis A, B and C

Final D: 1st, 2nd and 3rd from Semis D and E, + fastest 4th from semis D and E (7 skaters)

Final E: Remaining skaters from Semis D and E

Composition of Heats (500m and 1000m)

		500m and 1000m Heats							
Ranking	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	

from 1500m (for 500m) and 1500m and 500m (for 1000m)	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 ranks 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 above.

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 above.

Quarter-finals 500m and 1000m

	Quarter-finals top bracket				Quarter-finals bottom bracket			
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Rank from 1 st 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 above.

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 above.

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 above.

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 above.

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 Finals (500m and 1000m)

Final A:	1 st and 2 nd skaters from Semis A and B
Final B:	Remaining skaters from Semis A and B
Final C:	1 st and 2 nd skaters from Semis C and D
Final D:	Remaining skaters from Semis C and D
Final E:	1 st and 2 nd skaters from Semis E and F
Final F:	Remaining skaters from Semis E and F
Final G:	1 st and 2 nd 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 5th and 6th 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.

Super 1500m

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 6th, 12th, 18th, or 25th 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 contact to the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s).

2012 / 13 Competition Format National Qualifier

The competition format for the National Qualifier will be the same as the Junior Championship without the Super 1500m race.

GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF BYES

See Bulletin 154 for details on the Bye Policy

Appeals

Following the announcement of the “Team”, any athlete/s affected by a Bye request decision has/have the opportunity to appeal this decision in accordance with the Speed Skating Canada Appeal Policy. (refer to SSC Appeals Policy RES 100).