



SSC 2014 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures Long Track

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Article I. Objective

The objective of these 2014 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures is to select athletes with the greatest medal potential for the 2014 Olympic Games Team including both individual distances and the team pursuit event.

Article II. Olympic Selection Committee

Section 2.01 Composition of the Olympic Selection Committee

The Olympic Selection Committee will be composed of **five** members: the 3 elected members of Speed Skating Canada's High Performance Long Track Committee; the Long Track Program Director; and the Executive Director, Sport. The Chair of the Long Track High Performance Committee shall be the chair of the Olympic Selection Committee, or shall designate his/her replacement if necessary. Each member has one vote, including the chair.

Section 2.02 Authority

The individuals identified in Article 2.1 above have complete authority and accountability to apply these 2014 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures without interference from any additional persons.

Section 2.03 Conflict of Interest

In the exercise of the authority granted above, any and all members of the Olympic Selection Committee as described in Article 2.1 above have the obligation to apply Speed Skating Canada's Conflict of Interest Policy (INT-400) in the exercise of their duties and as found at the following location: <http://www.speedskating.ca/sites/default/files/int400-conflictofinterestpolicy.pdf>

Section 2.04 Quorum

A quorum will consist of the majority of the Olympic Selection Committee members. Any members found to be in a conflict of interest according to Article 2.01 above cannot be counted for quorum for voting purposes on the topic(s) in which the member is in conflict of interest.

Should quorum not be present for voting on a particular topic, either due to a declared conflict of interest or to the absence of one or more committee members, then the following individuals will be invited one by one to serve on the Olympic Selection committee until quorum is achieved.

1. Short Track High Performance Committee Chair
2. Short Track Program Director

Article III. Announcements

The 2014 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures will be communicated in a stand alone policy and posted on Speed Skating Canada's website at <http://www.speedskating.ca/high-performance-long-track-committee>. As indicated herein, any amendments as per Article 4 of the 2014 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures will be communicated through the release of additional Bulletins specific to these changes.

Article IV. Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances

Section 4.01 Amendments

Speed Skating Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document which, in its sole discretion, are necessary to ensure selection of the best teams possible for the 2014 Olympic Games. Any changes to this document shall be communicated to all long track high performance program athletes potentially eligible for the 2014 Olympic Games Team nomination by posting of the changes to the Speed Skating Canada Website at <http://www.speedskating.ca/high-performance-long-track-committee>.

All athletes are reminded that it is their obligation to understand this document and to make themselves aware of any changes. Athletes are encouraged to check with the Executive Director, Sport and/or the Long Track Program Director to confirm if there are any changes to this document.

This Article 4 shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials, which formed part of the 2014 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. The purpose of this Article 4 is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a determination is made by the Olympic Selection Committee that a lack of clarity exists in the text. The purpose of such changes must be to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have been selected otherwise. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. In the event of a change to this document Speed Skating Canada shall inform the Canadian Olympic Committee of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

Section 4.02 Unforeseen Circumstances

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Speed Skating Canada that prevent the Olympic Selection Committee identified in Article 2 from implementing these internal nomination procedures fairly, as written, the Chief Executive Officer of Speed Skating Canada shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as he or she sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that he or she deems relevant.

Article V. Athlete Eligibility

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, the athlete must meet **all** of the following eligibility conditions:

- a) Be a Canadian citizen;
- b) Hold a valid Canadian passport that does not expire before October 17, 2014 as per Sochi2014 Accreditation Guidelines
- c) Meet the International Olympic Committee (IOC) citizenship and nationality criteria;
- d) Hold a duly valid membership according to the requirements of Article B3 - 101 of Speed Skating Canada's 2013-14 Procedures and Regulations and be a member in good standing;
- e) Athletes must be ranked in the Top 16 from the final 2012-13 Canadian Rankings-long track for the Women's 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m or Men's 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m or Top 12 for the Women's 5000m and Men's 10000m in an individual distance or receive a special invitation for the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials competition from the Olympic Selection Committee. Special invitations will be limited to athletes who have clearly demonstrated performances consistent with a Top 10 ranking in a specific distance;
- f) Athletes must have signed the Speed Skating Canada Athlete Nomination Agreement (Appendix A) prior to the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials competition in order to be considered;
- g) Sign and submit the Canadian Olympic Committee athlete agreement and the SOCHI 2014 OC eligibility conditions form no later than January 19, 2014.

Article VI. International Federation Criteria

Section 6.01 International Federation Regulations

The International Federation regulations specific to the discipline of Speed Skating (long track) and applicable to the 2014 Olympic Winter Games can be found at:

<http://www.isu.org/vsite/vfile/page/fileurl/0,11040,4844-206176-223399-177249-0-file,00.pdf>

at Rule 209 page 20 of the International Skating Union's SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING and SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING as accepted by the 54th Ordinary Congress June 2012 which will determine the number of quota positions available for each distance.

Section 6.02 ISU Olympic Qualification Standards

Only Skaters having achieved the ISU Qualifying Times may be entered for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games:

	Ladies	Men
500m	39.50	35.90
1000m	1:18.50	1:10.80
1500m	2:00.00	1:48.50
3000m	4:15.00	NA
5000m	7:20.00 or 4:10.00 (3000m)	6:33.00
10000m	NA	13:30.00 or 6:28.00 (5000m)

To be entered for an individual event/distance, a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying Time for the event/distance concerned. To be entered for the Team Pursuit event, a Skater must have reached the Qualifying Time for at least one of the individual events/distances.

Article VI. Olympic Selection Criteria

Nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2014 Olympic Games Team will comprise of two phases: Pre-selection and 2014 Olympic Selection Trials. The Qualification Period for selection is from March 21, 2013 until January 12, 2014.

Section 7.01 Selection Phase 1: Pre-selection:

Pre-selection: Individual distances

Pre-selection is based upon results from:

2013 World Single Distances Championships – March 21-24, 2013, Sochi, Russia

- An athlete who finishes in the top 5 for an individual distance at the 2013 World Single Distances Championships will be eligible to be pre-selected for that distance. 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m (women), 5000m and 10000m (men).
- In order for an athlete to continue to be eligible for pre-selection, that athlete must achieve a podium (top 3) position at an ISU World Cup race (in the pre-selected distance) during the 2013-14 season prior to the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials. For the 500m distance, the confirmation can be achieved at any single 500m race at an ISU World Cup competition.
- If only one athlete per individual distance (for both male and female) achieves both of the above criteria, such athlete shall be confirmed for pre-selection for that individual distance. If more than one athlete per individual distance (for both male and female) achieves the above criteria, a maximum of one athlete per individual distance (for both male and female) shall be confirmed for pre-selection, such athlete being selected based on rank order of performance at the 2013 World Single Distances Championships for

that individual distance. If no athlete for any individual distance achieves both of the above criteria, then no athlete shall be pre-selected for that individual distance notwithstanding that an athlete(s) was eligible for pre-selection for that individual distance based on the results achieved at the 2013 World Single Distances Championships.

- For greater clarity, if two or more athletes are eligible for pre-selection based on the results achieved at the 2013 World Single Distances Championships, and a lower ranked athlete (based on results achieved at the 2013 World Single Distances Championships) achieves a podium (top 3) position at an ISU World Cup race (in the pre-selected distance) during the 2013-14 season prior to the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials, and the higher ranked athlete (based on results achieved at the 2013 World Single Distances Championships) does not achieve a podium (top 3) position at an ISU World Cup race (in the pre-selected distance) during the 2013-14 season prior to the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials, then the lower ranked athlete shall be confirmed for pre-selection for that individual distance, and the higher ranked athlete shall not be confirmed for pre-selection for that individual distance. If more than one lower ranked athletes achieve a podium (top 3) position at an ISU World Cup race (in the pre-selected distance) during the 2013-14 season prior to the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials, and the higher ranked athlete does not, then a maximum of one lower ranked athlete per individual distance (for both male and female) shall be confirmed for pre-selection, such lower ranked athlete being selected based on rank order of performance at the 2013 World Single Distances Championships for that individual distance.

2013 Fall World Cups

- If no athlete is eligible for pre-selection for the 10000m (men) or the 5000m (women) on the basis of the World Single Distances Championships performance results, an athlete who qualifies the first Olympic quota position from the Special Olympic Qualification Competitions for the 10000m men or 5000m women will be confirmed for pre-selection for that distance.

Section 7.02 Selection Phase 2: 2014 Olympic Selection Trials:

7.02.1 Individual Distances

The 2014 Olympic Selection Trials will be conducted by Speed Skating Canada for all individual distances including the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m Ladies, 5000m, and 10000m Men.

7.02.2 Team pursuit:

Team Pursuit selection will be from amongst the athletes who have earned selection for the 2014 Olympic Games Team. In the event there are fewer than three (3) athletes deemed suitable to complete a competitive team pursuit team, the Olympic Selection Committee may, at its absolute discretion name an athlete in the last quota position to the 2014 Olympic Games Team for the purposes of the team pursuit. Note the Olympic Selection Committee requires demonstration of medal potential for the team pursuit in order to utilize the discretionary selection, namely a top 5 performance at any of the 2013 Fall World Cup competitions.

The specific composition of the three (3) or four (4) member team, including the skaters that will compete in each individual round of the Team Pursuit competition at the 2014 Olympic Games will be determined at the absolute discretion of the Olympic Team Pursuit Coaches and Olympic Team Leader so named for the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team. The Olympic Team Pursuit Coaches shall be free to assign different weightings to the importance of factors considered in his/her decision making process as he/she deems appropriate with the goal of fielding the best possible Team for the 2014 Olympic Games. The following factors will be considered along with any other factors which the Olympic Team Pursuit Coaches and Olympic Team Leader, at their sole and absolute discretion, deem relevant:

- i. International experience in the event of Team Pursuit;
- ii. International performance profile in the event of Team Pursuit;
- iii. Combined 1500m and 3000m points for Women and 1500m and 5000m points for Men from the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials
- iv. Fit with other skaters already qualified for the 2014 Olympic Games Team and selected to be part of team pursuit team;
- v. Availability to train as part of the team pursuit team;
- vi. Other factors as may be identified by the Olympic Team Pursuit Coaches and Olympic Team Leader

Article VII. 2014 Olympic Selection Trials Schedule

2014 Olympic Selection Trials will take place during the 2014 Canadian Single Distances Championships scheduled to take place at the Olympic Oval in Calgary, Alberta. Only those athletes meeting eligibility criteria identified in Article 4 of this document may participate in the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials. The other athletes will be competing in the Canadian Single Distances Championships component of the event.

Date	Ladies	Men
December 28, 2013	3000m	5000m
	500m	500m
December 30, 2013	1000m	1000m
January 2, 2014	1500m	1500m
January 3, 2014	5000m	10000m

Article IX. 2014 Olympic Games Team Composition

Following the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials, Olympic quota positions will be determined as detailed below.

1. Athletes that have been confirmed for pre-selection pursuant to Article 7.1 will be automatically nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee for the specific distance in which they have been confirmed for pre-selection subject to such athletes meeting the ISU eligibility requirements and quota positions being available for that position.
2. Subject to byes, remaining quota positions will then be considered on the basis of an athlete's finish position at the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials.
3. An athlete will be ranked in a quota position on the basis of a successful bye request according to their best time (electronic timing) for that distance recorded in the period from the Canadian Single Distance Championships in January of 2013 through to the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials (inclusive) in speed skating events for that distance listed on the ISU International Calendar or 2013 Fall World Cup Trials.
4. If a photo-finish system is in use (as specified in ISU Rule 251, paragraphs 2 and 3) the recorded times from the photo-finish system in thousandths of seconds will be used to determine the order of athletes in the final results. In this case the official protocol shall indicate tie-breaks by displaying the recorded time for the athletes concerned in thousandths of a second.
5. In the event of a tie in time (inclusive of a tie to the thousandth of a second) for the last quota position in any of the distances, a "skate off" of the athletes involved will resolve the tie. Each athlete will be entitled to a minimum of 48 hours rest between their last 2014 Olympic Selection Trials race and the "skate-off". As a result the "skate-off" may be scheduled to take place during the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials or in the following days. The "skate-off" scheduling will be determined by the Olympic Selection Committee.
6. All athletes ranked in a quota position, including those in accordance with Item 3 above of this Article 9 will then be ranked against each other on the basis of their time recorded in the respective distance at the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials, or their time as used to determine the bye request, compared to the world record in the respective distance (determined as of March 31, 2013). Note in the event of a tie, the original recorded time will be utilized, for the ranking, and not the time from the subsequent "skate off."
 - 6.1. Each athlete will then have their time expressed as a percentage of the World Record as of March 31st, 2013 to 3 decimal points and ranked in accordance with this percentage value.
 - 6.2. In the event of a tie in the percentage scores the athlete with the most recent best finish position in a 2013 ISU Fall World Cup race for the distance in which they have qualified for a quota position will be ranked ahead of the other athlete/s and so on. In the event the athletes are still tied, the athlete who has recorded a time closest to the season's best time of all athletes, regardless of nationality, for that distance (recorded during a 2013 ISU World Cup) will be ranked ahead of the other athlete/s and so on.

7. Following the automatic nomination of athletes confirmed for pre-selection, athletes will then be selected based on the ranking order set forth in Item 6 of this Article 9 and as determined by the ISU Olympic Qualification System for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Games.
8. The Olympic Selection Committee may, at its sole discretion, select an athlete specific to team pursuit to the final quota position if the Olympic Selection Committee determines that it is otherwise not able to field a competitive team pursuit team of at least 3 skaters from those athletes selected to the remaining quota positions in an individual distance. In doing so the Olympic Selection Committee may, at its sole discretion, name an athlete to the team pursuit team in priority to the last quota position athlete in any of the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m (ladies), 5000m or 10000m (men) distance as ranked pursuant to Item 6 of this Article 9, and who would otherwise be eligible for a quota position in those specific distances according to such ranking. Notwithstanding the above, if the athlete who occupies the last quota position based on the ranking pursuant to Item 6 of this Article 9 has either i) achieved a top 5 placing in an individual distance in any of the 2013 ISU Fall World Cups, and/or ii) is considered a medal potential athlete for the team pursuit that athlete will not be eligible for removal on the basis of the above team pursuit replacement. In such cases, the athlete in the second to last quota position will then become subject to replacement for the team pursuit position, then the third to last quota position, and further until a suitable replacement is identified. If Factors to be considered by the Olympic Selection Committee in selection a team pursuit athlete pursuant to Item 8 of this Article 9 include but are not limited to:
 - a) Medal potential of the individual athletes selected to the team;
 - b) Medal potential of the team pursuit team with the athletes qualified in an individual distance;
 - c) Historical individual and team pursuit performances;
 - d) International experience in the event of team pursuit;
 - e) International performance profile in the event of team pursuit;
 - f) Combined 1500m and 3000m points for Women and 1500m and 5000m points for Men from the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials;
 - g) Fit with other athletes already qualified for the 2014 Olympic Games Team and selected to be part of team pursuit team;
 - h) Availability to train as part of the team pursuit team;
 - i) Other factors as may be identified by the Olympic Selection Committee.

9. Remaining Team Quota positions:

If the above processes (other than Item 8 of this Article 9) result in less than the maximum quota as determined by ISU Olympic Qualification System being selected for either gender, the Olympic Selection Committee has the absolute discretion to select remaining team positions. Factors to be considered for remaining quota positions include but are not limited to:

- a) Medal potential of the team pursuit team with the athletes qualified in an individual distance;
- b) Historical individual and team pursuit performances;
- c) International experience in the event of team pursuit;
- d) International performance profile in the event of team pursuit;

- e) Fit with other athletes already qualified for the 2014 Olympic Games Team and selected to be part of team pursuit team;
- f) Availability to train as part of the team pursuit team;
- g) Percentage score ranking in comparison with athletes in a team quota position;
- h) Other factors as may be identified by the Olympic Selection Committee.

Article X. Re-skates

1. Re-skates may be allowed as per ISU Rule #262.
2. In addition, re-skates outside the guidelines of ISU Rule #262 will be permitted by the Olympic Selection Committee (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance, Long Track Program Director and Executive Director, Sport) for 2014 Olympic Team Selection purposes.
3. Conditions under which a re-skate will be permitted for the purposes of 2014 Olympic Team Selection are:
 - i. Disqualification at start: If an athlete is disqualified at the start, he/she will be given a re-skate immediately following the final pair of the group;
 - ii. After a Disqualification for an incident during a race, the slower time between the original race and the re-skate race will be used for the purposes of selection. The athlete will be able to re-skate at the completion of the races for that specific distance. Please note that an athlete is entitled to a minimum rest of 60 minutes between his or her race and the re-skate. However they may elect to complete their re-skate within this minimum 60 minute allowance;
 - iii. Equipment failure: If an athlete has equipment failure prior to the start of the race and it is brought to the Referee's attention, the athlete will have 30 minutes to start. This will be classified as the original start. If an athlete has equipment failure during the race, the athlete will have a minimum of 60 minutes before their re-skate;
 - iv. Falls: If an athlete falls during the race, the re-skate will take place no sooner than 60 minutes after the fall;
 - v. Finish of races: If an athlete finishes a race, he or she may not ask for a re-skate, unless the accompanying skater in the pair is disqualified for interference as per rule #262. If the skater falls across the finish line, this is an exception;
 - vi. The athlete elects not to complete the race and skates into the warm-up lane to indicate their withdrawal from that race.
4. For re-skates permitted outside the guidelines of ISU Rule #262 as per 10.3 above the time recorded in the re-skate will be used for the purposes of 2014 Olympic Team Selection, with the exception of 10.3.ii.
5. Exceptions to the re-skate: In the case of a re-skate in the 500m distance when both 500m rounds are conducted on the same day, the re-skate will take place after the second round of the 500m races has been completed.

Article XI. Confirmation of Entries

In accordance with ISU rule 209 (e) the names of the competitors and substitutes for each distance shall be presented to the Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee not later than three (3) days before the distance will be skated.

If a skater withdraws from the 2014 Olympic Games Team prior to the final date for the Canadian Olympic Committee to submit entries to SOCHI 2014 OC he or she may be replaced in accordance with the same procedures originally used to select the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team. The alternate athlete will be selected on the basis of percentage score rankings, regardless of distance provided a quota position at the Olympic Games is available for racing.

Following this date an athlete may NOT be replaced on the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team. However, an athlete can be replaced by a qualified 2014 Olympic Games Team member for entry to a distance in accordance with the Competition Rules and Regulations that are applicable for the 2014 Olympic Games. Any such replacements will be made using the ranking of skaters from Article 9 above.

If the position cannot be filled through this process the Team Leader will have absolute discretion in naming the replacement for that distance. The Team Leader will have the ultimate responsibility for making the final decision but should, if possible in the circumstances, consult with the coaching staff.

Note that any substitutions after January 27, 2014 are subject to SOCHI 2014OC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Article XII. Injury Replacements

In the event that an athlete is selected to the 2014 Olympic Games Team on the basis of a successful bye request, they will be required to prove full recovery, both from a medical perspective and also a performance perspective in order to confirm their selection to the 2014 Olympic Games Team.

The determination of what constitutes full recovery will be made by the Olympic team medical and coaching staff and will be based upon an assessment of the athlete's ability to perform at the same performance level that earned them selection to the 2014 Olympic Games Team. The date for finalizing such decisions is January 19th, 2014.

If an athlete is injured following their selection to the 2014 Olympic Games Team the same conditions of full medical and performance recovery as described above will apply.

If an athlete is subsequently deemed medically unfit to compete in the 2014 Olympic Games they may be replaced in accordance with the Competition Rules and Regulations that are applicable to the 2014 Olympic Games.

Article XIII. Removal of an athlete once selected

An athlete could be removed from the 2014 Olympic Games Team under any of the following conditions:

- i. The Olympic Selection Committee may, at any time, and at their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Team or remove an athlete after selection based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is not consistent with Speed Skating Canada's Ethic and Code of Conduct Policy and as found at the following location: <http://www.speedskating.ca/sites/default/files/int100-ethicsandcodeofconductpolicy.pdf>
- ii. An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES)
- iii. An athlete may be removed from consideration at the discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee as a result of conduct detrimental to the team and/or the image of Speed Skating Canada or the National Team Program.

Speed Skating Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of the decision.

Article XIV. Appeals

Any appeals to the final nomination list must be filed according to Speed Skating Canada's Appeal Policy (RES-100) and as found at http://www.speedskating.ca/sites/default/files/res_100_appeal_policy_2011_final.pdf

Article XV. Language

In the event of a discrepancy, the English version of the 2014 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures will prevail.

Appendix A
2014 Olympic Winter Games
Speed Skating Canada Athlete Nomination Agreement

(name of athlete)

I, the above-mentioned athlete, consent to being considered for nomination by Speed Skating Canada (SSC) to the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team. In making this consent I declare that:

1. I have been provided with a copy of the 2014 Olympic Selection Criteria – Long Track I understand that the 2014 Olympic Selection Criteria – Long Track may be amended from time to time to account for unforeseen circumstances and/or in the best interests of enhancing Canada’s performance in the 2014 Olympic Games. I will be bound by the 2014 Olympic Selection Criteria – Long Track as amended and acknowledge that any such amendments will be posted to the SSC website.
2. I meet the “Eligibility Criteria” as listed in the 2014 Olympic Selection Criteria – Long Track
3. I will abide by all Policies and Procedures of SSC, including those additional policies and procedures as detailed in the SSC National Team Agreement.
4. I understand that the COC Team Selection Committee may in its discretion refuse to accept the nomination of an athlete who, in the opinion of the COC Team Selection Committee, is not able to serve as an appropriate example to the sport youth of Canada as provided in the Olympic Charter.
5. If selected by the COC to the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team, I will abide by all Policies and Procedures and any Team Rules that relate to participation in the 2014 Winter Olympic Games as a member of the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team and as provided to me by the COC.

Signature of athlete

Date

Witness

Witness signature

Appendix B

2014 Olympic Winter Games

Guidelines for the Allocation of Byes

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this section is to provide guidelines to the Olympic Selection Committee in the consideration and granting of bye requests.

1.2. Philosophy for the allocation of byes

Due to exceptional circumstances (e.g. illness, injury) and through no fault of their own, an athlete may not have the opportunity to compete in the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials. In this situation, the athlete may be eligible to apply for a bye to be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2014 Olympic Games Team.

The basic philosophy for selecting an athlete by granting a bye is that, all things being equal, the athlete given the bye has demonstrated clearly superior performances in previous competition to other athletes being considered for nomination.

A bye request is considered as the last means by which an athlete can earn selection and is intended to provide for exceptional circumstances outside the normal selection criteria rather than being part of the normal means by which an athlete can earn selection. Note the bye policy considerations and application herein is specific to the 2014 Olympic Games.

1.3. Rules for requesting a bye

- i. Bye requests must be made in writing to the Olympic Selection Committee as per the designated timelines indicated below
- ii. Unless physically incapable, only the athlete requesting a bye is permitted to submit the request.
- iii. If the bye request is made on the basis of an illness or injury, the athlete must provide documented evidence from a sports medicine practitioner. The Olympic Selection Committee has the right to request further independent medical review after the bye request has been submitted.
- iv. A bye request may be made on the basis of equipment breakage. In the case of equipment breakage, it has to have been reported to and verified by the race referee and the Long Track Program Director immediately following the race in which the equipment breakage occurred.

1.4. Conditions for applying for a Bye

Bye request for a specific competition in the current skating season

Bye requests will be considered in two categories:

i. Pre-competition illness or injury that prevents an athlete from competing in the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials

If the athlete is ill or injured before the beginning of the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials, he/she must request a bye before the Coaches' Meeting at the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials. The Olympic Selection Committee must formally announce all bye requests at this meeting so that all other competitors are made aware of the possibility of a bye being granted.

In the case of selection being based upon a cumulative ranking from multiple distances, an athlete is eligible to apply for a Bye request if they are prevented from competing in one of the distances due to a pre-existing illness or injury.

A bye request will be ruled ineligible if the athlete subsequently competes in the selection event in the requested distance.

ii. Injury, illness or equipment breakage during the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials and other exceptional circumstances, all as determined in the sole discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee

A bye request must be made **within 24 hours** following the end of the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials unless the athlete is physically incapable of making this request (in such a case, the athlete's coach may make the request).

(See 1.3.iv. above for the reporting requirements for equipment breakage)

The bye request must state clearly what the athlete is seeking and supporting documentation (medical, race referee report, for example) must be attached.

1.5. Process for reviewing a Bye application

The following outlines the process for considering bye requests:

- i. Following the completion of the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials the Olympic Selection Committee will review the facts and make a decision on each bye request with supporting rationale
- ii. In cases where multiple bye applications are submitted and in consideration they will be assessed individually and on their own merit.
- iii. If relevant, the Olympic Selection Committee will establish a revised ranking of athletes based upon the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials and an assessment of previous performances from those who have requested a bye.
- iv. Subject to iii, the final selections will be made from the revised ranking.

v. After the Olympic Selection Committee names the 2014 Olympic Games Team, its decisions will be communicated along with support rationale to the athlete/s requesting the bye, athlete/s directly affected by the bye request, the coaches, and athletes' representatives.

1.6. Conditions for Granting a Bye

When considering whether or not to grant a bye for injury or illness, the Olympic Selection Committee must first evaluate the medical condition of the athlete, the degree to which the athlete has followed the prescribed rehabilitation process, and his/her readiness to compete according to feedback received from the medical team and his/her coaches. If any of the above conditions are not at a level satisfactory to the Olympic Selection Committee, the bye may be refused on that basis alone.

The Olympic Selection Committee may award a "Conditional Bye" to athletes recovering from injury or illness. In this situation the athlete may have certain conditions imposed. The conditions may include, but are not limited to a certain time frame within which to demonstrate fitness or the meeting a performance requirement.

In order to make bye decisions the Olympic Selection Committee will evaluate a number of elements including, but not limited to the following.

- i. Head-to-head competition results of the athletes being considered for selection
- ii. Past performances of the athlete requesting the bye,
- iii. Results of the selection competition (by athletes in contention for the team),
- iv. Recent training and testing performances

The Olympic Selection Committee will only consider an athlete's best time for that distance recorded since and including the Canadian Single Distances Championships in January of 2013 through to the 2014 Olympic Selection Trials, inclusive. This time must be achieved in speed skating events listed on the ISU International Calendar or Canadian World Cup Trials and have electronic timing.

Byes will only be considered for athletes who have finished in a top 5 position at a World Cup or the World Single Distances Championships between January 1, 2013 and December 30, 2013.

Following the consideration of the bye request, the Olympic Selection Committee may, at its absolute discretion, award a bye to an athlete who is 0.5 sammelagt points faster than the last athlete selected in a specific distance (that would mean 0.5 seconds in the 500m, 1 second in the 1000m, 1.5 seconds in the 1500m, 3 seconds in the 3000m, 5 seconds in the 5000m, and 10 seconds in the 10000m) or 0.5 sammelagt point per race skated for a selection over cumulative points (4 distances skated = 2 sammelagt points, 500m skated twice = 1.0 sammelagt point)