



SPORT DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Overview (Updated June 2023)

Speed Skating Canada's Sport Development Advisory Council (SDAC) is a group of internal and external experts that support SSC staff in operational decision making related to the area of sport development through consultation and engagement.

Objectives

SDAC members will provide guidance, advice and feedback on the scope, objectives, execution, and implementation of national sport development and pathway projects. SSC staff will carefully consider SDAC input but retain final decision-making authority.

The priorities of the SDAC will be to assist with SSC's Strategic Plan projects and initiatives in sport development, including but not limited to:

- Skater development
- Coach development
- Officials' development
- Volunteers
- Competitions
- PTSO and club development

Term

SDAC terms begin and end in alignment with SSC's Annual General Meeting each year. Members are selected for a 2-year term, for up to three (3) consecutive terms.

Operations

The SDAC will meet between 6-8 times in a year on topics based on critical timelines and upcoming deliverables. The meetings will take place via video conference, co-chaired by the Managers of Sport Pathway and Member Development, and supported by the Coordinator, Sport Development.

Composition

The SDAC will be comprised of eight to twelve members, excluding the Co-Chairs and the Coordinator, Sport Development. The number of members may vary year-to-year to ensure support for planned initiatives based on area of expertise and representation from various groups.



Recruitment

The recruitment of SDAC members will be achieved through a call for nominations from PTSOs, postings on SSC's website and social media channels, and outreach from SSC staff within the speed skating community.

SSC staff will select members for the available positions based on the skills matrix.

SDAC Advisory Council: Skills Matrix

Category	Description
Expertise	
Sport Technical Knowledge	Experience as an athlete, coach and/or official and strong knowledge and understanding of the needs of these groups
Competitions	Experience in competition delivery, hosting and/or meet management
Long Term Development	Strong knowledge of and experience applying the principles of long-term athlete and participant development
Education Delivery	Experience as a Learning Facilitator, mentor, evaluator or developer for coaches and/or officials
Representation	
Sport Partner	Representation from individuals representing a PTSO and/or club in a volunteer or staff capacity
Region/Geographic	Representation from various provinces and territories; consideration of membership base distribution
Language	Representation from both English and French speaking individuals
Gender Identity and Underrepresented Groups	Representation from underrepresented groups (woman or non-binary gender identity, new Canadian, BIPOC, LGBTQI2S+, person with a disability, etc.)