



Canadian Invitational / Elite #2

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Adjustments and final details – Competition Format

To : Skaters, coaches and officials present at the 2023 Canadian Invitational / Elite #2

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Following the closing of the registrations, SSC and PVQ have met to adjust and finalize the competition format to the number of skaters.

Considerations for creating the final groups and Format were based on the goal of creating meaningful races for all skaters to be tactically challenged.

Format for Groups A1 & A2 remain as planned:

Groups A1 & A2 – Women & Men (20)			
Distance	Qualification	Semi-Final	Finals
1500m	3 heats, 2+1		3 heats (7-7-6)
500m	4 heats, 2+2	Top: 2 heats, 2+1 Bottom: 2 heats, 2+1	4 heats (5-5-5-5)
1000m	4 heats, 1+1		4 heats (5-5-5-5)

Considering the number of final participants, B Groups will not be divided in two separate groups. The format is adjusted to:

B Group B - Women (29)			
Distance	Qualification	Semi-Final	Finals
1500m	5 heats, 1+2		5 heats (7-7-7-7-1)
500m et 1000m	6 heats, 2+3	Top: 3 heats, 1+2 Bottom: 3 heats, 1+2	6 heats (5-5-5-5-5-4)

B Group – Men (33)			
Distance	Qualification	Semi-Final	Finals
1500m	5 heats, 1+2		5 heats (7-7-7-7-5)
500m et 1000m	7 heats, 2+1	Top: 3 heats, 1+2 Bottom: 4 heats, 1+1	7 heats (5-5-5-5-5-5-3)

* All necessary adjustments during the competition will be done in collaboration between a member of SSC, a member of PVQ and a Competitor Stewart.

A1-A2 Group formation and qualifying heats:

- 1500m: registration time for 1500m
- 500m: registration time for 500m
- 1000m: Points total accumulated during 2 first distances.
 - In case of a tie, registration times will be used as a tie breaker (500m+ 1500m/3)

Other specific racing rules:

- Race structure during qualifying rounds: SERPENTINE
- Penalized skaters move on to the next round, in the bottom section of their current Group.
- All yellow cards will be eliminated from the distance and will receive no points for the distance.
- ISU "No False Start" rule will be applied (Penalty at first false start).

- All advancements based on times will be done based on National rules (fastest skaters in the next finishing positions).
- If there is only one skater left for a final, the skater will be permitted to skate in the previous group but will only receive points for the last position.

Relays:

The goal will be to offer races as close as possible and to enable skaters to socialize together in between club, provinces, and countries. Relay teams will therefore be created using 500m registration times.

For Women and Men relays, skaters will be separated in groups of 16. Within the sub-groups of 16, Serpentine structure will be applied to create the teams of 4 skaters. Example:

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

The same principle will apply for the Mixed Gender Relay, but by creating groups of 8 Women and 8 Men. Example:

Mixed Gender Relay 1				
Team	Skater rank (Women)		Skater rank (Men)	
A	1	8	1	8
B	2	7	2	7
C	3	6	3	6
D	4	5	4	5

We will try to have all skaters participate in the relays, if the number of total skaters enables it. It is possible that some may not have a team to race in a relay.