## HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETIN 206 <br> Domestic Competition Format

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## 1. INFORMATION

### 1.1. Purpose and Objective

The objective of the High Performance Bulletin (the "HP Bulletin") for Competition Format is to establish provisions that are designed, ultimately, to provide guidance to competition organizers, coaches and athletes for domestic events ("Domestic Events") where athletes will be racing at a Selection Event (as per HP Bulletin 205) or Canadian Ranking Event (as per HP Bulletin 208).

The objective of High Performance Bulletin 206 (the "HP Bulletin") for Long Track is to organize, in collaboration with Speed Skating Canada ("SSC") membership and partners, competitive opportunities which include races held over two, three, four or more days, typically falling over a weekend. "Individual Distances" shall mean " $500 \mathrm{~m}, 1000 \mathrm{~m}, 1500 \mathrm{~m}, 3000 \mathrm{~m}$ (Women), 5000 m , 10000 m (Men) and Mass Start" and "Team Events" shall mean Team Pursuit and Team Sprint.

### 1.2. HPAC-LT

The High Performance Advisory Council - Long Track (HPAC-LT) constituted pursuant to this HP Bulletin will be the HPAC-LT which shall consist of three volunteer committee members and one Chairperson of the Committee (the "Chair") who shall be an employee of SSC appointed to the position at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chief Executive Officer of SSC (collectively, the "HPAC-LT") as per the Term of Reference. The Chair will have sole, full and complete authority to apply HP Bulletin 206 contained herein without interference from any additional persons. For the absence of doubt, the volunteer members of the HPAC-LT shall have no authority to either apply HP Bulletin 206 or to authorize the content of this HP Bulletin 206.

### 1.3. High Performance Jury

At all relevant Selection Events, the High Performance Jury (the "HP Jury") will consist of the HPAC-LT members in attendance, or in the absence of any members of the HPAC-LT, such person or persons the Chair may appoint, if any, to the HP Jury for such competition, and the Chief Referee.

### 1.4. Conflict of Interest

In the exercise of the authority granted above, the Chair and the HP Jury as described above, have the obligation to apply SSC's Conflict of Interest Policy in the exercise of their duties and as found at the following location: https://speedskating.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Conflict-of-Interest-Policy-V4_EN_2022.pdf

In the case where the Chair or HP Jury is deemed to have or declares a conflict of interest in relation to a specific decision, or when the Chair or HP Jury has advised that such member will be unable to complete her or his duties under this HP Bulletin, a staff member of SSC selected by the remaining members of the HP Jury, will vote in his or her place. If the Chair or HP Jury is unable to vote or if there are two or more of the Chair and a member of the HP Jury are in a conflict of interest, such members will be replaced by an additional SSC staff member.

### 1.5. Quorum

A quorum for any meeting of the HPAC-LT or HP Jury will consist of a majority of the members, then serving, or identified at the time of such meeting or decision. Any members found to be in a
conflict of interest according to Section 1.4 above cannot be counted for quorum for voting purposes on the topic(s) in which the member is in a conflict of interest.

### 1.6. Announcements

The HPAC-LT will issue HP Bulletins throughout the season informing athletes, coaches, and other relevant SSC Committees and SSC Branches ("PTSOs") of updates and/or changes with respect, but not limited, to selection criteria and/or competitions. All HP Bulletins will be posted on the SSC Website.

As indicated herein, any amendments as per Section 1.7 of this HP Bulletin will be communicated through the release of additional Bulletins specific to this change.

### 1.7. Amendments and Unexpected Circumstances

### 1.7.1. Changes to This Document

The Chair reserves the right to make changes to this HP Bulletin which, in the Chair's sole, full and absolute discretion, are necessary to ensure optimal operations of each Event. Any changes to this document shall be communicated by sending an electronic communication, and also posting of the changes to the SSC Website. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

### 1.7.2. Unexpected Circumstances

Should the Chair determine that unexpected or unusual circumstances have arisen during the process of applying this HP Bulletin, the Chair shall have the sole, full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems in its sole, full and absolute discretion as relevant.

### 1.8. International Skating Union Regulations

The International Skating Union (the "ISU") regulations specific to the discipline of Speed Skating (long track) can be found at: SPECIAL REGULATIONS \& TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING as accepted by a vote June 2022 which will determine the allocation process for quota positions available for each Event, Individual Distance and/or Team Event to each Member Federation.

For greater certainty, there will be supplemental allowances of fresh starts ("Fresh Starts") outlined in Appendix A at Selection Events only.

# 2.Domestic Competitions 

### 2.1. Canadian Long Track (CLT) Championships, October 5-8, 2023 (Calgary)

### 2.1.1. Entry Deadline

The entry deadline for Canadian Long Track Championships will be September 25, 2023.

### 2.1.2 Entry Criteria

In order to be eligible to enter the CLT Championships, athletes must be minimum B2 Junior and be ranked within the top 30 times skated in the $500 \mathrm{~m}, 1000 \mathrm{~m}$ and 1500 m or within the top 24 times in the women's 3000 m or men's 5000 m or the top 12 times in the women's 5000 m or men's 10000m in an ISU sanctioned event skated in the period between July 1, 2022 and September 25th, 2023 in the distance they are entering. Other athletes may be added at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair*. All athletes must be registered with a Speed Skating Canada club for the 2023-24 season and be a member in good standing. Please note that fees paid to a training centre does not include an SSC membership. Skaters registered in the CLT Championships must be eligible to represent Canada at ISU speed skating events for the 2023-2024 season.


### 2.1.3. Competition Format

|  |  | Women | Men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thursday, October 5 | DAY 1 | 500m* | 500m* |
|  |  | 3000m* | 5000m* |
| Friday, October 6 | DAY 2 | 1000m* | 1000m* |
|  |  | 5000m* | $10000 \mathrm{m*}$ |
| Saturday, October 7 | DAY 3 | 500m \#2 | 500m \#2 |
|  |  | 1500m* | 1500m* |
| Sunday, October 8 | DAY 4 | 1000m \#2 | 1000m \#2 |
|  |  | Mass Start* | Mass Start* |

## * Team selection event

### 2.1.4. Individual Distances

A specified number of athletes will be allowed to enter each Individual Distance as follows:

- A maximum of 30 athletes will be allowed for $500 \mathrm{~m}, 1000 \mathrm{~m}, 1500 \mathrm{~m}$ ranked on qualifying time.
- A maximum of 24 athletes will be allowed for 3000 m Women and 5000 m Men ranked on qualifying time.
- A maximum of 12 athletes will be allowed for 5000 m Women and 10000 m Men ranked on qualifying time
- The 5000 m Women and 10000 m Men will be run for the Canadian Long Track Championships up to a maximum of twelve (12) entries. Athletes without a 5000 m (Women) or 10000 m (Men) qualifying time may qualify if such athlete achieves the 3000m (Women) or 5000 m (Men) qualifying time at the Canadian Long Track Championships
- Additional athletes may be approved to be entered at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair. Athletes must submit a written request to be added to the CLT Championships to the HPAC-LT one week prior to the entry deadline.


### 2.1.5. Mass Start

For the Mass Start competition(s), up to a maximum of 24 athletes will be eligible to race the Mass Start event based on the criteria below in the following order of priority:

- Pre-selected skaters as per HP Bulletin 205 section 4.4.1;
- Remaining spots will be filled based on time rank percentages to the Mass Start Profile time standards in either the 1500 m or $\mathrm{W}-3000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{M}-5000 \mathrm{~m}$ from those not already qualified in an ISU sanctioned event from July 1, 2022 and September 25, 2023

Should there be less than 24 athletes entered, additional positions may be added to fill the entry to 24 athletes by request at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair.

Mass Start races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 257 and special ISU Communication or other documents issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee. Safety measures are specified in ISU Communication No. 2584 and No. 2586. Mass Start races will be 16 laps as per ISU Technical Rule 202.

### 2.1.6. Pairing and Drawing for 2023 CLT Championships

All competitors will be ranked according to their best achieved qualifying time between July 1, 2022 and September 25, 2023.

- $500 \mathrm{~m}, 1000 \mathrm{~m}, 1500 \mathrm{~m}$ : First 10 pairs will be composed from the top 20 seed times with the slowest ranks starting in the first pair. The remaining 5 pairs will be composed from competitors ranked 21-30 and will be paired from fastest to slowest.
- Women's 3000 m, Men's 5000 m: First 8 pairs will be composed from the top 16 seed times with the slowest ranks starting in the first pair. The remaining 4 pairs will be composed from competitors ranked 17-24 and will be paired from fastest to slowest.
- Women's 5000 m , Men's 10000 m : Starting order of pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the top 12 competitors, so that the competitors with the slowest ranks will start in the first pair and so on as specified in Appendix D.

CLT Championships Individual Distances will be run as (single) pairs. Mass Start at the CLT Championships will be run as specified in 2.1.5.

In case of withdrawals after the draw, rearrangements of pairs will be done according to ISU Rule 245.

Specific to $500 \mathrm{~m}-2$ and $1000 \mathrm{~m}-2$ : Lane assignments will be opposite to the lane assigned in $500 \mathrm{~m}-1$ and $1000 \mathrm{~m}-1$. For greater clarity if a skater races in the inner lane in $500 \mathrm{~m}-1$ or $1000 \mathrm{~m}-1$ they will be assigned the outer lane for $500 \mathrm{~m}-2$ or $1000 \mathrm{~m}-2$. Skaters will be ranked in their race lanes from race \#1 to establish pairings for race \#2

### 2.1.7. Withdrawals

Withdrawals are to be completed prior to the Team Leaders/Coaches meeting and prior to the first draw.

In case of withdrawals after the draw, a withdrawal form (Appendix E) must be completed and submitted one hour prior to the next race and must be signed off by medical staff. Should a medical staff member not be available, then the respective coach can sign the form. Withdrawals made after the deadline will result in the athlete being disqualified from the next race/Event listed in Bulletin 206 except in the case of a DNS/withdrawal due to medical reasons. Withdrawal forms are to be submitted to the Chief Referee.

### 2.2 Canada Cup 1/Canadian Jr. Long Track Championships, January 4-7 2024 (Quebec City)

### 2.2.1. Entry Deadline

The entry deadline for the Canadian Junior Long Track Championships and Canada Cup 1 will be December 21, 2023.

### 2.2.2. Entry Criteria

In order to be eligible to race at the Junior Canadian Long Track Championships:

- Athletes must be minimum B2 Junior in order to be eligible to compete in Canadian Junior Long Track Championships, have achieved a valid Qualifying Time as listed in Appendix C and be placed in the Top 301500 m seasons best times from July 1, 2022 to the entry deadline. This time must have been achieved in an ISU/SSC sanctioned event between July $1,2022^{1}$ and December $18^{\text {th }}, 2023$ for the Junior Canadian Long Track Championships.

In order to be eligible to race at Canada Cup 1:

- Athletes must be minimum B2 Junior in order to be eligible to compete in Canada Cup 1 and must have achieved a valid Qualifying Time as listed in Appendix C. This time must have

[^0]been achieved in an ISU/SSC sanctioned event between July 1, 2022 and the entry deadline for Canada Cup.

- 500m - There will be a total of 30 participants per gender. Top 20 finish at the 2023 Canadian Long Track Championships will be guaranteed entry and the remaining spots filled from season best times from those not already qualified in the distance in an ISU sanctioned event between July 1, 2023 and December 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2023$.
- 1000 m - There will be a total of 30 participants per gender. Top 20 finish at the 2023 Canadian Long Track Championships will be guaranteed entry and the remaining spots filled from season best times from those not already qualified in the distance between July 1, 2023 and December $18^{\text {th }}, 2023$.
- 1500 m - There will be a total of 30 participants per gender. Top 20 finish at the 2023 Canadian Long Track Championships will be guaranteed entry and the remaining spots filled from season best times from those not already qualified in the distance between July 1, 2023 and December 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2023$.
- W-3000m/M-5000m - There will be a total of 24 participants per gender. Top 16 finish at the 2023 Canadian Long Track Championships will be guaranteed entry and the remaining spots filled from season best times from those not already qualified in the distance between July 1, 2023 and December 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2023$.
- W-5000m/M-10000m - There will be a total of 12 participants per gender. Top 8 finish at the 2023 Canadian Long Track Championships will be guaranteed entry and the remaining spots filled from season best times from those not already qualified in the distance between July 1, 2023 and December $18^{\text {th }}, 2023$. If additional spots remain available, they will be allocated to athletes with the next best times in the W-3000m and M-5000m, raced between July 1, 2023, and December $18^{\text {th }}, 2023$ in an ISU/SSC sanctioned event.
- Mass Start - There will be a total of 24 participants per gender. Top 16 finish at the 2023 Canadian Long Track Championships will be guaranteed entry and the remaining spots filled from season best time rank percentages to the Mass Start Profile time standards in either the 1500 m or $\mathrm{W}-3000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{M}-5000 \mathrm{~m}$ from those not already qualified in an ISU sanctioned event between July 1, 2023 and December 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2023$.



### 2.2.3. Canada Cup \#1 - Competition Format

|  |  | Women | Men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thursday, January 4 | DAY 1 | 500m* | 500m* |
|  |  | $1500 \mathrm{~m} *$ | 1500 m* |
| Friday, January 5 | DAY 2 | 3000m* | 5000m* |
| Saturday, January 6 | DAY 3 | 500m\#2 | 500m\#2 |
|  |  | 1000m* | 1000m* |
|  |  | 5000m* | 10000m* |
| Sunday, January 7 | DAY 4 | 1000m-2 | 1000m-2 |
|  |  | Mass Start | Mass Start |

## * Selection event

### 2.2.4. Canadian Junior Long Track Championships Event

The Canadian Junior Long Track Championships is run as a single distance event. According to ISU communication 2591, section 4.2.2, the Junior Canadian Allround Champion will be determined by:

| Thursday, January 4 | DAY 1 | $\frac{\text { Women }}{500 \mathrm{~m}}$ | $\underline{\text { Men }}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | 1500 m | 500m |
| Friday, January 5 | DAY 2 | 1000 m | 1500 m |
|  |  | 3000 m | 500 m |
|  |  | Mass Start - Jr | Mass Start - Jr |

Note: All junior-aged competitors who qualify and choose to participate in the Canada Cup selection events will be grouped above with the other Canada Cup 1 competitors and their times from the applicable Individual Distance(s) in the Canada Cup 1 will also be used in the Canadian Junior Long Track Championships competition and towards determining the Junior Canadian selection with the exception of the Junior Canadian Championships 1000 m which must be raced on Day 2 in the Junior category. Mass start medals will only be awarded to the junior-age competitors who compete in the Canadian Junior Long Track Championship Mass Start Event. The Mass Start Event is not included in the World Junior Championship team nomination.

### 2.2.5. Mass Start

Depending on number of athletes registered, Senior and Junior Mass Start races may be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 257 and ISU Communication No. 2584 and No. 2586, or other documents issued by the ISU. Safety measures are specified in ISU Communication No. 2586. Mass Start races for Seniors will be 16 laps and Mass Start races for Junior will be 10 laps.

Skaters who are eligible will compete in either the Junior Mass Start or the Canada Cup 1 Mass Start, which will be run separately.


#### Abstract

There will be a total of 24 spots for Mass Start at Canada Cup 1 and 24 spots in the Canadian Junior Championships. The top 16 finish at the 2023 Canadian Long Track Championships will be guaranteed entry. The remaining spots will be filled from season best time rank percentages to the Mass Start Profile time standards in either the 1500 m or $\mathrm{W}-3000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{M}-$ 5000 m from those not already qualified in an ISU sanctioned event between July 1, 2023 and December 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2023$.


### 2.2.6. Pairings and Drawings

All competitors in the Canadian Junior Championships will be ranked according to their best achieved Qualifying Time between July 1, 2023 and the entry deadline at SSC/ISU sanctioned events. The starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the competitors, so that the competitors with the slowest ranks will start in the first pair, and so on as specified in Appendix D. Should the event organizer, Chief Referee and Chair deem that it is necessary to run quartets, the quartets shall be run as specified in Appendix $D$.

Canada Cup 1 individual distances will be run as (single) pairs or quartets as necessary determined by the Chair and the Chief Referee and will be ranked according to their best achieved Qualifying Time between July 1, 2022 and the entry deadline at ISU sanctioned events. Mass Start at Canada Cup 1 will be run as specified in 2.2.5.

In case of withdrawals after the draw, rearrangements of pairs will be done according to ISU Rule 245.

For Canada Cup \#1 specific to 500m-2 and 1000m-2: Lane assignments will be opposite to the lane assigned in 500m-1 and 1000m-1. For greater clarity if a skater races in the inner lane in $500 \mathrm{~m}-1$ or $1000 \mathrm{~m}-1$ they will be assigned the outer lane for $500 \mathrm{~m}-2$ or $1000 \mathrm{~m}-2$. Skaters will be ranked in their race lanes from race \#1 to establish pairings for race \#2

### 2.2.7. Withdrawals

Withdrawals are to be completed prior to the Team Leaders/Coaches meeting and prior to the first draw.

In case of withdrawals after the draw, a withdrawal form (Appendix E) must be completed and submitted one hour prior to the next race. Withdrawals made after the deadline will result in the athlete being disqualified from the next race/Event listed in Bulletin 206 except in the case of a DNS/withdrawal due to medical reasons. Withdrawal forms are to be submitted to Chief Referee.

### 2.3. Canada Cup Final, March 7-10, 2024 (Calgary)

### 2.3.1. Entry Deadline

The entry deadline for Canada Cup Final will be February $22^{\text {nd }}, 2024$.

### 2.3.2. Entry Criteria

In order to be eligible to race in Canada Cup Final, athletes must be minimum B1 Junior and must have achieved a valid qualifying time as listed in the Announcement for Canada Cup Final. There will be a total of 40 participants in the $500 \mathrm{~m}, 1000 \mathrm{~m}$ and 1500 m per gender. The Top 30 from the Canadian Ranking in a distance will be guaranteed entry and the remaining spots filled from season
best times from those not already qualified in the distance. For the $\mathrm{W}-3000 \mathrm{~m}$ and $\mathrm{M}-5000 \mathrm{~m}$ there will be a total of 32 participants per gender. The top 24 from the Canadian Ranking in a distance will be guaranteed entry and the remaining spots filled from the season best times from those not already qualified in the distance. For the $\mathrm{W}-5000 \mathrm{~m}$ and $\mathrm{M}-10000 \mathrm{~m}$, there will be a total of 12 participants per gender. The top 8 in the Canadian Ranking will be guaranteed entry and the remaining spots filled from season best times from those not already qualified. For Mass Start there will be a total of 24 participants per gender. The top 16 in the Canadian Ranking will be guaranteed entry remaining spots filled from season best time rank based on the Mass Start profile in either the 1500 m or $\mathrm{W}-3000 \mathrm{~m}$ or $\mathrm{M}-5000 \mathrm{~m}$. Skaters who do not fall into this criteria can register for the Olympic Oval Grand Prix event. Only skaters who are on the Canada Cup Final eligibility list will be eligible to earn Canada Cup domestic ranking points.


### 2.3.3. Competition Format

|  |  | Women | Men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thursday, March 7 | DAY 1 | 500m | 500m |
|  |  | 3000m | 5000m |
| Friday, March 8 | DAY 2 | 1000m | 1000m |
|  |  | 5000m | 10000m |
| Saturday, March 9 | DAY 3 | 1500m | 1500m |
|  |  | 500m \#2 | 500m \#2 |
| Sunday, March 10 | DAY 4 | Mass Start | Mass Start |
|  |  | 1000m \#2 | 1000m \#2 |

### 2.3.4. Individual Distances

- Women must have the time standard from the 1500 m or 3000 m to be eligible to compete in the 3000 m . Women with a standard in any distance are eligible to compete in the 500 , 1000 , and 1500 m .
- Men must have the time standard from the $1500 \mathrm{~m}, 3000 \mathrm{~m}$ or 5000 m to be eligible to compete in the 5000 m . Men with a standard in any distance are eligible to compete in the 500, 1000, and 1500m.
- Athletes without a 5000 m (Women) or 10000 m (Men) qualifying time may qualify if such athlete achieves the 3000 m (Women) or 5000 m (Men) qualifying time at Canada Cup Final.
- Oval Grand Prix/CCF time standards will be listed in the Announcement for all distances.


### 2.3.5. Mass Start

Senior and Junior Mass Start races may be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 257 and ISU Communication No. 2584 and No. 2586, or other documents issued by the ISU. Safety measures are specified in ISU Communication No. 2586. Mass Start races for Seniors will be 16 laps and Mass Start races from Junior will be 10 laps.

For the Mass Start race, skaters will be grouped according to their best 1500m times from the 2023-24 season. All safety equipment (ISU requirement) is mandatory.

- There will be a total of 24 spots for Mass Start at Canada Cup Final. The top 16 on the 2023 Canadian Ranking will be guaranteed entry. The remaining spots will be filled from season best time rank percentages to the Mass Start Profile time standards in either the 1500 m or $\mathrm{W}-3000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{M}-5000 \mathrm{~m}$ from those not already qualified in an ISU sanctioned event between July 1, 2023 and February 19, 2024.
- If there are more than 24 entries, additional Mass Start races may be organized. International skaters will not be eligible to compete in the top ranked Mass Start race. Junior athletes may be eligible to race in the 16L Mass Start race(s).


### 2.3.6. Pairings and Drawings

All competitors will be ranked according to their best achieved Qualifying Time from the 20232024 season in accordance with ISU Rule 244. The starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the competitors, so that the competitors with the slowest ranks will start in the first pair, and so on as specified in Appendix D. Should the event organizer, Chief Referee and the Chair deem that it is necessary to run quartets, then quartets shall be run as specified in Appendix D. Athletes competing in the Olympic Oval Grand Prix event will be seeded according to their best achieved qualifying time from the 2023-24 season and integrated in the pairs with the Canada Cup Final qualified athletes.

In case of withdrawals after the draw, rearrangements of pairs will be done according to ISU Rule 245.

Specific to 500m-2 and 1000m-2: Lane assignments will be opposite to the lane assigned in $500 \mathrm{~m}-1$ and $1000 \mathrm{~m}-1$. For greater clarity if a skater races in the inner lane in $500 \mathrm{~m}-1$ or $1000 \mathrm{~m}-1$ they will be assigned the outer lane for $500 \mathrm{~m}-2$ or $1000 \mathrm{~m}-2$. Skaters will be ranked in their race lanes from race \#1 to establish pairings for race \#2

### 2.3.7. Withdrawals

In case of withdrawals after the draw, a withdrawal form must be completed and submitted one hour prior to the next race. Withdrawals made after the deadline will result in the athlete being disqualified from the next race/Event listed in Bulletin 206 except in the case of a DNS/withdrawal due to medical reasons. Withdrawl notifications must be submitted via the Olympic Oval Sportity App. Medical withdrawl forms must be completed for medical reasons. The medical withdrawl form is located in the Sportity App.

## 3. Language

This HP Bulletin 206 was originally drafted in English and was translated into French. In the event of a discrepancy between the English and French versions, the English version shall be used to understand the intended drafting of the provision(s) in question. Should such a situation arise, Speed Skating Canada will ensure that any discrepancies are corrected as soon as possible and will assist any impacted individuals with resolving the matter.

# APPENDIX A: Fresh Starts 

## Allowance of Fresh Starts

Fresh Starts may be allowed as per ISU Rule 260. In addition, fresh starts outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 260 will be permitted by the HPAC-LT for Team Selection purposes only, that is for the World Cup teams, Olympic Games team and the World Junior Championship team. For fresh starts permitted outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 260 the time recorded in the fresh start will only be used for the purposes of Nomination, with the exception of Section 1.9.1. For greater clarity, fresh starts will not be used for Canadian Ranking purposes and will not be included the official event results.

No fresh starts will be allowed from a race that is itself a fresh start unless:

- the first fresh start has been allowed pursuant to ISU Rule 260; or
- the second fresh start would be allowed pursuant to ISU Rule 260 (i.e. the athlete has been interfered with through no fault of his own).


## Conditions for Allowance of Fresh Starts

 DisqualificationIf an athlete is disqualified at the start, he/she will be given a fresh start immediately following the final pair of the group.

After a disqualification for an incident during a race the time from the re-skate race will be used for the purposes of Nomination as stated above in Allowance of Fresh Starts. The athlete may be given a fresh start allowance at the completion of the races for that specific distance at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HPAC-LT.

In the case of a non-advantageous disqualification, the HPAC-LT shall have the sole, full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit. Please note that an athlete is entitled to a minimum rest of 30 minutes between his/her race and the fresh start, however they may elect to complete their fresh start within this minimum 30 minute allowance.

## 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 prior to the fresh 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 30 minutes before their fresh start.

## Fall

If an athlete falls during the race, the fresh start will take place no sooner than 30 minutes after the fall.

## Finish of races

If an athlete finishes a race, he or she may not ask for a fresh start, unless the accompanying athlete in the pair is disqualified for interference as per the ISU Rule 260. The exception is if the athlete falls across the finish line.

## Discretion of the Chair

A fresh start may be granted at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair should they determine that unexpected or unusual circumstances have arisen which require a fresh start to be granted.

## Exceptions

Exceptions may apply in the following situations:

- For fresh starts permitted outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 260, the time recorded in the fresh start will be used for the purposes of Team selection.
- For fresh starts permitted outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 260, the athlete/s will be drawn separately from any other athletes who have been granted a fresh start based on ISU Rule 260.

For the purpose of clarification with respect to fresh starts as outlined above:

- Scheduling of fresh starts awarded pursuant to ISU rule 260 will be at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HP Jury.


## APPENDIX B - ISU Qualifying Times

As per ISU Communications, in order for a result to be a valid Qualifying Time, it must have been achieved in an ISU sanctioned event in the period between July 1, 2022 (Championships) and the entry deadline for the ISU World Cup or World Championship Event concerned. For the Mass Start and Team Events, any of the listed Qualifying Times will apply.

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined Qualifying times required for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships. For all ISU Championships, except for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, two alternative sets of Qualifying times have been defined. The slower Qualifying time, listed in (brackets), applies for results achieved outside the high altitude ice rinks in Calgary (Olympic Oval), Salt Lake City (Utah Olympic Oval) and Ürümqi (Xinjiang Ice Sports Center). The following Qualifying time limits apply for ISU Speed Skating Championships:

## Canadian Long Track Championships Entry Times

In order to be eligible to enter the CLT Championships, athletes must be ranked within the top times 30 times skated in the $500 \mathrm{~m}, 1000 \mathrm{~m}$ and 1500 m or within the top 24 times in the women's 3000 m or men's 5000 m or the top 12 times in the women's 5000 m or men's 10000 m in a ISU sanctioned event skated in the period between July 1, 2022 and September 25, 2023 in the distance they are entering. Other athletes may be added at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair. All athletes must be registered with a Speed Skating Canada club for the 2023-24 season and be a member in good standing. Please note that fees paid to a training centre does not include a SSC membership. Skaters registered in the CLT Championships must be eligible to represent Canada at ISU speed skating events for the 2023-2024 season.

## ISU World Cup Qualifying Times

ISU World Cup
To be entered, a skater must have achieved the following Qualifying Time.

|  | Women | Men |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{5 0 0 m}$ | $39.50(40.00)$ | $35.70(36.20)$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0 0} \mathbf{m}$ | $1.19 .00(1.20 .00)$ | $1.11 .20(1.12 .00)$ |
| $\mathbf{1 5 0 0} \mathbf{m}$ | $2.00 .50(2.02 .00)$ | $1.49 .00(1.50 .50)$ |
| $\mathbf{3 0 0 0 m}$ | $4.19 .00(4.22 .00)$ | --- |
| $\mathbf{5 0 0 0}$ | 7.23 .00 or 4.11 .00 <br> $(7.33 .00$ or 4.14 .00$)$ | $6.40 .00(6.45 .00)$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0 0 0} \mathbf{m}$ | --- | 13.30 .00 or 6.28 .00 <br> $(13.40 .00$ or 6.33 .00$)$ |

## ISU World Championships Qualifying Times

4 Continents Championships

To be entered, a skater must have achieved the Qualifying Time in all Individual Distance entered.

|  | Women | Men |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{5 0 0 m}$ | $40.00(40.50)$ | $36.20(36.60)$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0 0 m}$ | $1.20 .00(1.21 .00)$ | $1.11 .90(1.12 .80)$ |
| $\mathbf{1 5 0 0} \mathrm{m}$ | $2.03 .00(2.05 .00)$ | $1.51 .00(1.52 .50)$ |
| $\mathbf{3 0 0 0 m}$ | $4.24 .00(4.28 .00)$ | --- |
| $\mathbf{5 0 0 0 m}$ | --- | $6.48 .00(6.52 .00)$ |

World Speed Skating Championships - Single Distance Format
To be entered, a skater must have achieved the Qualifying Time in all Individual Distances entered.

|  | Women | Men |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{5 0 0 m}$ | $40.00(40.50)$ | $36.20(36.60)$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0 0} \mathbf{m}$ | $1.20 .00(1.21 .00)$ | $1.11 .90(1.12 .80)$ |
| $\mathbf{1 5 0 0} \mathbf{m}$ | $2.03 .00(2.05 .00)$ | $1.51 .00(1.52 .50)$ |
| $\mathbf{3 0 0 0}$ | $4.24 .00(4.28 .00)$ | --- |
| $\mathbf{5 0 0 0} \mathbf{m}$ | 7.25 .00 or 4.15 .00 <br> $(7.32 .00$ or 4.20 .00$)$ | $6.48 .00(6.52 .00)$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0 0 0} \mathbf{m}$ | --- | 13.40 .00 or 6.35 .00 <br> $(13.50 .00$ or 6.40 .00$)$ |

World Junior Championships
To be entered, Allround skaters must have achieved the Qualifying Time in all Individual Distances

|  | Women | Men |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 500 m | 42.50 | 38.50 |
| 1000 m | 1.25 .00 | 1.16 .00 |
| 1500 m | 2.12 .00 | 1.58 .00 |
| 3000 m | 4.45 .00 | --- |
| 5000 m | --- | 7.05 .00 or 4.05 .00 |

World Speed Skating Championships - Sprint Format To be entered, a skater must have achieved one the Qualifying times.

|  | Women | Men |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 500 m | $40.00(40.50)$ | $36.20(36.60)$ |
| 1000 m | $1.20 .00(1.21 .00)$ | $1.11 .90(1.12 .80)$ |
| 1500 m | --- | --- |
| 3000 m | --- | --- |
| 5000 m | --- | --- |

World Speed Skating Championships - All Round Format
To be entered, a skater must have achieved one the Qualifying Times

|  | Women | Men |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 500 m | --- | --- |
| 1000 m | --- | --- |
| 1500 m | $2.03 .00(2.05 .00)$ | $1.51 .00(1.52 .50)$ |
| 3000 m | $4.24 .00(4.28 .00)$ | --- |
| 5000 m | --- | $6.48 .00(6.52 .00)$ |

## APPENDIX C - CANADA CUP QUALIFYING TIMES

The HPAC-LT has determined qualifying times required for participation in Canada Cups. The following qualifying time limits apply for all Canada Cups and SSC Events:

|  |  | Senior Inside | Senior Inside (low land) | Senior Outside | Junior Inside | Junior Inside (low land) | Junior Outside |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 500 | 0:44.00 | 0:44.75 | 0:46.90 | 0:46.20 | 0:46.95 | 0:50.60 |
|  | 1000 | 1:27.20 | 1:28.70 | 1:33.00 | 1:31.60 | 1:33.10 | 1:40.30 |
|  | 1500 | 2:15.30 | 2:17.55 | 2:24.20 | 2:22.00 | 2:24.25 | 2:35.40 |
|  | 3000 | 4:44.70 | 4:49.20 | 5:03.30 | 4:58.70 | 5:03.20 | 5:26.70 |
|  | 5000 | 7:30.00 | 7:37.50 |  |  |  |  |
| $\sum_{\Sigma}^{\stackrel{\ominus}{\omega}}$ | 500 | 0:40.20 | 0:40.95 | 0:42.90 | 0:42.20 | 0:42.95 | 0:46.30 |
|  | 1000 | 1:19.00 | 1:20.50 | 1:24.40 | 1:23.00 | 1:24.50 | 1:31.00 |
|  | 1500 | 2:01.20 | 2:03.45 | 2:09.30 | 2:07.30 | 2:09.55 | 2:19.40 |
|  | 3000 |  |  |  | 4:35.90 | 4:40.40 | 5:02.00 |
|  | 5000 | 7:19.60 | 7:27.10 | 7:48.70 | 7:45.00 | 7:52.50 | 8:28.60 |
|  | 10000 | 14:00.00 | 14:15.00 |  |  |  |  |

In order for a result to be a valid Qualifying Time, it must have been achieved in ISU or SSC Events and National Championships in the period between July 1, 2022 July 1, 2023 and the entry deadline for the Event. For the Mass Start and Team Events, any of the listed Qualifying Times will apply.

Inside times include all times achieved in a covered Oval. Outside times include all times achieved in an outdoor, uncovered Oval. The slower qualifying time (low land) applies for results achieved outside the high altitude Ovals in Calgary (Olympic Oval), Salt Lake City (Utah Olympic Oval) and Urumqi (Xinjiang Ice Sports Center).

## APPENDIX D - PaIRING AND Drawing Format

This appendix outlines the general pairing and drawing format for indoor and outdoor events. The reverse order draw of the slowest to fastest skaters may be adjusted should the HP Jury, sport expert/event organizer, ice maker(s), and/or referees determine it necessary (e.g., safety, ice conditions, weather, entry times, number of entries).

CLT Championships 500m, 1000m, 1500m Pairing and Drawing Format

| RANKING ORDER <br> (Draw based on best Qualifying times) |  | DRAW - REVERSE ORDER SLOWEST TO FASTEST | STARTING ORDER (of races per distance) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GROUP 1 | Fastest 4 | GROUP 5 | Pair 1 <br> Pair 2 |
| GROUP 2 | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 4 | Pair 3 <br> Pair 4 |
| GROUP 3* | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 3 | Pair 5 <br> Pair 6 |
| GROUP 4 | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 2 | Pair 7 <br> Pair 8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { GROUP } 5 \text { \& } \\ & \text { so on } \end{aligned}$ | Next fastest 4 \& so on | GROUP 1 | Pair 9 <br> Pair 10 |
|  |  | GROUP 6 \& so on | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Pair } 11 \\ & \text { Pair } 12 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

CLT Championships Women's 3000m and Men's 5000m

| RANKING ORDER <br> (Draw based on best Qualifying times) |  | DRAW - REVERSE ORDER <br> SLOWEST TO <br> FASTEST | STARTING ORDER <br> (of races per distance) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GROUP 1 | Fastest 4 | GROUP 3 | Pair 1 <br> Pair 2 |
| GROUP 2 | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 2 | Pair 3 <br> Pair 4 |
| GROUP 3* | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 1 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Pair } 5 \\ \text { Pair } 6 \end{array}$ |
| GROUP 4 | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 4 | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { Pair } 7 \\ \text { Pair } 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| GROUP 5 \& so on | Next fastest 4 \& so on | GROUP 5 \& so on | Pair 9 <br> Pair 10 |

CLT Championships Women's 5000 m and Men's 10000 m

| RANKING ORDER <br> (Draw based on best <br> Qualifying times) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| GROUP 1 | Fastest 4 |
| GROUP 2 | Next fastest 4 |
| GROUP 3 | Next fastest 4 |
| DRAW - REVERSE <br> ORDER <br> SLOWEST TO <br> FASTEST | STARTING <br> ORDER <br> (of races per <br> distance) |
|  | Pair 1 <br> Pair 2 |
|  | Pair 3 <br> Pair 4 |
|  | Pair 5 <br> Pair 6 |

## Competition Pairing and Drawing Format

| RANKING ORDER <br> (Draw based on best Qualifying times) |  | DRAW - REVERSE ORDER <br> SLOWEST TO <br> FASTEST | STARTING ORDER <br> (of races per distance) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GROUP 1 | Fastest 4 | GROUP 4 | Pair 1 <br> Pair 2 |
| GROUP 2 | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 3 | Pair 3 <br> Pair 4 |
| GROUP 3* | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 2 | Pair 5 Pair 6 |
| GROUP 4 | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 1 | Pair 7 <br> Pair 8 |
| GROUP 5 | Next fastest 4 \& so on | GROUP 5 | Pair 9 <br> Pair 10 |
|  |  | GROUP 6 \& so on | Pair 11 <br> Pair 12 |

*In the case of long distance races ( 3000 m Women, 5000 m , and 10000 m Men), reverse order may begin with Group 3

## Competition Pairing and Drawing Format for Quartets

| RANKING ORDER <br> (Draw based on best Qualifying times) |  | DRAW - REVERSE ORDER <br> SLOWEST TO <br> FASTEST | STARTING ORDER (of races per distance) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GROUP 1 | Fastest 4 | GROUP 4 | Quartet 1 <br> Pair 1 <br> Pair 2 |
| GROUP 2 | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 3 | Quartet 2 <br> Pair 3 <br> Pair 4 |
| GROUP 3* | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 2 | Quartet 3 <br> Pair 5 <br> Pair 6 |
| GROUP 4 | Next fastest 4 | GROUP 1 | Quartet 4 <br> Pair 7 <br> Pair 8 |
| GROUP 5 |  <br> so on | GROUP 5 | Quartet 5 <br> Pair 9 <br> Pair 10 |
|  |  | GROUP 6 \& so on | Quartet 6 <br> Pair 11 <br> Pair 12 |

*In the case of long distance races (3000m Women, 5000m, and 10000m Men), reverse order may begin with Group 3
**Should there be an uneven number, the first quartet will be run as a pair, where then the remaining pairs will be run in quartets.

## APPENDIX E - SPEED SHATING CANADA WITHDRAWALS FORM

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Competition
Date:
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| Withdrawal |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Distance: | $\square$ Mass Start |
| Time of | $\square 500 \mathrm{~m}$ _ AM/PM |
| Event on | $\square 1000 \mathrm{~m}$ _ AM/PM |
| Race | $\square 1500 \mathrm{~m}$ _ AM/PM |
| Schedule: | $\square 3000 \mathrm{~m}$ _ AM/PM |
|  | $\square 5000 \mathrm{~m}$ _ AM/PM |
|  | $\square 10000 \mathrm{~m}$ _ AM/PM |
|  | $\square$ Mass Start__ AM/PM |
|  | Women: $\square$ Men: $\square$ |

## Athlete <br> Name:

$\qquad$
Athlete
Signature: $\qquad$

Official
reason for
withdrawal

| Med or | Med or |
| :--- | :--- |
| Coach | Coach |
| Name: | Signature: |

FOR CHIEF REFEREE USE ONLY:
Date
Received: $\qquad$

Time
Received: $\qquad$

Chief
Referee
Signature: $\qquad$


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Junior skaters will be permitted to participate in Canadian Junior Championships should they have achieved an eligible time since July 1, 2022 (Appendix C). However, as per ISU Communication 2591, to qualify for participation in World Junior Championships, athletes must have achieved valid Qualifying Time (listed in Appendix C) since July 1, 2022. In order to be eligible for Team Nomination (Bulletin 205), athletes will need to have achieved the Qualifying Time since July 1, 2022 and by the last date of entry for the World Junior Championships.

