
Saskatchewan Speed Skating

2011 Canada Winter
Games Team Selection
Bulletin

Saskatchewan Speed Skating –
Canada Winter Games Committee

2011 Canada Winter Games Team Selection Criteria

1. Competition

The short track team will consist of five (5) males and five (5) females

The long track team will consist of four (4) males and four (4) females

The Canada Games Team Leader for Team Saskatchewan will be **Bryan McSorley**

The assistant short track coach for Team Saskatchewan will be **Verna Kergan**

The assistant long track coach for Team Saskatchewan will be **Sandra Nase**

The team manager for Team Saskatchewan will be **Larry Fast**

A. Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in the 2011 Canada Winter Games, skaters must meet the age criteria outlined below.

SHORT TRACK

Competitors who have reached the age of 14 on June 30th, 2010 but have not reached the age of 19 on June 30th, 2010

Year of Birth: July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1996 inclusive

LONG TRACK

Competitors who have reached the age of 14 on June 30th, 2010 but have not reached the age of 19 as of June 30th, 2010

Year of Birth: July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1996 inclusive

It is recommended that the selection of athletes adhere to the Principles of the SSC Long-Term Athlete Development Plan (LTAD). The age range encompasses athletes falling into the last half of Stage 3 or 14 years (Stage 3 ranges from 11-16) and Stage 4.1 or 19 years (stage 4 ranges from 15-21). For more information, see Speed Skating Canada's Long-Term Athlete Development Document, pages 22-35.

B. CWG Team Selection Competitions

Short Track

Three (3) Trials will be organized to determine Team Saskatchewan - Short Track.

- 1) Trials #1 - 2010 Regina Fall Classic, Regina, SK.
- 2) Trials #2 – Late October to Early November
- 3) Trials #3 - Seasons Best Times Ranking List

Long Track

Two (2) Trials will be organized to determine Team Saskatchewan - Long Track.

- 1) Trials #1 - Outdoor Oval – 2010 Christmas Trials, Dec 29 – 30, 2010, Location To Be Determined
- 2) Trials #2 - Indoor Oval – 2011 Canada Cup #1, Calgary, AB

C. Events

An event in short track is a term used to define a distance and its subsequent Heats, Semis and Finals as a single unit. An event in long track is a term used to define a single distance.

Short Track

- Trials #1 – 1500m, 500m, 1000m and Super 1500m
- Trials #2 – 1500m, 500m, 1000m and Super 1500m
- Trials #3 – 500m, 1000m and 1500m

Long Track**Men**

Event #1 – 500m
 Event #2 – 1500m
 Event #3 – 3000m
 Event #4 – 5000m

Women

Event #1 – 500m
 Event #2 – 1000m
 Event #3 – 1500m
 Event #4 – 3000m

- Trials #1 – Event #1, Event #3, Event #2 and Event #4
- Trials #2 – Event #1, Event #3, Event #2 and Event #4

2. Selection Criteria

A. Short Track Team Selection Criteria

Team Saskatchewan will select five (5) males and five (5) females to the short track team based on the Selection Criteria Scenarios outlined below.

Short Track Selection Criteria Scenarios are defined using a system of priorities. In order for results to stand for selection all events at all three (3) Selection Trials must be considered complete. The priorities are as follows:

1 – Single Distance

2 – Combined 500m and 1000m (combined 500m and 1000m events from all Trials)

3 – All Round (combined points from all events and all Trials)

Selection Criteria Scenario #1

- 1st Place 500m skater, after all three (3) combined 500m events.
- 1st Place 1000m skater, after all three (3) combined 1000m events.
- 1st Place 1500m skater, after all three (3) combined 1500m events, excluding Super 1500m.
- Next skater after combined 500m and 1000m final events from three (3) complete trials.
- Next skater after total combined points from three (3) complete trials.

Selection Criteria Scenario #2

If one skater is 1st Place in two distances remaining team spots will be selected as follows:

- 1st Place skater in the remaining distance following all three (3) of those particular distances events.
- Next skater after combined 500m and 1000m events from three (3) complete trials.
- Next two (2) skaters after total combined points from three (3) complete trials.

Selection Criteria Scenario #3

If one skater is 1st Place in three (3) distances remaining team spots will be selected as follows:

- Next two (2) skaters after combined 500m and 1000m events from three (3) complete trials.
- Next two (2) skaters after total combined points from three (3) complete trials.

Additional Short Track Selection Guidelines

- All events at both Trials #1 and Trials #2 must be completed and final by the athlete for consideration to Team Saskatchewan - Short Track.
- In order for Trials #3 to be considered complete all three (3) events must have a recorded Seasons Best Time.

B. Long Track Team Selection Criteria

Team Saskatchewan will select four (4) males and four (4) females to the long track team based on the Selection Criteria Scenario outlined below.

Selection Criteria Scenario

The top four (4) males and top four (4) females will be selected combining Trials #1 and Trials #2 final results. Final rankings will be determined by the participants combined Sammalagt Points from Trials #1 and Trials #2. All events in Trials #1 and Trials #2 must be completed.

Additional Long Track Selection Guidelines

- All events at both Trials #1 and Trials #2 must be completed and final by the athlete for consideration to Team Saskatchewan - Long Track.

3. Short Track - Canada Winter Games Trials Format and Guidelines

A. Short Track Trials Format

a. Trials #1 & Trials #2

- Trials #1 & Trials #2 will run their events in the following order: 1500m, 500m, 1000m and Super 1500m.
- The trials will take place in separate male and female All-Points format trials.
- Both male and female skaters will compete in the 500m, 1000m, 1500m and Super 1500m events.
- Trials #1 will start with a 777m pursuit to determine the top sixteen (16) male and top sixteen (16) female competitors. Trials #2 will seed off of the final standings from Trials #1.
- Only the top sixteen (16) skaters of each sex, after completion of the 777m pursuit results, will be eligible to compete in Trials #1. If a skater falls in the 777m pursuits, one (1) re-skate will be allowed. Rest times are determined by ISU rule 295 2.f.

b. Trials #3

- Trials #3 will be a collection of all 2011 Canada Winter Games eligible skaters Seasons Best Times in the 500m, 1000m and 1500m events.
- Only times skated between September 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 in SASSA and SSC sanctioned competitions will be eligible.
- Seasons Best Times will be placed on a ranking list in order of fastest times to slowest times.
- Once the Seasons Best Times list is finalized the positions one (1) through sixteen (16) will be awarded points according to the Official Points System.

c. Disqualifications, Failure to Start, Failure to Finish

- Skaters disqualified in a qualifying race, or who fail to finish a qualifying race are placed in the lowest semi-final or final for that distance.

- All skaters disqualified in a final receive the last place points for the final they were in.
Example: Primary Final – five (5) on the line – two (2) disqualifications – both disqualifications receive 5th place – no 4th place points are awarded. A disqualified skater **may**, at the discretion of the Referee, have his/her points removed.
- Skaters failing to start in a final without good reason as determined by the Head Referee receive no points for that final. Skaters failing to start in a re-raced final due to an injury will receive last place points for that final.
- Skaters failing to finish in a final receive the last place points for the final they were in. A skater who has not finished the race as a result of an infraction will receive the points of the position ahead of those disqualified.

d. Abnormal Termination of Race

- In the event that a race is abnormally terminated (injury, unsafe condition, etc.) the Head Referee shall ensure that an adequate rest period is provided to the skaters prior to the re-starting of the race.

B. Short Track Trials Specific Guidelines

a. Seeding

Skaters will be seeded into heats for the first contest of Trials #1 based on their performance and ranking in the 777m pursuit that is skated at the beginning of the Trials. For subsequent heats, skaters will be seeded based on their aggregate points from the previous finals. The maximum number of skaters on the starting line will be six (6). The exception to this is the 500m and 1000m distance where a maximum of four (4) on the line will be allowed. A balance of the total male and female entries in the competition will determine the numbers of skaters in their respective heats. For example, in the 500m, sixteen (16) skaters would be placed into four (4) heats of four (4) while twelve (12) skaters would be placed into three (3) heats of four (4). Using the example of a competition with sixteen (16) skaters, heats would be composed in the following manner, with the number representing the skater's rank after the pursuit or placing in the previous finals:

Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13

b. Advancement by Contest

Contest – 500m

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

Heats – 2+0

- 1st Place and 2nd Place finishers in each heat advance to the A-Semi-finals.
- 3rd Place and 4th Place finishers in each heat advance to the B-Semi-finals.

Semi Finals – 2+0

A-Semi Final

- 1st Place and 2nd Place finishers in each A-Semi finals advance to the A Final.
- 3rd Place and 4th Place finishers in each A-Semi finals advance to the B-Final.

B-Semi Final

- 1st Place and 2nd Place finishers in each B-Semi finals advance to the C-Final.
 - 3rd Place and 4th Place finishers in each B-Semi finals advance to the D-Final.
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Contest – 1000m

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

Heats – 2+0

- 1st Place and 2nd Place finishers in each heat advance to the A-Semi-finals.
- 3rd Place and 4th Place finishers in each heat advance to the B-Semi-finals.

Semi Finals – 2+0

A-Semi Final

- 1st Place and 2nd Place finishers in each A-Semi finals advance to the A Final.
- 3rd Place and 4th Place finishers in each A-Semi finals advance to the B-Final.

B-Semi Final

- 1st Place and 2nd Place finishers in each B-Semi finals advance to the C-Final.

- 3rd Place and 4th Place finishers in each B-Semi finals advance to the D-Final.
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Contest – 1500m

Heat A	Heat B	Heat C
1	2	3
6	5	4
7	8	9
12	11	10
13	14	15
		16

Heats – 2+0

- 1st Place and 2nd Place finishers in each heat advance to the A-Final.
 - 3rd Place and 4th Place finishers in each heat advance to the B-Final.
 - 5th Place and 6th Place finishers in each heat advance to the C-Final.
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Contest – Super 1500m

Final A	Final B	Final C
1	6	11
2	7	12
3	8	13
4	9	14
5	10	15
		16

Finals

- Advancement to the Super 1500m Finals are based on the skaters aggregate points from previous finals.
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Additional Short Track Trials Format Guidelines

1. If the Referee's advance a skater to a final, the referee's decision must be supported by two-thirds (2/3) of the competition referee's. The head referee must indicate the final to which the skater will advance.
2. A skater who misses a race must seek permission from the Head Referee to re-enter that distance, and can only re-enter at the lowest final.

3. If a Referee stops a race to protect a fallen skater, that skater will not be permitted into the re-start. In the case of a qualifying race, the skater is inserted into the lowest final, unless otherwise indicated by the Head Referee.

4. Long Track – Canada Winter Games Trials Format and Guidelines

A. Long Track Trials Format

a. Trials #1 & Trials #2

- At Trials #1 and Trials #2 all four (4) events must be completed and final.
- Sammalagt point's calculations will be used to determine the final ranking.
- The All Round Distance combinations will be calculated combining the four (4) single distances contested at each trials.

b. Disqualifications, Failure to Start, Failure to Finish

- Skaters disqualified in a qualifying race, or who fail to finish a qualifying race are placed in the lowest semi-final or final for that distance.
- All skaters disqualified in a final receive the last place points for the final they were in.
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- Skaters failing to finish in a final receive the last place points for the final they were in. A skater who has not finished the race as a result of an infraction will receive the points of the position ahead of those disqualified.

c. Abnormal Termination of Race

- In the event that a race is abnormally terminated (injury, unsafe condition, etc.) the Head Referee shall ensure that an adequate rest period is provided to the skaters prior to the re-starting of the race.

5. Short Track - Official Points System

A. Official Points System

The Official Points System will be used to award final points.

Official Points System			
Position	Points	Position	Points
1	1000	9	196
2	816	10	160
3	666	11	130
4	544	12	106
5	444	13	86
6	362	14	70
7	296	15	58
8	242	16	46

B. Short Track Points Allocation

a. Trials #1 & Trials #2

Final points are awarded in order of finish in each event using the Official Points System.

b. Trials #3

Final points are awarded in order from fastest time to slowest time using the Official Points System.

Example:

Trials #3 - EXAMPLE											
Name of Athlete		Contest: 500m			Contest: 1000m			Contest: 1500m			Total
First	Last	Time	Rank	Points	Time	Rank	Points	Time	Rank	Points	Points
Skater	One	:42:950	1	500	1:25:678	1	500	2:15:789	3	333	1333
Skater	Two	:43:950	2	408	1:35:789	4	272	2:14:890	2	408	1088
Skater	Three	:44:980	3	333	1:26:789	2	408	2:13:678	1	500	1241
Skater	Four	:47:890	4	272	1:34:890	3	333	2:20:890	4	272	877

6. Long Track – Official Sammalagt Points System

A. Official Sammalagt Points System

The Official Sammalagt Points System is the breakdown of a particular distance into its 500m split time. The 500m splits can then be designated as individual points for that particular event.

The Official Sammalagt Points System will then be added together to achieve a final standing. The combined Sammalagt will be calculated in the following manner. The time skated for each distance is first reduced to the equivalent of a 500m time and points (calculated to three decimal places) are awarded accordingly.

An example is provided below:

500m time: 42.00 Points awarded are: 42.000

1500m time: 2:12.50

Converted to seconds = 132.50

Divided by 3 (to make into 500m time) equals

44.167, therefore points awarded are: 44.167

3000m time: 4:38.74

Converted to seconds = 278.74

Divided by 6 (to make into 500m time) equals

46.457, therefore points awarded are: 46.457

5000m time: 8:16.92

Converted to seconds = 496.92

Divided by 10 (to make into 500m time) equals

49.692, therefore points awarded are: 49.692

Therefore, combined points will be **182.316**

B. Long Track Points Allocation

a. Trials #1, Trials #2

Final standings will be determined by the Official Sammalagt Points System. Any subsequent event combinations for the purpose of team selection will use the Official Sammalagt Points System.

7. Choice of Competition – Long Track versus Short Track

SASSA Policy 5.4.9 (3) and reads:

“Before Canada Winter Games Trials commence the competitors must declare which discipline they would select if they qualify for both long and short track teams. In the event that a skater qualifies for the discipline other than the one they declared, they will still be eligible for the team.”

8. Petitions Process

A skater's coach or club president can make a written documented petition to have a skater considered for selection to the Saskatchewan Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Team in the event of extenuating circumstances which prevented the skater from completing the Trials in question (short or long track) in their entirety.

Written petitions must be submitted to the Vice-President Technical. The Vice-President Technical, or his/her designate, the Vice-President Officials, and the President will make up the Petition Committee. Their decision will be final and binding.

The Vice-President Technical must receive petitions regarding Short Track Team selection and Long Track Team Selection no later than midnight December 31, 2010.

9. Team Selection – Medical Replacement Policy

- A.** In the case of an injury to a skater while trying out for the final selection to the Canada Games Team, the decision to select the skater to the team is left up to the discretion of the Canada Winter Games Committee, Canada Winter Games Staff and the Vice President Technical, after consultation the family physician.
- B.** In the case where a skater is on a Canada Games Team and is injured prior to the Games, the decision to maintain the skater on the team is left up to the discretion of the Canada Winter Games Committee, Canada Winter Games Staff and the Vice President Technical, after consultation the family physician.
- C.** In the case where a skater on the Canada Winter Games Team is injured and is unable to compete in the Games, the Canada Games Committee, Canada Winter Games Staff and the Vice President Technical will select an alternate skater.