

#### Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association

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### **Need to Know: Funding Available for Post-Secondary SASSA Skaters**

Intro: There are two sources of funding for athletes that continue to compete in speed skating after High School. They are the National Training Centre Funding (NTC) and Athlete Assistance funding sources from the SASSA Budget. The NTC Funding is reserved for skaters that have been accepted and are training in Training Groups at the National Training Centre (Calgary or Montreal). Athlete Assistance can be given out to athletes training In Province or Out of Province.

#### **SASSA Provincial Team**

The Provincial Team is for Athletes training In-Province. If a skater on the team chooses to go to the NTC they will be eligible for NTC funding but not Provincial Team funding (\$1,000.00 for out of Province competitions). Athletes on the Provincial Team can receive Provincial Team funding and can be awarded Athlete Assistance, if they choose to stay In-Province after High School.

## **National Training Centre Funding**

- Athletes will receive half of their funding in mid-October (after completing the application form); the second half of their funding will be distributed in March after a successful follow-up is completed and sent to the SASSA Office.
- The minimum share will be \$1,500.00 dollars; the maximum share will be \$3,500.00 dollars.
- The National Training Centre funding will be given out to a maximum of 8 athletes.
- Skaters seeking support under the NTC funding program must:
  - 1) Be a SASSA member in good standing for at least one year before being considered for funding to a National Training Centre.
  - 2) Be at least 18 years of age or have completed grade 12. This is required to help ensure the individual is physically mature and able to benefit from the program, and to emphasize the importance of education.

For more information on the Olympic Oval in Calgary, please click on the link below. https://oval.ucalgary.ca/

### **Athlete Assistance Grants**

a) Long Track & Short Track Grants (6 X \$834) - Average best 2 distances against the Canadian Records (Jr. or Sr.). Athletes must skate in a minimum of two distances to be considered for this grant.



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# NTC Long Track Time Standards- athletes must meet the time standard in at least two distances.

Men					
	Age Category	500m	1000m	1500m	5000m
	Entry - Junior	39.9	1:19.9	2:03.27	7:26.88
	Year 1 Neo-Senior	38.9	1:16.9	1:56.9	7:05.0
	Year 3 Neo-Senior	37.1	1:12.9	1:51.9	6:50.0
Women					
	Age Category	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m
	Entry - Junior	43.9	1:26.9	2:15.9	4:49.34
	Year 1 Neo-Senior	42	1:24.0	2:10.0	4:40.0
	Year 3 Neo-Senior	39.9	1:20.0	2:03.0	4:21.0