



2024 Prairie Opener Short Track Ability Meet

Information Bulletin

This is not a split meet

Saturday October 19 & Sunday October 20, 2024

LOCATION

Warman Home Centre Communiplex, 701 Centennial Blvd., Warman, Saskatchewan

SANCTIONS

Speed Skate Canada, Saskatchewan Speed Skating Association & Special Olympics Saskatchewan

ENTRY FEES

Ages 6+: \$85.00

Masters (Sunday races only): \$45

Active Start: \$25

Late entry fee: double

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Friday October 11, 2024 @ 11:59pm

Last day for FULL REFUND due to withdrawal: Wednesday October 16, 2024

REGISTRATION

Registration is through IceReg: <https://icereg.ca/#!/events/prairie-opener-short-track-meet-2024-xgeek>

RED RIVER SPEED: SPEED SKATING MERCHANDISE

Red River Speed will have speed skating equipment and clothing for sale during the meet. Contact Randy Plett ahead of time if there is a specific item you want. Email or text Randy: info@redriverspeed.com, (204) 997-7938. Visit his website for products: www.redriverspeed.com

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications for schedules, groups and races will be through the Sportity App. Event password is **PO2024**. Final groupings and schedule will be posted on Sportity Friday October 18, 2024.

HOTEL

There is a block of rooms held at Days Inn & Suites in Warman, SK. Rate is \$144 + tax. To book a room, call 306.912.5513 and ask for the rate with the "Speed Skating Meet." The rooms will be held until October 5.

COACHES

MS Teams meeting on Thursday October 17, 2024 at 9:00pm. Invitations will be emailed. Coaches, please register for the meet, free of charge, at <https://icereg.ca/#!/events/prairie-opener-short-track-meet-2024-xgeek>. Registration helps us plan to have enough food for the volunteer lunches on both days.

50/50, RAFFLES & FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Inside the rink on the upper floor both days.

MEET FORMAT and DISTANCES

Saturday morning on-ice warm-ups will begin at 8:00am.

Sunday morning races will begin at 9:00am. No on-ice warm-up.

Times and distances are subject to change.

SEED TIMES: Skaters who are entering their first competition, please submit PB's based on coaches' times. If no seed time can be established, please select "No seed time" during registration.

The age of skaters is based on age as of June 30, 2024.

All divisions will be mixed gender and ages and grouped based on ability.

Group A

Masters (111m track)

500m (Heat and Final), 1000m Superfinal. All races on Sunday.

500m seed time required.

Group B

Age 14+ (111m track)

An all-finals ladder format will be used for this age category. This format is utilized to promote the best possible racing experience for all skaters. Each distance is seeded based on the athlete's entry seed times. Athletes are placed in races with the first 5 skaters placed in Race A, the next 5 in Race B and so on. An all-finals format awards skaters' points after each race. Athletes move up and down the ladder with the top 2 skaters from each race moving up one race, 3rd place staying in the same race and the bottom 2 skaters moving down one race. The 1500m has 7 skaters on the line so, the 3rd, 4th and 5th skaters stay in the same race. This format allows the closest races based on ability from the first race of the weekend, as well as allowing skaters to move up without limitations.

This ladder format is subject to change if there are not enough registrants to make it an effective competition format, and then regular heats and finals will be used.

Example

500m and 1000m (20 skaters)

4 races (5/5/5/5)

Top 2 move up

3rd stays

Bottom 2 move down

(Race A – top 3 skaters stay with no movement available)

(Race D – bottom 2 skaters stay with no movement down available)

Lane Positions

Lane position from inner to outer is based on the following priority:

1. Time fastest to slowest from previous race
2. Finish no time from previous race
3. Penalties from previous race
4. If there are more than 2 penalties, lane position is assigned based on seed time used to get into the competition.

Penalties

Skaters who earn a penalty finish at the bottom of their race, earn last place points in the race, and move down a race. YC-2 / YC-B – earns no points in the race and moves down a race.

Advancements

This is an all-finals format. There are no advancements.

Scratches

If there are any scratches or withdraws for any reason, all ranking positions below the withdraw skater move up one spot for the next race.

Distances

3 x 1000m, 3 x 500m, 1 x 1500m and 1 x 2000m Mixed Relay

Optional bonus race: 1 x 777m (no points awarded)

Novice or newer skaters aged 14+ may also register in Group C.

Skaters will be grouped based on ability.

500m and 1000m seed times required.

Group C

Ages 11-13 (100m track)

Novice or newer skaters aged 14+ may also register in Group C.

Novice youth or newer skaters aged 11-13 may also register in Group D.

Skaters will be grouped based on ability.

400m (Heat and Final), 800m (Heat and Final), 1000m (Heat and Final)

1500m Superfinal, 1800m Mixed Relay

400m seed time required.

Group D

Ages 6-10 (100m track)

Novice skaters aged 11-13 may also register in Group D.

Skaters will be grouped based on ability.

200m seed time required.

The top group of skaters will race 200m (Heat and Final), 400m (Heat and Final), 500m (Heat and Final) and 800m Superfinal.

The bottom group of skaters will race 200m (Heat and Final), 300m (Heat and Final), 400m (Heat and Final) and 500m Superfinal.

Active Start (ages 4 & 5)

50m and 100m on the 100m track (before the lunch break on each day)

No seed time required.

MEET RECORDERS

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