



**WESTERN
CANADIAN**

OUTDOOR CLASSIC 2025



Bulletin

2025 Western Canadian Outdoor Classic

presented by the John Sands Family

January 18-19, 2025

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Clarence Downey Speed Skating Oval

1201 Dudley Street, Saskatoon

PURPOSE

This event focuses on competitive events that are used at the national level, such as Canadian Youth Long Track Championships and Canada Cups. This event will be offered as an open competition, wherein skaters from across Canada and the United States are welcome to attend. This is an annual event hosted in collaboration with Speed Skating Manitoba, Speed Skating Saskatchewan, Speed Skating Alberta, and Speed Skating BC to preserve outdoor speed skating venues in Western Canada.

SANCTIONS

This ability meet will be sanctioned by Speed Skate Canada and Speed Skating Saskatchewan.

ENTRY DEADLINES

Early bird registration!

Register by 11:59pm on December 15, 2024, to take advantage!

- Early bird registration for Division 1: \$40
- Early bird registration for Divisions 2, 3 & 4: \$75
- Early bird registration for Division 5: \$25

After December 15, 2024, registration fees are:

- Division 1: \$55
- Divisions 2, 3 & 4: \$100
- Division 5: \$25

All registration closes January 3, 2025, at 11:59pm. **Registration after the deadline is double the regular registration fee.**

Registration is through IceReg:

<https://icereg.ca/#!/events/western-canadian-outdoor-classic-january-2025>

If event is cancelled due to weather, full refunds will be issued to all registrants.

SEED TIME REQUIREMENTS

Division 1: 500m OS

Division 2: 500m & 1500m OS

Division 3: 500m OS (400m short track accepted where no 500m OS time exists)

Division 4: 200m short track

Division 5: not applicable

Seed times must be from sanctioned events.

New personal bests earned from Grand Prix 2025, Canada Cup Final 2025, and Alberta Long Track 2025 will be updated by WCOC event organizers from www.speedskatingresults.com.

RACING AGES

All ages are calculated for the current speed skating season based on the skater's age as of June 30, 2024, 11:59pm.

Category	Age
Active Start	4-5
Club Skater	6-10
Youth	11-13
Neo-Junior	14-15
Junior	16-18
Senior	19-29
Masters	30+

WITHDRAWALS

A withdrawal form **must be completed and submitted by the athlete's coach** and submitted one hour prior to the next race. Withdrawals made after the deadline or no shows to a race will result in the athlete being disqualified from the next race/event listed, except in the case of a DNS/withdrawal due to medical reasons. Withdrawal forms will be available at the entrance to the office on the upper floor of the facility.

COMMUNICATIONS – SPORTITY

Schedules, races, and results will be posted on Sportity. Sportity will be used to share information before and during WCOC. Please download the app and use the password: **WCOC2025** to receive the most up-to-date information.

COACHES

COACHES MUST REGISTER ON ICEREG TO RECEIVE EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

Coaches' registration is free. Registration helps the organizers plan for the coaches/volunteer/officials' lunches, organize the coaches' meeting, and verify seed times. **Registration deadline January 3, 2025.**

Coaches' meeting will be Thursday January 16, 2025, at 9:00pm Central Standard Time (9pm Manitoba & Saskatchewan, 8pm Alberta, 7pm British Columbia). The meeting will be held online using MS Teams. A link will be sent to **registered** coaches in advance.

COACHES' RACE

Coaches, go to the start! Bring your skates and all mass start safety equipment to participate in a fun 100m MS coaches' race immediately before the lunch break on Sunday January 19, 2025. No registration needed!

TRANSPORTATION

The shuttle bus will make one trip in each direction between the host hotel and Clarence Downey Speed Skating Oval on Saturday and Sunday mornings and at the end of the day. Athletes will have priority. If seats remain, spectators are welcome to take the shuttle. The shuttle seats 55.

HOST HOTEL

The Holiday Inn Downtown Saskatoon is the host hotel. A block of rooms is being held until December 26, 2024, on a first-come first-serve basis. Room rate \$139. Free heated parking. Hot breakfast will open at 6am both mornings. Call 306.986.5000 and ask for the Western Canadian Outdoor Classic Group block or book online using this URL link: [2025 WCOC - Holiday Inn Saskatoon Downtown](#)

MERCHANDISE

Sweaters, t-shirts, coffee mugs and toques are for sale! To see a full description of merchandise please visit this website: [Western Canadian Outdoor Classic 2025 | BRAINSPORT ATHLETICS](#) . Merchandise will be available for pick up Saturday morning of the meet.

FACILITY

The Clarence Downey Speed Skating Oval facility is home to a new two-story building that offers spectator seating both inside and outside. The facility is wheelchair accessible with an elevator to the second floor.

A concession to purchase hot food, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase on the main floor. Other food options are available within a few minutes drive. Lunch is offered to volunteers, coaches and officials who sign up.

PRACTICE ICE

Free practice ice for Division 1 and 2 will be available on **Friday January 17, 2025, at 6:00-6:45pm.**

Free practice ice for Division 3 and 4 will be available on **Friday January 17, 2025, at 6:45-7:30pm.**

Free public skating open to anyone accompanying skaters to Western Canadian Outdoor Classic – parents, guardians, grandparents, siblings, friends & cousins. Bring your skates and helmets! **Friday January 17, 2025, at 7:30-8:00.**

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served!

COMPETITION FORMAT

All divisions will be grouped based on entry seed times. Special Olympics skaters will be grouped based on entry seed time. For any requests or questions, please email WCOOC Meet Coordinator at meetcoordinator@slspeedskating.com.

All races are weather and time permitting.

DIVISION 1

Senior, Masters

Races on Sunday only.

Day 2: OS 500m (1), OS 500m (2), & OS 1000m Super Final

DIVISION 2

Neo-Junior, Junior, Senior, Masters

All-around competition

Day 1: OS 500m, OS 1500m

Day 2: OS 1000m, OS 3000m/5000m, * Mass Start 10 Lap Final

*MS 10 Lap Final is out-of-competition and an opt-in event at no extra cost.

Prizes will be awarded for this event.

DIVISION 3

Youth

Novice skaters aged 14+ may choose to register in Division 3 with appropriate seed times submitted.

Novice skaters aged 11-13 may choose to register in Division 4 with appropriate seed times submitted.

Day 1: OS 500m (1), MS 7 Laps, MS 1000m

Day 2: OS 500m (2), MS 1500m, MS 300m Super Final

DIVISION 4

Club Skater

Novice skaters age 11+ can also register in Division 4.

Races are all mass start.

Top group will race:

Day 1: 100m heat and final, 300m heat and final

Day 2: 500m Super Final, 800m Super Final

Bottom group will race:

Day 1: 100m heat and final, 300m heat and final

Day 2: 200m Super Final, 400m Super Final

DIVISION 5

Active Start

Day 1 & Day 2: 50m & 100m

Races will take place both Saturday and Sunday as close to the lunch break as possible.

RULES

Racing rules for this event are governed by this bulletin, SSC Procedures and Regulations (“the Red Book”), and ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules, Speed Skating 2024. 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. 2636 and No. 2651. Mass Start races will be 7 laps as per Canadian Youth Long Track Championships HP Bulletin section 3.6.

AWARDS

Division 1

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 overall male and female for the following categories: Senior, Masters ages 30-49 and Masters ages 50+.

Division 2

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 overall male and female for Neo-Junior, Junior, Senior and Master categories.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 male and female for each of the Neo-Junior, Junior and Senior categories. Amounts TBD.

Divisions 3 & 4

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 overall male and female for each group of skaters.

Division 5

Skaters will receive a gift bag.






TRACK RECORDS

Thanks to the generosity of the John Sands family, a \$1000 prize will be awarded for the best track record in each distance achieved during the weekend in the Junior and Senior (Male and Female) divisions. For instance, if two skaters achieve a track record in a distance, the skater with the fastest time will get the prize.

Women:

500 meter	40.42	 Noémie Fiset (Neo)	Canada Cup 3	29.01.2017
1000 meter	1:21.81	 Kate Hanly (Neo)	Canada Cup#3	25.01.2014
1500 meter	2:09.02	 Josie Spence (Neo)	Canada Cup 3	27.01.2017
3000 meter	4:31.76	 Josie Spence (Neo)	Canada Cup 3	28.01.2017

Men:

500 meter	36.55	 Christopher Fiola (Neo)	Canada Cup 3	29.01.2017
1000 meter	1:13.12	 Richard MacLennan (Neo)	Canada Cup#3	24.01.2014
1500 meter	1:54.32	 Christopher Fiola (Neo)	Canada Cup 3	27.01.2017
3000 meter	4:04.65	 Antoine Gélinas-Beaulieu (A1)	Canadian Junior Allround Championships 2010	29.01.2010
5000 meter	7:05.44	 Jordan Belchos (Neo)	Canada Cup 2	29.01.2010

Junior Women:

500 meter	41.21	 Kate Hanly (A1)	Canadian Junior Championships 2012	03.02.2012
1000 meter	1:23.66 <small>CAN</small>	 Kate Hanly (A1)	Canadian Junior Championships 2012	04.02.2012
1500 meter	2:10.11	 Kate Hanly (A1)	Canadian Junior Championships 2012	03.02.2012
3000 meter	4:35.02	 Isabelle Weidemann (A1)	Canadian Junior Championships 2014	25.01.2014

Junior Men:

500 meter	36.98	 Richard MacLennan (A2)	Canadian Junior Allround Championships 2010	31.01.2010
1000 meter	1:14.27	 David Larue (A1)	Canadian Junior Championships 2017	29.01.2017
1500 meter	1:54.91	 Antoine Gélinas-Beaulieu (A1)	Canadian Junior Allround Championships 2010	29.01.2010
3000 meter	4:04.65	 Antoine Gélinas-Beaulieu (A1)	Canadian Junior Allround Championships 2010	29.01.2010
5000 meter	7:09.66	 Graeme Fish (A2)	Canadian Junior Championships 2017	28.01.2017

WEATHER RESTRICTIONS

Cancellation decisions will be made the day of and will be made in consultation with the Chief Referee, Sport Expert & Meet Coordinator.

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