



Virtual Challenge

October 7, 2020

Ontario Speed Skating recognizes the need to provide competitive opportunities for our members during this time without formal competition. Competitive opportunities keep our skaters engaged while providing a focused goal and a sense of excitement for all members.

Physical distancing must be maintained during all practice and competitive events; therefore, the Virtual Challenges involve the use of pursuit style racing to meet this requirement.

Individual Virtual Challenge

Racing Format:

- Pursuit style racing with 1 skater starting on either side of the rink (2 skaters total per race).
- 100m track used for skaters aged 12 years old and under.
- 111m track used for skaters aged 13+ years old.
- All distances are from a standing start.

Racing Distances:

Group	Distances
10 and under	100m, 200m
11-12 years old	200m, 400m
13-29 years old	111m, 500m
30+ years old	111m, 500m

Officiating and Volunteers:

- Clubs are welcome to engage any officials they have available. Clubs may also use volunteers without officiating experience where needed.
- A minimum of 3 volunteers are required: 1 starter and 2 timers/recorders (one per skater in the race). Clubs with access to more volunteer resources may expand on this process to meet their needs.
- Coaches may take times on ice using a stop watch and recording method of their choice.
- The starter is responsible for starting a safe and fair race, and must not time the events.
- Physical distancing must be maintained by all volunteers and officials.

Submitting times to Ontario Speed Skating:

- Times should be submitted to OSSA using one of the Entry Forms provided to each Club President or Head Coach Designate.
- Times can be resubmitted if improved upon at a later date that precedes the deadline.
- Times are due to OSSA (sportmanager@ontariospeedskating.ca) by October 23, November 20 and December 18, 2020.
- OSSA will compile a list of times across the province to be released the week following each deadline.

Virtual Relay* Challenge

Relay Format:

- Clubs will establish teams of 4 skaters within the age brackets as identified in the chart below. All skaters on the team must fall into the correct age bracket.
- Each skater may only be used on one Relay Team.
- Due to the requirement to maintain physical distancing, relays will not be skated for this Challenge. Instead, the skaters' times from the Individual Virtual Challenge described above will be added together to create a combined virtual relay time.
- Clubs that cannot field a team within an age bracket are encouraged to combine with other clubs at their own discretion.
- Teams may develop their own Relay Team name.

Submitting times to Ontario Speed Skating:

- Combined Relay Times should be submitted to OSSA using one of the Entry Forms provided to each Club President or Head Coach Designate.
- A designated club coach, volunteer or official must submit the Virtual Relay Challenge times separately from the Individual Virtual Challenge times.
- If times are improved upon, the combined relay time must be resubmitted to OSSA prior to the deadline in order for the improved combined relay time to be considered.
- Combined relay times are due to OSSA (sportmanager@ontariospeedskating.ca) by October 23, November 20 and December 18, 2020.
- OSSA will compile a list of combined relay times across the province to be released the week following each deadline.

Age of Skaters	Time of the 1 st skater	Time of the remaining 3 skaters
10 years old and under	100m time	200m time x3 (once for each skater)
11-12 years old	200m time	400m time x3 (once for each skater)
13-29 years old	111m time	500m time x3 (once for each skater)
30+ years old	111m time	500m time x3 (once for each skater)

*Please note: these are non-traditional, virtual relays with no contact.

Time Submission for Individual and Relay Challenges

The Entry Forms should only be filled out by a designated club coach, volunteer or official. When completing the Entry Form, the person completing the form must submit accurate and honest information to their best of their knowledge. False or misleading entries undermine the nature of these Virtual Challenges and do not align with Ontario Speed Skating's values. Please note that falsified data may be removed from OSSA's list.