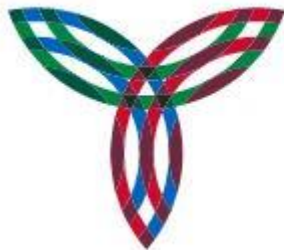




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Introduction

The Ontario Games is a program provided by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS). The Ontario Games began in 1970 as a showcase for amateur sport. As the Province's largest multi-sport event, the Ontario Games provide athletes of the province with a developmental and competitive opportunity to prepare for national and international competition. The Games give the public a chance to see some of Ontario's best amateur athletes compete in the only multi-sport event of this caliber hosted in the province.

The Ontario Winter Games involves up to 3,500 registered participants including athletes, sport assistants, coaches, managers, officials and Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO) representatives every two years.

The Government of Ontario recognizes the significant cost of amateur sport for Ontario families. The Government's investment in the Ontario Games aims to provide a high quality and unique multi-sport Games experience that is affordable for participants.

The Ontario Winter Games provides:

- A subsidized and affordable multi-sport experience and high level competition for athletes, coaches and officials.
- A unique athlete experience that aims to model the conditions of a major multi-sport Games including an athlete parade and Opening Ceremony, while also providing an opportunity to interact with and cheer on athletes in other sports.
- An opportunity to provide professional development for coaches and officials before, during and after the Games.
- An opportunity to showcase and grow the sport of speed skating.

Administrative Responsibilities

The Ontario Speed Skating Association is responsible for overseeing all administrative and competition requirements with respect to the Association's participation in the Games (i.e. room assignments, collecting participants' fees and ensuring registration documents have been completed, equipment needs and venue set up).

The Officials Development Committee will assist in managing all officials for the Games including identifying opportunities for officials to be trained and evaluated. Along with the designated Chief Officials, OSSA will be relying on the parents of the athletes selected for the Games to volunteer for the speed skating event.

Coach and Manager Selection

The Ontario Speed Skating Association will select eight (8) – 4 male and 4 female – coaches for the Games. Coaches must be Introduction to Competition or Competition Development certified, or Competition Development trained through the NCCP in order to be eligible to coach skaters at the Ontario Winter Games. Eligible coaches should submit their interest in being an Ontario Winter Games coach to the High Performance Director (hpdirector@ontariospeedskating.ca) by Monday November 25, 2019.

Coaches will be selected by the High Performance Director on the basis of their qualifications, availability and the logistical needs of the skaters participating in the Games. Successful applicants will be notified by December 18, 2019.

Four (4) – 2 male and 2 female – managers will be chosen on the basis of the number, age and gender of the skaters selected to participate and will be expected to be qualified in accordance with OSSA policy.

Dates

Athletes will be expected to arrive on Thursday February 27, 2020 for Check-In and Opening Ceremonies.

The Speed Skating Competition will begin on Friday February 28 and conclude on Saturday February 29, 2020. Athletes are expected to attend the full event.

Venue

The Speed Skating Competition will take place at the Allendale Recreation Centre in Barrie, ON.

Athlete Selection

Athletes are to be chosen on the basis of ranking time when compared against other Ontario-based OSSA skaters **within their age class**. Skaters will represent different areas of the Province but will skate as individual athletes.

There shall be only one Racing Group per gender, but two groups of skaters will be invited to participate in the Games: one group of skaters aged 12 years old, and another group of skaters aged 13-15 years old.

The first group of athletes will be selected for the Games based on:

- The Top 8 male athletes and the Top 8 female athletes aged 12 years ranked by 400m (100m) short track times skated during the 2019-2020 season (before February 3, 2020) based on the ranking list released during the week of February 3, 2020.
- Distances must be skated on the 100.0m track during the 2019-2020 season.
- Selection is based solely on the fastest 400m times regardless of whether a skater is a Provincial Circuit skater or an Elite Circuit skater.

The second group of athletes will be selected for the Games based on:

- The Top 8 male athletes in each of the following age categories: 13 years, 14 years and 15 years; and the Top 8 female athletes in each of the following age categories: 13 years, 14 years and 15 years. Skaters will be ranked by combined 500m+1500m (111.12m) short track times skated during the 2019-2020 season (before February 3, 2020) based on the ranking list released during the week of February 3, 2020.
- Distances must be skated on the 111.12m track during the 2019-2020 season.
- Selection is based solely on the fastest 500m+1500m combined times regardless of whether a skater is a Provincial Circuit skater or an Elite Circuit skater.

Classification

Boys 12: maximum of 8 entries

Girls 12: maximum of 8 entries

Boys 13-15: maximum of 24 entries, which is comprised of 8 entries of Boys 13, 8 entries of Boys 14, and 8 entries of Boys 15.

Girls 13-15: maximum of 24 entries, which is comprised of 8 entries of Girls 13, 8 entries of Girls 14, 8 and entries of Girls 15.

Age Eligibility

Skaters must be 12 – 15 years old as of July 1, 2019 (DOB July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2007)

Invitation to Participate

Because of the quick turnaround between Ontario Provincial Circuit #3 Central (Toronto) and the registration deadline for Ontario Winter Games, OSSA will release a Provisional List of skaters qualified for the Ontario Winter Games following Ontario Provincial Circuit #3 West in Milton. The Provisional List will be posted on the OSSA website on or before January 17, 2020.

Following Ontario Provincial Circuit #3, eligible athletes will be officially invited to participate in the Ontario Winter Games on or before February 5, 2020 via a posting on the OSSA website.

Confirmation

Skaters who appear on the Provisional List are asked to confirm their intent to participate in the Games in writing to the OSSA Office (sportmanager@ontariospeedskating.ca) by 11:00pm (EST) on January 21, 2020.

Skaters invited on February 5, 2020 are required to confirm their intent to participate in the Games in writing to the OSSA Office (sportmanager@ontariospeedskating.ca) by 11:00pm (EST) on February 6, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: Entries that are not confirmed by 11:00pm (EST) on February 6, 2020 will be allocated to the next ranked eligible skater. Alternates will be notified on February 7, 2020. If a skater enters and is then forced to withdraw due to illness, injury etc, the skater's position will automatically be offered to the next eligible skater. If the withdrawal is made within seven (7) days of the event, only the next eligible athlete on the ranking list will be offered the vacant position. If this athlete declines, the position will not be offered any further and the position will be declared vacant.

Event Registration

Registration for the Ontario Winter Games will be directed by the Ontario Games Organizing Committee and relayed to the qualified skaters by the OSSA Office closer to the event date.

Track

All racing at the 2020 Ontario Winter Games will take place on the 111m track.

Competition Groups

All invited female skaters will race in one group of 32 skaters.
All invited male skaters will race in one group of 32 skaters.

Schedule

Day 1 – Friday February 28

1500m (Heat, Final)
1000m (Heat, Semi, Final)
2000m Mixed Gender Relay (Heat)

Day 2 – Saturday February 29

500m (Heat, Semi, Final)
3000m Points Race (Super Final)
2000m Mixed Gender Relay (Final)

Race Seeding

- 500m (111m) shall be seeded based on 500m (111m) ranking list time.*
- 1000m (111m) shall be seeded based on **1500m** (111m) ranking list time.**
This is because the 12 year olds do not have a 1000m time to accurately rank them against other skaters for this distance.
- 1500m (111m) shall be seeded based on 1500m (111m) ranking list time.**
- 3000m points race (111m) shall be seeded based on cumulative points earned during the competition

*For 12 year old skaters, the 400m time of each skater will be converted to a 500m time by OSSA for seeding purposes.

**For 12 year old skaters, the 1500m time (100m track) of each skater will be converted to a 1500m time (111 track) by OSSA for seeding purposes.

Advancements for Individual Distances

Advancements for 1500m, 1000m and 500m are based on placement first, then time.

Advancement(s) in the heats and semis will take the place of the next fastest time(s).

Event	Program	Advancement to Semis	Advancement to Finals
500m (111m) *5 on line for heats, 4 on line for semis/finals	7 Heats / 8 Semis / 8 Finals	1 st , 2 nd , & 2 fastest 3 ^{rds} to Semi A-D (2+2) Rest to Semi E-H	Semi A-D (1+0) to Final A-D Final A all 1 st place skaters Final B all 2 nd place skaters Final C all 3 rd place skaters Final D all 4 th place skaters Remaining to Final E-H Final E all 1 st place skaters Final F all 2 nd place skaters Final G all 3 rd place skaters Final H all 4 th place skaters
1000m (111m) *6 on line for heats, 5 on line for semis/finals	6 Heats / 7 Semis / 7 Finals	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , & 2 fastest 4 ^{ths} to Semi A-D (3+2) Rest to Semi E-G	Semi A-D (1+1) to Final A-D 1 st & fastest 2 nd to Final A Rest of 2 ^{nds} & 2 fastest 3 ^{rds} to Final B Rest of 3 ^{rds} and 3 fastest 4 ^{ths} to Final C Rest to Final D Remaining to Final E-G 1 st & fastest 2 nd to Final E Rest of 2 ^{nds} & 2 fastest 3 ^{rds} to Final F Remaining 3 rd and 3 4 ^{ths} to Final G
1500m (111m) *7 skaters on line	5 Heats/ 5 Finals		1 st & 2 fastest 2 ^{nds} to Final A (1+2) Rest of 2 ^{nds} & 4 fastest 3 ^{rds} to Final B Rest of 3 ^{rds} , all 4 ^{ths} , & fastest 5 th to Final C Rest of 5 ^{ths} & 3 fastest 6 ^{ths} to Final D Rest of 6 ^{ths} & 7 ^{ths} to Final E
3000m (111m) Points Race *8 skaters on line	4 Super Finals		
2000m Mixed Gender Relay (111m) *4 teams on line	2 Heats/ 2 Finals		1 st , 2 nd to Final A (2+0) 3 rd , 4 th to Final B (2+0)

If starting numbers are reduced from 32, the High Performance Director, in consultation with the Chief Referee, will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing.

Composition of Relay Teams

- All skaters will be eligible to compete in the relay event.
 - Skaters will race a 2000m Mixed Gender Relay with 4 skaters (2 male, 2 female) on each team.
 - There will be 2 relay groups: Relay Group 1 and Relay Group 2.
 - Skaters shall be ranked fastest to slowest on their combined 500m+1500m (1111m) time*** on the Ranking List issued on February 18, 2020.
 - Based on the above-listed ranking, the top 16 females and the top 16 males will be in Relay Group 1. The remaining 16 females and the remaining 16 males will be in Relay Group 2
- *** 12 year old 400m and 1500m times will be converted as described on page 4 of this Bulletin.

The Mixed Gender relay teams will be composed on the basis of rankings within each Relay Group as follows:

(M indicates male, while F indicates female)

Team A – M1, M16, F8, F9

Team B – M2, M15, F7, F10

Team C – M3, M14, F6, F11

Team D – M4, M13, F5, F12

Team E – M5, M12, F4, F13

Team F – M6, M11, F3, F14

Team G – M7, M10, F2, F15

Team H – M8, M9, F1, F16

Relay Format

- Teams will race a relay Heat and Final against other Mixed Gender teams in their Relay Group.
- The distance is 2000m (18 laps). It is to be run with a fixed schedule for the exchanges as follows: first 4 x 2.5 laps, then 4 x 2 laps
- The order of exchanges shall be as follows: female-female-male-male, female-female-male-male.
- The order of skating between the 2 females on the team can be changed from the first time they skate (2.5 laps each) to the second time they skate (2 laps each). The same will apply for the two males on the team.
- In case of a fall, only a skater of the same gender can cover the relay, with these exceptions:
 - if there is a fall in the very last corner before a gender change, a skater from the opposite gender can take the relay and keep on going;
 - if there is a fall during the last 2 laps of the race, any team member can take the relay.
- In exceptional cases when a team cannot make an exchange because of actions from other teams, the exchange can be made half of a lap later.
- Teams failing to do the exchanges as listed above will be assigned a Penalty.

Awards – Individual Distances

Medals will be awarded to the first three finishers in the “A” Final of each individual distance.

In the event there is a tie for first place, both skaters shall receive first place medals and the next skater shall be ranked as third.

In the event there is a tie for second place, both skaters shall receive second place medals and the next skater shall be ranked as fourth.

In the event there is a tie for third place, both skaters shall receive third place medals and the next skater shall be ranked as fifth.

Awards – Relays

Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place relay teams in each Relay Group.