



**SPEED  
SKATING  
ONTARIO**

**2023 Canada Winter Games  
Short Track Selection Bulletin**

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## INTRODUCTION

Team Ontario, which will represent Ontario and Speed Skating Ontario (SSO) at the 2023 Canada Winter Games (CWG) in Short Track, will consist of five (5) women and five (5) men. This document outlines the process that SSO will use to select Short Track Team Ontario. Two (2) alternates will be identified per gender but will travel to the Games only if one of the selected team members is not able to attend.

## CWG SHORT TRACK ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection for Team Ontario at the Canada Winter Games, skaters must:

1. Be a member of SSO in good standing in the 2022-2023 season.
2. Be a member of SSC in good standing in the 2022-2023 season.
3. Properly register with the event organizers for the selection event(s).
4. Meet the following Canada Winter Games age restrictions: Competitors who have reached the age of 14 on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 but have not reached the age of 19 on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. *Year of Birth:* July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2008 inclusive.
5. Meet the requirements as outlined in Annex 1 (Competitor Eligibility) of the SSC 2023 Canada Winter Games Short Track Technical Package which can be found at the following link: [Short Track CWG Technical Package](#)

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- National Team Members - Defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) National Team, NextGen Team or National Team Training Partner (i.e. recognized as a National Team member regardless of event participation)
- Athletes who have previously competed at the following: Senior World Cups, Olympic Games, ISU Four Continent Championships, FISU Games
- If a skater competed in one of the above competitions in Long Track, they would remain eligible to compete at the Canada Winter Games in Short Track.

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to National Team status, carding status or competing in an excluded event (i.e., if an athlete is granted National Team status for the first time, carding status or competes in an excluded event after November 20, 2022 they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2023 Canada Games).

\* Athletes who hold a C1 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective P/T Team Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Eligibility Committee.

If an athlete's permanent residence is not within the province of Ontario, that athlete can be eligible to compete for either Province if they are able to show the following:

- 1) The athlete has been a member of a club or Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization in that Province/Territory for the entire previous or current competitive season; AND
- 2) The athlete has represented that Province or Territory at an international, national, or regional championship; AND
- 3) The athlete has not received direct development funding from their Province or Territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Canada Winter Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team; OR
- 4) Other similar circumstances may be considered.

Athletes attending school on a full-time basis outside their Province or Territory of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Winter Games shall be permitted to compete for either their Province or Territory of permanent residence or the Province or Territory in which the athlete attends school.

## **GENERAL**

The Technical Committee, using its absolute discretion, will manage all situations not expressly covered by the rules contained within this bulletin.

## **BYES**

The Technical Committee may grant a bye to a skater to attend the CWG Short Track Selection Event or directly onto Team Ontario Short Track due to illness or injury. Such skater must apply in writing to the Technical Committee and attach supporting documentation as evidence of the injury or illness by **November 14, 2022 at 12:00 noon** in order to be considered to attend the CWG Short Track Selection Event, or by **November 27, 2022 at 11:59pm** to be considered for selection to Team Ontario. The Committee will apply the SSO Bye Guidelines in respect of all bye requests to Team Ontario. The bye request must be received in accordance with the criteria set out in the SSO Bye Guidelines.

A skater who applies for a bye to attend the CWG Short Track Selection Event must have skated times in either the 2021-22 season or 2022-23 season that, if skated at the Ontario Elite Circuit #1 competition (2022-23 season), would have placed them in the top 10 skaters who otherwise qualified for the CWG Short Track Selection Event at that meet.

## **APPEALS**

Appeals will be managed in accordance with the SSO Appeals Policy.

## **SHORT TRACK TEAM ONTARIO SELECTION**

The Team Ontario selection for Short Track will be comprised of five (5) women and five (5) men using the following two (2) priorities:

Priority 1: Up to three (3) skaters per gender from A and B below:

A) Skaters who have qualified for the Canadian Short Track Championships in Quebec City on October 14-16, 2022.

- Skaters will be ranked for selection for Team Ontario in their order of overall finish at this Championship event.
- Skaters who qualify for this event but do not compete will be ranked to be considered for the next available spot on Team Ontario.

B) Skaters who have qualified for Group 1 at the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships in Sherbrooke on November 25-27, 2022.

- Skaters will be ranked for selection for the next available spots on Team Ontario in their order of overall finish in Group 1 at this Junior Championship event.
- If the number of skaters per gender competing in Group 1 exceeds the number of remaining spots available in Priority 1, then only the top overall finishing skaters who fill the available Priority 1 spots will be selected for Team Ontario through Priority 1.
- Skaters who qualify for Group 1 at the Canadian Junior Short Track Championships but do not compete will be ranked at the bottom of the pool of skaters in Priority 1, to be considered for selection on Team Ontario.

If more than three (3) skaters per gender are eligible for team selection through Priority 1, the three (3) highest ranked skaters based on overall finish in A, followed by B, will be named to Team Ontario. The remaining Priority 1 skaters will be considered for team selection using Priority 2 below.

Priority 2: Remaining spots on Team Ontario (up to five (5) skaters per gender) from C below:

C) The remaining spots on Team Ontario will be determined based on the fastest combined time (500m + 1500m/3) skated on the 111m track between September 1, 2022 and November 27, 2022 (inclusive) in an SSC sanctioned event with gender-specific racing and Electronic Timing. The fastest (5-X) skaters will be selected for Team Ontario per gender, where X is the number of skaters who qualified for Team Ontario per gender in Priority 1.

If skater(s) from Priority 2 have faster combined time(s) than the remaining skaters in Priority 1, they will be selected for Team Ontario over the remaining skater(s) from Priority 1.

## **SHORT TRACK TEAM ONTARIO ALTERNATES**

The two (2) next-ranked skaters per gender using Priorities 1 and/or 2 above will be named the alternates for Short Track Team Ontario for CWG.

## TIE BREAKER

Where two or more skaters are tied for a spot on Team Ontario (primary or alternate) in Priority 1, the tie shall be broken by the fastest combined time (500m + 1500m/3) skated on the 111m track between September 1, 2022 and November 27, 2022 (inclusive) in an SSC sanctioned event with gender-specific racing and Electronic Timing.

Where two or more skaters are tied for a spot on Team Ontario (primary or alternate) in Priority 2, the tie shall be broken by the fastest 1500m time skated on the 111m track between September 1, 2022 and November 27, 2022 (inclusive) in an SSC sanctioned event with gender-specific racing and Electronic Timing.

## SHORT TRACK TEAM ONTARIO ANNOUNCEMENT

The provisional Short Track Team Ontario will be announced via a post on the SSO website on **Wednesday November 30, 2022**. Short Track Team Ontario will be confirmed once Long Track Team Ontario is named in January 2023.

## SHORT TRACK SELECTION EVENT

### Eligibility

There will be 24 skaters in each of the women's and men's categories at the SSO CWG Short Track Selection Event (Trials). Skaters will qualify to the Trials as follows:

The top 24 age-eligible skaters per gender based on combined 500m+1500m/3 time will be eligible to race in the Trials. Times must be skated between September 1, 2022 and November 13, 2022 (inclusive) on the 111m track in an SSC sanctioned event with gender-specific racing and Electronic Timing.

Skaters who wish to compete in the Trials must submit their best 500m and 1500m time (and the date and location) skated between the dates listed above to the SSO office ([techdirector@ontariospeedskating.ca](mailto:techdirector@ontariospeedskating.ca)) by **Thursday November 10, 2022 at 11:59pm**. Skaters have until **Monday November 14, 2022 at 12:00 noon** to update times skated on November 11-13, 2022. New entries will not be received during this extended period.

The list of the top 28 eligible skaters per gender for the Trials (24 qualified skaters + 4 alternates per gender) will be published by **Tuesday November 15, 2022**.

All eligible athletes must register for the Trials by **Wednesday November 16, 2022 at 11:59pm**.

### Competition Format

The Trials will be 2 days in duration and will consist of the following events: 500m (heat/semi/final) x2 and 1500m (heat/final) x2. Common competition procedures will apply. Penalized skaters will not race in subsequent rounds of the event in which the penalty occurred.

## **Seeding**

The first round of each distance shall be seeded separately, in a single distance format. All skaters shall be seeded on their times skated at an SSC sanctioned event with gender-specific racing and Electronic Timing raced between September 1, 2022 and November 13, 2022 (inclusive) on the 111m track. The first round of the 500m (2) and the 1500m (2) will be seeded based on finishing position of 500m (1) and 1500m (1), respectively.

## **Coaching Certification Requirements**

There shall be a maximum of two (2) coaches from each Club in the coaches' box at any one time at the Trials event. Coaches should be Introduction to Competition or Competition Development Certified.

## **ANNEX A**

### **DECLARATION OF DISCIPLINE**

Each athlete who qualifies for the provisional Short Track Team Ontario (or, in the case of an athlete who is under 18 years of age, their parent/ guardian) must complete the Speed Skating Ontario CWG Declaration Form indicating which discipline they will choose to skate at the CWG, should they qualify for Team Ontario in both Short Track and Long Track. This form will be sent to each provisionally qualified skater and alternate after the Short Track Trials.

All team members will be unable to compete in the discipline (either Short Track or Long Track) in which they are not competing at the CWG for a period of three weeks before first Games event. Each team member must concentrate on the discipline they will be skating at the CWG. The CWG Coach and Manager must approve any exceptions.