



**SPEED
SKATING
ONTARIO**

2024 Ontario Elite Championships Technical Bulletin

December 2023

DATE AND LOCATION

The Ontario Elite Championships will take place in Oakville on March 2-3, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY

All skaters must have a Speed Skating Ontario Competitive Membership to participate in the Ontario Elite Championships. The following skaters are invited to participate:

- Skaters aged 14-29 years old before July 1, 2023 who have met the Ontario Elite Circuit time standards* and have competed on an elite short track racing pathway this season by attending at least two of the following:
 - An Ontario Elite Circuit Meet in the 2023-2024 season
 - An Ontario Short Track Time Trial in the 2023-2024 season
 - A Short Track National Competition
- Skaters aged 14-29 years old and have met the Ontario Elite Circuit time standards* who moved from the Provincial Circuit to the Elite Circuit during the season must have attended at least one Ontario Provincial Circuit meet **and** one of the following:
 - Ontario Elite Circuit Meet in the 2023-2024 season
 - A Short Track National Competition
- Masters skaters who have skaters in at least 1 other SSO competition in the 2023-2024 season
- 13 year old skaters will compete at Provincial Championships for Canadian Youth Championships selection

*Ontario Elite Time Standards for skaters aged 14-29 years old :

Distance (Track)	Girls/Women	Boys/Men
500m (111m)	1:05.00	1:00.00

RACING FORMAT AND GROUPS

All points, gender specific racing.

Skaters aged 14-29 will race in gender-specific Open group(s) on the 111m track.

Open groups will be created using skaters' 500m + 1500m/3 time from the 2023/2024 SSO Ranking List as of February 21.

Skaters aged 30+ will race in mixed-gender Masters group(s) on the 111m track, seeded on the 500m time.

Single distance seeding into events will be used for the Open groups.

The 1500m Super Final will be seeded on points earned in the competition (1500m + 500m + 1000m)

If any group does not have enough skaters for multiple finals in any distance, that age class will still run a heat and a final in that distance. The heat will seed skaters on the line for the final.

RACING DISTANCES

Age Class	Track	Distances
Open (14-29)	111m	1500m, 500m, 1000m, 1500 super final 3000m combined relay
Masters 30+	111m	1000m, 500m, 777m, 1500m Super Final

EVENT AGENDA

Warm Up times, Start of Racing and the order of Racing Distances will be at the discretion of the Technical Director in consultation with the Chief Recorder and Chief Referee.

RACING POINTS

See Appendix A of the 2023-2024 SSO Short Track Technical Bulletin for the racing points chart.

PENALTIES

A skater that is penalized in the heat will be given the lowest possible seeding for the final but will still race the final and earn their points obtained in the final.

In the case of a Yellow Card, Skaters with two penalties within a single race shall be issued a yellow card (code YC-2). Skaters issued a YC-2 will be permitted to continue to race in the proceeding round and will earn points in the final round.

If the Yellow Card is issued for dangerous behaviour (YC-B) the skater will not race in subsequent rounds of that distance, and no points will be assigned for the distance.

In the case of a Red Card, the skater will be excluded from the competition immediately and will not be ranked in final classification.

AWARDS

After each distance, racing points will be reassigned for each group as listed below. Overall awards will then be issued for the following groups:

- 14 year old men and women
- Junior B men and women (15-16 years old)
- Junior A men and women (17-18 years old)
- Senior men and women (19-29 years old)
- Masters men and women (by 5-year age grouping)

The winners of the top Open group will also be named and awarded as Provincial Champion (men and women).

APPENDIX A: RACING POINTS

Ontario Racing Points

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	1000	11	130	21	23	31	13	41	3
2	816	12	106	22	22	32	12	42	2
3	666	13	86	23	21	33	11	43	1
4	543	14	70	24	20	34	10	Others	1
5	443	15	57	25	19	35	9		
6	362	16	46	26	18	36	8		
7	295	17	37	27	17	37	7		
8	241	18	30	28	16	38	6		
9	196	19	25	29	15	39	5		
10	160	20	24	30	14	40	4		

Ties

A tie for 1 st	1000 points each, next skater 666 points
A tie for 2 nd	816 points each, next skater 543 points
A tie for 3 rd	666 points each, next skater 443 points
A tie for 4 th	543 points each, next skater 362 points
A tie for 5 th	Etc.

Penalties

Penalties in a heat will be placed into the lowest final.

Penalties in a heat will not be placed into a semi-final.

Penalties in a semi-final will be placed into the lowest eligible final.

All penalized skaters in a final will receive last place points for that final, behind any skaters who did not finish (DNF) the race, but ahead of skaters who did not start (DNS) the race.

Order of finish – No Time -- DNF – PEN - DNS.