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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 (ex- room assignments, sharing registration information, 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 up to eight (8) – 4 male and 4 female – coaches for the Games. Coaches must be Introduction to Competition or Competition Development Certified, or Trained with the intention to complete certification in the next 12 months, in order to be eligible to coach skaters at the Ontario Winter Games. Eligible coaches should submit their interest to be an Ontario Winter Games coach to the High Performance Director by **Friday December 3, 2021** at hpdirector@ontariospeedskating.ca.

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 17, 2021.

Up to 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.

Event Dates

Athletes will be expected to arrive on **Thursday February 2nd, 2023** for Check-In and Opening Ceremonies.

The Speed Skating Competition will begin on **Friday February 3rd** and conclude on **Saturday February 4th, 2023**. Athletes are expected to attend the full event.

Event Venue

The Speed Skating Competition will take place at the Bell Sensplex in Kanata, ON.

Accommodations

The Ontario Games Organizing Committee will direct accommodations for the participants of the Ontario Winter Games. Information will be relayed to the qualified skaters and participants by the OSSA Office closer to the event.

Eligibility

Athletes aged 12-15 years old as of July 1, 2021 (DOB July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2009) are eligible for this event (**13-16 years old as of July 1, 2022**). Skaters must have a Competitive Skater membership with **Speed Skating Ontario for the 2022-2023 season** to be eligible for OWG.

Athlete Selection

Athlete selection was completed in 2022, and replacement of withdrawing skaters in the 2022-2023 season followed the [Replacement of Withdrawing Skaters](#) document.

Athletes are to be selected for the 2022 OWG on the basis of their ranking time, described below, when compared against other Ontario-based OSSA skaters within a given age class.

Athletes will be selected for the Games based on:

- The Top 8 male athletes and the Top 8 female athletes aged 12 years old as of July 1, 2021 ranked by their 500m+1500m combined short track time skated on the 111m track at the OWG Qualifying Event on December 11/12, 2021.
- The Top 8 male athletes and the Top 8 female athletes aged 13 years old as of July 1, 2021 ranked by their 500m+1500m combined short track time skated on the 111m track at the OWG Qualifying Event on December 11/12, 2021.
- The Top 8 male athletes and the Top 8 female athletes aged 14 years old as of July 1, 2021 ranked by their 500m+1500m combined short track time skated on the 111m track at the OWG Qualifying Event on December 11/12, 2021.
- The Top 8 male athletes and the Top 8 female athletes aged 15 years old as of July 1, 2021 ranked by their 500m+1500m combined short track time skated on the 111m track at the OWG Qualifying Event on December 11/12, 2021.

In the event that a skater declines their place at the Ontario Winter Games, the next fastest skater of the same gender, regardless of age, will be invited to fill the field of racers.

Format

Skaters will represent different areas of the Province but will skate as individual athletes.

Invitations

Eligible athletes will be invited to participate in the Ontario Winter Games via a List of Qualified Skaters posted on the OSSA website on or before December 17, 2021.

Confirmation

Skaters are required to confirm their intent to participate in the Games in writing to the OSSA Office (sportmanager@ontariospeedskating.ca) by 11:59pm (EST) on December 24, 2021.

Entries that are not confirmed by this time will be allocated to the next ranked eligible skater. Alternates will be notified by January 14, 2022.

Withdrawals

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 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.

Track

All racing at the 2022 Ontario Winter Games will take place on the 111m track.

Competition Groups

There will be one racing group per gender for this event.

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 3, 2023

1500m (Heat, Final)

1000m (Heat, Semi, Final)

3000m Relay Practice

Day 2 – Saturday February 4, 2023

500m (Heat, Semi, Final)

3000m Points Race (Super Final)

3000m Relay Final

Race Seeding

- 500m (111m) shall be seeded based on 500m (111m) time from the **SSO Ranking List as of January 23, 2023, or if no time is available, the time from the OWG Qualifying Event in December 2021 will be used.**
- 1000m (111m) shall be seeded based on 1500m (111m) time from **SSO Ranking List as of January 23, 2023, or if no time is available, the time from the OWG Qualifying Event in December 2021 will be used.**
- 1500m (111m) shall be seeded based on 1500m (111m) time from **SSO Ranking List as of January 23, 2023, or if no time is available, the time from the OWG Qualifying Event in December 2021 will be used.**
- 3000m points race (111m) shall be seeded based on cumulative points earned during the competition

Advancements for Individual Distances

Advancement for 1500m, 1000m and 500m is based on placement first, then time.

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

Competition Matrix

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		
3000m 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

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.

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.

Composition of Relay Teams

- All skaters will be eligible to compete in the relay event.
- Skaters will race a 3000m Relay with 4 skaters of the same gender on each team.
- There will be 2 relay groups per gender: Relay Group 1 (female and male) and Relay Group 2 (female and male).
- Based on the combined 500m+1500m (1111m) ranking from the OWG Qualifying Events, 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.

The Relay teams in Group 1 will be composed on the basis of rankings in Group 1 as follows:

Team A – 1, 8, 9, 16
Team B – 2, 7, 10, 15
Team C – 3, 6, 11, 14
Team D – 4, 5, 12, 13

The Relay teams in Group 2 will be composed on the basis of rankings in Group 2 as follows:

Team A – 1, 8, 9, 16
Team B – 2, 7, 10, 15
Team C – 3, 6, 11, 14
Team D – 4, 5, 12, 13

Relay Format

- Teams will have access to a brief relay practice on Friday with their team. All teams of the same gender in each Group will be on the practice ice at the same time.
- Teams will race a Relay Final against other gender-specific teams in their Group on Saturday.
- The relay distance is 3000m (27 laps).

Awards – Relays

- Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place relay teams in each of the top and bottom groups in both female and male racing.