



2026-2027 Short Track Championships Eligibility Requirements

General Eligibility

All skaters must have a Speed Skating Ontario (SSO) competitive (or national) membership to compete in an Ontario Championships event.

Eligibility for Ontario Elite Championships includes athletes who:

- are aged 13-29 years old before July 1, 2026 and
- have ended their season in the Elite Circuit and
- have competed in two (2) Ontario Elite Circuit Meets in the 2026-2027 season, plus at least one of the following:
 - a third Ontario Elite Circuit Meet
 - the Ontario Single Distance event
 - the SSO Winter Short Track Open
 - an SSC National Competition
 - a Long Track Competition sanctioned by a PTSO or SSC

13-year-old athletes who race both Short Track and Long Track may participate in one (1) Ontario Elite Circuit Meet in the 2026-2027 season plus two (2) events from the list above.

If the skater moved from the Provincial Circuit within the 2026-2027 season and ended their season in the Elite Circuit, the requirement of attendance at Ontario Elite Circuit Meet(s) could be satisfied by attendance at Provincial Circuit Meet(s).

Eligibility for Ontario Provincial Championships includes athletes who:

- are aged 9-29 years old before July 1, 2026 and
- have ended their season in the Provincial Circuit and
- have competed in at least two of the following meets in the 2026-2027 season:
 - Ontario Provincial Circuit meets
 - the Ontario Provincial Mid-Season Meet
 - the SSO Winter Short Track Open

If the skater moved from the Provincial Circuit within the 2026-2027 season and ended their season in the Elite Circuit, they are not eligible for the Ontario Provincial Championships.

Eligibility for the Ontario Masters Championships includes:

Masters skaters or Neo-Seniors or Seniors who opt to race in the Masters Designated racing group, who have competed in **at least one (1)** Ontario Masters Designated Events this season.

Bye Requests

SSO will not accept bye requests for missed meets throughout the season. Athletes should strive to meet the eligibility criteria for Championships. SSO will accept a request for consideration for Championships eligibility if an athlete is unable to meet the Championships eligibility criteria.