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Happy New Year! The BC Winter Games in Penticton are only seven weeks away. Please see the following memo related to wildcard positions for the Games. Per the BC Winter Games Technical Package:

Four (4) wildcard positions were distributed in advance of zone qualifications, based on number of eligible skaters in each zone:

- U14 males: Zone 2, Zone 4 and Zone 8
- U16 males: Zone 4.

Eight (8) wildcard positions will be distributed in the U14 age category (minimum 3 per gender) based on times. U14 wildcard positions will be selected based on the skaters' fastest 400m time (100m track) skated in a BCSSA sanctioned competition between August 1st and December 31st, 2015. Congratulations to the following skaters who have been awarded wildcard positions:

- o U14 females: Emily Coons (Zone 4), Ainsley Spencer (Zone 4) and Brooke Braun (Zone 8)
- U14 males: Max Schonewille (Zone 8), Adam Abbott (Zone 4), Kieran Hanson (Zone 8), Nicholas Guliov (Zone 8) and Craig Miller (Zone 8).

Eight (8) wildcard positions will be distributed in the U16 age category (minimum 3 per gender) based on times. U16 wildcard positions will be selected based on the skaters' fastest combined 500m + 1500m times (111.12m track) skated in a BCSSA and/or SSC sanctioned competition between August 1st and December 31st, 2015. Congratulations to the following skaters who have been awarded wildcard positions:

- U16 females: Eryn Stickel (Zone 8), Sylvia Masich (Zone 8), Shivani Bahadur (Zone 3) and Janelle Breen (Zone 4)
- o U16 males: Timothy Song (Zone 3), Tahlon Flamma (Zone 3), Alex Ge (Zone 4) and Alec Lakusta (Zone 4).

Zone Reps are reminded to ensure that the above-named skaters are registered as "Participants" in the online system. If these skaters were previously registered as "Substitutes" for the Zone, additional Substitutes may be added. Any skater not registered in the online system by January 18th at 16:00 PT is not eligible to participate in the Games. Any questions should be directed to the BC Winter Games Provincial Advisor, Chris Acton, at chris.acton@speed-skating.bc.ca.