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The BCSSA Academy Working Group (AWG) is pleased to announce the official launch of the BCSSA Academy Year 2! The mission of the Academy is to provide in-province programming, supplemental to existing club programming, consistent with Stage 1 on the Elite Athlete Pathway. To meet the Academy objective for 2016-2017, there will be four Academy locations around the province:

- Academy Lower Mainland (ST): Richmond Olympic Oval
- Academy Interior (ST): McArthur Island Park, Kamloops
- Academy Central (ST): Kin Centre, Prince George
- Academy North (LT): Pomeroy Sports Centre, Fort St John.

Over the past season, BCSSA has secured additional funding specific to the Academy. The final confirmation of funds was received in early April 2016, followed by a brief turnaround period to recruit service providers for Academy programming at each location. The BCSSA AWG congratulates the following successful applicants who will be providing Academy Programming in collaboration with the AWG:

- Academy LM: Richmond Olympic Oval
- Academy Interior: Kamloops Long Blades Association
- Academy Central: TeamKDZ
- Academy North: Fort St John Elks Recreational & Speed Skating Club.

Academy programming at each location will begin with a Spring Testing & Dryland Camp (May or early June). The majority of the remaining programming will occur during the main speed skating season (September to March).

[Academy registration is now open online!](#) Skaters must register and pay in full (i.e. for the entire season's session) in advance of attending Academy sessions. The cost per skater is significantly subsidized by BCSSA. Skaters are encouraged to register as soon as possible for the Academy- the Spring Testing & Dryland Camps are occurring in the next few weeks!

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