



***Provincial Performance Program  
Skater Selection***

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This bulletin outlines the requirements, as established by the BCSSA ADC, to be eligible for the 2017-2018 Provincial Performance (PP) Program. Some of the requirements must be completed during the 2016-2017 season (see below for details); other requirements may be achieved during the 2017-2018 season.

## Introduction

The Provincial Performance (PP) Program is aimed at increasing the number of BC skaters on the Short Track National Team/Development Team and in the Long Track Elite/Senior/Development Pool, and at increasing the medal count for BC at the Canada Winter Games. The PPP is a five-tier program (Tier 1 to Tier 5), with Tier 1 being closest to qualifying to Speed Skating Canada national programs. Once qualified, skaters are guaranteed to have a secured position in a specific Tier of the program for the whole season but funding adjustments may be made throughout the season. Skaters have the opportunity to enter the PPP and/or upgrade their Tier at defined points through the season (these skaters then remain secured into their new Tier for the remainder of the season). Skaters nominated to Tiers 1-4 of the PP Program receive additional support through the Canadian Sport Institute in the form of IPS (Integrated Performance System) carding.

Skaters in the PP Program are on a pathway towards the Development Team (DT) and the National Team (NT); a goal of the PP Program is to ensure that these skaters are being adequately supported at a provincial level.

- Tier 1 skaters are expected to be performing at levels competitive with skaters who are named to the NT/DT. Skaters are typically engaged in Stage 4 programming on the Elite Athlete Pathway (see [Elite Athlete Pathway Overview](#) document for details).
- Tier 2 skaters are expected to be qualifying to compete in the Canadian Senior Championships. Junior-aged Tier 2 skaters are expected to be competitive with skaters who are named to the Canadian Team sent to the World Junior Championships. Skaters are typically engaged in Stage 3 programming on the [Elite Athlete Pathway](#).
- Tier 3 skaters are expected to be progressing towards qualifying for the Canadian Senior Championships. Junior-aged Tier 3 skaters are expected to be ranking in the top half of the junior system. Skaters are typically engaged in Stage 2/3 programming on the [Elite Athlete Pathway](#) and are named to the Canada Winter Games short list during the season of the Games.
- Tier 4 skaters (ISU Juniors only) are expected to be participating in national junior ranking competitions and/or performing at the T2T age-class national championships. Skaters are typically engaged in Stage 1/2 programming on the [Elite Athlete Pathway](#) and are named to the Canada Winter Games long list during the two seasons prior to the Games.
- Tier 5 skaters (ISU Juniors only) are entering the PP system and are expected to be qualifying to the T2T age-class national championships.

ADC will complete the first review for potential candidates for the 2017-2018 BCSSA PP Program in May of 2017. All candidates must be BCSSA members in good standing and Canadian Citizens. Skaters who have achieved these standards will be notified by ADC.

## BCSSA PP Program Requirements: Short Track

Candidates include skaters who have met **one (1)** of the qualification requirements (see below). Where applicable, times must be skated on a 111.12m track during the 2016-2017 season in a sanctioned competition (BCSSA/Provincial, SSC or ISU). Manual times will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds. **Times converted from another track will not be accepted.**

	Qualification Requirement: March 31, 2017	Qualification Requirement: November 30, 2017***	Qualification Requirement: February 20, 2018
<b>Tier 1 (All ages)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2016-2017 Senior National Rank* of top 20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in 2017 FWC Selection Trials</li> <li>2017 NQ results top 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018 Canadian Senior Championship top 20 overall</li> <li>2018 Canadian Senior Championship top 12 in a single distance</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 2 (All ages)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2016-2017 Senior National Rank* of top 32</li> <li>2016-2017 Junior National Rank* of top 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2017 NQ results top 16</li> <li>Top 12 Juniors at 2017 NQ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participating in 2018 Canadian Senior Championship</li> <li>2018 Canadian Junior Championship top 12 overall</li> <li>2018 Canadian Junior Championship top 8 in single distance</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 3 (All ages)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2016-2017 Senior National Rank* of top 36</li> <li>2017 Canadian Open Senior Selections #2 results top 30</li> <li>2016-2017 Junior National Rank* of top 36</li> <li>2017 Canadian Open Junior Selections #2 results top 30</li> <li>Average of best two 2016-2017 WEC rankings in the top 25% Open Rank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in 2017 NQ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2017 WEC #2 top 3 (Open Rank) in single distance</li> <li>Participate in 2018 Canadian Junior Championship</li> </ul>

<p><b>Tier 4 (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a 2016-2017 Junior National Rank*</li> <li>• 2017 Canadian Open Junior Selections #2 results top 50</li> <li>• Junior with 2016-2017 WEC Open Rank** top 50%</li> <li>• 2016-2017 WEC U17 Rank** of top 50%</li> <li>• Place in the top 5 overall in the F13, F14, M13 or M14 categories at Canada West 2017</li> <li>• During 2016-2017 season, Junior skater achieves 500m time within 110% of the fastest 500m time (per gender) skated at the 2017 Canadian Junior Championship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior at WEC #1 2016 top 50% Open Rank</li> <li>• WEC #1 2016 top 50% U17 Rank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior at WEC #2 2017 top 50% Open Rank</li> <li>• WEC #2 2017 top 50% U17 Rank</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tier 5 (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place in the top half of the field overall in the F13, F14, M13 or M14 categories at Canada West 2017</li> <li>• During 2016-2017 season, Junior skater achieves 500m time within 115% of the fastest 500m time (per gender) skated at the 2017 Canadian Junior Championship</li> <li>• Top 50% of Junior Rankings at Speedtacular</li> <li>• Top 50% of Junior Rankings at Edmonton Fall Classic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior participating in WEC #1 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior participating in WEC #2 2017</li> </ul>

Abbreviations:

*FWC*: Fall World Cup | *NQ*: National Qualifier (“Canadian Open National Qualifier”) | *WEC*: Western Elite Circuit: *WEC #1*: aka “Oktoberfest”, *WEC #2*: aka “Richmond Single Distance”, *WEC #3*: aka “Winterfest”

\* For more details about the 2016-2017 Speed Skating Canada (SSC) Ranking System, please see the [SSC High Performance ST Bulletins](#).

\*\* When available, further details regarding the 2016-2017 WEC Ranking System will be made available on the BCSSA website.

\*\*\* Subject to change with the release of the 2017-2018 SSC Calendar. Potential differences in qualification criteria during Olympic Season, addendum to follow.

## BCSSA PP Program Selection Requirements: Long Track

Candidates include skaters who have met **one (1)** of the qualification requirements (see below).

	Qualification Requirement: March 31, 2017	Qualification Requirement: December 31, 2017
<b>Tier 1 (All ages)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place (Canada's World Cup #5 quota x2) at CSD 2017***</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place (Canada's Fall World Cup quota x2) at FWCT 2017***</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 2 (All ages)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in CSD 2017</li> <li>Top 10 overall at Canadian Junior Championship 2017</li> <li>Top 5 overall sprint ranking at Canadian Junior Championship 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in FWCT 2017</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 3 (All ages)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve 2016-2017 Canada Cup time standard*** in &gt;1 distance</li> <li>Top 50% overall at Canadian Junior Championship 2017</li> <li>Top 30% sprint ranking at Canadian Junior Championship 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve 2017-2018 Canada Cup time standard in &gt;1 distance</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 4 (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve 2016-2017 Canada Cup time standard in 1 distance</li> <li>Participate in Canadian Junior Championship 2017</li> <li>Place in the top 5 overall in the F13, F14, M13 or M14 categories at CACLT 2017</li> <li>Junior-aged skater finishing in the top ⅓ in a distance at Oval Grand Prix</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve 2017-2018 Canada Cup time standard in 1 distance</li> <li>Junior-aged skater finishing in the top ⅓ in a distance at CanAm</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 5 (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve 2016-2017 (Canada Cup time standard + 5%) in 1 distance</li> <li>F13, F14, M13, M14 skaters attending CACLT 2016</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve 2017-2018 (Canada Cup time standard + 5%) in 1 distance</li> </ul>

Abbreviations:

- CSD: Canadian Single Distance
- FWCT: Fall World Cup Trials
- CACLT: Canadian Age Class Long Track Championship

\*\*\*For more details about Canada's World Cup quotas and Canada Cup time standards, please see the [SSC High Performance LT Bulletins](#).