



Team BCSSA Selection

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This bulletin addresses the mandate of the Athlete Development Committee (ADC) related to selection of Team BCSSA to represent the province at national competitions. This bulletin refers to how members of Team BCSSA, for each of the age class national championships, will be selected by ADC.

A separate bulletin addresses the Provincial Performance (PP) Program. A PP Program athlete is not automatically selected and will have to meet criteria to be added to Team BCSSA for the championships. Conversely, selection to Team BCSSA does not qualify this athlete as a PP Program athlete.

Introduction

ADC is responsible for criteria to select representatives of BCSSA (“Team BCSSA”) to age class national championships (Canadian Age Class Long Track Championship and Canada West Short Track Championship). Team BCSSA is selected for these specific events, at specific times of the year.

Please note that skaters must submit their registration documents to the BCSSA office for all national competitions (including the age class national championships, Canadian Junior Championships, Fall World Cup Selections, National ST Selections, National Qualifier, Canada Cups and North American LT) unless there is an on-line registration process, i.e. for competitions hosted in Calgary, Quebec City or the US. Registration details for each branch-entry competition will be released on the BCSSA website.

Team BCSSA: Canadian Age Class Long Track (CACLT)

February 7-8, 2015 (Saskatoon, SK)

Definition: The CACLT features two separate competition formats: a combined mass start/Olympic Style component for Train to Train (T2T) age skaters, and an Olympic Style component for “Open Skaters”: Learn to Compete (L2C) age skaters (and older, up to age 29) who have not met Canada Cup time standards (or those who have participated in Canada Cups but are competing at a level appropriate for CACLT). Please refer to the most recent SSC Competition Bulletin for details about this competition.

Allotted Spots for Team BCSSA: Team BCSSA’s quota is outlined below:

Category (Age)	Male	Female
11	n/a	5
12	5	5
13	5	5
14	5	5
15	5	n/a
Open	5	5

Team BCSSA Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a member in good standing of BCSSA and must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident (formerly known as Landed Immigrant)
- Must compete in the BC Long Track Championships
- Must confirm to ADC (via online form) intent to participate in the CACLT by January 12th, 2015
- Ranking will be based upon: 100% of age class points at the BCLT Championship.

Athlete Assistance: Selected skaters will receive assistance from BCSSA aimed at activities directly related to Team BCSSA CACLT and includes the following:

- Direct access to Team BCSSA Personnel for the event (Coach and/or Team Leader and/or Manager)
- Entry fees for all qualified skaters
- BC pool suit (for competition), if available. Priority access to pool suits will be given to T2T skaters.

Team BCSSA: Canada West Short Track (CWST)

March 21-22, 2015 (Selkirk, MB)

Definition: The CWST will feature the top T2T skaters from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and the Yukon. Please refer to the most recent SSC Competition Bulletin for details about this competition.

Allotted Spots for Team BCSSA: Team BCSSA's guaranteed quota is outlined below. Additional spots may be granted if another branch does not fulfill their quota.

Category (Age)	Male	Female
11	n/a	3
12	3	3
13	3	3
14	3	3
15	3	n/a

Team BCSSA Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a member in good standing of BCSSA and must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident (formerly known as Landed Immigrant)
- Must compete in a minimum of three sanctioned competitions throughout the season including the BCST.
- Must confirm to ADC (via online form) intent to participate in the CWST by February 27th, 2015
- Ranking will be based upon: 100% of age class points at the BCST Championship.

Athlete Assistance: Selected skaters will receive assistance from BCSSA aimed at activities directly related to Team BCSSA CWST and includes the following:

- Direct access to Team BCSSA Personnel for the event (Coach and/or Team Leader and/or Manager)
- Entry fees for all qualified skaters
- BC pool suit (for competition), if available.

Team BCSSA: Other National Competitions

Definition: BCSSA will support Team BCSSA to national championships and ranking meets in addition to the age class national championships:

- Short Track Junior Stream (Canadian Open National Qualifier, Canadian Junior Short Track Championship*, Canadian Open Junior Selection #2)
- Short Track Senior Stream (Fall World Cup Selections*, Canadian Open National Qualifier, Canadian Senior Championship*, Canadian Open Senior Selection #2)
- Canadian Junior Long Track Championship*
- Fall World Cup Selections (LT)*, Canadian Single Distance (LT)*, Canada Cups (LT).

Note that TEAM BC, selected every four years to represent the province at the Canada Winter Games, is a separate program and will be covered in a unique bulletin for each Games.

Allotted Spots for Team BCSSA: varies by competition, see the SSC HPST and SSC HPLT Bulletins for details.

Team BCSSA Eligibility Requirements: Selection to the above national championships and ranking meets is not made by BCSSA ADC; rather, will be based upon the criteria described in the SSC HPST and SSC HPLT Bulletins. Skaters will be required to confirm their intent to participate (via online form) for all competitions requiring branch registration.

Athlete Assistance: Skaters will receive assistance from BCSSA aimed at activities directly related to Team BCSSA and may include any or all of the following:

- Branch registration (where applicable)
- Direct access to Team BCSSA Personnel for the event (Coach and/or Team Leader and/or Manager)
- Entry fees covered or reimbursed for National Championships and World Cup Selection competitions (see competitions above marked with an *)
- BC pool suits (for competition), if available. Note that arrangements to pick-up/return the suit (including cost) is the responsibility of the skater.

Registration information posted on the BCSSA website will include details on which of the above benefits are available for the specific competition.