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INTRODUCTION

TEAM BC ST Skater Eligibility

Skaters who meet *all of the Inclusion Criteria*, and who do *not meet any of the Exclusion Criteria*, are eligible to compete for TEAM BC Short Track Speed Skating (“TEAM BC ST”) at the 2019 Canada Winter Games (CWG). The criteria are referenced from the [2019 Canada Winter Games Short Track Speed Skating Technical Package](#).

Inclusion Criteria:

- Age eligibility: a skater who has reached the age of 14 on June 30th, 2018 but has not reached the age of 19 on June 30th, 2018. Year of birth: July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2004 (inclusive).
- A skater must be registered as a competitive member (Elite category) of both BCSSA and SSC, in good standing. Note that Elite skaters must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents (formerly Landed Immigrants).
- A skater's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the Province or Territory they are representing. A skater can have only one domicile.
 - A skater attending school on a full-time basis outside his or her province or territory of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either their province or territory of permanent residence or the province or territory in which the skater attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province/territory where the skater attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.
 - An athlete who is training outside his or her province or territory of permanent residence may represent the province or territory in which they are training provided he or she can demonstrate a commitment to the province or territory she or he wishes to represent by:
 - Having been a member of a club or provincial/territorial sport organization in that province/territory for the entire previous or current competitive season, AND
 - Having represented that province or territory at an international, national or regional championship, AND
 - Not having received direct development funding from their province or territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team.
 - -OR- Other similar circumstances may be considered.

- An athlete is permitted to try out for any province or territory of eligibility but can only try out for one province or territory per sport.
- Athletes may only compete for one province or territory at a single Canada Games.
- Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled in the same week.
- The eligibility of any athlete that is not clearly established by these rules and by the Technical Package shall be determined by the Sport Committee of the Council. Coaches or P/TSO's must bring forward any unclear cases to their Chef de Mission and to their NSO as early as possible before the competition for forwarding to the Sport Committee.
- Where a team/Province/Territory/Chef wishes to challenge the eligibility of an athlete on another Provincial/Territorial team, it is expected that such a challenge will be made as soon as the protesting team knows that an athlete may be ineligible. Every effort must be made to ensure that protests on eligibility are lodged before an athlete competes.

Exclusion Criteria:

- Senior National Team Athletes (as defined by Speed Skating Canada and approved by the Canada Games Council)*
- Athletes that have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time.
- Athletes who have previously competed at the following events: Senior World Championships, Olympic Games, World Cup competitions or FISU Games
- Athletes who do not meet the date of birth requirements as noted in the Inclusion Criteria

**If a skater competed in one of the above competitions in one discipline e.g. Short Track, they would remain eligible to compete in the Canada Winter Games in Long Track. No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to a change in carding status or national team status (no athlete will be excluded if they attain National Senior Team members status for the first time, skate in a World Cup or World Championships for the first time, or they are granted carding status after November 10, 2018). Athletes who hold a C card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Councils Sport Committee.*

TEAM BC ST Composition

- 5 female skaters
- 5 male skaters
- 1 coach: Lorelei St. Rose (lorelei.strose@bcspedskating.ca; 250-961-0893)
- 1 manager: Duane Swan (duane.swan@bcspedskating.ca; 250-961-2769)

TEAM BC ST Selection Committee

All activities related to the selection of TEAM BC ST will be carried out by an ad-hoc committee known as the TEAM BC ST Selection Committee. The TEAM BC ST Selection Committee will be comprised of the BCSSA Technical Director, the TEAM BC ST Coach and the TEAM BC ST Manager.

Sport Jury

A Sport Jury will be formed for the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials. The Jury will be comprised of a Referee (either Chief or Assistant), the BCSSA Technical Representative and one other individual who is deemed not to be in conflict with the selection event.

The Sport Jury for the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials will be comprised of:

- Referee: TBA
- BCSSA Technical Representative: Chris Acton, BCSSA Technical Director
- Other: TBA.

TEAM BC ST QUALIFICATION FORMAT

TEAM BC ST Selection Trials Qualification Ranking

The top 16 skaters (per gender) will compete in the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials. Skaters will be selected objectively by points from identified Racing to Red Deer (R2DR) competitions in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 seasons. Points will be awarded to the top 32 R2RD skaters (i.e. BC skaters who are eligible for TEAM BC ST 2019) in attendance at each identified competition. Accumulated points from their **best two out of four** R2RD competitions will be used to rank skaters 1-16, as shown in the example below:

	R2RD1 WEC#1 2017 Sept.29-Oct.1 Calgary	R2RD2 WEC#2 2017 Dec.15-17 Richmond	R2RD3 WEC#3 2018 Feb.2-4 Calgary	R2RD4 WEC#1 2018 October Calgary	Total	Rank
Skater 1	1 st 32 Points			3 rd 30 Points	62	2
Skater 2		1 st 32 Points	2 nd 31 Points		63	1
Skater 3	2 nd 31 Points	5 th 28 Points			59	3

Points will be assigned as follows:

1 st 32 points	17 th 16 points
2 nd 31 points	18 th 15 points
3 rd 30 points	19 th 14 points
4 th 29 points	20 th 13 points
5 th 28 points	21 st 12 points
6 th 27 points	22 nd 11 points
7 th 26 points	23 rd 10 points
8 th 25 points	24 th 9 points
9 th 24 points	25 th 8 points
10 th 23 points	26 th 7 points
11 th 22 points	27 th 6 points
12 th 21 points	28 th 5 points
13 th 20 points	29 th 4 points
14 th 19 points	30 th 3 points
15 th 18 points	31 st 2 points
16 th 17 points	32 nd 1 point

Any ties for qualification ranking will be broken by the skaters' best combined 500m + 1500m time achieved during the two R2RD competitions in which they accumulated points.

TEAM BC ST Selection Trials Overview

There will be one TEAM BC ST Selection Trials. The event will be a two-day competition between October and December 2018 - location TBA. The TEAM BC ST Selection Trials will be composed of five mass start events (500m, 1000m, 500m, 1500m, and the 3000m points race).

TEAM BC ST Selection Trials Entry and Seeding

Skaters qualify for entry to the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials on the basis of accumulated points from the best two R2RD competitions (see above). The top 16 ranked skaters meeting Canada Games eligibility requirements will be eligible to skate in the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials.

Each of the three traditional distances (500m, 1000m, and 1500m) will be individually seeded according to the skater's seed time for that distance. Seed times must be recorded in a provincially (or higher) sanctioned competition between January 1, 2018 and October 14, 2018. Please note: times must be skated in gender-specific division races on the 111.12m track. Manual times will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds (adjustments will be made by the TEAM BC ST Selection Committee).

- 1500m semifinals will be seeded on skaters' best 1500m times (as described above)
- Day 1 500m heats will be seeded on skaters' best 500m time (as described above)
- Day 2 500m heats will use the skaters' best seed time, either achieved on Day 1, or the skaters' seed time coming into the competition (as described above)
- 1000m heats will be seeded on skaters' best 1000m time (as described above)
- In the 3000m points race, skaters will advance directly to the finals based on the points accumulated during the four preceding distances (see points awarded below). Final A will be skaters ranked 1-8 and Final B will be skaters ranked 9-16. In the event of a tie for 8th, the skater with the fastest 1500m time skated in the trials will be in Final A.

TEAM BC (ST) Selection Trials Format

The TEAM BC ST Selection Trials race schedule will be as follows, subject to change:

Day 1 1500m Semis and Finals 500m Heats, Semis and Finals 1000m Heats	Day 2 1000m Semis and Finals 500m Heats, Semis and Finals 3000m Points Race (Final)
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Advancement through the rounds of racing will be as follows:

Event	Number of Heats	Advancement from Heats to Semis	Number of Semis	Advancement from Semis to Finals	Number of Skaters in Final (Barring Advancements)
500m and 1000m	4	2+0	2 (A,B) 2 (C,D)	2+0 2+0	4
1500m	n/a	n/a	3	2+0	6
3000m	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8

The format for the 3000m points race will be the format described in the [2019 Canada Winter Games Short Track Speed Skating Technical Package](#).

Skaters who are penalized in a heat will be relegated to the last place final. Skaters who are penalized in a top-bracket semi will be relegated to Final B. A skater who does not finish a final, due to equipment or injury, will receive last place points ahead of a penalized skater and a skater who does not start, for the relevant race. If a skater will not be starting a final, officials must be notified prior to the start in order to receive the applicable points. After the advancements, remaining skaters qualify based on placement and time to the remaining semis and finals.

Ranking points will be assigned based on final placements in the 1500m, (2)500m, 1000m and 3000m points race events, as follows:

Final Placement (Rank)	Points	Final Placement (Rank)	Points
1	1000	9	196
2	816	10	160
3	666	11	130
4	543	12	106
5	443	13	86
6	362	14	70
7	295	15	57
8	241	16	46

In a tie for first, both skaters receive 1000 points with the next skater receiving 666 points. In a tie for second, both skaters receive 816 points with the next skater receiving 543 points etc. In the case of multiple penalties in the same final, skaters will share the remaining points available in that final.

Overall ranking will be the total ranking points accumulated from the skater's results in the five events. Any ties for overall rank will be broken by the skaters' best combined 500m + 1500m time achieved during the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials.

TEAM BC ST GENERAL SELECTION INFORMATION

TEAM BC ST Final Team Selection

The TEAM BC ST final selection will be made immediately following the completion of the TEAM BC Long Track selection process (which will include event(s) between October and December 2018; exact date and format TBA). The announcement will be posted to the BCSSA website.

Skaters may choose to try out for both short track and long track disciplines. Should a skater qualify for both disciplines, that skater must choose which team to join. The TEAM BC ST Selection Committee will advise the skater of this situation, should it occur, along with a deadline for choosing a discipline (in writing). The deadline will be prior to the final selection of TEAM BC ST. Other skaters will then be moved up according to rankings from final results in the discipline with the open spot.

For all matters not covered by the selection process in this Bulletin, appeals regarding the composition of TEAM BC ST may be made using the existing [BCSSA Appeal Policy](#).

TEAM BC ST Bye Requests

As the objective is to pick the fastest skaters for TEAM BC ST, bye requests will be evaluated by the TEAM BC ST Selection Committee, and will only be considered from the two top-ranked skaters (i.e. top two males and top two females) from the selection trials qualification process, if:

- The skater is not able to attend the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials due to an injury/illness; AND
- The skater immediately reports the injury/illness to the TEAM BC ST Selection Committee and completes a BCSSA Injury Report Form; OR
- The skater attends the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials and becomes injured/ill; AND
- The skater immediately reports the injury/illness to the Sport Jury and completes a BCSSA Injury Report Form.

All skaters granted provisional positions on TEAM BC ST are subject to the requirements described in TEAM BC ST Injury Replacements (below).

TEAM BC ST Alternates

It is the intention of the TEAM BC ST Selection Committee to identify one alternate per gender in order to create a more optimal training group and to adequately prepare alternates in the eventuality of an injury prior to the 2019 CWG. The alternates will be the sixth ranked skater from the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials. Alternates will train and attend competitions as part of TEAM BC ST until the commencement of the 2019 CWG. Due to budget restrictions, the alternates will not be provided with a TEAM BC ST skinsuit.

TEAM BC ST Injury Replacements

If a skater is injured following their selection to TEAM BC ST, they will be required to prove adequate levels of recovery, both from a medical and a performance perspective. The determination of what constitutes adequate recovery will be made by medical professionals and the TEAM BC ST Selection Committee and will be based upon an assessment of the skater's ability to perform at a level equal to current members of TEAM BC ST. The final date for finalizing such decisions is one week prior to the registration deadline for the 2019 CWG, i.e. January 26, 2019. If a skater is subsequently deemed medically unfit to compete in the 2019 CWG, they may be replaced in accordance with the 2019 Canada Winter Games Short Track Speed Skating Technical Package.

TEAM BC Skater Commitments

The following commitments are mandatory for those skaters who qualify for, and who accept, a position on TEAM BC ST:

- Attend mandatory competitions and camps as per the TEAM BC ST CWG Coaches recommendations; these may include relay, competition preparation, and points race practices.
- Skaters should prepare for the 2019 CWG in their preferred distances and non-preferred distances. All athletes skate all individual events at the 2019 CWG. Skaters are reminded that TEAM BC's objective is not just to win medals, but also to be awarded the highest number of "Flag Points" for TEAM BC. The first three finishers for BC (in each individual distance) accrue flag points.
- There may be additional costs incurred by athletes such as: transportation and accommodation to and from TEAM BC departure/arrival hub, individual speed skating sport equipment and maintenance of said equipment, health care insurance, personal care products, cell and data plans and potentially TEAM BC camps.