



Young Officials Program

For the Fort St. John 2020 BC Winter Games

The BC Speed Skating Association, in partnership with the BC Games Society, is launching a pilot project for the 2020 BC Winter Games. The project allows 16 young officials (up to 2 per zone) to attend the 2020 BC Winter Games. The young officials will receive officials' training and will officiate at the Games (primarily as track stewards), as well as serving as athlete mentors to the skaters competing at the Games.

Young Official Eligibility:

- Must be registered as competitive skating members in good standing with BCSSA.
- Minimum age is 14 years as of midnight June 30, 2019. Maximum age is 17 years as of midnight June 30, 2019.
- Must be competent skaters on speed skates, and must have experience (as a skater or otherwise) in speed skating competition.
- Previous experience as an athlete in the BC Winter Games is preferred but not required.

Young Official Selection:

- Candidates for the young officials positions must apply via an online application form by December 1, 2019. Successful candidates will be notified no later than January 10, 2020.
- Applications will be reviewed by representatives of BCSSA who are not in a position of conflict. When applicable, local references (e.g. club coach) may be consulted.
- Applications will consider factors such as: competitive speed skating experience, community service, and academic achievements.

Accommodation and Transportation:

- All young officials are required to stay in BC Games accommodation, use BC Games travel, and to be supervised by adult members of their zone team.
- All young officials are expected to serve as mentors to the skaters competing at the Games, with a focus on mentoring the skaters in their respective zone.

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