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Introduction

The Provincial Performance (PP) Ranking List is a five-tier list (Tier Gold to Tier Iron), with Tier Gold 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. Skaters have the opportunity to enter the PP Ranking 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).

- Tier Gold skaters are expected to be performing at levels competitive with skaters who are named to national programs. Skaters are typically engaged in Stage 4 programming on the Elite Athlete Pathway (see [Elite Athlete Pathway Overview](#) document for details).
- Tier Silver skaters are expected to be qualifying to compete in the Canadian Senior Championships. Junior-aged Tier Silver 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 Bronze skaters are expected to be progressing towards qualifying for the Canadian Senior Championships. Junior-aged Tier Bronze 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 Iron skaters (ISU Juniors only) are expected to be participating in national junior ranking competitions and/or performing at the T2T youth 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 Black skaters (ISU Juniors only) are entering the PP system (Stage 1 programming on the [Elite Athlete Pathway](#)) and are expected to be qualifying to the T2T youth national championships.

BCSSA will complete the first review for potential candidates for the 2020-2021 BCSSA PP Ranking List in May of 2020. All candidates must be BCSSA members in good standing and Canadian Citizens. Skaters who have achieved these standards will be notified by BCSSA.

2019-2020 Provincial Performance Program Benefits

BCSSA reviewed potential candidates for the 2019-2020 Provincial Performance Program (PPP) in May 2010, based on the published standards from the [2018-2019 ADC Bulletin #3.1](#). Eligible skaters were named to Tiers Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron, and Black and were asked to complete an online Athlete Agreement, which includes a declaration of participation in the BCSSA PPP. Skaters who receive confirmation from BCSSA are formally accepted into the program.

PPP skaters are expected to engage in speed skating training and competition at the performance level, including elements such as (but not limited to) training camps and off-ice lab and/or field testing. Please see the document [Recommended Season Preparation](#) for details about testing. PPP skaters are expected to compete for Team BCSSA at national competitions for which they qualify. Additionally, skaters are expected to participate in the competitions identified (with their coaches' input) on their individualized Yearly Training Plan (YTP) that was submitted to BCSSA. PPP skaters are expected to update BCSSA via email (chris.acton@bcspedskating.ca) with any major changes throughout the season, e.g. major injuries, switching coaches, retirement from the discipline, etc.

PPP skaters will receive benefits from BCSSA. PPP benefits in the 2019-2020 season may include the following:

Recognition: PPP skaters' names will be published on the BCSSA website and social media.

Canadian Sport Institute Nominated Athlete Status: Tier Gold, Silver, Bronze and Iron PPP skaters will be nominated to the Canadian Sport Institute. Nominated skaters will receive registration instructions and are expected to register with their local centre in order to foster the relationship between BCSSA and the centres, and in order to access the sport services that the local centres provide directly to athletes.

Uniforms: Tier Gold, Silver, Bronze and Iron skaters have the option of purchasing a Team BCSSA skinsuit at their own expense.

2020-2021 Provincial Performance Ranking List: Short Track

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

	Qualification Requirement: March 31, 2020	Qualification Requirement: December 31, 2020
Tier Gold (All ages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2020 National Rank* of top 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020 Canadian ST Championship top 20
Tier Silver (All ages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2020 National Rank* of top 32 2019-2020 Junior National Rank* of top 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compete in 2020 Canadian ST Championship 2020 Canadian Junior ST Championship top 12 overall
Tier Bronze (All ages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2020 National Rank* of top 36 2020 ST Canada Cup Final results top 30 2019-2020 Junior National Rank* of top 36 2020 ST Canada Cup Junior Final results top 30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compete in 2020 Canadian Junior ST Championship WEC #1 2020 Open results top 10
Tier Iron (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a 2019-2020 Junior National Rank* 2020 ST Canada Cup Junior Final results top 50 Junior with 2019-2020 WEC Open Rank top 50% Place in the top 5 overall in the F13, F14, M13 or M14 categories at 2020 Canadian Youth ST Championship (West) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior at WEC #1 2020 top 50% Open Rank Junior at WEC #2 2020 top 50% Open Rank
Tier Black (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in the top half of the field overall in the F13, F14, M13 or M14 categories at 2020 Canadian Youth ST Championship (West) Junior with 2019-2020 WEC Open Rank top 67% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior at WEC #1 2020 75% Open Rank Junior at WEC #2 2020 top 75% Open Rank

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

2020-2021 Provincial Performance Ranking List: Long Track

Candidates include skaters who have met **one (1)** of the qualification requirements (see below). Where applicable, times must be skated during the specified season in a sanctioned competition (BCSSA/Provincial, SSC or ISU).

	Qualification Requirement: March 31, 2020	Qualification Requirement: December 31, 2020
Tier Gold (All ages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-2020 Canadian Ranking List** top 10 in the 500m, 1000m or 1500m • 2019-2020 Canadian Ranking List** top 5 in the 3000m/5000m or mass start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Canadian LT Championship top 50% in a distance
Tier Silver (All ages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-2020 Canadian Ranking List** top 20 in the 500m, 1000m or 1500m • 2019-2020 Canadian Ranking List** top 10 in the 3000m/5000m or mass start • Top 10 overall at Canadian Junior LT Championship 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compete in 2020 Canadian LT Championship
Tier Bronze (All ages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve 2019-2020 LT Canada Cup time standard*** in >2 distances • Top 50% overall at Canadian Junior LT Championship 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve 2020-2021 LT Canada Cup time standard*** in >2 distances
Tier Iron (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve 2019-2020 LT Canada Cup time standard*** in 2 distances • Compete in Canadian Junior LT Championship 2020 • Place in the top 5 overall in the F13, F14, M13 or M14 categories at 2020 Canadian Youth LT Championship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve 2020-2021 LT Canada Cup time standard*** in 2 distances
Tier Black (ISU Junior at time of completion of requirement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve 2019-2020 LT Canada Cup time standard*** in 1 distance • Place in the top half of the field overall in the F13, F14, M13 or M14 categories at 2020 Canadian Youth LT Championship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve 2020-2021 LT Canada Cup time standard*** in 1 distance • Junior-aged skater finishing in the top half in a distance at CanAm 2020

**For more details about the Canadian Ranking List, please see the [SSC Ranking webpage](#).

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