



Zone 5 Qualification Format

2020 BC Winter Games

The 2020 BC Winter Games (BCWG) will take place in Fort St John on February 20-23, 2020. The speed skating event will feature a combination of short track and long track races. Please see the [Technical Package for Speed Skating](#) for details. Skaters must be 12 or 13 years old as of June 30, 2019. All skaters compete at the BCWG for their [Zone](#), which is based on their place of residence. There are two methods of qualification to BCWG:

1. Qualify, via the Zone Qualification Format, for a Zone quota position (see details below)
2. Qualify into a wildcard position (see Tech Package for details).

Zone 5 Qualification Format

Skaters qualifying for a Zone quota position (3 male and 3 female per Zone) must participate in their Zone Qualification Format (QF). The Zone QF is established by the Zone Rep (Janet Lakusta) and the Provincial Advisor (Chris Acton, BCSSA Technical Director).

The Zone 5 QF selects skaters to Zone quota positions based on the skaters' best times skated, as defined below.

- **Time determinant:** Times captured manually will have 0.2 seconds added to them in order to compare the times to electronic times.
- **Eligible times must be skated based on the following criteria:**
 - Categories: Male, Female
 - Distances: 400m and 1500m
 - Tiebreaker distances: 200m and/or 500m (see below for details)
 - Track: 100m
 - BCSSA and/or SSC Sanctioned Competitive Meets
 - Qualifying Dates: between September 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019
- **Zone 5 Selection Process:**
 - The skater's combined "Personal Best" time from the 400m and 1500m races
 - Selection will be based on the 3 lowest overall combined ranking for each of the male and female quota positions
 - In the event of a tie, the 200m or 500m distance will be reviewed and the fastest "personal best" time will be the definitive tiebreaker. **NOTE:** If not all skaters have a 200m time from within the specific time frame, 500m times (skated on the 111.12m track) will be used for comparison.

- **Wild Card Selection Process:**

- 12 wildcards for Speed Skating are potentially awarded after December 31, 2019.
- Inclusion: U14 Males, U14 Females
- All eligible Zone 5 skaters registered (excludes selected Zone 5 skaters)
- The division of wildcards will be proportionate to the number of eligible wildcard skaters per category.

BC Winter Games Registration

All Zone quota positions must be awarded by December 31st, 2019. Between January 1-15th, 2020, wildcard positions will be calculated and awarded by the Provincial Advisor. All skaters must be registered by the Zone Rep by the BC Winter Games registration deadline of January 20th, 2020.

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