



Zone 7 Qualification Format

2022 BC Winter Games

The 2020 BC Winter Games (BCWG) will take place in Vernon over the dates of February 24-27, 2022. The speed skating event will feature short track races for U14 skaters. Please see the [Technical Package for Speed Skating](#) for details. Skaters must be 12 or 13 years old as of June 30, 2021. All skaters compete at the BCWG for their [Zone](#), which is based on their place of residence.

There are three methods of qualification to BCWG:

1. Qualify, via the Zone Qualification Format, for a Zone quota position (details below)
2. Qualify, via Zone Wild Card Format, for a Zone wildcard position (details below).
3. Qualify into a wildcard position by time (details below: see Technical Package for full details).

Zone 7 Qualification Format

Skaters qualifying for a Zone quota position (1 male and 1 female per Zone) must participate in their Zone Qualification Format (QF). The Zone qualification format is established by the Zone Rep (Jessica Seely) and the Provincial Advisor (Chris Acton, BCSSA Technical Director).

The **Zone 7 QF** selects one female and one male skater for Zone quota positions based on the skaters' best times skated, as defined below. All times must be skated in a sanctioned competition. Manual times will have 0.2 seconds added to them in order to compare the times to electronic times.

- Times must be skated at a sanctioned event between September 1, 2021 and December 31st, 2021.
- Distances to be skated will be 200, 400, and 1500 meters (each skated on the 100m track).
- Skaters' best time from the 400 + 1500 will be added together: the skater with the lowest combined total qualifies for the Zone Quota position for each gender.
- In the event of a tie, the skater with a faster time for the 200 meter distance will be ranked higher (times may be taken from both pursuit or mass start formats).

Zone Wild Card Selection Process:

- Any Zone with two or more eligible skaters per gender is guaranteed one wildcard position for each gender.
- When a Zone only has one eligible male, or only one eligible female skater, a guaranteed wild card position for that gender does not apply to that Zone.
- Wildcard contenders must submit a wildcard application through their zone rep to be considered for a guaranteed position. The guaranteed Zone wildcard will be awarded to the applicant (one per gender) who ranks highest per the qualification format above.
- In the event of a tie between guaranteed wildcard contenders, the skater with the faster 200m time (skated in sanctioned competition between August 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021) will be ranked higher and awarded the wildcard.
- Zone wildcard applications cannot be submitted after December 31, 2021.

Wild Card Selection Process:

- A minimum of 8 and up to a maximum of 16 wildcards for Speed Skating, for each gender, are potentially awarded after December 31st, 2021. The number of wildcards available will be dependent on whether Zones are granted a Zone wildcard (see above). This is in order to achieve the maximum allowed athletes for the event (24 male and 24 female).
- All eligible U14 skaters may apply, who have not otherwise qualified for their Zone.
- Remaining [wildcard positions](#) will be distributed based on the best (lowest) combined 400m+1500m time. Times must be skated at a sanctioned competition between August 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 on the 100m track.

BC Winter Games Registration

Zone quota positions and Zone Wildcard positions must be awarded by December 31, 2021. Between January 1st and 15th, 2022, remaining 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 24th, 2022.

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