



## 2027 Canada Winter Games Long Track Speed Skating Technical Package



Technical Packages are a critical part of the Canada Games. They guide the selection of athletes by prescribing the age and eligibility requirements, assist the Host Society by detailing competition formats and scoring procedures, assist Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Chefs de Mission in verifying eligibility, help with budgeting by describing the number of participants permitted, advance coach certification by stating minimum requirements, and generally contribute to athlete development by identifying each National Sport Organization's (NSO) version of athletes in the "Train to Compete" phase of its Long Term Development (LTD) model, or other suitable phase(s) of LTD as justified by the NSO.

Technical Packages are developed 36 to 24 months prior to the Canada Games primarily by NSO's, following the Canada Games Council's (CGC) Principles that Govern Technical Packages. As the overall governing body of the Games, the CGC has the ultimate authority over Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the concerned NSO.

Relevant Games stakeholders, specifically Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (P/TSO's) and P/T team staff, are encouraged to review the Technical Package in detail to ensure a thorough understanding. If an individual wishes to seek clarification or initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the request should be first directed to the NSO or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef de Mission will submit the requested change or clarification to the CGC for consideration. Timelines for requesting changes to major elements of the Technical Package (i.e. team sizes, age categories, eligibility restrictions, events, competition formats) are outlined in the Principles that Govern Technical Packages. Minor corrections will be considered at almost any time, but will be increasingly difficult to achieve within six [6] months of the Games. These time frames reinforce the importance of complete understanding of the Technical Package by Games stakeholders early.

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**2027 Canada Winter Games  
Long Track Speed Skating Technical Package**

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**1. SPORT: LONG TRACK SPEED SKATING**

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**2. PARTICIPANTS**

2.1. Athletes

4 men; 4 women

All registered athletes must intend to compete in at least one event.

2.2. Staff

1 Long Track coach and 1 Long Track manager.

1 Long Track staff member must be a man; 1 Long Track staff member must be a woman.

2.3. Additional Team Staff\*

- Apprentice Coach
  - See [Women in Coaching Canada Games Apprenticeship Program](#)
  - See [Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program](#)
  - Apprentice coaches have the same access as athletes and team staff.
  
- Venue Pass Holder
  - See Venue Pass Holder Policy
  - Venue Pass Holder's do not have access to the field of play
  - Venue Pass Holder's venue access
    - Sport Operational Zone (Zone 2)
    - Back of House Zone (Zone 3)

\* Additional team staff positions are administered by the P/T Team. Positions must be applied for based on each P/T Team's process. For information pertaining to the process in your P/T contact your Chef de Mission.

One skate technician will be added to the list of Major Technical Officials that will be accessible to all teams at the Long Track venue. Teams will be able to use their own technicians (i.e. coach). However, no accreditation for additional staff will be granted to the Field of Play.

#### 2.4. Support for Participants

The Canada Games Council recognizes there can be barriers to participation/attendance at the Canada Games. The below policies have been developed to provide support to participants when required:

- Support for Breastfeeding/Chestfeeding Parents Policy
- Participant Assistant Policy

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### 3. **CLASSIFICATION**

Competitors who have reached the age of 14 on June 30th, 2026 but have not reached the age of 21 as of June 30th, 2026.

Year of birth: July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2012 inclusive.

Age exemptions for exceptional athletes may be granted through the 2027 Canada Winter Games Minimum Age Exemption Criteria - please see Appendix 3.

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### 4. **ELIGIBILITY**

#### 4.1. Athletes

All athletes must meet the eligibility regulations outlined in CGC's Eligibility Policy.

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)
- Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events:
  - Senior World Championships
  - Senior World Cups
  - Olympic Games

- Athletes who have previously competed in the following event 2 or more times
  - ISU Four Continent Championships

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to National Team status, carding status or competing in an excluded event (i.e., if an athlete is granted National Team status or carding status for the first time, or competes in an excluded event after November 29, 2026, they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2027 Canada Games).

Athletes who are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Additionally, while C1 cards have been discontinued, athletes who have previously held a C1 card and who meet all other eligibility restrictions may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Team Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council Sport & Games Committee.

#### 4.2. Coaches

Coaches registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system must be certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Competition Stream, Development Context (certified status) in Speed Skating.

Coaches must be certified no later than 90 days prior to the opening ceremony (November 29, 2026).

Please note that “NCCP Competition-Development Certified, Not Renewed” does not qualify under the coaching standards for the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

Please refer to the CGC’s Coach Certification Policy for additional information:

For more information on the coach certification pathway for Speed Skating, please see Appendix 1.

#### 4.3. Manager

Team Managers are not required to have any coaching certification. Branches may set their own criteria based upon the perceived needs within the branch.

However, any Team Manager without the minimum Introduction to Competition certification will not be allowed in the coaching box.

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## 5. COMPETITION

### 5.1. Events

The ISU Speed Skating Rules and Regulations serve as the primary competition guidelines for the Canada Winter Games, except in cases where Speed Skating Canada's Rules & Regulations (The Red Book) or this competition's technical package specify otherwise.

#### *Long Track Events*

Women: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, Team Pursuit (6 laps), Mass Start (10 laps)  
Men: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, Team Pursuit (8 laps), Mass Start (10 laps)  
Mixed Gender: Mixed Relay (6 laps)

These events will be skated Olympic-style on a standard 400m track.  
The racing format is outlined in the Long Track Field of Play Regulations (Appendix 4).

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## 6. TIE BREAKING RULES - COMPETITION

If there is a tie after the normal speed skating rules are applied (ISU rule 265.1), ties will not be broken in assigning individual ranks. Athletes will be given the same rank and the next rank is eliminated.

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## 7. REGISTRATION & EVENT ENTRIES

### 7.1. Canada Games Council Registration Deadline

All participants (athletes, coaches, managers and additional team staff) must be registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony (January 28, 2027).

### 7.2. Event Entry Deadline

Event entries for each participant will be confirmed at the Coach/Manager meeting held prior to the first event.

Entry times must be submitted to SSC by **February 4th, 2027**. (See *Entries in Appendix 4*).

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## 8. SPORT SCORING POINTS

Sport scoring points are a tool used to determine the performance of a P/T Team across all events within a sport. At the conclusion of an event, sport scoring points will be awarded using the following criteria:

### 8.1. Individual Events

- The Province/Territory's three best results in every event will count towards the Provincial/Territorial ranking point total
- Athletes will be ranked from first through last place
- Athletes who complete an event will be ranked ahead of those who start but do not complete the event
- Athletes who start but do not complete the event will receive last place points unless there is a penalty/disqualification
- Athletes who do not complete a race will be ranked ahead of a penalized/disqualified skater in the race
- A disqualified skater will receive last place points
- If there is a tie after the normal speed skating rules are applied (ISU rule 265.1), ties will not be broken in assigning individual ranks. Athletes will be given the same rank and the next rank is eliminated.
- Each event will be scored separately
- Sport scoring points will be awarded based on the *Sport Scoring Table - Individual Distance* in Appendix 4

### 8.2. Team Pursuit & Mixed Relay

- Teams will be ranked from first through last place
- Teams who complete an event will be ranked ahead of those who start but do not complete the event
- Teams who start but do not complete the event will receive last place points unless there is a penalty/disqualification

- Teams who do not complete a race will be ranked ahead of a penalized/disqualified team in the race
- A disqualified team will receive last place points
- If there is a tie for first place both teams will receive first place points. The next ranked team will receive third place points. Similarly if there is a tie for third place both teams will receive third place points and the next ranked team will receive fifth place points.
- Each event will be scored separately
- Sport scoring points will be awarded based on the *Sport Scoring Table - Team Events* in Appendix 4

## 9. FLAG POINTS

Games to Games performance by a P/T Team at the Canada Games is measured by accumulated Flag Points. Every P/T Team is awarded Flag Points for its ranked performance in each sport in which it competes.

In Long Track Speed Skating, Flag Points will be awarded separately for women’s and men’s events based on the total of sport scoring points awarded. The Flag Points for Long Track Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating will be combined to give an overall ranking for Speed Skating (separate for women’s and men’s).

After ranking the P/T Teams from first to last, and after any ties have been resolved as detailed in Section 10 (Tie Breaking Rules - Flag Points), Flag Points will be awarded as follows:

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	10	6th	5	11th	1.5
2nd	9	7th	4	12th	1
3rd	8	8th	3	13th	0.5
4th	7	9th	2.5		
5th	6	10th	2		

## 10. TIE BREAKING RULES - FLAG POINTS

Should a tie occur in the final Provincial/Territorial standings, the Province/Territory with the greatest number of event first places will be assigned the highest ranking. If a tie still exists, the procedure is repeated for second places, then third places, etc.

If the tie persists, the Province/Territory with the highest team standing in the last event completed will be assigned the highest ranking, then the second last event, etc.

## 11. MEDALS

The Canada Games will award medals to athletes only. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented for each event.

Gold: 20 in total; 10 for individual events, 10 for team events.

Silver: 20 in total; 10 for individual events, 10 for team events.

Bronze: 20 in total; 10 for individual events, 10 for team events.

	Women			Men			Mixed Team		
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze
500m	1	1	1	1	1	1			
1000m	1	1	1	1	1	1			
1500m	1	1	1	1	1	1			
3000m	1	1	1						
5000m				1	1	1			
Mass Start	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Team Pursuit	4	4	4	4	4	4			
Mixed Relay							2	2	2

## 12. COMPETITION UNIFORM

Provincial/Territorial team colours must be worn. Additional information on each Provincial/Territorial team's colours can be found in Appendix C of the CGC's [P/T Team Uniform and Sponsorship Policy](#).

Appropriate speed skating attire as described in the Procedures and Regulations of Speed Skating Canada (D3-200 and D3-300) shall be worn. Clarification of this rule has occurred where all mass start skaters must wear cut resistant clothing meeting or exceeding the minimum standards as established by the ISU. Please refer to Red Book rule D3-300 and ISU Communication 2586 for more information.

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### **13. EQUIPMENT**

The equipment worn by the skaters must conform to D-3 of the SSC Procedures and Regulations.

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### **14. PROTEST & APPEALS**

#### **1.1. Canada Games Council Protest Policy & Appeal Policy**

Appeals relating to this Technical Package or any decisions made by the CGC will be made in accordance with the CGC's Appeal Policy.

Protests relating to disputes between and among Provincial/Territorial Teams as it relates to the Canada Games Council (CGC) Policies, Procedures and Principles that Govern Technical Packages (PTGTP) will be made in accordance with the CGC's Protest Policy.

#### **14.1. Competition Protests**

Refer to Appendix 5 - Field of Play Appeal Procedure.

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### **15. ANTI-DOPING**

The CGC adopts the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Covenant as a fundamental commitment to engage in a cooperative and collaborative effort to eliminate doping in sport and to support harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping measures in Canada. Any Canada Games participant (athlete, coach, manager, technical support, or

other person) found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation at the Canada Games (as determined pursuant to the CADP) will be subject to all of the penalties and consequences, as outlined in the [Canadian Anti-Doping Program](#).

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## 16. APPENDICES

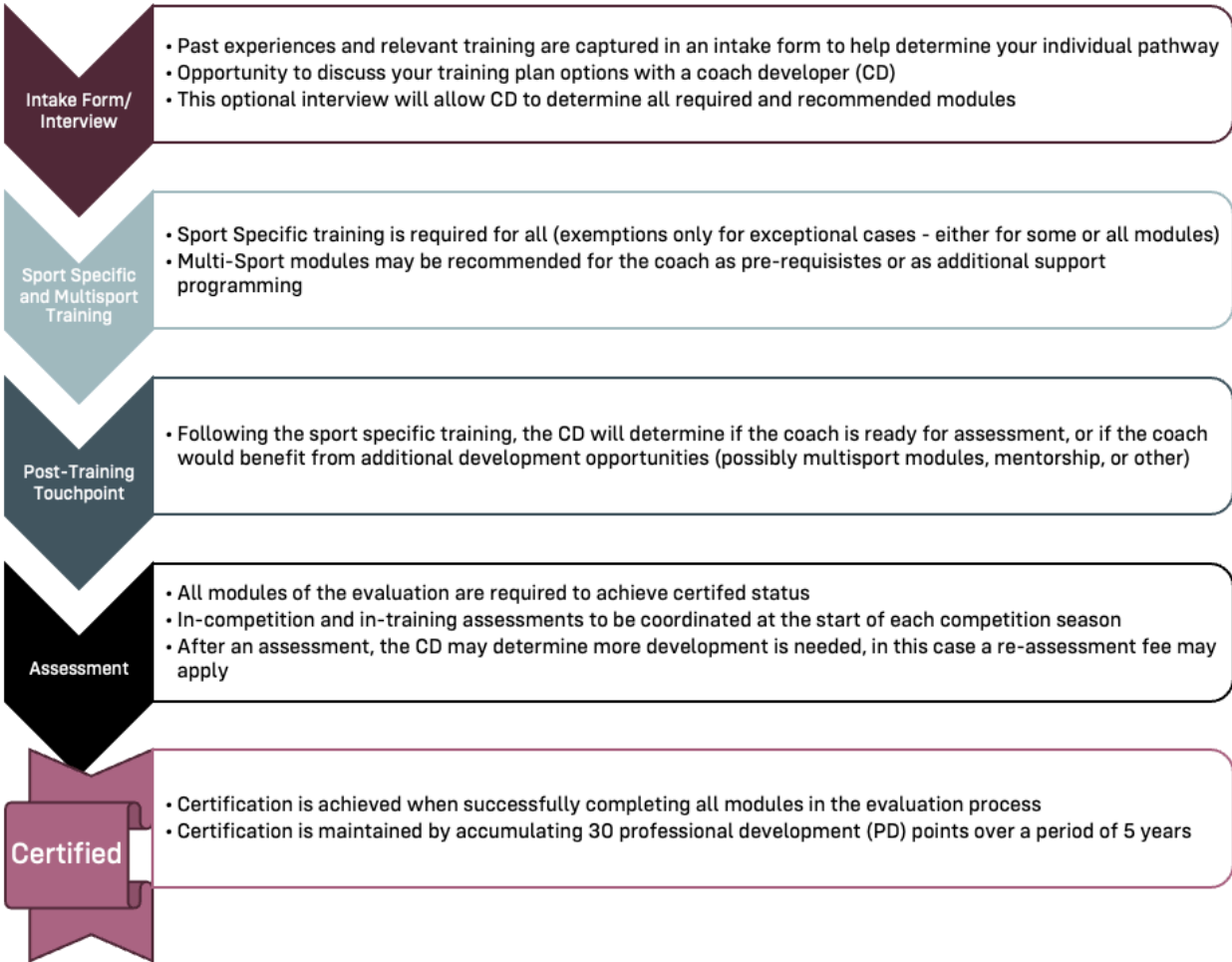
Please review the attached appendices as they form an integral part of this technical package.

- APPENDIX 1 - Coach Certification Requirements
- APPENDIX 2 - Performance Guidelines
- APPENDIX 3 - Age Dispensation
- APPENDIX 4 - Long Track Field of Play Regulations
- APPENDIX 5 - Field of Play Appeal Procedure

### APPENDIX 1 - COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

#### **NCCP Competition-Development Coach Training and Certification Pathway for Speed Skating**

This program is for coaches coaching Canada Winter Games and ISU Junior A, B, C level & up athletes (Train to Train, Learn to Compete, Train to Compete). Coaches who are interested in becoming certified as a competition development coach can follow the pathway below.



**Contact and Information:**

**Online:** <https://speedskating.ca/community/coaches/>

**Email:** [info@speedskating.ca](mailto:info@speedskating.ca)

## APPENDIX 2 - PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

*The following Performance Guidelines have been established by the respective NSO, at the request of the CGC and the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Sport Committee (FPTSC), to reflect the expected training and/or performance parameters of a typical Canada Games athlete in the Training to Compete phase of LTD. These Performance Guidelines have been developed as a tool for P/T teams to use at their discretion in the training and selection of their Canada Games teams. These Guidelines are not required selection criteria.*

The data presented below comes from the 2023-2024 competition season. The top 20 performances by age-eligible skaters, corrected if necessary for lowland indoor Quebec City ice conditions are represented. Updated performance data should be considered each season with appropriate considerations for track location.

Women's Performance Reference								
Top 20 times from age eligible* skaters during 2023-24 season								
2023-24 Times	500m		1000m		1500m		3000m	
	500m Calgary	Lowland Indoor Conversion	1000m Calgary	Lowland Indoor Conversion	1500m Calgary	Lowland Indoor Conversion	3000m Calgary	Lowland Indoor Conversion
1	39.76	40.56	01:19.03	01:20.61	01:59.62	02:02.01	04:08.12	04:13.08
2	40.05	40.85	01:19.68	01:21.27	02:02.68	02:05.13	04:23.19	04:28.45
3	40.42	41.23	01:19.68	01:21.27	02:03.17	02:05.63	04:28.64	
4	40.72	41.53	01:19.97	01:21.57	02:03.97	02:06.45	04:28.88	04:34.26
5	40.94	41.76	01:20.53	01:22.14	02:04.06	02:06.54	04:30.75	04:36.16
6	40.95		01:20.62	01:22.23	02:04.57	02:07.06	04:31.54	04:36.97
7	41.16	41.98	01:20.79	01:22.41	02:06.55	02:09.08	04:32.08	04:37.52
8	41.20	42.02	01:21.77	01:23.41	02:06.95	02:09.49	04:32.50	04:37.95
9	41.28	42.11	01:22.80	01:24.46	02:07.54	02:10.09	04:33.20	04:38.66
10	41.44	42.27	01:22.83	01:24.49	02:07.69	02:10.24	04:34.71	04:40.20
11	41.67	42.50	01:23.05	01:24.71	02:07.89	02:10.45	04:37.18	04:42.72
12	41.82	42.66	01:23.08	01:24.74	02:08.29	02:10.86	04:37.26	04:42.81
13	41.84	42.68	01:23.13	01:24.79	02:08.33	02:10.90	04:37.32	04:42.87
14	41.88	42.72	01:23.35	01:25.02	02:09.31	02:11.90	04:37.92	04:43.48
15	41.97	42.81	01:23.68	01:25.35	02:09.62	02:12.21	04:39.84	04:45.44
16	42.05	42.89	01:23.74	01:25.41	02:09.88	02:12.48	04:40.88	04:46.50
17	42.11	42.95	01:24.29	01:25.98	02:10.14	02:12.74	04:41.12	04:46.74
18	42.11	42.95	01:24.56	01:26.25	02:11.02	02:13.64	04:41.69	04:47.32
19	42.19		01:24.70	01:26.39	02:11.24	02:13.86	04:42.09	
20	42.47	43.32	01:25.08	01:26.78	02:11.35	02:13.98	04:42.33	04:47.98

Lowland Indoor Time Achieved in Quebec City

Lowland Indoor Time Achieved in Hachinohe - YS Arena (JPN)

Indoor Lowland Conversion Time = Calgary/SLC Time x 1.02

\* Age eligible if the Games were held in 2023-24

Men's Performance Reference								
Top 20 times from age eligible* skaters during 2023-24 season								
2023-24 Times	500m		1000m		1500m		5000m	
	500m Calgary	Lowland Indoor Converstion	1000m Calgary	Lowland Indoor Converstion	1500m Calgary	Lowland Indoor Converstion	5000m Calgary	Lowland Indoor Converstion
1	34.65	35.34	01:08.12	01:09.48	01:45.71	01:47.82	06:26.60	06:34.33
2	35.37	36.08	01:08.68	01:10.05	01:46.23	01:48.35	06:36.94	06:44.88
3	35.94	36.66	01:09.18	01:10.56	01:46.92	01:49.06	06:44.47	06:52.56
4	35.96	36.68	01:10.41	01:11.82	01:47.84	01:50.00	06:46.72	06:54.85
5	35.97	36.69	01:10.87	01:12.29	01:48.34	01:50.51	06:52.61	07:00.86
6	36.16	36.88	01:10.92	01:12.34	01:50.33	01:52.54	06:53.09	
7	36.26	36.99	01:11.02	01:12.44	01:51.41	01:53.64	06:54.44	
8	36.29	37.02	01:12.30	01:13.75	01:51.51	01:53.74	06:55.34	07:03.65
9	36.36	37.09	01:12.41	01:13.86	01:51.83	01:54.07	06:55.62	07:03.93
10	36.48	37.21	01:12.68	01:14.13	01:52.11	01:54.35	06:55.87	07:04.19
11	36.60	37.33	01:12.80	01:14.26	01:52.14	01:54.38	06:59.15	
12	36.91	37.65	01:12.80	01:14.26	01:52.17	01:54.41	06:59.37	07:07.76
13	36.99	37.73	01:12.86	01:14.32	01:52.74	01:54.99	07:01.88	07:10.32
14	37.14	37.88	01:12.93	01:14.39	01:52.80	01:55.06	07:01.92	07:10.36
15	37.21	37.95	01:12.94	01:14.40	01:53.82	01:56.10	07:07.86	07:16.42
16	37.29	38.04	01:13.58	01:15.05	01:53.87		07:07.93	07:16.49
17	37.39	38.14	01:13.63	01:15.10	01:53.94	01:56.22	07:08.91	07:17.49
18	37.47	38.22	01:13.67	01:15.14	01:54.34	01:56.63	07:10.99	07:19.61
19	37.51	38.26	01:13.72	01:15.19	01:54.92	01:57.22	07:12.41	07:21.06
20	37.60	38.35	01:14.12		01:55.21	01:57.51	07:12.49	07:21.14

Lowland Indoor Time Achieved in Quebec City

Lowland Indoor Time Achieved in Hachinohe - YS Arena (JPN)

Indoor Lowland Converstion Time = Calgary/SLC Time x 1.02

\* Age eligible if the Games were held in 2023-24

Additional Areas for Consideration	Guidelines
Volume of Training	Speed Skating Canada's LTD model links T2C level with recommended volume of training. More information can be obtained from Speed Skating Canada's LTD documents
Level of Competition	Athletes who compete at the Canada Games will have preferably competed in at least a Neo-Junior or Junior Canadian Championship event.

## APPENDIX 3 - AGE DISPENSATION

Speed Skating Canada (SSC) has established a minimum age of 14 on June 30th, 2026 for participation in the 2027 Canada Winter Games. While this minimum age provides a developmentally appropriate age threshold for most participants and chronological age is a simple and valid means to define participation, exceptions are possible. As recognized by the scientific literature supporting SSC's Long Term Development Model (LTD), individuals have different rates of growth, development and maturation, developing physically, socially, intellectually and emotionally at different rates.

The purpose of the minimum age criterion is to help ensure that participation in the Canada Winter Games is developmentally appropriate for participating skaters. The intent behind the criterion is to avoid situations where athletes are encouraged to pursue developmentally inappropriate and potentially harmful training and competition experiences. The purpose of the exemption process is to address the exceptional athlete whose growth, development and maturation is in advance of the majority of skaters.

The Canada Winter Games is a high-profile event among funders and the media in which the speed skating competition includes racing events that are considered developmentally appropriate for skaters who have experienced peak height velocity (PHV) and whose linear growth is decelerating. This is generally associated with athletes exiting the Training to Train, or within the Learning/Training to Compete stages of development, and a social environment appropriate for individuals in late adolescence and early adulthood. With the established age category, the vast majority of skaters are nearing physical maturity with their linear growth rate decelerating. Further, the large majority of age eligible skaters will have gained the life and sport experiences to enable them to cope with the emotional and social stress of a weeklong multi-sport experience.

**Any provincial/territorial sport organization wishing to request a minimum age exemption must submit their request in writing to the Manager, Sport Development at Speed Skating Canada Head Office at least 4 weeks prior to the first provincial/territorial selection event for the 2027 Canada Winter Games. Requests for exemption should be made using the age reclassification form available from Speed Skating Canada and include the information described below.**

The Sport Development Advisory Council will review the request and render a decision within 21 days of having received the application for a minimum age exemption.

### Assessment Criteria for Exemptions to the 2027 Canada Games Minimum Age

## Regulation

The provincial/territorial sport organization should demonstrate in their request for exemption that an athlete's skating ability, growth, development and maturation are at a level which corresponds to that of the majority of athletes exiting the Training to Train stage of development and that participating in the Canada Winter Games will be a meaningful, developmentally appropriate competitive experience for the skater. All skater development data submitted will be compared to normative data for the population at large, and the skating results of participants meeting the minimum age criteria in the current season and at previous Canada Winter Games. Specifically, SSC will be seeking to confirm that the skater's growth, development and maturation is consistent with skaters exiting the Training to Train stage of development. As part of the submission, the following documentation should be provided:

### Skater Development Information

The following documentation with regards to the skater's development should be submitted:

1. A list of the competitions and training attended by the athlete in the previous year that would prepare him/her for this event; and a summary of training history prior to the previous season, including number of years' experience in speed skating and other sport programs.
2. All physiological testing results available from the past 12 months including VO2 Max, Wingate, Vertical Jump, Leger-Boucher and other recognized testing protocols. Results submitted will be compared to normative data for athletes at the beginning of the Learning to Compete Stage of Development.
3. Records of the athlete's height taken at 3-month intervals, over the previous 36 months period. Measurements should follow the protocol laid out in the document: "The Role of Monitoring Growth in Long-Term Athlete Development" (Istvan Balyi & Richard Way). If less than 36 months data are available, current data should still be submitted. This data will be reviewed to confirm that the athlete has entered a phase of decelerating growth.
4. Examples of successful participation in other sporting competitions or other experiences that support this athlete's readiness for the 2027 Canada Games.

### Other Documentation

1. A letter of support from the named Canada Winter Games coach stating that, in his/her opinion, the athlete has the social and emotional maturity to cope with the stress of participation in the Canada Games.
2. A letter of support from the skater's primary coach confirming the skater's readiness to participate in the Canada Winter Games. As part of this letter the coach should include his or her level of certification and coach certification number.

3. A list of steps that the provincial/territorial sport organization will take to ensure the athlete is prepared for and does have a positive experience at the Canada Winter Games, including formal support from the Branch for the submission.
4. A letter of support from the Chef de Mission.

**PLEASE NOTE: Any athlete who is granted an exemption to compete and is subsequently nominated to their provincial/territorial Canada Games team will need to submit signed waiver and release forms to the Speed Skating Canada national office prior to the date that their nomination must be submitted to the Canada Games Council/Host Society.**

The waiver and release forms are available from Speed Skating Canada.

## APPENDIX 4 - LONG TRACK FIELD OF PLAY REGULATIONS

The ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules, Speed Skating (most current version available), along with any current ISU Communications will serve as the primary competition guidelines for the Canada Winter Games, except in cases where Speed Skating Canada's Rules & Regulations (The Red Book) or this competition's technical package specify otherwise.

## **Rules**

The competition rules used for the Canada Games Long Track event will be ISU Rules. If there is a discrepancy between this document and the ISU Rules, this document shall prevail.

## **Schedule**

Day 1	Training day
Day 2	Training day
Day 3	Women's 500m, 1500m Men's 500m, 1500m
Day 4	Women's 3000m Men's 5000m
Day 5	Women's 1000m Men's 1000m
Day 6	Women's Team Pursuit Men's Team Pursuit
Day 7	Mixed Gender: Mixed Relay Women's Mass Start Men's Mass Start

The order of racing each day will alternate men's and women's events. Women will race first on schedule days 3, 5 and 7. Men will race first and on schedule days 4 and 6.

## **Entries**

- The Entries shall be restricted to a maximum of 52 Ladies and 52 Men.
- Each PTSO must submit a 500m, 1000m, and 1500m time for each skater. The times submitted must have been skated in a Speed Skating Canada sanctioned competition during the current season (2026-27).
- Time entries skated indoors at altitude (Calgary Olympic Oval) remain unadjusted.
- Time entries skated at lowland indoor venues (Centre de Glaces, Quebec City) will be adjusted by 2%. Lowland entry time = time skated x 0.98. (Noordhof, Dionne & Mulder,

Roy & de Koning, Jos & Hopkins, Will. (2015) *Race Factors Affecting Performance Times in Elite Long-Track Speed Skating*. International Journal of Sports Physiology and Performance. 11.10.1123/ijsp.2015-1071)

- Time entries skated outdoors will be adjusted by 6.5%. Outdoor entry time = time skated x 0.065. (As calculated in SSC’s HP Bulletin 210, senior lowland outdoor times compared to indoor altitude times)
- All references to time entries for seeding purposes below will refer to the appropriately adjusted times.
- Each Provincial/Territorial association must confirm the time submitted with the date and location of the competition. Times must be submitted on the “SSC PTSO Time Entry Form” directly to SSC’s Sport Pathway Manager no later than February 4, 2027.

### **Results (final ranking)**

Over all distances, the time shall be measured to the accuracy of one hundredth of a second. ISU Rule 251 and Rule 265 outline the use of electronic timekeeping for breaking ties and how backup and manual timekeeping methods apply.

Skaters (individual events) and teams (team events) will be ranked according to ISU Rule 265.

### **Sport Scoring and Provincial/Territorial Ranking**

Sport Scoring and Provincial/Territorial ranking will be based on the 2027 Canada Winter Games Results (final ranking), Long Track Speed Skating.

### **Sport Scoring Table - Individual Distance (flag points)**

- Based on the individual distance final ranking

Pos	PTS	Pos	PTS	Pos	PTS	Pos	PTS	Pos	PTS
1st	100	13th	73	25th	61	37th	49	49th	37
2nd	97	14th	72	26th	60	38th	48	50th	36
3rd	94	15th	71	27th	59	39th	47	51st	35
4th	91	16th	70	28th	58	40th	46	52nd	34
5th	88	17th	69	29th	57	41st	45		
6th	85	18th	68	30th	56	42nd	44		
7th	83	19th	67	31st	55	43rd	43		

8th	81	20th	66	32nd	54	44th	42		
9th	79	21st	65	33rd	53	45th	41		
10th	77	22nd	64	34th	52	46th	40		
11th	75	23rd	63	35th	51	47th	39		
12th	74	24th	62	36th	50	48th	38		

### Sport Scoring Table - Team Events (flag points)

- Based on the team pursuit final ranking

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	150	6th	100	11th	50
2nd	140	7th	90	12th	40
3rd	130	8th	80	13th	30
4th	120	9th	70		
5th	110	10th	60		

### Individual Events

Skaters representing the same Province/Territory should not compete in the same pair. The assigned Sport Expert, in consultation with the Chief Referee and SSC's Technical Representative, will arrange the pairs with consideration of the skater's entry times to ensure the safest and fairest possible pairings for each event.

### **500m - 1000m - 1500m**

#### **Seeding**

Seeding for the 500m, 1000m and 1500m events will use the skater's distance entry time for the respective event.

The women's and men's 500m, 1000m and 1500m races will be skated in pairs.

### **3000m**

#### **Seeding**

For the women's 3000m, skaters will be paired from the Canada Winter Games women's 1500m, with the order of skating from lowest ranked to highest ranked (fastest). Skaters who did not compete in the 1500m will be ranked by their 1500m entry time, below skaters who did compete.

The women's 3000m will be skated in quartets.

## **5000m**

### ***Seeding***

For the men's 5000m, skaters will be paired from the Canada Winter Games men's 1500m with the order of skating from lowest ranked to highest ranked (fastest). Skaters who did not compete in the 1500m will be ranked by their 1500m entry time, below skaters who did compete.

The men's 5000m will be skated in quartets.

## **Team Pursuit**

### ***Seeding***

For the women's and men's Team Pursuits the teams will be paired from the Province or Territory's second fastest skater, Canada Winter Games 1500m performance. (If for any reason the women's 1500m has not been skated at the Canada Winter Games by at least 2 members of the team, the 1500m entry time for the second fastest skater will be used.

### ***Racing***

The Team Pursuit will be skated as per the ISU Rule 256 (Women – 6 laps, Men – 8 laps). Teams are to be entered by Province or Territory and are composed of a minimum of three skaters and a maximum of four skaters of the appropriate gender category.

The finishing time of the Provincial or Territorial team will be determined as the finish time of the third skater on the team to cross the finish line. If less than three skaters of the team finish the race, the team is considered not to have completed the race and shall be disqualified.

The format will be a Time Trial. The teams will be paired according to their seeding. The two best-seeded teams shall skate at the end.

**Starting Lanes:** In all races, the fastest seeded team will start at the 1000m finish line.

**Disqualifications:** A team that is disqualified will be considered as placed last in the event. If more than one team is disqualified, they will be considered as tied for the last place.

**Results from the competition (final rank):** The teams will be ranked according to the time for the team with the fastest team winning the gold medal.

## **Mass Start**

For the men's and women's Mass Start, the skaters will be ranked from the Canada Winter Games 1500m with the fastest skater being in start position 1. Skaters who did not compete in the 1500m will be ranked by their 1500m entry time, below skaters who did compete.

**Case 1: Minimum of 32 Skaters Registered for Mass Start**

If 32 skaters (or greater) are entered in the Mass Start event, semifinal races with at least 16 skaters per race will occur. The top 10 from each semifinal will qualify for the final.

**Case 2: Less than 32 Skaters Registered for Mass Start**

If 31 or fewer skaters are entered in the mass start, the top 28 times will be qualified for the final using 1500m entry times. Only one final will occur and skaters seeded 29-31 will not be entered.

**Racing**

The Mass Start event will be skated as per the ISU Rule 257.

**Disqualifications:** Any skater who is disqualified in a distance will receive the last place rank. Skaters who do not complete the race will be ranked ahead of a disqualified skater. Skaters not completing the race will be ranked according to the order by which they were removed from the race (lapped). If more than one skater is disqualified they will receive the same rank.

**Mixed Relay**

For the Mixed Gender Relay, teams will be ranked from the Canada Winter Games 1000m. The team seeding time will be the average of the two team members 1000m times (both man and woman). If for any reason the 1000m has not been skated at the Canada Winter Games the 1000m entry time will be used for ranking.

PTSOs may submit up to 4 teams for entry into the mixed relay.

The Mixed Relay event will be skated as per ISU Rule 256 and ISU Communication No. 2584.

**Order of Racing**

Racing conditions should be equal for each competitive Group. Under stable conditions (ice and air temperatures, wind direction and speed and humidity), the events will be raced with the highest ranked Group racing last. However, variable weather and ice conditions may necessitate changing the order to the highest ranked Group racing first. The highest ranked Group will skate in reverse order. This decision will be made by the Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Jury of Appeal, who will consult with the Ice Commission.

The Canada Games Technical Representative will replace the representative of the ISU on the Ice Commission (ISU 229.2, .3 and .4). Decisions made by the Ice Commission are final and not subject to appeal.

**Provincial/Territorial Team Uniforms**

During the Canada Winter Games the athletes must wear a competition uniform (skin suit) identified as belonging to the Province/Territory they represent (as per the Canada Games Technical Package Section 12 (Competitive Uniform) and the Canada Games Council P/T Team Uniform and Sponsorship Policy).

Members of a Provincial/Territorial team must wear racing uniforms with identical designs.

If there is a conflict between ISU, SSC and Canada Games Regulations regarding uniforms, the Canada Games Technical Package shall prevail.

### **Ice Commission**

The Ice Commission consists of the SSC assigned Chief Referee, Sport Expert and the Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Technical Representative. The Ice Commission shall determine the ice preparation procedure in consultation with the technical expert of the ice rink. The procedure shall be announced at the draw meeting and shall be included in the starting protocol. The Ice Commission has the right to alter the announced procedure of the preparation of the ice. In this case, the Provincial/Territorial leaders will be immediately informed about all changes in procedure.

## APPENDIX 5 - FIELD OF PLAY APPEAL PROCEDURE

In Speed Skating there is an appeals process in place as described by ISU 123 and 124. In Long Track, subject to ISU rule 123, it is possible to file protests to the referee who will consult with the other referees and make a decision. There is no higher appeals process regarding field of play decisions. The Speed Skating Canada Procedures and Regulations make no mention of any other appeal process. These decisions are final.

At the Canada Games there are a separate set of technical regulations that have a wider scope than normal speed skating competition regulations. These documents (the Long Track Canada Winter Games Technical Packages and the LT Field of Play Regulations) are approved by Speed Skating Canada and the Canada Games Council. However, these documents are only used once every four years and it is possible that they will not clearly resolve all issues. These issues must be addressed objectively and in a timely manner. The Speed Skating Canada Formal Appeals process is not designed to accommodate the Canada Winter Games concerns, therefore a Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Jury of Appeal is proposed as the step between the field of play process and the formal Canada Games Appeals process.

### **Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Jury of Appeal**

The Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Jury of Appeal would include the ST and LT Technical Representatives, chief LT referee, chief ST referee and a member of the Canada Games Council sport technical staff. If an appeal arises that is beyond the jurisdiction of the ISU and SSC field of play competition rules and cannot be satisfactorily resolved by the field of play personnel, then it would be brought to the Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Jury of Appeal for a timely decision (no more than 24 hours).

The Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Jury of Appeal would be chaired by the Speed Skating Canada Technical Representative responsible for the discipline (ST or LT) that is the source of the appeal.

In any case where the ST or LT Technical Representative anticipates issues based on the Technical Packages interpretation, the Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Jury of Appeal would be consulted for advice and a decision.