



PEI Long Track Speed Skating 2019 Canada Winter Games Team Selection Criteria

Objective

The objective of the 2019 Canada Winter Games (CWG) Team Selection Criteria (the “Selection Policy”) is to establish criteria for the eligibility, selection, and appeals process for SSPEI skaters to be members of the PEI Long Track (LT) Speed Skating Team to compete at the 2019 Canada Winter Games (the “Team”).

Framework

All rules and procedures as set out in Canada Games policies and the Canada Games Technical Packages for Speed Skating apply to this Selection Policy.

Age Classification

The age classification for athletes in Speed Skating at the Canada Winter Games shall consist of competitors in the Long Track event who have reached the age of 14 on June 30th, 2018 but have not reached the age of 20 on June 30th, 2018 (date of birth: July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2004 inclusive).

Basic Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Canada Winter Games Team, athletes must

1. Meet age classification criteria as set out above;
2. Be duly registered members of Speed Skate PEI and Speed Skating Canada (SSC);
3. Meet all criteria set out in the 2019 Canada Games Speed Skating Technical Packages for Long Track
4. Maintain eligibility for consideration for selection by regular participation in training and competition during the 2018-19 season.

Competition Eligibility Requirements

1. Attend the December long track camp to be held in Halifax, NS on the Emera oval December 29th – 30th, 2018
2. Compete at the CWG selection competition in Halifax, NS January 12-13th
3. Compete at the Atlantic Long Track Competition in Halifax, NS, January 26-27th, 2019.¹

¹ If a skater has attended the LT Competition in Halifax in January of this year (2018), and can't attend the upcoming Atlantic Long Track Competition in Halifax, January 26th-27th, 2019, they may substitute the January 2018 Halifax for the #3 competition above.

Maintenance of Eligibility

Athletes who wish to be considered for placement on the Team are expected to follow a training program, attend the majority of their club practices, gain experience in competitions during the 2018-19 season, and attend any PEI Provincial CWG Committee mandatory preparation sessions (e.g., on media training, drug-free sport, etc.).

Any athlete that has been removed from, or not selected to, the PEI CWG ST Team due to disciplinary actions or sanctions will not be eligible for selection to the PEI CWG LT Team. Other than the foregoing restrictions, any registered members of Speed Skate PEI who are in good standing and who meet the selection criteria within this document will be considered for eligibility for the PEI CWG LT Team.

Final Team Selection

The final team selection for the long track team will be made in January 2019 once the selection competition for long track has been completed.

Illness and Injury

i. Illness and Injury Suffered Prior to Team Selection: Bye Requests

Athletes who are not able to attend or complete the selection competition due to illness or injury may request a bye onto the Canada Games Team provided they have met the other eligibility requirements.

For consideration of bye requests, medical documentation must be provided to the Committee, in advance of the selection competition, in cases in which athletes are unable to attend the competition due to illness or injury. Medical documentation must be provided to the Committee within 48 hours of the end of the selection competition in cases in which athletes are unable to complete the competition due to illness or injury. Bye requests for selection to the long track must be submitted to the Committee within 24 hours of the completion of the selection competition for long track. Requests should be supported with appropriate documentation that the athlete has recovered satisfactorily, or will soon recover satisfactorily, from the illness or injury.

The Committee will make its decision based on how well athletes requesting a bye have performed at other competitions throughout the season and on the basis of evidence that they have recovered satisfactorily, or will soon recover satisfactorily, from the illness or injury.

ii. Illness and Injury Suffered After Team Selection

Athletes who suffer a serious illness or injury after they have been selected to the Team must notify the CWG coach and manager immediately. A "serious illness or injury" is defined as an illness or injury that prevents an athlete from fully participating in training and/or competition for a period of two (2) weeks or more.

An athlete who suffers a serious illness or injury after having been selected to the Team may be replaced by an alternate if, in the opinion of the CWG coaches and managers, on the basis of medical documentation provided by the athlete and/or appropriate consultation with health

care professionals, it is deemed unlikely that the athlete will be able to return to an acceptable level of competition in time for the CWG. This change in team members must be approved by the Speed Skate PEI board of directors on recommendation of the coach and manager.

Selection of the Long Track Team

The CWG selection competition will be held January 12-13th. This will serve as the selection competition for the CWG Long Track Team. Females will race the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, and 3000m Olympic Style distances, and males will race the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, and 5000m Olympic Style distances. Skaters will be ranked based on their overall finish position in the competition as determined by all-round, cumulative sammelagt points in all four distances. If skaters have the opportunity to race the 500m twice, the fastest time will count in calculating sammelagt points for ranking. Skaters who rank in the top 4 males and top 4 females based on their performance at the selection competition are eligible for selection to the Team.

At the selection competition for the CWG Long Track Team, re-skates will be allowed for ranking purposes only, with the exception of ISU Rule #262. Responsibility for decisions about re-skates outside of ISU Rule #262 rests with the head coach in consultation with the Referee. The re-skate time is the official time for the skater for ranking purposes, other than for re-skates allowed under ISU Rule #262.

Time Standards

It is the goal of the PEI Long Track Team to field a team that will be competitive against other skaters from the Atlantic Region. To this end, time standards are suggested, but not required. The suggested time standard goals will be taken as 120% of the gold medal times from the 500m and 1500m at the 2011 CWG long track speed skating events.

500m		
CWG 2011		120%
Male	37.170	44.604
Female	43.010	51.612

1500m		
CWG 2011		120%
Male	1:59.03	2:38.06
Female	2:15.35	2:42.42

Appendix 1
Definition of the Sammelagt Point System

Skaters race against the clock and their times from each race are converted into a point system known as the Sammelagt Point System, which simply means total points. Each racer's point total is based on his or her performance time over a given distance. The points for the 500m race are determined by a skater's time in seconds. For example, if a skater covers the distance in 37.65 seconds, he or she has 37.650 points. In order for each distance to contribute equally to the total, the skater's time for longer races is converted into seconds then divided by the number of 500m in the event. The final results are determined by adding each skater's points for the four distances raced. The overall winner is the skater with the fewest points (Speed Skating Canada, 2018).²

In the case where 2, 500m races occur, the fastest time will be used for sammelagt points.

² Retrieved from <https://www.speedskating.ca/about/speed-skating-the-sport/spectator-guide-long-track>