



Canada Winter Games

2019

Saskatchewan Technical Package

2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES TECHNICAL PACKAGE

1. SPORT: SPEED SKATING (SHORT TRACK AND LONG TRACK)

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1 Competitors: Short track: 5 male, 5 female
 Long track: 4 male, 4 female

2.2 Staff: 1 short track coach and 1 short track manager;
 1 long track coach and 1 long track manager

Each discipline must have one male and one female as coach or manager.

Two skate technicians will be added to the list of Major Technical officials that will be accessible to all teams at both the short track and long track venues. Teams will be able to use their own technicians. However, no accreditation for additional staff will be granted to the Field of Play.

3. CLASSIFICATION/AGE ELIGIBILITY

SHORT TRACK:

Competitors who have reached the age of 14 by June 30th, 2019 but have not reached the age of 19 on June 30th, 2019.

Year of Birth: July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2005 inclusive.

LONG TRACK:

Competitors who have reached the age of 14 by June 30th, 2019 but have not reached the age of 20 as of June 30th, 2019.

Year of Birth: July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2005 inclusive.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Coaches:

Coaches on the official registration form must be fully certified (theory, technical and practical) under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Level 3 in Speed Skating or the equivalent level in the new NCCP, Competition stream, Development context, (Certified status). These coaches must be so certified not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (November 15, 2018).

4.2 Team 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.

4.3 Competitors:

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- Athletes that have held a senior card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time.
- Athletes that have been National Senior Team members (as defined by Speed Skating Canada and approved by the Canada Games Council) at any time.
- Athletes that have competed in speed skating for any nation at any Olympics Games, Senior World Championship or World Cup Competition.

If a skater competed in one of the above competitions in one discipline e.g. Short Track, they would remain eligible to compete in the Canada Winter Games in Long Track.

No athlete can be rendered within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to a change in carding status or national team status (no athlete will be excluded if they attain National Senior Team members status for the first time, skate in a World Cup or World Championships for the first time, or they are granted carding status after November 15, 2018).

5. TEAM SELECTION

Short Track:

Two Trials will be organized to determine Team Saskatchewan-Short Track.

1. Trials #1 – Warman, Oct. 27-28, 2018
2. Trials #2 – Caronport, Nov. 10-11, 2018

The top five skaters with the highest point totals from the two trials combined will comprise the short track team.

Long Track:

Two Trials will be organized to determine Team Saskatchewan-Long Track.

1. Trials #1 – Can Am International: Calgary, Nov. 23-25, 2018
2. Trials #2 – Saskatchewan Long Track Championships: Saskatoon, Jan. 5-6, 2018

The top four skaters with the lowest samelag points total from the two trials combined will comprise the long track team

6. TRIALS COMPETITION FORMAT

Short Track:

Men and women: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m Points Race (all compete).

Long Track:

Women: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, and 3000m

Men: 500m, 1500m, 3000m, and 5000m

7. SPORT SCORING

Those competitors who complete an event will be ranked ahead of those who start but do not complete the event. The competitors that start but do not complete the event will receive last place points unless there is a penalty. The competitors who do not complete a race will be ranked ahead of a penalized skater in the race.

In the case where a skater that starts an event but does not complete an event due to injury, that skater will receive a rank based upon the placement in the following round. For example, if the skater is taken out in the semi-final and cannot race the final, they would be placed in the Final B and receive last place ranking for that final.

A penalty in any race will place the skater in last place position. In the case of a penalty in a final, no point will be given to the skater if the Referee judges that there is unsportsmanlike-like conduct or a major infraction. In short track, for all other penalties in finals, the skater (s) will receive the points of the last place for the final skated. In long track, a disqualified skater will receive last place points.

Athletes who register but do not compete will not be ranked. If an athlete does not start the first round of an event the athlete does not receive any points.

In the case of the 3000m points race, a skater who does not compete will be ranked last and receive the last place points in their race, below any skater who may be penalized.

Short Track Points System			
Position	Points	Position	Points
1	1000	9	196
2	816	10	160
3	666	11	130
4	544	12	106
5	444	13	86
6	362	14	70
7	296	15	58
8	242	16	46

7.1 Long Track Points System

The Official Sammalagt Points System is the breakdown of a particular distance into its 500m Split time. The 500m splits can then be designated as individual points for that particular event.

The Official Sammalagt Points System will then be added together to achieve a final standing. The combined Sammalagt will be calculated in the following manner. The time skated for each distance is first reduced to the equivalent of a 500m time and points (calculated to three decimal places) are awarded accordingly.

An example is provided below:

500m time: 42.00 Points awarded are: 42.000

1500m time: 2:12.50
Converted to seconds = 132.50
Divided by 3 (to make into 500m time) equals
44.167, therefore points awarded are: 44.167

3000m time: 4:38.74
Converted to seconds = 278.74
Divided by 6 (to make into 500m time) equals
46.457, therefore points awarded are: 46.457

5000m time: 8:16.92
Converted to seconds = 496.92
Divided by 10 (to make into 500m time) equals
49.692, therefore points awarded are: 49.692

Therefore, combined points will be **182.316**

8. CHOICE OF COMPETITION – Long Track versus Short Track

SASSA Policy B6-200 (4):

Before Canada Winter Games Trials commence the competitors must declare which discipline they would select if they qualify for both long and short track teams. In the event that a skater qualifies for the discipline other than the one they declared, they will still be eligible for the team.

9. PETITION PROCESS

A skater's coach or club president can make a written documented petition to have a skater considered for selection to the Saskatchewan Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Team in the event of extenuating circumstances which prevented the skater from completing the Trials in question (short or long track) in their entirety.

Written petitions must be submitted to the SASSA High Performance Committee and the SASSA President. They will make up the Petition Committee. Their decision will be final and binding.

The SASSA High Performance Committee and the President Short Track Team selection and Long Track Team Selection no later than midnight December 31, 2018

The SASSA High Performance Committee will make the final decision on team selection for the Canada Winter Games.

10. TEAM SELECTION – MEDICAL REPLACEMENT POLICY

- A. In the case of an injury to a skater while trying out for the final selection to the Canada Games Team, the decision to select the skater to the team is left up to the discretion of the High Performance Committee and Canada Winter Games Staff, after consultation with the family physician.
- B. In the case where a skater is on a Canada Games Team and is injured prior to the Games, the decision to maintain the skater on the team is left up to the discretion of the High Performance Committee and Canada Winter Games Staff, after consultation the family physician.

- C. In the case where a skater on the Canada Winter Games Team is injured and is unable to compete in the Games, the High Performance Committee and Canada Winter Games Staff will select an alternate skater.

11. SPECIAL EXEMPTION TO TRIALS (ST or LT)

If a high- level development meet conflicts with either the ST or the LT trials, a skater may apply in writing for an exemption from competing in the CWG trials to attend that higher level development meet. The exemption may be granted if the skater's times are deemed exceedingly superior to the field of potential Saskatchewan CWG competitors and if the alternative meet is deemed by the HP committee to be a better competition to prepare that skater for the Games. If an exemption is granted, the skater will be seeded first in their chosen discipline.

Granting of special exemptions is the sole responsibility of SASSA's HP committee. CWG trial dates have been set to avoid conflict with other competitive opportunities for elite Saskatchewan skaters, therefore it is unlikely this exemption to compete in the trials will be granted.