



## GenBC Bulletin February 2021

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## Introduction

The British Columbia Speed Skating Association (BCSSA) is expanding upon the Provincial Performance Program during the 2020-2021 season via the **GenBC program**. The goals of this program are to improve the performance of Team BCSSA at national competitions, and to support BCSSA skaters to progress towards Speed Skating Canada national programs (NextGen, Development Team, National Team). The GenBC program provides virtual and in-person opportunities for BCSSA skaters to train and learn together under the direction of the BCSSA Provincial Coaches. These training opportunities are supplemental to the training skaters are doing under the direction of their club coach(es).

GenBC includes Stage 1, Stage 1.5 and Stage 2 skaters on the [Elite Athlete Pathway](#), who are T2T and junior-aged.

- Stage 2: junior-aged Stage 2 skaters are expected to be ranking in the top half of the junior system, and are named to the Canada Winter Games short list during the season of the Games.
- Stage 1.5: skaters are expected to be participating in national junior ranking competitions and/or performing at the T2T youth national championships.
- Stage 1: skaters are expected to be qualifying to the T2T youth national championships.

BCSSA will continue to nominate skaters to the Canadian Sport Institute (CSI). CSI nomination is separate from the GenBC program. Skaters may participate in both programs concurrently. Details regarding CSI nomination can be found on the [CSI website](#).

## 2020-2021 GenBC Program

### Qualification

Skaters who achieved at least ONE of the following qualification standards will be invited to GenBC for the 2020-2021 season:

1. T2T top 2 at the 2020 BC LT Championship
2. T2T top 3 at the 2020 BC ST Championship -- due to the unexpected cancellation of the 2020 BC ST Championship, this qualification standard is being replaced with the following:
  - a. T2T top 3 2019-2020 Cup Point earners (sum of 4 Cup Point events) **OR**
  - b. T2T top 3 2019-2020 Alternate Cup Point earners (best 2 of 4 Cup Point events)
3. ISU Junior (<19 years old) skater achieving at least 2 LT Canada Cup 2019-2020 time standards
4. ISU Junior (<19 years old) skater with 2019-2020 WEC open (overall) rank top 50%.

Congratulations to the following skaters who are eligible for participation in the 2020-2021 GenBC program! Skaters will receive an email with further details regarding the program.

GenBC 2020-2021 Eligible Skater	2019-2020 Age Category	Qualification Method
Talia Halperin	F11	1, 2b
Sarah Hanson	F11	1
Prabhnoor Grewal	F11	2a
Nora Wagner	F11	2a
Manuela Escobar Ballen	F11	2a
Calla Haaheim	F12	1
Ally Hoffman	F12	1
Ann Watney	F12	2a
Eunice Ding	F12	2a
Gabrielle Oetomo	F12	2a
Elizabeth Carpenter	F12	2b
Rebecca Thomas	F13	1, 2a
Cheyenne Key	F13	1
Caroline Dong	F13	2a, 4
Elizabeth Smith	F13	2a
Sidney Bennie	F14	1, 3
Charlotte Sernoski	F14	1, 2a
Katherine Wagner	F14	2a

Leah Lauren	F14	2a
Emily Coons	Junior F	4
Ainsley Spencer	Junior F	4
Brooke Braun	Junior F	3, 4
Amanda Mitchell	Junior F	3
Madison Seely	Junior F	3
Benjamin Konwicki	M12	1, 2a
Mattias Daniels	M12	1
Roanan Tien-Vidal	M12	2a
Zakary Sharp	M12	2a
Matthew Mitchell	M13	1
Arthur Barnsdale	M13	1
Barnett Liu	M13	2a, 4
Alex Duan	M13	2a
Daniel Liu	M13	2a
Nicolas Escobar Ballen	M13	2b
Jack Hanson	M14	1, 2b
Noah Rubuliak	M14	1
Wilfred Chan	M14	2a
Simon Mikulash	M14	2a
Michael Oetomo	M14	2a
Nate Benn	M15	1, 3, 4
Erik Haaheim	M15	1, 2b, 3, 4
Ryan Bolton	M15	2a, 4
Cameron Thomas	M15	2a, 3
Kieran Brown	M15	2a
Asher Barnsdale	M15	2b
Samuel Green	Junior M	4
Craig Miller	Junior M	3, 4
Lukas MacDonald	Junior M	4
Noah Hyun	Junior M	4
Eric Orłowsky	Junior M	3
Josh Telizyn	Junior M	3
Kieran Hanson	Junior M	3
Nicholas Guliov	Junior M	3

## Benefits

Pending availability of funds, the following may be available to GenBC skaters during the 2020-2021 season:

- Recognition on website and social media
- 50% off registration fee for BCSSA camps
- Entry fee covered to Youth National Championships (Canadian Youth LT Championship and Canadian Youth ST Championship- West) and Junior National Championships (Canadian Junior LT Championship and Canadian Junior ST Championship)
- Level 1 Officials Clinic fee waived
- GenBC clothing
- Season planning consult with Provincial Coaches
- Access to GenBC webinars.

NOTE: the following are not covered -- club fees, BCSSA/SSC registration fees, travel, accommodation

## Requirements

- Must attend virtual consult with Provincial Coaches; club coach would preferably also attend the virtual session
- Must attend mandatory events (camps, competitions) as agreed upon during season planning consult
- Must submit monthly report to Provincial Coaches (training/competition log summary and/or follow-up from GenBC webinars)
- Must wear GenBC clothing when at GenBC-funded events
- Must be registered as Competitive or Elite members of BCSSA (Canadian citizens or Permanent Resident)
- Must be eligible to compete for Team BCSSA at national competitions.

## 2021-2022 GenBC Program

Given the uncertainty around the 2020-2021 season due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the selection criteria for the 2021-2022 GenBC program has been updated. Further updates may be issued at the discretion of the BCSSA Technical Director.

Skaters will be nominated for the 2021-2022 GenBC program by their primary coach. The coach will be responsible for submitting the required information via standardized online form by April 1, 2021. The form is available here: [online nomination form](#).

The nomination form requires skater times to be submitted. Please note that unsanctioned times being submitted should be taken by a certified coach or official. The following definitions apply to unsanctioned times:

- Flyer= individual time trial with a rolling start; wind-up can be between ½ lap to 1 lap.
- ITT= individual time trial from a standing start; ST ITT events may be run pursuit-style with one skater on each side of the ice; LT ITT events may be run Olympic Style.

Applications will be evaluated by the BCSSA Technical Director, Athlete Development Committee and Provincial Coaches in April of 2021. Results of the evaluation, invitations to join GenBC (for those qualified), and programming details (benefits and requirements) will be released in May 2021.