



Format Bulletin:

Provincial Championships

August 2021



Introduction

The Provincial Championships are intended to provide head-to-head competitive opportunities for provincial-level BC Speed Skating skaters who meet the age restrictions and time standards specified below. Provincial Champions will be awarded in the specified age categories. Train to Train (T2T) aged skaters will use the Provincial Championships as the qualification competition to Team BCSSA at the respective Canadian Youth Championships.

In this Reactivation season, the priorities for the Provincial Championships are as follows:

1. Health and safety of all participants and spectators (where permitted)
2. Expose skaters to quality racing
3. Allow skaters to be fairly ranked within their age category.

Skaters ineligible for the Provincial Championships are encouraged to search out competitive opportunities regionally, at FUNales (where available), and via the virtual Provincial Challenges.

General Procedures

- All participants (skaters, coaches, officials and volunteers) must be BC Speed Skating members in good standing. Event registration for all participants will be via IceReg.
- Coaches working the coaching box at Provincial Championships must meet the BC Speed Skating [Minimum Coaching Qualifications Policy](#).
- Skaters will compete in the Provincial Championships in the following six divisions, with results being separated to allow for ranking and awards within age categories. These divisions have been created to best meet the three priorities identified above. Note that 14- and 15-year old skaters must choose whether to skate in the U16 or Open divisions for each of the provincial championships, and could choose opposite divisions between the two championships. Skater age is calculated as of June 30, 2021.

Division	Age Categories
U13 F	F10 F11* F12*
U13 M	M10 M11 M12*
U16 F	F13* F14* F15
U16 M	M13* M14* M15*
Open F	Junior F (14-18) Senior F (19-29) Masters F (30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49 etc. in 5-year increments)
Open M	Junior M (14-18) Senior M (19-29) Masters M (30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49 etc. in 5-year increments)
* = age categories in which skaters will be contesting positions for Team BCSSA at the respective Canadian Youth Championships	

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- The racing rules of Speed Skating Canada, and where applicable, the International Skating Union (ISU), will be used. Exceptions to the rules are noted in this Bulletin.
 - Should a skater need to retire from competition due to illness or injury, the coach must complete and sign a written withdrawal sheet, signed by the Chief Referee. Notification must then be given to the Recorder. Points will be retained only if the process is properly completed.
 - A Sport Jury will be created for the duration of each event. The Sport Jury is composed of the Chief Referee, the Recorder, the Technical Director (or designate) and a representative of the Athlete Development Committee. Any deviations from the format published in this Bulletin must be approved by the Sport Jury.

BC Long Track Championship

January 29-30th, 2022 (Fort St John)

Qualification and Seeding

To be eligible to compete in the BC Long Track Championship, skaters must achieve the following time in a sanctioned competition prior to January 17, 2022:

U13 F	500m OS < 1:00.00 or 400m ST < 0:57.00
U13 M	500m OS < 0:57.00 or 400m ST < 0:54.00
U16 F	500m OS < 0:56.00 or 400m ST < 0:51.00
U16 M	500m OS < 0:53.00 or 400m ST < 0:48.00
Open F	500m OS < 1:05.00
Open M	500m OS < 1:00.00

The seeding format for each event (single distance vs. cumulative results) will be determined by the Sport Jury in order to create the safest racing. Where single distance seeding is used, seeding will be based upon the skater's personal best seed time from August 1st, 2018 onwards. If no seed time is available, skaters will be seeded last. If there are multiple skaters without a seed time, they will be seeded in the last positions by random lot.

Events Format

Division	Event	Format
U13	300m MS	Short track-style mass start qualification and final. See Youth Bulletin for details.
	500m OS	Contested twice; follow ISU regulations .
	7 lap MS	ISU-style mass start super final. See Youth Bulletin for details.
U16	500m OS	Contested twice; follow ISU regulations

	1500m OS	Follow ISU regulations .
	7 lap MS	ISU-style mass start super final. See Youth Bulletin for details.
Open F	500m OS	Allround format.
	1000m OS	
	1500m OS	
	3000m OS	
Open M	500m OS	Allround format.
	1000m OS	
	1500m OS	
	5000m OS	

Results

Overall ranking and awards will be determined in age categories. Final placings for 10- to 15-year old skaters will be calculated by summing the age category-specific ranking points that each skater has earned in the final for each event. Top points in each age category will be assigned to the highest-ranked age category skater in the highest-ranked division final, followed by the next ranked age category skater in the highest-ranked division final or the highest-ranked age category skater in the next-ranked division final.

Sammelagt points will be used for the age categories in the Open division. Allround awards will be awarded based on lowest Sammelagt points in each age category.

BC Short Track Championship

March 12-13th, 2022 (Richmond)

Qualification and Seeding

To be eligible to compete in the BC Long Short Championship, skaters must achieve the following times in a sanctioned competition prior to March 1, 2022:

U13 F	400m + 1500m < 4:20.00
U13 M	400m + 1500m < 4:10.00
U16 F	400m + 1500m < 4:15.00 (1500m skated on 100m track)
U16 M	400m + 1500m < 4:00.00 (1500m skated on 100m track)
Open F	500m < 1:05.00
Open M	500m < 1:00.00

As there is a gap in historical data due to pandemic-related cancellations, these qualifying times will be re-evaluated by December 31, 2021. If required, the times will be adjusted upwards (i.e. making the qualifying time easier to achieve). Times would not be adjusted downwards (i.e. making the qualifying time more difficult to achieve) at that time.

The seeding format for each event (single distance vs. cumulative results) will be determined by the Sport Jury in order to create the safest racing. Where single distance seeding is used, seeding will be based upon the skater's personal best seed time from August 1, 2018 onwards. If no seed time is available, skaters will be seeded last. If there are multiple skaters without a seed time, they will be seeded in the last positions by random lot.

Events Format

Division	Event	Format
U13	200m	Pursuit qualification with mass start final (4 on the line). See Youth Bulletin for details.

	400m	Traditional short track advancement with a minimum of three rounds of racing.
	1500m	0+ qualification round directly to final.
	2000m	Points race super final. See Youth Bulletin for details.
U16	400m	Traditional short track advancement with a minimum of three rounds of racing.
	1500m	0+ qualification round to semi-final, followed by traditional short track advancement from semi-final to final.
	3000m	Points race super final. See Youth Bulletin for details.
Open	500m	Traditional short track advancement with a minimum of three rounds of racing.
	1000m	0+ qualification round directly to final.
	1500m	0+ qualification round directly to final.

Note on “0+ format”: skaters are seeded into the qualification round based on their personal best seed time. The fastest x skaters (see [Red Book](#) C6-103 to determine number of skaters on the line) skate together in Heat A, the next fastest x skaters skate together in Heat B, etc. Skaters advance from the 0+ qualification round based on time.

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