



Team BCSSA Selection

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This bulletin addresses the mandate of the Athlete Development Committee (ADC) related to selection of Team BCSSA to represent the province at national competitions. This bulletin refers to how members of Team BCSSA, for each of the age class national championships, will be selected by ADC.

A separate bulletin addresses the Provincial Performance Program (PPP). A PPP athlete ***is not automatically selected*** and will have to meet criteria to be added to Team BCSSA for the championships. Conversely, selection to Team BCSSA ***does not automatically qualify*** this athlete as a PPP athlete.

Introduction

Athlete Development Committee (ADC) is responsible to set criteria in order to select skaters to represent BCSSA as “Team BCSSA” for the Canadian Age Class Long Track Championship and Canada West Short Track Championship. Team BCSSA is selected for these specific events, at specific times of the year.

Please note that skaters must submit their registration documents to the BCSSA office for all national competitions:

Competition	Location	Date
Canadian Age Class Long Track Championship	Edmonton	February 4-5
Canada West Short Track Championship	Saskatoon	March 18-29
Canadian Junior 1 & 2 Championships (ST)	1. Calgary 2. Trois-Rivières	1. December 16-18 2. March 17-19
Canadian Junior Championship (LT)	1. Calgary 2. Saskatoon	1. January 3-6 2. January 27-29
Canadian Senior Championships (ST)	Montreal	January 15-17
Fall World Cup Selections (ST)	Montreal	September 23-25
ST Selections #2	Calgary	March 9-12
National Qualifier (ST)	Saguenay	November 24-27
Canada Cups (LT)	Quebec City Calgary Saskatoon Calgary	December 9-11 January 3-6 January 27-29 March 16-19
Canadian Single Distance (LT)	Calgary	January 3-6

In the event that there is an online registration process, e.g. for competitions hosted in Calgary, skaters may register online. Registration details for each branch-entry competition will be released on the BCSSA website and on BCSSA social media channels.

Team BCSSA: Canadian Age Class Long Track (CACLT)

February 4-5, 2016 (Edmonton, AB)

Definition: The Canadian Age Class Long Track (CACLT) features two separate competition formats: a combined mass start/Olympic Style component for Train to Train (T2T) age skaters, and an Olympic Style component for “Open Skaters”: Learn to Compete (L2C) age skaters (and older, up to age 29) who have not met Canada Cup time standards (or those who have participated in Canada Cups but are competing at a level appropriate for CACLT). Please refer to the most recent [SSC Competition Bulletin](#) for details about this competition.

Allotted Spots for Team BCSSA: Team BCSSA’s quota is outlined below:

Category (Age)	Male	Female
11	n/a	5
12	5	5
13	5	5
14	5	5
15	5	n/a
Open	5	5

Team BCSSA Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a member in good standing of BCSSA and must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident (formerly known as Landed Immigrant)
- Must compete in the BC Long Track Championship
- **Must confirm to Athlete Development Committee (via online form) intent to participate in the CACLT by January 7th, 2017**
- Ranking will be based upon: 100% of age class points at the BCLT Championship.

Athlete Assistance: Skaters who qualify for Team BCSSA at the CACLT will receive assistance to participate at this event as follows:

- Direct access to Team BCSSA Personnel for the event (Coach and/or Team Leader and/or Manager)
- Entry fees for all qualified skaters
- BC pool suit (for competition), if available. Priority access to pool suits will be given to T2T skaters.

Team BCSSA: Canada West Short Track (CWST)

March 18-19, 2017 (Saskatoon, SK)

Definition: The CWST will feature the top T2T skaters from Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon. Please refer to the most recent Speed Skating Canada (SSC) Competition Bulletin for details about this competition.

Allotted Spots for Team BCSSA: Team BCSSA's guaranteed quota is outlined below. Additional spots may be granted if another branch does not fulfill their quota. Availability of additional spots is usually known approximately two weeks before the competition.

Category (Age)	Male	Female
11	n/a	3
12	3	3
13	3	3
14	3	3
15	3	n/a

Team BCSSA Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a member in good standing of BCSSA and must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident (formerly known as Landed Immigrant)
- Must compete in a minimum of three provincially sanctioned short track competitions throughout the season including the BCST, and one of either the two-day Edmonton Fall Classic or the Kamloops Speedtacular (In case of injuries, skaters must submit to the ADC a request for a competition exemption via bcssa.athletedev@gmail.com).
- **Must confirm to Athlete Development Committee (via online form) intent to participate in the CWST by February 25th, 2017**
- Ranking will be based upon: 100% of age class points at the BCST Championship.
Note: that T2T-aged skaters who choose to skate in the Performance group at the BCST Championship are not eligible to qualify for Team BCSSA for the CWST.

Athlete Assistance: Skaters who qualify for Team BCSSA at the CWST will receive assistance to participate at this event as follows:

- Direct access to Team BCSSA Personnel for the event (Coach and/or Team Leader and/or Manager)
- Entry fees for all qualified skaters
- BC pool suit (for competition), if available.

Team BCSSA: Other National Competitions

Definition: BCSSA will support Team BCSSA to national championships and ranking meets in addition to the age class national championships:

- Short Track Junior Stream (Canadian Open National Qualifier, Canadian Junior Short Track Championship, Canadian Open Junior Selection #2)
- Short Track Senior Stream (Fall World Cup Selections, Canadian Open National Qualifier, Canadian Senior Championship, Canadian Senior Selection #2)
- Canadian Junior Long Track Championship
- Fall World Cup Selections (LT), Canadian Single Distance (LT), Canada Cups (LT).

Note that TEAM BC, selected every four years to represent the province at the Canada Winter Games, is a separate program and will be covered in a unique bulletin for each Games.

Team BCSSA Eligibility Requirements: Selection to the above national championships and ranking meets is not made by BCSSA ADC; rather, will be based upon the criteria described in the SSC HPST and SSC HPLT Bulletins. Skaters will be required to confirm with BCSSA their intent to participate for all competitions requiring branch registration.

Allotted Spots for Team BCSSA: varies by competition, see the [SSC High Performance ST](#) and [SSC High Performance LT](#) Bulletins for details.

Athlete Assistance: Skaters will receive assistance from BCSSA aimed at activities directly related to Team BCSSA and may include any or all of the following:

- Branch registration (where applicable)
- Direct access to Team BCSSA Personnel for the event (Coach and/or Team Leader and/or Manager) when applicable
- Entry fees covered or reimbursed (see [2016-2017 ADC Bulletin #1.0](#) for details)
- BC pool suits (for competition), if available. Note that arrangements to pick-up/return the suit (including cost) is the responsibility of the skater.

Registration information posted on the BCSSA website will include details on which of the above benefits are available for the specific competition.