



NUNAVUT SPEED SKATING ASSOCIATION (NSSA) 2023 Canada Winter Games – Team Nunavut (Speed Skating) Selection Criteria

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PURPOSE

1. The objective of the NSSA 2023 Canada Winter Games -Team Nunavut (Speed Skating) Selection Criteria (the "Selection Policy") is to establish procedures, guidelines, criteria, standards and timelines governing the selection of Team Nunavut (Speed Skating) athletes to compete at the 2023 Canada Winter Games (the "Team").
2. All rule and procedures as set in the Canada Winter Games policies and Technical Package for speed skating apply to this Selection Policy.

COMMUNICATION

3. This Policy will be available to all eligible athletes via the Nunavut Speed Skating Association website.
4. Any amendments to this Policy will be available to all eligible athletes via the Nunavut Speed Skating Association website.

AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

5. The Board of Directors of NSSA has delegated the authority for all decision-making under this Policy to the Nunavut Speed Skating Association Canada Winter Games Selection Committee.
6. The Nunavut Speed Skating Association Canada Winter Games Selection Committee will be comprised of the Team Nunavut designated coaches.

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7. The selection criteria are designed to select athletes who will create the best possible competitive and cohesive team.

FIELD OF APPLICATION

8. This Selection Policy applies to all athletes of the Nunavut Speed Skating Association.

TEAM SIZE AND COMPOSITION

9. The final team size shall be a maximum of:
 - 5 males; 5 females.
 - 1 Short Track coach and 1 Short Track manager.

AGE CLASSIFICATION:

10. Competitors who have reached the age of 14 on June 30th, 2022 but have not reached the age of 19 as of June 30th, 2022.

Year of birth: July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2008 inclusive.



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Age exemptions for exceptional athletes may be granted through the 2023 Canada Winter Games Minimum Age Exemption Criteria

ELIGIBILITY

11. To be considered for selection to the Team, athletes must:
 - a. Meet the age classification criteria as set out above.
 - b. Meet eligibility criteria set out in the 2023 Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Technical Package.
 - c. Meet additional eligibility and selection criteria developed by the Nunavut Speed Skating Association Canada Winter Games Committee as outlined in "Selection Criteria".
 - d. Those eligible must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated as per CPHO guidelines at the time of Territorial Selections;
 - e. Skaters must be skating within 125% of the 2019 CWG record in three distances by December 15 2022. Times must have been achieved during competition or time trials based on the average of 3 watches.

RESIDENCY

1. A skater being outside of his or her territory of permanent residence (Nunavut) during the year of the Canada Winter Games shall be permitted to compete for either their territory of permanent residence or the province or territory in which the skater is residing temporarily.
 - a. If the skater wishes to compete for Nunavut, the skater must provide evidence of their skating program, including scheduled ice times and other programs, as well as communicating with the NSSA coaching team ahead of the Selection Trials to express their intent.
 - b.. A request for exemption must be provided a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of any Selection Trials if applicable to the coaching team with final approval by the NSSA Board.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRIES:

2. Two (2) weeks before the Selection Trials, coaches will submit the names of their eligible skaters to the designated Meet Coordinator/Chief Recorder
3. One (1) week before the Selection Trials, each coach will submit to the designated Meet Coordinator/Chief Recorder, a 500m seed time for each skater. The time submitted must be the most recent time.
4. The Meet Coordinator/Chief Recorder will provide each coach with a draft copy of skater seeding no later than the day before the first race to review for errors or omissions.

SELECTION CRITERIA

5. The Selection Committee will name skaters for the Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Team by December 15, 2022.
6. Times must have been achieved during competition or time trials based on the average of 3 watches.
7. Members and configurations of the relay teams will be the decision of the Coach.
8. Skaters will be ranked for selection to the Team on the basis of the lowest sum of best times skated by the skater in the first three Canada Winter Games distances. Those ranked 1 to 5 will be offered positions.
9. Specific Criteria
 - a. Skaters are required to attain the target performances (see Target Performance Schedule) in all distances prior to December 15th, 2022.
 - i. If a skater is close to the times (within .5 sec) it will be to the coaches discretion if the skater will be considered eligible for selection.
 - b. Skaters must achieve 100% attendance at off-ice and on-ice training sessions scheduled by or approved by the



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coach, from May, 2022 to the beginning of the games. If 100% attendance at on-ice and off-ice training sessions is not achieved without a plausible explanation, skaters will be removed from the team.

TARGET PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

(As per CWG 2019 Nunavut Records)

FEMALE			MALE		
Distance	Record	125%	Record	125%	
500m	44.83	56.037	42.77	53.47	
1000m	1:33.80	1:57.268	1:28.45	1:50.56	
1500m	2:27.69	3:04.613	2:17.183	2:54.222	

10. Skaters who have shown commitment to the training program through attendance at dry land/ice sessions, and completion of training logs, and who have met the required time standards will then be ranked for selection to Team Nunavut.

EXCEPTIONS DUE TO SERIOUS INJURY OR ILLNESS

11. The Coach can rule that any athlete unable to train or compete for any length of time, due to injury/illness, during the period from selection to leaving for the Games, can be replaced by the alternate. The Coach will determine to replace a team member with the alternate only if:
 - a. In the opinion of a doctor the athlete will not be able to fully recover from the injury/illness by the time the team leaves for the Games, or that the athlete has little chance of recovering in time to perform at or near their best at the 2023 PEI Winter Games.
 - b. For return from such injury a qualified doctor's approval must be provided.

ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN SELECTED AND REMOVAL

22. Following the selections, all skaters selected to the team, plus alternates, must attend all designated team activities and training unless they have a general or coach exemption or are training outside the Territory.
23. Once selected and in order to remain selected, Team Nunavut (Speed Skating) athletes are expected to:
 - a. Sign and abide by the NSSA Canada Winter Games Team Member agreement which also includes the NSSA Code of Conduct.
 - b. All Canada Winter Games dryland training camps.
 - c. Attend at least one (1) on-ice Canada Winter Games training camp and a minimum of one (1) meet from November 2022 – February 2023.
 - d. Obey all rules established by the NSSA.
 - e. Participate in 100% off-ice and on-ice training sessions scheduled by or approved by the coach, from NSSA Team selections to the beginning of the games. If 100% attendance at on-ice and off-ice training sessions is not achieved without a plausible explanation, skaters may be removed from the team.
24. Once selected to a team, an athlete may withdraw or be removed for the following reasons:
 - a. Voluntary withdrawal/retirement.
 - b. Failure to satisfy the minimum training standards set out by the Head Coach.
 - c. Failure to adhere to team rules and NSSA's Code of Conduct and policies.
 - d. Failure to remain competitive ready leading up to the event. Athletes who do not remain competitive ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the team. It is the obligation of the athlete to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete and their highest level.



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e. Fraudulent misrepresentation.

- 24 Where an athlete is unable to meet training standards and competitive readiness, or violates team rules, breaches the Athlete Agreement or the Code of Conduct, the Selection Committee will have the discretion to remove the athlete from the team, provided the athlete is given an opportunity to be heard, and to replace the athlete with another suitable candidate.

FUNDING

- 25 Any money required to be contributed by the athlete must be paid to the NSSA as requested. Failure to pay such monies may result in the athlete being removed from the team.
- 26 There may be additional fees, over and above usual fees, required payable to NSSA upon acceptance of a position on Team Nunavut (Speed Skating).

APPEALS

- 27 Any appeals with team selection will be handled under the NSSA Appeals Policy 100.01 with consultation with the Selection Committee and the Coach.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF POLICY

- 28 The NSSA Board of Directors shall review this Selection Policy every four years ahead of Canada Winter Games.
- 29 This Selection Policy was approved by the NSSA Board of Directors on December 8, 2022.

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