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1. INFORMATION

1.1 Purpose

The strategic purpose of the Speed Skating Canada (“SSC”) High Performance Bulletin for long track Team Nomination (the “HP Bulletin”) is to establish provisions that are designed, ultimately, to assign athletes to Teams who will achieve consistent international medal performances and perform at the highest level internationally on behalf of Canada at the World Single Distance Championships, the 2022 Olympic Winter Games - and beyond.

1.2 Objective

The objective of this HP Bulletin is to nominate (“Nominate” and the “Nomination”) medal potential athletes to World Cup and World Championships Team for Olympic Individual Distances and Team Events, subject to selection limitations arising from health and safety concerns and limited opportunities to run selection events as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic. For greater certainty, in this HP Bulletin, “Individual Distances” shall mean “500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m (Ladies), 5000m, 10000m (Men) and Mass Start” and “Team Events” shall mean Team Pursuit and Team Sprint.

1.3 Definitions

Terms not otherwise defined within this HP Bulletin shall have the meanings set forth below:

Team:	Consists of Athletes who have been Nominated and who have accepted their Nomination to a World Cup, World Championship, or Olympic Games Event.
Event:	Any ISU World Cup, ISU Neo-Senior World Cup or ISU World Championships (Senior or Junior) will be identified.
Selection Event:	The Event where the bases for athlete Nomination to one or more Teams will occur.
HPAC-LT:	HPAC-LT consists of up to three volunteer members of the High Performance Advisory Council – Long Track and the Chair (a staff member of SSC appointed at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the SSC Chief Executive Officer (the “CEO”).

1.4 Nomination Decision

The final Team Nomination shall be made at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair. When applicable, the Chair shall consult relevant individuals to provide technical recommendations pursuant to this HP Bulletin.

1.5 Authority

All decision-making authority and all accountability reside with the Chair.

1.6 Conflict of Interest

In the exercise of the authority, if any, granted above, any and all members of the HPAC-LT, as described above have the obligation to apply SSC's Conflict of Interest Policy in the exercise of their duties and as found at the following location:

<http://www.speedskating.ca/sites/speedskating.ca/files/int400-conflictofinterestpolicy.pdf>

In the case where any member of the HPAC-LT is deemed to have or declares a conflict of interest in relation to a specific decision, or when a member of the HPAC-LT has advised that such member will be unable to complete her or his duties under this HP Bulletin, a member of the Short Track High Performance Advisory Council (the "**HPAC-ST**"), selected by the remaining members of the Nomination Committee, will attend all meetings related to such decision in his or her place. If such member of the HPAC-ST is unable to attend or if there are two or more members of the HPAC-LT in a conflict of interest, such members will be replaced by an additional member(s) of the HPAC-ST.

1.7 Quorum

A quorum for any meeting of the HPAC-LT will consist of a majority of the HPAC-LT members serving on the HPAC-LT at the time of such meeting or decision. Any members found to be in a conflict of interest according to Section 1.5 above cannot be counted for quorum or for advising purposes on the topic(s) in which the member is in a conflict of interest.

Should quorum not be present when advising on a particular topic, either due to a declared conflict of interest or to the absence of one or more committee members, then a member of the HPAC-ST will advise in his or her place. If such member of the HPAC-ST is unable to attend such meetings or if there are two or more members of the HPAC-LT in a conflict of interest or absent, such members may be replaced by the additional members of the HPAC-ST. Voting shall be conducted as necessary in order to advise on the final recommendation of the committee.

1.8 Announcements

SSC will issue HP Bulletins throughout the season informing athletes, coaches, and other relevant SSC Committees and SSC Branches ("**PTSOs**") of updates and/or changes with respect, but not limited, to selection criteria and/or competitions. All HP Bulletins will be posted on the SSC Website.

As indicated herein, any amendments as per Section 1.8 of this HP Bulletin will be communicated through the release of updated Bulletins and/or Addendums specifying the changes.

1.9 Amendments and Unexpected Circumstances

1.9.1 Changes to this Document

The Chair reserves the right to make changes to this HP Bulletin which, in the Chair's sole, full and absolute discretion, are necessary to ensure Nomination of the best Teams possible for the World Cups, World Speed Skating Championships and the Olympic Games. Any changes to this document shall be communicated to the HPAC-LT and all high performance program athletes potentially eligible for a Team Nomination by sending an electronic communication to relevant athletes and their coaches, and also posting of the changes to the SSC website.

All athletes and coaches are reminded that it is their obligation to understand this HP Bulletin and to make themselves aware of any subsequent changes. Athletes are encouraged to check with

their coach(es), athlete representatives, the Chair or the SSC HP program staff to confirm if there are any changes to this HP Bulletin.

This clause shall not be used to justify changes to the HP Bulletin after a Selection Event which formed part of the Chair's Nomination process unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. The purpose of this clause is to allow for changes to this document, or International Skating Union (the "ISU") communications, that may become necessary due to a typographical error, a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be identified to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than who to allow changes to be made to justify the Nomination of different athletes than would have otherwise been Nominated. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

1.9.2 Unforeseen Circumstances

Speed Skating Canada's HP Bulletin is intended to apply as drafted assuming specifically that no athlete(s) shall be prevented from competing due to an unforeseen or unanticipated circumstance. However, situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Speed Skating Canada's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied. In such a circumstance, should the Chair determine that unexpected or unusual circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these HP Bulletin 197 procedures, the Chair shall have discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant, while taking the objective stated in Section 1.2 above into account.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Speed Skating Canada that prevent the Chair from implementing Speed Skating Canada's internal nomination procedures fairly, as written, the Chief Executive Officer of Speed Skating Canada ("**CEO**") (or in the absence of a CEO, the interim CEO or such person the Board of Directors shall appoint), shall have the sole, full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as he or she sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that he or she deems relevant. Where possible, the CEO will consult with the Long Track management team, coaches and / or HPAC-LT to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the CEO shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

1.10 International Skating Union Regulations

The International Skating Union (the "ISU") regulations specific to the discipline of Speed Skating (long track) can be found at: [SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING](#) as accepted by an online vote June 2021 which will determine the allocation process for quota positions available for each Event, Individual Distance and/or Team Event to each Member Federation.

2. GUIDELINES

2.1 International Skating Union Qualification

The applicable ISU Qualifying Times and conditions for approval of achieved Qualifying Times will be announced in [ISU Communications](#). For convenience, ISU Qualifying Times are also included in Appendix A of this HP Bulletin.

2.2 Athlete Eligibility

All athletes must meet the relevant ISU eligibility requirements in order to be considered for Nomination to an Event. In order to be eligible for Nomination to the Team, the athletes must also meet all of the following eligibility conditions:

- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Hold a valid Canadian passport that is valid for at least six months following the Selection Event;
- Meet the ISU citizenship and nationality criteria in order to be eligible;
- Hold a duly valid membership according to Speed Skating Canada's 2021-2022 Athlete Agreement and be a member in good standing;
- Have signed the SSC Declaration to Compete Agreement (Appendix B) no later than two weeks prior to the Selection Event in the case of pre-selected athletes, and no later than immediately following the Selection Event for all other athletes;
- Sign and submit the ISU Declaration Form no later than two weeks prior to the ISU Event.

2.3 Removal of Athletes

The Chair reserves the right to remove an athlete from competing at an Event if medical advice is such that competing in the Event would be potentially injurious to the Nominated athlete or if the athlete has not recovered sufficiently from an existing injury or illness.

2.4 Appeals

Following the announcement of the Team for an Event or Events, an athlete has 7 calendar days within which to appeal the decision in accordance with the Speed Skating Canada Appeals Policy.

3. PROCESS

The Chair will Nominate athletes for each specific Event in accordance with the following general procedures. Athletes will be nominated, in order of priority, to a Team by one of three methods:

- Pre-selection
- Performance/results at designated Selection Event(s) as detailed in this Bulletin. Nomination is subject to any Bye request application being granted (See Appendix C)
- Additional athletes may be added for Nomination to the Team at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair considering performance potential in the Team Pursuit and Mass Start.

3.1 Pre-Selection

Pre-selection decisions will be based on specific and objective results obtained by the athlete during the past or present skating season, in Individual Distances, and are not subject to any decisions made with regard to Bye request application. A pre-selection may or may not be available for all Events or Individual Distances. The pre-selection for each Event is detailed in the relevant Event section within this HP Bulletin. The following pre-selection criteria incorporates by reference Section 8.1.1.1 of the [2022 Long Track Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures](#). In the event of a conflict between the following provisions and Section 8.1.1.1 of the 2022 Long Track Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures, the provisions of the 2022 Long Track Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures will prevail.

- Pre-selection shall be determined before any such Selection Event, and therefore all athletes participating in the competition will be notified of the number of positions available for selection through performance results. Except in the case of Mass start, a minimum of one quota spot per Individual Distance will be reserved to be filled based on the results at the 2021 Canadian Long Track (CLT) Championships.
- Subject to the requirement described above that a minimum of one 2021 Fall World Cup quota spot per Individual Distance (other than Mass Start) must be reserved to be filled based on results at the 2021 CLT Championships, athletes who placed in the top 5 in an Individual Distance at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships will be pre-selected to the 2021 Fall World Cups in such Individual Distance on the basis of their finish position in such Individual Distance at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships. Should there be remaining quota positions after filling the pre-selections from the 2020 World Single Distance Championships and subject to the requirement described above that a minimum of one 2021 Fall World Cup spot per Individual Distance must be reserved to be filled based on results at the 2021 CLT Championships, athletes who placed in the top 5 in an Individual Distance at the 2021 World Speed Skating Championships will be eligible to be pre-selected to the 2021 Fall World Cups on the basis of their finish position in an Individual Distance at the 2021 World Speed Skating Championships.
- For the avoidance of doubt and by way of example only, if Canada earns three quota spots to the 2021 Fall World Cups in a particular Individual Distance, then only two positions may be pre-selected based on the following priorities: first, the results at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships and second, the results at the 2021 World Speed Skating Championships. The remaining quota spot will be selected at the 2021 CLT Championships, except in the case of Mass Start.

- In the case of Mass Start, up to the maximum of two quota entries may be pre-selected should both athletes finish in the top 5 in Mass Start at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships. If there is remaining quota, athletes who finish in the top 5 in Mass Start at the 2021 World Speed Skating Championships may be pre-selected.

Athletes who are pre-selected in a specific Individual Distance will be included in the maximum Team Nomination quota for each specified Event. Additional athletes may also be pre-selected at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair.

Pre-selection is normally restricted to a maximum number of athletes as detailed within each Event section of this HP Bulletin. However, the Chair has the sole, full and absolute discretion to pre-select additional athletes to an Event if the performance(s) of an athlete, in the opinion of the Chair, is/are clearly superior to others in contention for selection and that these performances warrant such pre-selection.

3.2 Performance Results at Selection Events

Selection on the basis of performance results at designated Selection Event(s) is subject to any decisions made with regard to Bye request applications (see Appendix C).

Designated Selection Events will be named for the 2021-2022 World Cups (including Junior/Neo-Senior World Cup), 2022 Four Continents, 2022 World Junior Championship, and 2022 Olympic Games Teams.

In case of a tie in an Individual Distance at the designated Selection Event, times will be used to the thousandth of seconds. If a tie still exists, head-to-head comparisons of the athletes will be made by the Chair in the following order:

- results at the most recent international Event in which both athletes raced that same Individual Distance (on the same day and in the same start group (Group A or Group B)) and;
- if no such results exist as indicated above, results at the 2020 WSD Skate-off will be used, where both athletes raced that same Individual Distance (on the same day) and;
- if no such results exist in both instances above, results from an ISU sanctioned event in the 2019-2020 season, where both athletes raced that same Individual Distance (on the same day); or
- Except in the case of Mass Start, if no such results exist in all three instances above, an unsanctioned skate-off between the two athletes will be organized within seven (7) days. In the case of Mass Start, if no such results exist in the three instances above, the decision will be made by the Chair.

3.3 Mass Start and Team Pursuit

3.3.1 Team Pursuit

Athletes will be named by the Chair to the Team Pursuit Pools (Women and Men) at the time athletes are Nominated to the 2021 World Cups. The athletes Nominated to the Team Pursuit Pools will be selected based on the following priorities (listed in order of importance):

1. Athletes who have qualified for an Individual Distance at the World Cups in which a Team Pursuit will be contested.

2. At the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair, additional athletes may be added to the Team Pursuit Pool in order to field a competitive Team Pursuit Team.
3. The Chair may, in his or her sole, full and absolute discretion, grant an athlete a Bye onto the Team Pursuit Pool.

The Team Pursuit Team selected for each Event will be determined by the Team Pursuit coach and/or the HP program staff and coaches at each Event as per, but not limited to the composition identified in Appendix D.

Refer to the [2022 Long Track Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures](#) for Team Pursuit Nomination for the Olympic Games.

3.3.2 Mass Start

Subject to Byes, the Chair may, in his or her sole, full and absolute discretion, Nominate athlete(s) to the Team for Mass Start (up to quota) based on the recommendation by the coaches. In Nominating an athlete for the Team for Mass Start, the Chair may in its sole, full and absolute discretion consider the following (listed in no particular order of priority):

- Athletes who have met the Mass Start Profile (as defined below), where at a minimum, each such athlete has achieved at least one A-standard qualifying time;
- Results at the respective Selection Events for the Mass Start and other Individual Distance(s);
- Athletes who have been Nominated in other Individual Distance(s);
- International historical Mass Start performances of the athlete;
- Ability of such athlete to work together with the other mass start athletes, for the best Canadian Team result and;
- Other factors as may be identified by the Mass start coaches or the HP program staff.
- Athletes will be entered into a Mass Start Pool based on the Mass Start Profile indicated below and must finish in first place at Canadian Long Track Championships or World Single Distance Championship Skate-off to be eligible for Nomination to compete in the Mass Start events. To be part of the Mass Start Pool, results beginning with the 2019-2020 season will be considered.

Table 1. Mass Start Profile A & B Standards

	Women		Men	
	<i>A Standard</i>	<i>B Standard</i>	<i>A Standard</i>	<i>B Standard</i>
1500m	1:57.32	1:58.82	1:45.70	1:47.20
3000m	4:08.18	4:11.18	---	---
5000m	---	---	6:22.08	6:28.08

Refer to the [2022 Long Track Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures](#) for Mass Start Nomination for the Olympic Games.

3.4 Filling Entry Quota

If the processes herein result in less than the maximum Team quota being selected for either gender, the Chair has the sole, full and absolute discretion to Nominate, or not to Nominate, any remaining Team positions. For greater certainty, the Chair may determine in his or her sole, full and absolute discretion not to fill the maximum Team entry quota.

3.5 Unfilled Entry Quota

In the event that entry quota spots in an Individual Distance remains unfilled, the athlete who may fill such vacancy may be selected from athletes already selected to the Team in the following order of priority:

1. the finishing order per distance and gender from the Selection Event; and
2. the sole, full and absolute discretion of the HP program staff and/or coaches at each Event.

3.6 Financial Support

SSC will financially support a maximum number of Nominated athletes to Events as per Appendix E. This number may be reduced or increased at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair, for budgetary reasons or other considerations.

4. ISU WORLD CUP TEAM NOMINATION

4.1 ISU World Cup Schedule

As per ISU Communication 2425, the following ISU World Cup schedule has been set:

ISU World Cup 1 November 12-14, 2021 Tomaszow Mazowiecki, POL	500m-1, 3000m(W), 5000m(M) 500m-2(W), 1500m(M), 1000m(W), MS(M), TP(W) 500m-2(M), 1500m(W), 1000m(M), MS(W), TP(M)
ISU World Cup 2 November 19-21, 2021 Stavanger, NOR	1000m, 5000m(W), 10000m(M) 500m-1, 1000m(M), Team Sprint 500m-2, 1500m
ISU World Cup 3 December 3-5, 2021 Salt Lake City, USA	500m-1, 3000m(W), 5000m(M) 500m-2(W), 1500m(M), 1000m(W), MS(M), TP(W) 500m-2(M), 1500m(W), 1000m(M), MS(W), TP(M)
ISU World Cup 4 December 10-12, 2021 Calgary, CAN	500m-1, 3000m(W), 5000m(M) 500m-2(W), 1500m(M), 1000m(W), MS(M), TP(W) 500m-2(M), 1500m(W), 1000m(M), MS(W), TP(M)
ISU World Cup Final March 12-13, 2022 Heerenveen, NED	500m-1, 1500m(W), 1000m(M), 5000m(M) 500m-2, 3000m(W), 1500m(M), 1000m(W), MS

4.2 Entry Quota

In accordance with ISU Communication 2425 for ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2021/22, 3.1.3 Entry Quotas for World Cup 1 to 4: SSC has been granted maximum entry quotas for all events, stated as follows:

Women 500	Women 1000	Women 1500	Women 3000/5000	Mass Start
4	4	5	4	2
Men 500	Men 1000	Men 1500	Men 5000/10000	Mass Start
4	5	4	4	2

4.3 Qualifying Time / Time Standard

Unless otherwise pre-selected in accordance with Section 4.4.1. below, in order to be nominated for ISU World Cup 1 and ISU World Cup 2, an athlete must have achieved the ISU World Cup Qualifying Time as listed in Appendix A in accordance with ISU Communication 2425, 3.1.2 Qualifying Times at an ISU sanctioned competition between the time period of July 1, 2019 up to and including the 2021 CLT Championships (the "Qualifying Period").

An athlete must have also achieved the following 2021 Canadian Long Track (CLT) Senior Time Standards (formerly the 2019 CLT Senior Time Standards) set forth in an Individual Distance at least once in a sanctioned competition between July 1, 2019 up to and including the CLT Championships (defined below (4.4.2)).

Table 2. 2021 Senior CLT Time Standards

	Women	Men
500m	38.43	34.90
1000m	1.16,19	1.09,16
1500m	1.57,32	1.45,70
3000m	4.08,18	---
5000m	7.06,60	6.22,08
10000m	---	13.15,71

4.4 ISU World Cup 1 and ISU World Cup 2 – Nomination

4.4.1 Pre-Selection

Athletes will be pre-selected in order of their finish position in an Individual Distance as per Section 3.1 in the following priority:

- Athlete(s) who placed in the top 5 in an Individual Distance at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships;
- Athlete(s) who placed in the top 5 in an Individual Distance at the 2021 World Speed Skating Championships;

The following athletes have been pre-selected for ISU World Cup 1 and ISU World Cup 2:

- 500m: Laurent Dubreuil
- 1000m: Laurent Dubreuil
- 3000m: Isabelle Weidemann
- 5000m: Ted-Jan Bloemen, Graeme Fish & Jordan Belchos & Ivanie Blondin (WC2) & Isabelle Weidemann (WC2)
- 10000m: Graeme Fish (WC2) & Ted-Jan Bloemen (WC2)
- Mass Start: Ivanie Blondin, Jordan Belchos & Antoine Gelinias-Beaulieu

4.4.2 Performance Results

Selection Events: Canadian Long Track Championships (“CLT Championships”), October 13-17, 2021

Athletes who have achieved the Time Standard in one or more Individual Distance during the Qualifying Period may be nominated to the Team in order of priority as follows up to the maximum entry quota allocated (Section 4.2):

1. Athletes already selected pursuant to Section 4.4.1;
2. Subject to Byes, athletes who have achieved one or more 2021 Senior CLT Time Standards listed in Section 4.3 in an Individual Distance at the 2021 CLT Championships will be ranked by their final placing in such Individual Distances according to the matrix below;
3. For World Cup 2, athletes who have placed in the top three (3) positions at CLT Championships in the 5000m (women) and 10000m (men) and have satisfied the 2021 CLT

Time Standard (at the CLT Championships pursuant to Section 4.3) in those respective distances;

4. At the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair, skaters may be added to the Team, from the Team Pursuit Pool (as per Section 3.3.1) in order to field a competitive Team Pursuit Team;
5. Athletes who have achieved one or more 2021 Senior CLT Time Standards in an Individual Distance at an ISU sanctioned event since July 1, 2019 pursuant to Section 4.3 may be added to the matrix and ranked by their final placing in such Individual Distances according to the matrix below;
6. The Chair may, at his or her sole, full and absolute discretion, nominate additional athlete(s) to the Team or choose to exclude athletes from the Team in order to field the most competitive team.

Rank	Distance	Gender	Position	Name
1	5000m	M	1	Ted-Jan Bloemen (PS)
2	1000m	M	1	Laurent Dubreuil (PS)
3	5000m	M	2	Graeme Fish (PS)
4	3000m	W	1	Isabelle Weidemann (PS)
5	500m	M	1	Laurent Dubreuil (PS)
6	3000m	W	2	
7	1500m	M	1	
8	1500m	M	2	
9	5000m	M	3	Jordan Belchos (PS)
10	1000m	M	2	
11	500m	M	2	
12	500m	W	1	
13	3000m	W	3	
14	1500m	W	1	
15	500m	W	2	
16	500m	M	3	
17	1000m	W	1	
18	1500m	W	2	
19	1000m	M	3	
20	1500m	M	3	
21	500m	W	3	
22	1500m	W	3	
23	1000m	W	2	
24	1000m	W	3	

NOTE: if athletes achieve the Time Standard for more than one distance spot ranked on the matrix, the next ranked distance on the matrix will be used, until all spots are filled and Nomination is completed, up to the maximum nomination.

If the maximum nomination funded by SSC (Appendix E) has not been reached in the above matrix, then athletes ranked on the below matrix may be eligible for Nomination up to the maximum nomination.

If the maximum nomination funded by SSC (Appendix E) has been reached and should there still be remaining quota, then athletes ranked on the below matrix are also eligible for self-pay to the Fall World Cups.

Rank	Distance	Gender	Position	Name
25	1000m	M	4	
26	1500m	L	4	
27	500m	M	4	
28	1500m	M	4	
29	3000m	L	4	
30	500m	L	4	
31	1000m	L	4	
32	5000m	M	4	
33	1000m	M	5	
34	1500m	W	5	

In the case of eligibility of Mass Start Nomination, athletes will be ranked by their final placing in Mass Start at CLT Championships and then considered for Nomination to the Team in order of the following priorities (listed in descending order of importance):

1. Athletes who have been Nominated for the 1500m or 3000m (women)/5000m (men) Individual Distances at World Cups 1 and 2 pursuant to Section 4.4 above
2. Athletes who have been Nominated for one or more Individual Distances (other than the 1500m or 3000m (women)/5000m (men)) at World Cups 1 and 2.

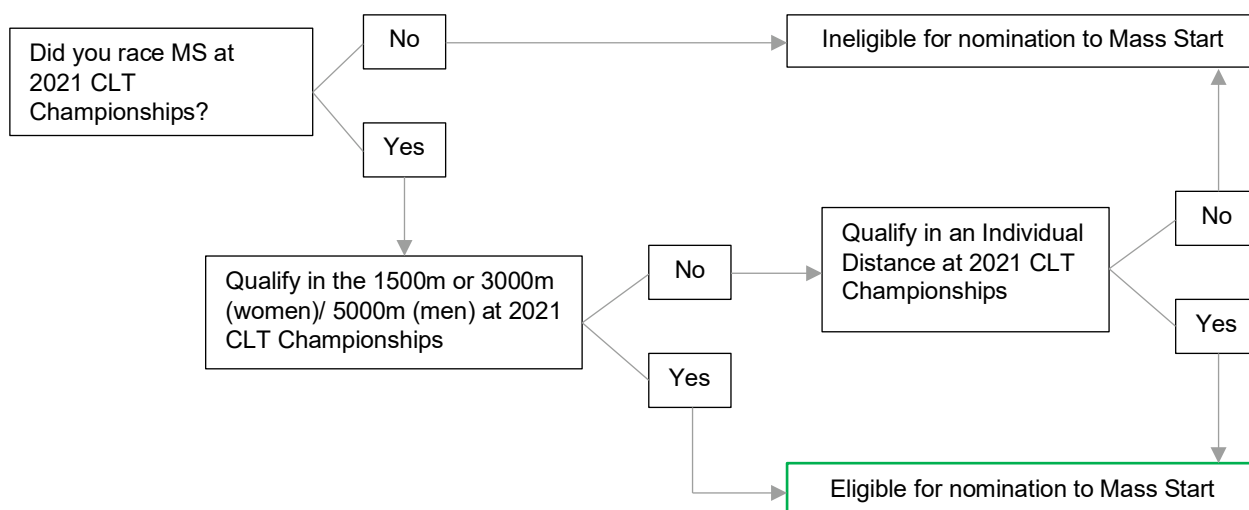


Figure 1. Mass Start Nomination to World Cups

4.5 ISU World Cup 3 and ISU World Cup 4 – Nomination

4.5.1 Pre-Selection

Athletes will be pre-selected in order of their finish position in an Individual Distance as per Section 3.1 in the following priority:

- Athlete(s) who placed in the top 5 in an Individual Distance at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships;
- Athlete(s) who placed in the top 5 in an Individual Distance at the 2021 World Speed Skating Championships;

The following athletes have been pre-selected for ISU World Cup 3 and ISU World Cup 4:

- 500m: Laurent Dubreuil
- 1000m: Laurent Dubreuil
- 3000m: Isabelle Weidemann
- 5000m: Ted-Jan Bloemen, Graeme Fish & Jordan Belchos
- Mass Start: Ivanie Blondin, Jordan Belchos & Antoine Gelinas-Beaulieu

4.5.2 Performance Results

Selection Event: Canadian Long Track Championships (“CLT Championships”), October 13-17, 2021

The priority of Nomination of athletes, and the Events they will be Nominated to race, will be based on the following (listed in order of priority):

1. Athletes who are Nominated to the Team for World Cup 1 and World Cup 2;
2. Athletes granted a Bye at the discretion of Chair for each event in which they were granted a Bye;
3. Athletes who have achieved one or more 2021 CLT Time Standards in an Individual Distance at the 2021 CLT Championships will be ranked by their final placing in such Individual Distances according to the matrix above;
4. Athletes who have achieved the 2021 CLT Time Standards in an Individual Distance at an ISU sanctioned event since July 1, 2019 pursuant to Section 4.3 may be added to the matrix and ranked by their final placing in such Individual Distances according to the matrix above;
5. At the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair, skaters may be Nominated to field the most competitive team that can earn the maximum number of quota spots for the 2022 Olympic Games; and
6. At the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair, NextGen skaters may be Nominated to the Team as part of their development as identified and recommended by the coaches and the HP program staff.

Specific to World Cup 4 held in Calgary and receiving full quota, should there be remaining entry quota, additional athletes may be Nominated in the following order of priority:

1. Top 6 at 2021 CLT Championships in the applicable Individual Distance for which the athlete is being considered, where first right of refusal of available entry quota will be in order of finishing rank at the 2021 CLT Championships;
2. Additional remaining quota spots may be considered at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Chair based on the 2021 CLT Championship results.

5. 4 CONTINENTS / WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM NOMINATION

5.1 Schedule

As per ISU Communication 2426, the following 4 Continents / World Championships schedule has been set:

2021 4 Continents Championships December 15-17, 2021 Calgary, CAN	500m, 3000m(W), 5000m(M), TS 1500m, MS 1000m, TP
2021 World Speed Skating Championships March 3-6, 2022 Hamar, Norway	500m(s), 1000m(s) 500m(s), 1000m(s) 500m, 3000m(W), 5000m(M), TS 1500m, 5000m(W), 10000m(M)
2021 World Junior Championships January 28-30, 2022 Innsbruck, AUT	500m, 1500m, MS (semi-final) 1000m, 3000m(W), 5000m(M) TP, TS, MS (final)

5.2 Entry Quota

5.2.1 4 Continents Championships

In accordance with ISU Communication 2426, ISU Rule 208, Section 2.5, Entry Quota for 4 Continents Championships will be allocated to ISU members according to the Special Qualification Ranking List (the "SQRL" time ranking) for each competition based on the results achieved in designated World Cup Events during the 2021 season. In addition, as per ISU Communication 2426, a maximum of 10 Women and 10 Men may be entered by each ISU member at the 4 Continents Championships.

5.2.2 World Speed Skating Championships (allround & sprint combination)

In accordance with ISU Communication 2426, ISU Rule 208, 2.3, Canada has been pre-allocated a quota of 2 competitors for the Women and 1 competitor for the Men in Sprint and ISU Rule 208, 2.2, Canada has been pre-allocated a quota of 1 competitor for the Women and 2 competitors for the Men in Allround. Remaining quota spots (up to a maximum of 3 quota sports per gender) are allocated based on the SQRL for each Event based on the results achieved in designated World Cup Events during the season.

5.2.3 World Junior Championships

In accordance with ISU Communication 2426, ISU Rule 208, 2.6.1, Entry Quota for the World Junior Championships, each ISU Member may enter a total of 5 Women and 5 Men. For each competition substitutes can be named among the maximum 5 competitors entered for the Championships.

5.3 Qualifying Time

In order to be nominated for 4 Continents Championship, World Speed Skating Championships and/or World Junior Championships, an athlete must have achieved the respective ISU Championships Qualifying Time as listed in Appendix A in accordance with ISU Communication 2426, 4.2.1 (4 Continents), 4.2.2 (World Junior Championships), 4.2.3 (World Speed Skating Championships – sprint), 4.2.4 (World Speed Skating Championships – allround) Qualifying Times at an ISU sanctioned competition since July 1, 2020 and by the last date of entry for the Championship concerned.

5.4 4 Continents Championships – Nomination¹

Nomination for the 4 Continents Championships will be according to Entry Quota allowed as per [ISU Communication 2426](#) and [ISU rule 208, Section 2.5](#).

5.4.1 Pre-Selection

~~Skaters who are selected to the 2022 Olympic Games as per the 2022 Long Track Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures will be selected to compete in the 4 Continents Championships.~~

In accordance with Section 5.2.1 above, up to 10 men and 10 women may be pre-selected to the 4 Continents Team on the basis of the order of their finish position in an Individual Distance on the SQRL (based on World Cups 1-3). These athletes will then be ranked according to the 4 Continents Matrix.²

Athletes nominated to the 4 Continents Team pursuant to this Section 5.4.1 shall have the right of first refusal with respect to their earned quota.

If, after applying this Section 5.4.1, the maximum quota for either or both genders has not been attained, either due to pre-selected athletes declining their nomination or because the SQRL ranking does not result in the maximum quota being attained, additional athletes, up to 10 men and 10 women, may be nominated to the 4 Continents Team pursuant to Section 5.4.2 below.

¹ On October 23, 2021, the ISU allotted Speed Skating Canada the 4 Continents Championships which was originally to be held January 28-30, 2022 in Obihiro, Japan. It was then announced that 4 Continents Championships will be held on December 15-17, 2021 in Calgary, Alberta. Originally, athletes would have been selected to the 4 Continents Team by virtue of their selection to the 2022 Olympic Games Team. However, since Olympic selection will not be finalized before the newly rescheduled 4 Continents Championships date, it was necessary for Speed Skating Canada to amend this HP Bulletin 197 in relation to selection to this event due to circumstances beyond its control.

² The 4 Continents Matrix will be based on the 2021 World Cup 1-3 SQRL and published by Speed Skating Canada as promptly as possible following the release of the official SQRL by the ISU.

5.4.2 Performance Results

Selection Event: Canadian Long Track Championships (“CLT Championships”), October 13-17, 2021

Any available entry quotas may be filled in accordance with the order of final placing at the 2021 CLT Championships in the respective Individual Distance according to the 4 Continents Matrix and up to the maximum entry quota per gender (Section 5.2.1), provided that the athlete in question has met the 4 Continents Qualifying Time (below) since July 1, 2019 at an ISU sanctioned event. For the avoidance of doubt, in the situation where there are remaining entry quotas but there are no unnamed athletes on the 4 Continents Matrix who have satisfied the 4 Continents Qualifying Time at an ISU sanctioned event since July 1, 2019, SSC will not fill the remaining entry quotas.

It is important to note that pre-selected athletes (Section 5.4.1) will remain on the 4 Continents matrix in the position that they earned as a result of their pre-selection and that, in the case that they decline their entry, the resulting available entry quota for the respective Individual Distance will go to the next ranked and eligible³ athlete on the matrix in sequential order based on the athlete’s position on the matrix.⁴

- If the athletes racing the Mass Start event at World Cups 1-3 decline their entry for the 4 Continents Championships, resulting in available quota spots for the Mass Start event at the Championships, the following process will be used, in order of priority, to fill the available quotas:
 - Athletes who have been pre-selected for the 1500m or 3000m (women) / 5000m (men) Individual Distance(s) and ranked by their final placing in Mass Start on the SQRL (based on World Cups 1-3)
 - Athletes who have been Nominated for the 1500m or 3000m (women) / 5000m (men) Individual Distance(s) and ranked by their final placing in Mass Start at the 2021 CLT Championships

Table 3. 2021 4 Continents Qualifying Times

	Women	Men
500m	38.93	35.40
1000m	1.17,19	1.10,16
1500m	1.58,82	1.47,20
3000m	4.11,18	---
5000m	---	6.27,08

5.5 World Speed Skating Championships – Nomination

³ The use of the term ‘eligible’ shall be understood as the athlete having satisfied the 4 Continents Qualifying Time at an ISU sanctioned event since July 1, 2019.

⁴ For example, if the first ranked 5000m male athlete on the 4 Continents Matrix declines their quota for the 4 Continents Team, the next ranked and eligible 5000m male skater on the 4 Continents Matrix will receive the declining athlete’s quota. However, the athlete that receives the declined spot will not be ranked first on the Matrix, but rather will retain the position on the Matrix that they had earned by virtue of their results at the CLT Championships.

Nomination for the World Speed Skating Championships will be according to Entry Quota allowed as per ISU Communication 2426, however, no athletes will be financially supported to attend this Event.

5.5.1 Performance Results

Selection Event: 2021 CLT Championships based on entry quota earned through the World Cup 1-4 SQRL list, Rule 208, 2.3.

Athletes will be selected to the World Speed Skating Championships Team according to the following priority for the respective Sprint and/or Allround Event:

1. Subject to Byes, athletes will be chosen in order of their cumulative two (2) distance sammelagt ranking from the 500m and 1000m for the Sprint Event and/or the 1500m and 3000m (Women) / 5000m (Men) for the Allround Event from the 2021 CLT Championships.
2. Reserve positions, as qualified based on the SQRL list, will be selected based on athletes' cumulative two (2) distance sammelagt ranking from the 500m and 1000m for the Sprint Event and/or the 1500m and 3000m (Women) / 5000m (Men) for the Allround Event from the 2021 CLT Championships.

5.5.2 Reserve Positions

Reserve positions are in name only and should Canada receive reserve spots (which are based on the SQRL time ranking list) and athletes holding reserve positions will only be entered should the position become available.

5.6 World Junior Championships – Nomination

5.6.1 Pre-Selection

Athletes will be pre-selected (up to a maximum of 1 quota spot per gender for Sprint, 1 quota spot per gender for Allround and 1 quota spot per gender for Mass Start) based on qualification to the 2022 Olympic Games pursuant to the 2022 Long Track Olympic Selection Policies & Procedures.

5.6.2 Performance Results

Selection Event: Canadian Junior Long Track Championships, December 27-30, 2021 (Quebec City)⁵

The priority of selection of athletes and the Individual Distances they will be nominated to race, will be based on the following:

Priority 1

Subject to Byes and pre-selection, the first four (4) athletes per gender in the Allround ranking (total sammelagt points) will be nominated according to:

- Ranking determined as the cumulative total of 4 distances, in sammelagt,
- Distances used: 500m (first), 1000m (first), 1500m, 3000m (women), 5000m (men)

ISU rules require Allround skaters to have the junior ISU time standards listed in Appendix A in all distances.

⁵ Junior athletes qualified to participate in the Olympic Skate-off can compete in the Olympic Skate-off Event and be eligible for nomination to the World Junior Championships. Results will be combined with the Canadian Junior Long Track Championships and ranked in order of time for each Individual Distance.

Priority 2

The Chair, in his or her sole, full and absolute discretion reserves the right to add up to one additional athlete per gender, who shows medal potential possibility in a sprint distance. To be considered for Nomination, athlete(s) must achieve one or more of the following Qualifying Times at the Canadian Junior Championships:

	Women	Men
500m	38.58	35.10
1000m	1.16.19	1.09.02

6. ISU NEO-SENIOR WORLD CUP TEAM NOMINATION

6.1 ISU Neo-Senior/Junior World Cup Schedule

As per ISU Communication 2430 the following World Cup schedule has been set:

ISU Neo-Senior/Junior World Cup 1 November 27-28, 2021 Inzell, GER	1000m, 3000m, Mixed Gender Relay 500m, 1500m, Mass Start
ISU Junior World Cup Final January 28-30, 2022 Innsbruck, AUT	1000m, 3000m, Team Sprint 500m, 1500m, Mass Start

6.2 Entry Quota

Entry quota will be in accordance with ISU Communication 2430, Section 4.2 Entry Quotas for Neo-Senior and Junior World Cups.

6.3 Qualifying Time (Neo-Senior only)

In order to be Nominated for a Neo-Senior/Junior World Cup, an athlete must achieve one or more of 2021 CLT Neo-Senior Time Standards (formerly the 2019 CLT Neo-Senior Time Standards) set forth below in at least one Individual Distance at an ISU sanctioned competition between July 1, 2019 up to and including the CLT Championships.

Athletes must have also achieved one or more ISU Neo-Senior World Cup Qualifying Times as listed in Appendix A in accordance with ISU communication 2430, 4.3 Qualifying Times at an ISU sanctioned competition between the time period of July 1, 2019 up to and including the 2021 CLT Championships (the "Qualifying Period").

Table 4. 2021 Neo-Senior CLT time standards

	Women	Men
500m	39.55	35.61
1000m	1.18.33	1.10.60
1500m	2.01.66	1.48.60
3000m	4.18.64	---
5000m		6.33.95

6.4 Neo-Senior/Junior World Cup 1 – Nomination

A maximum of six (6) Neo-Senior athletes, 3 per gender, born in the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2002 will be eligible for Nomination to the Neo-Senior World Cup 1 as per Section 3.6 of this HP Bulletin. Junior aged athletes born in the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2007 and who have met the Nomination criteria outlined in Section 6.4.1 will be eligible for Nomination to the Neo-Senior World Cup 1.

6.4.1 Performance Results

Selection Event: Canadian Long Track Championships (“CLT Championships”), October 13-17, 2021

Three (3) Neo-Senior or Junior athletes per gender who are not already selected to the Fall World Cup Team will be Nominated to the Neo-Senior World Cup Team as follows:

- The Top (1) athlete per gender in the Neo-Senior Ranking based on such athlete’s best performance in an Individual Distance (excluding Mass Start) at the CLT Championships as a percentage of the Individual Distance 2021 CLT Neo-Senior Time Standard set forth in Section 6.3 (the “Neo-Senior Ranking”).
- The Top (1) athlete per gender in the Neo-Senior Ranking based on 500m and 1000m sammelagt who must have achieved one of the Individual Distance 2021 CLT Neo-Senior Time Standard set forth in Section 6.3 (the “Neo-Senior Ranking”).
- The Top (1) athlete per gender in the Neo-Senior Ranking based on the 1500m and 3000m/5000m sammelagt who must have met one of the Individual Distance 2021 CLT Neo-Senior Time Standard set forth in Section 6.3 (the Neo-Senior Ranking).

*Neo-Senior athletes who have previously attended more than three senior ISU World Cups in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 season will be ineligible for nomination to the Neo-Senior/Junior World Cup Team.

6.5 Junior World Cup Final – Nomination

As per ISU Communication 2430, athletes who have been selected to the World Junior Championships Team will be selected to compete in the Junior World Cup Final.

7. LANGUAGE

This HP Bulletin 197 was originally drafted in English and was translated into French. In the event of a discrepancy between the English and French versions, the English version shall be used to understand the intended drafting of the provision(s) in question. Should such a situation arise, Speed Skating Canada will ensure that any discrepancies are corrected as soon as possible and will assist any impacted individuals with resolving the matter.



APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: ISU QUALIFYING TIMES

As per ISU Communications, in order for a result to be a valid Qualifying Time, it must have been achieved in an ISU sanctioned event in the period between July 1, 2019 (World Cups) or July 1, 2020 (Championships) and the entry deadline for the ISU World Cup or World Championship Event concerned. For the Mass Start and Team Events, any of the listed Qualifying Times will apply.

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined Qualifying times required for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships. For all ISU Championships, except for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, two alternative sets of Qualifying times have been defined. The slower Qualifying time, listed in (brackets), applies for results achieved outside the high altitude ice rinks in Calgary (Olympic Oval), Salt Lake City (Utah Olympic Oval) and Ürümqi (Xinjiang Ice Sports Center). The following Qualifying time limits apply for ISU Speed Skating Championships:

ISU World Cup Qualifying Times

ISU World Cup

To be entered, a skater must have achieved the following Qualifying Time.

	Women	Men
500m	39.50 (40.00)	35.70 (36.20)
1000m	1.19.00 (1.20.00)	1.11.00 (1.12.00)
1500m	2.00.50 (2.02.00)	1.49.00 (1.50.50)
3000m	4.19.00 (4.22.00)	---
5000m	7.23.00 or 4.11.00 (7.33.00 or 4.14.00)	6.40.00 (6.45.00)
10000m	---	13.30.00 or 6.28.00 (13.40.00 or 6.33.00)

ISU Neo-Senior World Cup

To be entered, a skater must have achieved the following Qualifying Time.

	Women	Men
500m	42.50	38.50
1000m	1.25,00	1.16,00
1500m	2.12,00	1.58,00
3000m	4.45,00	4.05,00

ISU World Championships Qualifying Times

4 Continents Championships

To be entered, a skater must have achieved the Qualifying Time in all Individual Distance entered.

	Women	Men
500m	40.00 (40.50)	36.20 (36.60)
1000m	1.20.00 (1.21.00)	1.11.90 (1.12.80)
1500m	2.03.00 (2.05.00)	1.51.00 (1.52.50)
3000m	4.24.00 (4.28.00)	---
5000m	---	6.48.00 (6.52.00)

World Speed Skating Championships – Allround combination

To be entered, a skater must have achieved the following Qualifying Time.

	Women	Men
3000m	4.24.00 (4.28.00)	---
5000m	---	6.48.00 (6.52.00)

World Speed Skating Championships – Sprint combination

To be entered, a skater must have achieved the Qualifying Time in either the 500m or 1000m.

	Women	Men
500m	40.00 (40.50)	36.20 (36.60)
1000m	1.20.00 (1.21.00)	1.11.90 (1.12.80)

World Junior Championships

To be entered, Allround skaters must have achieved the Qualifying Time in all Individual Distance entered.

	Women	Men
500m	42.50	38.50
1000m	1.25.00	1.16.00
1500m	2.12.00	1.58.00
3000m	4.45.00	---
5000m	---	7.05.00 or 4.05.00

APPENDIX B: DECLARATION TO COMPETE

Please place an "X" under the following Individual Distances in which you would like your Nomination to be considered, for each corresponding Event.

This form does not confirm your participation in the events listed, only that you intend to compete if Nominated and accept your Nomination.

Name: _____

Event	500m(1)	500m(2)	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10000m	MS
ISU World Cup 1 Tomaszow, POL								
ISU World Cup 2 Stavanger, NOR								
ISU World Cup 3 Salt Lake City, USA								
ISU World Cup 4 Calgary, CAN								
Neo-Senior World Cup TBD								
ISU World Junior Championships Innsbruck, AUT								
ISU 4Continents Obihiro, JPN								

By signing this Declaration to Compete, you agree to the Guidelines set forth in Section 2 of this HP Bulletin 197 and agree to participate in the Individual Distances indicated if Nominated and selected to the Team.

Athlete Signature

Date

Coach Approval – Signature

Date

APPENDIX C: GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF BYES

To World Cups and World Championship Teams

Purpose

The purpose of this section is to provide guidelines to the Chair in the consideration and granting of Bye requests.

Philosophy

In exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, the Chair may, in their discretion, determine that, where an athlete has not had the opportunity, through no fault of his or her own, to compete in the Selection Event(s) in order to be selected to a Team, or if the athlete participates in the Selection Event(s) but his or her performance is negatively impacted by an injury, illness or equipment breakage, the athlete may, subject satisfying the conditions indicated below, be eligible to apply for selection to the relevant Team by making a Bye request.

A Bye request is the last means by which an athlete can be selected to a Team and it is intended to apply only in exceptional circumstances when an athlete's selection to a Team is impacted by an unforeseen injury or illness or other unanticipated circumstance, such as equipment breakage. For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of clarity, Byes are not available for athletes to be pre-selected to any Team.

In ordinary circumstances, SSC will not grant an athlete a Bye onto a Team or into an event if that athlete has not previously satisfied the relevant and applicable criteria in order to be selected to the specific Team or in the specific Individual Event on the basis of their performances. However, and notwithstanding the aforementioned, if, compared to the performances of the other athletes seeking Nomination onto a Team or into an event, an athlete's recent performances demonstrate that they are at a superior level that would warrant Nomination onto a Team or that they should be granted permission to enter an event through a Bye, the Chair may, after consulting with the relevant national team coaches, and assessing the athlete's Bye request in accordance with this HP Bulletin, grant the athlete a Bye for such a purpose.

Note the following Bye policy considerations and application herein is specific only to athletes applying for byes onto the World Cup and World Championship Teams, the selection for which is outlined in this HP Bulletin 197.

Rules for Requesting a Bye to World Cups and World Championship Teams

- Bye Requests to the World Cup and/or World Championship Team Selection can only be made by athletes who finished in the Top 8 and Top ½ in an Olympic event at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships or 2021 World Speed Skating Championships.
- Bye Requests to the World Junior Championship Team Selection can only be made by Junior athletes who finished in the Top 8 and Top ½ at the 2020 World Junior Championships in an individual distance (excluding Mass Start).
- Bye requests must be made in writing to the HPAC-LT Chair in accordance with the timelines and procedures indicated below and herein.
- Unless physically incapable, only the athlete requesting a Bye is permitted to submit the request.
- If the Bye request is made as a result of an illness or injury, the athlete must provide documented evidence from a qualified Long Track appointed medical practitioner that the athlete was unable to compete in the Selection Event(s) due to the injury or illness. The HPAC-LT has the right to request further independent medical review after the Bye request has been submitted.
- In the case of a Bye request being made on the basis of equipment breakage, the request has to have been reported to and verified by the race referee and the High Performance staff (or other member of the HPAC-LT if the High Performance staff member is not available or present) immediately following the race in which the equipment breakage occurred.

Conditions for Applying for a Bye

Bye requests will be considered in two categories:

1. Pre-competition Illness or Injury

Pre-competition illness or injury, which prevents an athlete from competing in the Selection Event will only be considered if the athlete is ill or injured before the beginning of the Selection Event and the athlete is able to provide documentary evidence of their injury or illness. The athlete must request a Bye prior to the coaches meeting, or daily draw, for which the athlete is requesting the Bye. SSC staff and/or HPAC-LT must formally announce all pre-competition illness or injury Bye requests at this meeting so that all other competitors are made aware of the possibility of a Bye being granted.

In the case of selection to the Team Pursuit Team, where a cumulative ranking from multiple distances may be used, an athlete is eligible to make a Bye request if they are prevented from competing in one of the combined distances due to a pre-existing illness or injury.

A Bye request will be deemed ineligible if the athlete subsequently competes in the Selection Event for which the Bye request is made.

In the case of selection being based upon a cumulative ranking from multiple events, an athlete is eligible to apply for a Bye request to a subsequent ranking event (as specified in the relevant HP Bulletin) if they are prevented from competing in one of the ranking events due to a pre-existing illness or injury.

2. Injury, Illness or Equipment Breakage During the Selection Event

A Bye request for injury or illness or equipment breakage that occurs during the Selection Event must be made within 24 hours following the end of the Selection Event unless the athlete is physically incapable of making this request (in such a case, the athlete's coach may make the request).

Each Bye request must state clearly what the athlete is seeking, and supporting documentation (medical, race referee report, for example) must be provided at the time that the request is made.

Process for Reviewing a Bye Request

The following outlines SSC's process for considering Bye requests:

Following the completion of the Selection Event(s), the HPAC-LT will review all Bye requests and the Chair, in his or her sole and absolute discretion will make a decision on each Bye request with supporting rationale:

- In cases where multiple Bye applications are submitted, each Bye application will be assessed individually and on their own merit.
- If relevant, the HPAC-LT Chair will establish a revised ranking of athletes based upon the Selection Event(s) and an assessment of previous performances from those who have requested a Bye and the final Nomination will be made from the revised ranking.
- After the Chair makes its final decision regarding to a Bye request, its decision will be communicated to the athlete(s) requesting the Bye, athlete(s) directly affected by the Bye request, their coaches, and the athletes' representatives prior to the final nominations allowing for the required 7 day period for the submission of an appeal, unless the deadline for nomination precedes this 7 day period. Under such circumstances, the HPAC-LT will be notified that an appeal has been received and is under review.

Conditions for Granting a Bye

When considering whether or not to grant a Bye in cases where an athlete has been injured or affected by an illness, the Chair must first consider the medical condition of the athlete, the degree to which the athlete has followed the prescribed rehabilitation process, and his/her readiness to return to competition and compete at their previous performance level according to feedback received from the medical team and the athlete's coach(es). If any of the above conditions are not respected by the athlete, the Bye may be refused on that basis alone.

The Chair may award a "Conditional Bye" to athletes recovering from injury or illness. In such situations, the Chair may impose certain conditions, which may include, but are not limited to a specific timeframe within which they must demonstrate a certain level of fitness or meet a specific performance requirement(s).

While making Bye decisions the Chair will evaluate a number of elements including, but not limited to the following:

- Head-to-head competition results between the athletes making the Bye request and those athletes that would be affected if the Bye request is granted.
- Past performances of the athlete requesting the Bye.

- Results of the Selection Event(s) (by athletes in contention for the Team).
- Recent training and testing performances

In evaluating past performances, the Chair will assign higher weighting priority to those performances since January 1, 2020 immediately prior to the final selection event. However, occasionally this is not possible because of injuries, or the lack of opportunity for the athletes to compete. In such instances, performances beyond this period may be considered but will have a lower weighting in assessing the Bye request.

Other than Mass Start, following the consideration of the Bye request, the Chair may, at his or her sole, full and absolute discretion, award a Bye to an athlete who is:

- 0.5 sammelagt points faster than the last athlete selected in a specific distance based on the race skated at the selection event (that would mean 0.5 seconds in the 500m, 1 second in the 1000m, 1.5 seconds in the 1500m, 3 seconds in the 3000m, 5 seconds in the 5000m, and 10 seconds in the 10000m); or,
- 0.5 sammelagt point per race skated for a selection over cumulative points (4 distances skated = 2 sammelagt points, 500m skated twice = 1.0 sammelagt point).

In assessing the past performances of the athlete requesting the Bye and the history of the athletes who may be impacted by the Bye request (if granted), the Chair will give priority weighting to the best time (in ISU sanctioned events) of the athletes involved since January 1, 2020 including the selection competition(s).

For Mass Start, the Chair may, at its sole, full and absolute discretion, award a Bye to an athlete after the consideration of the factors and requirements described in this Appendix C, other than the sammelagt considerations described above.

In the case of a multiple Event Nomination if an athlete cannot complete the selection event due to exceptional circumstances (Section 1.9.2), the missing distances will be evaluated by using the personal best time (since January 1, 2020) for the athletes involved.

The Chair will only consider an athlete's personal best time for that distance recorded as far back as July 1, 2020. This time must be achieved in speed skating events listed on the ISU International Calendar or ISU sanctioned Domestic Events and have electronic timing.

Injury Replacements

In the event that an athlete is selected to the Team on the basis of a successful Bye request, they will be required to provide evidence of a full recovery, both from a medical perspective and also a performance perspective, in order to confirm their selection to the Team.

The determination of what constitutes full recovery will be made by SSC Team medical and coaching staff and will be based upon an assessment of the athlete's ability to perform at their previously demonstrated level of performance and such other criteria as determined by the Chair in his or her sole, full and absolute discretion.

If an athlete is injured following their nomination to the Team, the same conditions for full medical and performance recovery as described above will apply.

APPENDIX D: TEAM PURSUIT COMPOSITION

The specific composition of the three (3) or four (4) members Team Pursuit Team, if applicable, that will compete at the Event, including the athletes that will compete in each Event, will be determined at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the Team Pursuit coach(es) and/or Team Leader.

Different weightings will be determined according to the importance of factors considered in the decision-making process as they deem appropriate with the goal of fielding the best possible Team Pursuit Team. In no priority order, the following factors will be considered along with any other factors deemed relevant:

- Medal potential of the individual athletes selected to the Team Pursuit Team
- Medal potential of the Team Pursuit Team composed solely of athletes otherwise qualified for the Event in an Individual Distance
- Historical individual and Team Pursuit performances
- Availability and demonstrated commitment to train as part of the Team Pursuit Team
- International experience in the Team Pursuit event
- International performance profile in the Team Pursuit event
- Fit (i.e., ability to skate together, drafting, etc.) with other athletes already qualified for the Event(s) and selected to be part of the Team Pursuit Team
- Other factors as may be identified by the National Team Team Pursuit coach(es), the IST Lead and the Team Leader

APPENDIX E: SSC FUNDING MODEL FOR WORLD CUPS AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

World Cups and World Championships (Senior)

	World Cup 1&2 (POL/NOR)	World Cup 3&4 (USA/CAN)	4Continents (JPN)	WSS Championships (NOR)	World Cup Final (NED)
Entry Quota (number of potential athletes)	As per quota	As per quota	As per quota	As qualified (max 3 per gender as per quota)	As qualified
Maximum Nomination Funded by SSC (number of athletes)	Up to 21 ⁶ , as approved by the Chair	Up to 24, as approved by the Chair	Up to 20, as approved by the Chair	0	0
Partial Funded (by ISU for Accommodation and Meals)	0	0	Up to quota by ISU	Up to quota by ISU as approved by the Chair	0
Self-Funded	As qualified*	As qualified*	0	As qualified	As qualified

*Only athletes ranked on the 2021 Fall World Cup Matrix (4.4.2) are eligible for self-pay. Self-funded athletes must stay and travel with the team. The 2021-2022 Athlete Categorization Model (ACM) will continue to apply to self-pay athletes' prioritization of services received.

⁶ At the discretion of the Chair, should the nomination be filled by the matrix (Section 4.4.2, priority 2) before selection for the 5000m (women) / 10000m (men) then additional athletes may be added for the 5000m (women) / 10000m (men) for World Cup 2 as qualified.

World Cups and World Championships (Neo-Senior/Junior)

	Neo-Senior World Cup 1 (GER)	Junior World Cup Final (AUT)	World Junior Championships (AUT)
Entry Quota (number of potential athletes)	20	As per quota	10
Maximum Nomination Funded by SSC (number of athletes)	6	World Junior Team	8
Partial Funded (by ISU for Accommodation and Meals)	0	0	Up to 8 by ISU as approved by the Chair
Self-Funded	0	0	0