



Ontario Speed Skating Association Administrative Practices

This document provides general guidelines for clubs and skaters in regards to the administrative practices for competitions outside of Ontario and for annual funding cycles.

Speed Skating Canada member number

All skaters who register for a national event need to provide their Speed Skating Canada (SSC) number on the registration form. Your club registrar can provide you with this number. This number will remain the same for your career unless a new account is created for you. A skater should only have one SSC number.

Short Track racing in Québec

Each season, the Fédération de patinage de vitesse du Québec (FPVQ) establishes entry quotas and time standards for non-FPVQ skaters who want to race in their short track meets. Review their Technical Bulletins for details (www.fpvq.org). Time standards are typically posted by mid-September and times skated in Calgary or Salt Lake City will not be accepted.

There is the Provincial Est/ Ouest circuit and the Elite circuit. Currently, athletes training in Ontario may qualify for the Provincial EST series or the Elite series. Registrations for Quebec Short Track meets must go through OSSA.

Contact OSSA with your qualifying times, date skated, and location skated well in advance of the registration deadline. This information is submitted to FPVQ for approval. Once approved, an online account for each skater is created so OSSA can register skaters for the season.

Skaters provide payment to OSSA and OSSA provides a Branch cheque to FPVQ.

Short Track National Ranking Meets: National Qualifier, Junior ST Championships, Open, JR #2, etc.

Review the entry criteria in SSC High Performance Short Track bulletins (check back often for updates).

<http://www.speedskating.ca/about/speed-skating-canada/committees/high-performance-short-track-committee>

Send OSSA your qualifying times for all distances, where skated, and when skated. Times must be accurate and match the respective race protocols – do not round off! OSSA sends an entry list to SSC. SSC then posts a list of qualified skaters for the meet. If qualified, skaters should send their entry forms and entry fee to OSSA. OSSA will send the entry forms and a branch cheque to SSC & the assigned coach (if applicable).



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Long Track in Québec

Skaters or clubs can register directly with FPVQ. There is no involvement from OSSA at this time.

Long Track National Ranking Meets: Canada Cups

Every meet has different administrative procedures so review the announcement or check with the OSSA office.

Review the time standards and entry criteria listed in SSC High Performance Long Track bulletins. Check often for updates.

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Meets in Calgary and Quebec – typically skaters can register directly with the meet host.

Canada Cups in other provinces (BC, SK, MB) – register through OSSA. Submit your times for all distances, when skated, and where skated. Skaters should send their entry forms and entry fee to OSSA. OSSA then sends the entry forms and a branch cheque to SSC and the assigned coach (if applicable). Be accurate with the times – do not round off.

Quest For Gold – Provincial Training Team – Provincial Development Team

The funding cycle typically starts in early fall. Bulletins and information are posted on the OSSA website, shared via eNews, Twitter, and Facebook.

Q4G is funded by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTCS) & PTT/PDT is funded by OSSA. Both are administered at same time. Q4G timelines and administration parameters are established by MTCS. Skaters based in Ontario – no paperwork is needed until the athlete is nominated for funding.

Skaters training outside of Ontario – paperwork needs to be properly submitted by the posted deadline in order to be eligible for a funding nomination.

The onus is on the athlete to ensure all paperwork has been received on time. The OSSA office will acknowledge all communications.



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A Draft list of nominations is posted and athletes can pursue an appeals process established by MTCS. The appeals process is not the time to critique the funding process. The appeals process is in place if an athlete thinks the selection criteria has not been administered as posted.

Nominated athletes shall agree to the terms of the nomination in order to receive funding.

The list of athletes is then finalized and funding is provided.

OTHER DETAILS

Athletes need to register with a club even when they are training out of province.

There is no need for an athlete to be released from the province to skate for another province but it would be a courtesy to inform the OSSA office. The OSSA office also encourages skaters to provide notification when they retire from the sport – especially if they are training out of the province.

A skater who wants to represent another country must be released from Speed Skating Canada.

Ontario athletes training out of province should sign up for e-News, follow Twitter, Facebook, and inform their training centre coaches of Ontario requirements, programs, and timelines.