



**Skating Excellence Training Hubs (SETH)
Athlete Identification Process 2017-2018**

Overview

The Skating Excellence Training Hubs (SETH) program focuses on those athletes within the Train to Train and Learn to Compete stages of the Long Term Participant and Athlete Development model (LTPAD). In collaboration with Speed Skating Canada and Ontario clubs, OSSA is committed to further developing the provincial LTPAD pathway by providing High Performance training opportunities through the SETH program to identified athletes within the short track and, starting in the 2017-2018 season, the long track disciplines. This multi-phased dynamic program is designed for results-based athletes, building an increase in participation and medal count at national competitions, improving the Ontario talent pool of national caliber athletes and preparing Ontario athletes to transition to national training centres.

The OSSA High Performance Management Group (HPMG) and OSSA staff guide the planning, evaluation and establishment of standards for SETH programming. The HPMG is responsible for the unbiased selection of athletes to the program and reports via measurable performance objectives.

Through training camps and coaching support, the SETH program will identify and develop a pool of athletes with the goal towards medal potential at the Canada East Short Track Championships, National Short Track Ranking events, Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships, National Long Track Ranking events, and the 2019 Canada Winter Games.

Athletes invited into the SETH program must be Ontario residents and be current registered members of the Ontario Speed Skating Association.

Reference Speed Skating Canada's Long Term Participant and Athlete Development model for further clarification of the athlete development stages.

http://www.speedskating.ca/about/skater-development/Skater_Development

Athlete Identification and Invitations for Tier 1

TIER 1

Eligibility (Training to Train through Training to Win): Skaters who were age 14 years+ during the 2016-2017 season are eligible for Tier 1.

Any Tier 1 athlete from the 2016-2017 SETH program who is relocating to a training centre for the 2017-2018 season shall be invited to participate in SETH during the summer months for a pro-rated fee. These skaters shall balloon the group of twenty-four Tier 1 skaters.

Athletes shall be invited into Tier 1 of the 2017-2018 SETH program in the following order:

1. Returning SETH program skaters (male or female) who achieved a short track or long track ranking in any Pool #1 through #7 listed in Table 1.
Skaters invited based on long track results need documented compatible race times in short track (reference OSSA Short Track Ranking List) as the other Tier 1 athletes. This will be determined by the HPMG.

2. Additional invitations will be based on the selection criteria from short track and long track results as listed in Table 1. At least 1/3rd of these additional invitations will be extended to female athletes to ensure balance between male and female athletes relative to the depth of each gender in the province.
Skaters invited based on long track results need documented compatible race times in short track (reference OSSA Short Track Ranking List) as the other Tier 1 athletes. This will be determined by the HPMG.

The number of invitations extended from items #1 and #2 above shall not exceed 18 athletes.

3. Up to 6 discretionary invitations may be extended to any age-eligible OSSA athlete at the absolute discretion of the HPMG in consultation with the High Performance Director.

These discretionary invitations also include consideration for medical circumstances. Athletes may be required to provide documentation attesting to medical circumstances and full return to competition.

Up to Twenty-four (24) Training to Train through Training to Win athletes will be identified and invited into the SETH Tier 1 program for the full 2017-2018 season.

NOTE: Any skater who receives an invitation into the 2017-2018 SETH program and they will not be based in Ontario during the 2017-2018 season and they were not participants in the 2016-2017 SETH program, will need to decline the invitation.

Table 1 – Tier 1 skater invitations

Short Track Event 2016-2017	Long Track Event 2016-2017	Pool Ranking Priority
Senior National Ranking List (all 3 events)		1
Junior National Ranking List (all 3 events)		2
Senior Canadian Short Track Championships		3
National Qualifier		4
Junior Canadian Short Track Championships	Junior Canadian Long Track Championships - Top 32 placement. No Mass Start results.	5
Senior National Open Selection #2		6
Junior National Open Selection #2	Canada Cup (#1 or #4) Single Distance best result – Top 32 Junior skater placement. No Mass Start results.	7
Canada East Short Track Championships AND Provincial A Championships (combined results)	Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships AND Provincial Long Track Championships (combined results)	8

Skaters will be ranked within a pool of competitors skating at identified competitions. A skater – once ranked in a pool – will not be considered for ranking in a lower pool as that skater has already achieved the highest possible rank. The principle of the best result at the highest level of competition is maintained.

*Pool 1: Senior Short Track Ranking List *only athletes who achieved results at ALL 3 qualifying ranking events*

Athletes achieving a Senior National Ranking by competing at ALL 3 qualifying ranking events as identified by Speed Skating Canada (Fall World Cup Selection or National Qualifier, Senior Canadian Short Track Championships, Senior National Open Selection #2). The Senior National Ranking format is established by the High Performance Committee of Speed Skating Canada. Ties shall be broken by the higher rank from the Senior Canadian Short Track Championships.

*Pool 2: Junior Short Track Ranking List *only athletes who achieved results at ALL 3 qualifying ranking events*

Athletes achieving a Junior National Ranking by competing at ALL 3 qualifying ranking events as identified by Speed Skating Canada (National Qualifier, Junior Canadian Short Track Championships, Junior National Open Selection#2). The Junior National Ranking format is established by the High Performance Committee of Speed Skating Canada. Ties shall be broken by the higher rank from the Junior Canadian Short Track Championships.

Pool 3: Senior Canadian Short Track Championships

Athletes achieving a result at the Senior Canadian Short Track Championships shall be ranked third. This shall constitute the third pool of skaters. The final overall racing result shall establish rank within the third pool. Ties shall be broken by the lowest combined 500m+1500m skated at this event.

Pool 4: National Qualifier

Athletes achieving a result at the National Qualifier competition shall be ranked fourth. The final overall racing result from the qualifier shall establish rank within the fourth pool. Ties shall be broken by the lowest combined 500m+1500m skated at this event.

Pool 5: Junior Canadian Short Track Championships and Junior Canadian Long Track Championships

**These 2 events are weighted equally for ranking purposes.*

Pool 5 (Short Track results): Junior Canadian Short Track Championships

Athletes achieving a result at the Junior Canadian Short Track Championships shall be ranked fifth. The final overall racing result shall establish rank within the fifth pool. Ties shall be broken by the lowest combined 500m+1500m skated at this event.

Pool 5 (Long Track results): Junior Canadian Long Track Championships

Athletes achieving a Top 32 result at the Junior Canadian Long Track Championships shall be ranked fifth. The final overall racing result shall establish rank within the fifth pool. Only skaters who achieve a Top 32 overall result will be ranked within the fifth pool. Mass Start results are not eligible.

Should a skater achieve a short track and long track result in Pool 5, the higher result will be the ranking result.

Ties between a short track and long track result in Pool 5 shall be counted as equal.

Pool 6: Senior National Open Selection #2

Athletes achieving a result at the Senior National Open Selection #2 shall be ranked sixth. The final overall racing result shall determine rank within the sixth pool. Ties shall be broken by the lowest combined 500m+1500m skated at this event.

Pool 7: Junior National Open Selection #2 or Single Distance result from Canada Cup #1 or Single Distance result from Canada Cup #4

**These 3 events are weighted equally for ranking purposes.*

Pool 7 (Short Track results): Junior National Open Selection #2

Athletes achieving a result at the Junior National Open Selection #2 shall be ranked seventh. The final overall racing result shall determine rank within the seventh pool of skaters. Ties shall be broken by the lowest combined 500m+1500m skated at this event.

Pool 7 (Long Track results): Canada Cup #1 or Canada Cup #4 – Best Single Distance result

Athletes achieving a Top 32 ranking among Junior-aged skaters in a single distance at either Canada Cup #1 or Canada Cup #4 shall be ranked seventh. Only the skater's highest rank from a single distance skated at either Canada Cup #1 or Canada Cup #4 will count as the rank in Pool 7. Ties will be broken by the best ranking in a second distance (or third or fourth and so forth as needed). Mass Start results are not eligible.

Should a skater achieve a short track and long track result in Pool 7, the higher result will be the ranking result.

Ties between a short track and long track result in Pool 7 shall be counted as equal.

Pool 8: National Age Class Championships and Provincial Championships (combined)

Pool 8 (short track results): Canada East Short Track Championships and Provincial A Short Track Championships (combined)

Athletes achieving a result at the Canada East Short Track Championships and/ or Provincial A Short Track Championships shall be ranked eighth.

The final overall placing in the respective age division at the Canada East Short Track Championships shall determine rank at the Canada East Championships. Points will be assigned based on overall final placement (individual distances only) such that 1st = 1000 pts, 2 = 816 points, 3 = 666 points, and so on. Reference the OSSA Technical bulletin Appendix B for points assignments.

The final overall placing in the respective age division (male age 14, female age 14, male Open 15-29, or female Open 15-29) at the Provincial A Short Track Championships shall determine rank at the Provincial A Short Track Championships. Points will be assigned based on overall final placement (individual distances only) such that 1st = 1000 pts, 2 = 816 points, 3 = 666 points, and so on. Reference the OSSA Technical bulletin Appendix B for points assignments.

Points from both events will be combined. Skaters in Pool 8 will then be ranked starting with the largest cumulative points to the lowest cumulative points.

Point Ties will be broken by fastest 500m+1500m combined time (111m track) skated at a Provincial Series meet or Provincial A Short Track Championships during the 2016-2017 season.

Pool 8 (long track results): Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships and Provincial Long Track Championships (combined).

Athletes achieving a result at the Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships (CACLT) and/ or Provincial Long Track Championships shall be ranked eighth. Age divisions are Girls 14, Boys 14, Boys 15, Girls Open 15-29, and Boys Open 16-29. Male All Round and Female All Round Olympic Style results are not eligible.

The final overall placing in the respective age division at the CACLTC shall determine rank at the Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships. Points will be assigned based on overall final placement

(individual distances only) such that 1st = 1000 pts, 2 = 816 points, 3 = 666 points, and so on. Reference the OSSA Long Track Technical bulletin Appendix A for points assignments.

The final overall placing in the respective age division at the Provincial Long Track Championships shall determine rank at the Provincial Long Track Championships. Points will be assigned based on overall final placement (individual distances only) such that 1st = 1000 pts, 2 = 816 points, 3 = 666 points, and so on. Reference the OSSA Long Track Technical bulletin Appendix A for points assignments.

Points from both events will be combined. Skaters in Pool 8 will then be ranked starting with the largest cumulative points to the lowest cumulative points.

Point Ties will be broken by fastest 500m Olympic Style time skated at the most recent competition where both skaters were in attendance (ie: the 2017 CACLTC or 2017 Provincial Long Track Championships).

Should a skater achieve a short track result and a long track result in Pool 8, the higher result will be the ranking result.

Ties between a short track result and a long track result in Pool 8 shall be broken by:

1. The better overall placement result from the national event shall receive the priority invitation.
2. In the event the tie is still not broken, the better overall placement result from the provincial event shall receive the priority invitation.

Athlete Identification and Invitations for Tier 2

TIER 2

Eligibility (Training to Train): Female skaters who were ages 11-13 during the 2016-2017 season are eligible for Tier 2. Male skaters who were ages 12-13 during the 2016-2017 season are eligible for Tier 2.

Athletes shall be invited into Tier 2 of the 2017-2018 SETH program in the following order:

1. The Top 3 male and Top 3 female returning SETH program skaters who achieved a ranking result as listed in Table 2. The best result from either long track combined or short track combined will be used as the ranking.
Skaters invited based on long track results need documented compatible race times in short track (reference OSSA Short Track Ranking List) as the other Tier 2 athletes. This will be determined by the HPMG.
2. Additional invitations will be based on the selection criteria listed from short track or long track results as listed in Table 2. At least 4 invitations will be extended to female athletes to ensure balance between male and female athlete relative to the depth of each gender in the province. Skaters invited based on long track results should have documented compatible race times in short track (reference OSSA Short Track Ranking List) as the other Tier 2 athletes. This will be determined by the HPMG.

The number of invitations extended from items #1 and #2 above shall not exceed 16 athletes.

3. Up to 4 additional discretionary invitations may be extended to any age-eligible OSSA athlete at the absolute discretion of the HPMG in consultation with the High Performance Director. These discretionary invitations also include consideration for medical circumstances. Athletes may be required to provide documentation attesting to medical circumstances and full return to competition.

Up to twenty (20) Training to Train athletes will be identified and invited into the SETH Tier 2 program for the full 2017-2018 season.

NOTE: Any skater who receives an invitation into the 2017-2018 SETH program and they will not be based in Ontario during the 2017-2018 season and they were not participants in the 2016-2017 SETH program, will need to decline the invitation.

Table 2 – Tier 2 Skater Invitations

Short Track event 2016-2017	Long Track event 2016-2017	Point assignments
Results from 2017 Canada East Short Track Championships	Results from 2017 Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships	The final overall placing in the respective age division at the Canada East Short Track Championships shall determine rank. Points will be assigned based on overall final placement (individual distances only) such that 1 st = 1000 pts, 2 = 816 points, 3 = 666 points, and so on. Reference the OSSA Technical bulletin Appendix B for points assignments.
Results from 2017 Provincial A Short Track Championships	Results from 2017 Provincial Long Track Championships	The final overall placing in the respective age division at the Canada East Short Track Championships shall determine rank. Points will be assigned based on overall final placement (individual distances only) such that 1st = 1000 pts, 2 = 816 points, 3 = 666 points, and so on. Reference the OSSA Technical bulletin Appendix B for points assignments.

National Age Class Championships and Provincial Championships (combined)

Canada East Short Track Championships and Provincial A Short Track Championships (combined)

Athletes achieving a result at the Canada East Short Track Championships and/ or Provincial A Short Track Championships shall be ranked.

The final overall placing in the respective age division at the Canada East Short Track Championships shall determine rank at the Canada East Championships. Points will be assigned based on overall final placement (individual distances only) such that 1st = 1000 pts, 2 = 816 points, 3 = 666 points, and so on. Reference the OSSA Technical bulletin Appendix B for points assignments.

The final overall placing in the respective age division (female age 11, 12, 13 and male age 12 and 13) at the Provincial A Championships shall determine rank at the Provincial A Championships. Points will be assigned based on overall final placement (individual distances only) such that 1st = 1000 pts, 2 = 816 points, 3 = 666 points, and so on. Reference the OSSA Technical bulletin Appendix B for points assignments.

Points from both events will be combined. Skaters will then be ranked starting with the largest cumulative points to the lowest cumulative points.

Point Ties will be broken by fastest 400m+1500m combined time (100m track) skated at the most recent competition where both skaters were in attendance (ie: the 2017 Canada East Championships or the 2017 Provincial A Championships).

Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships and Provincial Long Track Championships (combined)

Athletes achieving a result at the Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships (CACLT) and/ or Provincial Long Track Championships shall be ranked. Age divisions are Girls 11, Girls 12, Girls 13, Boys 12, and Boys 13.

The final overall placing in the respective age division at the CACLTC shall determine rank at the Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships. Points will be assigned based on overall final placement (individual distances only) such that 1st = 1000 pts, 2 = 816 points, 3 = 666 points, and so on. Reference the OSSA Long Track Technical bulletin Appendix A for points assignments.

The final overall placing in the respective age division at the Provincial Long Track Championships shall determine rank at the Provincial Long Track Championships. Points will be assigned based on overall final placement (individual distances only) such that 1st = 1000 pts, 2 = 816 points, 3 = 666 points, and so on. Reference the OSSA Long Track Technical bulletin Appendix A for points assignments.

Points from both events will be combined. Skaters will then be ranked starting with the largest cumulative points to the lowest cumulative points.

Point Ties will be broken by fastest 500m Olympic Style time skated at the most recent competition where both skaters were in attendance (ie: the 2017 CACLTC or 2017 Provincial Long Track Championships).

Should a skater achieve a short track result and a long track result, the higher result will be the ranking result.

Ties between a short track result and a long track result in shall be broken by:

1. The better overall placement result from the national event shall receive the priority invitation.
2. In the event the tie is still not broken, the better overall placement result from the provincial event shall receive the priority invitation.