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PREAMBLE

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide information concerning the format of Ontario-based competitions, competition regulations that define the running of competitions, and the eligibility of skaters for those competitions. The statements made in this Technical Bulletin remain in effect unless they are superseded in a later Bulletin.

The Technical Bulletin will be posted on OSSA's website at www.ontariospeedskating.ca/technical-bulletins/

The order of precedence for speed skating rules for events sanctioned by OSSA is:

- This Technical Bulletin (2017-2018 OSSA Technical Bulletin)
- SSC Rule Book
- ISU Rule Book

PARTICIPANTS, COACHES, CLUB OFFICIALS, AND PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT A RULING BY THE CHIEF REFEREE AT ANY EVENT IS FINAL AND IS ONLY SUBJECT TO PROTEST/ APPEAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS SET OUT IN THE INFORMATION MANUAL. OSSA'S CODE OF CONDUCT APPLIES IN ALL DEALINGS WITH MEET COMPETITION OFFICIALS.

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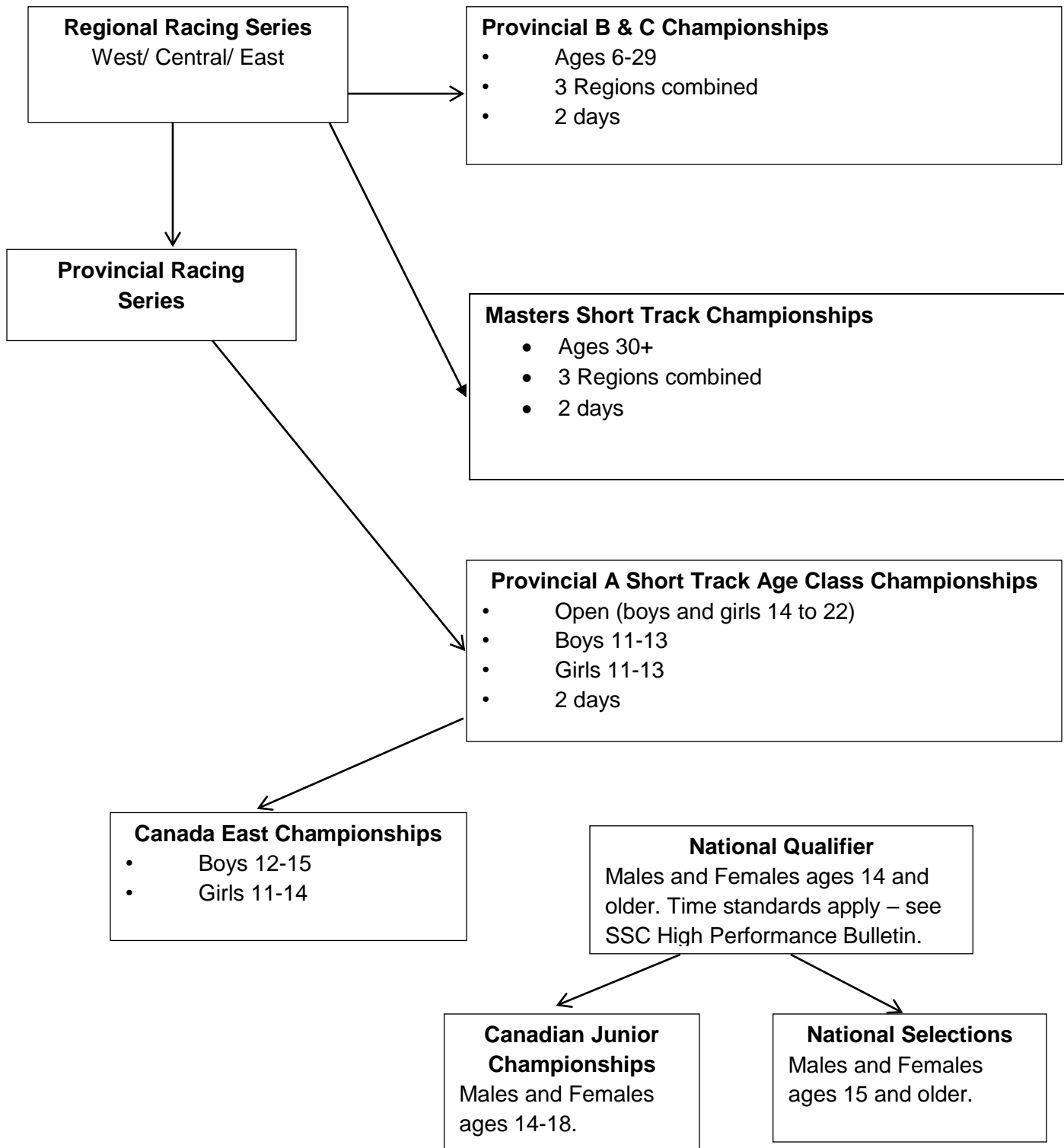
MISSION STATEMENT

With a skater focus, OSSA promotes, governs, and develops speed skating at all levels through a positive environment, and fosters a life-long passion for the sport.

PROVINCIAL REGISTRAR

To better facilitate the registration process for Regional and Provincial Series meets, OSSA has created the position of Provincial Registrar. This position will be held by Cindy Van Lierop during the 2017-2018 season (registrar@ontariospeedskating.ca). Host clubs will be contacted by the Provincial Registrar in advance of their meets. All entries will be confirmed with the clubs by email upon close of all registrations.

ONTARIO SHORT TRACK COMPETITION FLOW CHART



COMMON COMPETITION PROCEDURES

Coaching Certification Requirements

All Meets:

There is a limit of 2 club coaches permitted in the coaching box and they must be registered with OSSA. They must also wear their OSSA designated name tag if such is provided.

Regional Series Meets:

Coaches in the box should be Fundamentals Coach certified status.

Provincial Series Meets:

Coaches in the box should be Introduction to Competition certified status.

Check-In and Coaches Meeting

Check in will take place prior to the warm up on the first day of competition. The coaches and officials meeting will take place before the start of competition. Location and time shall be listed on the meet announcement form.

All Ontario Speed Skating Association competitions will have **no refunds after the close of all entries (12:00 noon on the Friday, eight days prior to the start of the meet)**. No exceptions including medical circumstances. Withdrawals made prior to the close of all entries (12:00 noon on the Friday, eight days prior to the start of the meet) will be permitted and refunds will be granted.

Equipment

Speed Skating Canada equipment requirements (Regulation D3-100) will be in effect for all OSSA sanctioned events. Reference may be made to <http://www.speedskating.ca/resources/safety/protective-equipment/short-track-protective-equipment>, or the above-noted regulation in the Red Book.

National team suits (any country) or Ontario suits are not permitted in OSSA sanctioned events.

Timing

Regional Series Meets

Manual timing will be in effect unless electronic timing can be secured. When using manual timing, 0.2 seconds shall be added to manually captured times in accordance with ISU rules. The Provincial B & C Championships is classified as a Regional Series meet.

Provincial Series Meets:

Electronic timing will be provided at all Provincial Series Meets and the Provincial A Age Class Championships. Manual timing will be in effect as a back-up to the electronic timing. When using manual timing, 0.2 seconds shall be added to manually captured times in accordance with ISU rules.

PRE-SEASON MEETS

There shall be 2 pre-season meets during the 2017-2018 season: Ottawa and Kitchener-Waterloo. Both events are 2 days in duration. There is no cap on the registration numbers.

- 6-10 year olds shall race all points ability, mixed gender format.
- 11-13 year olds shall race all points ability, gender specific format.
- 14 year olds and above shall race as an Open category. All points ability, gender specific format.

SKATER ELIGIBILITY

Regional Series, Provincial Series, and Out of Province skaters are eligible to register.

RACING DISTANCES

3 Racing Groups	Set distances for Pre-Season Meets *Additional distances to be established by the Chief Referee, Chief Recorder, and Meet Coordinator at the close of registrations.
Group 1 Ages 14 years and older 111.12m track	500m and 1500m Recommended additional distances are: 1500m, 1000m, 777m, or relays.
Group 2 Girls 11-13 years Boys 11-13 years 100.0m and 111.12m track	400m (100m) and 500m (111.12m) Recommended additional distances (100m) are: 1500m, 1000m, 800m, or relays.
Group 3 Learn to Train Girls 6 - 10 years Boys 6 - 10 years Mixed gender racing 100.0m track	200m and 400m Recommended additional distances are: 600m, 500m, 300m, or 100m.

AWARDS at the Pre-Season Meets

See Appendix B. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each Division based on the cumulative points earned during the Finals of each distance. Host clubs can provide additional awards at their discretion.

INFORMATION for MEET COORDINATOR

- Classified as Two day meets (refer to pricing chart on the OSSA website)
- Requires Olympic size ice pad (30 x 60 meters)
- Electronic Timing is required.
- Both 100.0m and 111.12m tracks must be marked on the ice surface and certified as correct
- Sanctions must be obtained from OSSA and SSC.
- Ice time requirements Day 1: 6:30am – 6:00pm and Day 2: 6:30am – 6:00pm (includes set up and tear down)
- Officials requirements are as follows:
The Chief Referee, Chief Starter, and Chief Recorder will be assigned to Pre-Season meets by the Officials Development Committee and/or its identified collaborators. Availability, certification level, and experience will be factors in the assignments.

The Chief Manual Timer and Chief Judge should be Level 3, but could be Level 2 if: supervised by a higher level official OR have chiefed at 2 Provincial Series meets.

- Level 3 crash mat protection is required for Provincial Series meets (SSC sanctioned meets). See SSC guidelines at <http://www.speedskating.ca/resources/safety/crash-protection/short-track-crash-protection> Section D2-102 and Appendix D3 at <http://www.speedskating.ca/appendices>.

Seeding for Races

- Skaters aged 6-10: 400m on 100m track.
- Skaters aged 11-13: 400m on 100m track.
- Skaters aged 14+: 500m on 111.12m track.
- Masters: A separate group for Masters skaters may be made at the discretion of the Provincial Registrar and Chief Referee if there are sufficient registrations.

REGIONAL RACING SERIES

These meets are All Points, Ability format.

SKATER ELIGIBILITY:

- Any competitive member who participates in an OSSA sanctioned competition that is not classified as a Provincial Series skater will be considered a Regional Series skater.
- There are four different regions – West, Central, East, and Flex.
- Skaters from the host region who have properly registered will have priority in registration.

East Region

Gloucester Ottawa Lakefield St. Lawrence Portland Kingston Kawartha Quinte

Central Region

Barrie Newmarket Markham Toronto Clarington Durham Brampton

Western Region

Hamilton Milton London Oakville Cambridge Kitchener-Waterloo Niagara
Golden Horseshoe

Flex Region *Can register skaters in any region

Sudbury Sault Ste. Marie Thunder Bay

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- See meet announcement for registration information. A target maximum of 150 skaters will be accepted into each 1-day meet.
- For further clarification, all Regional Series skaters from within the host region, all Flex skaters, and up to 16 Special Olympic skaters who have properly registered before the extended deadline will be granted entry into their Regional Series meet regardless of whether the registration number surpasses 150.
- For participation at **Regional** meets outside of their home region, **Regional** skaters must register to join the waitlist before the close of all entries. Registrations received during the extension (Thursday 12:00am – Friday 12:00pm) are double the entry fee. This includes waitlist skaters.
- For participation at **Regional** meets within their home region, **Provincial** skaters must register to join the waitlist before the close of all entries. Registrations received during the extension (Thursday 12:00am – Friday 12:00pm) are double the entry fee. This includes waitlist skaters.

Special Olympics:

- Race opportunities for Special Olympic skaters to race as a separate category may be offered at any Regional Series meet at the discretion of the host club. Any club with Special Olympic skaters wanting to race, shall contact the host club and the Special Olympics Provincial Convenor (Nicole Van Lierop). In consultation with the Chief Referee, the Provincial Registrar, and the Special Olympics Provincial Convenor, the distances and racing agenda will be determined.

- Registrations shall be submitted using the Special Olympics Club Entry form and OSSA registration deadlines apply.
- A minimum of 3 skaters is required to run Special Olympic races. Registrations from a maximum of 16 Special Olympic skaters will be accepted.
- See OSSA Membership Fees chart for more information regarding Special Olympics membership (coming in Fall 2017). Results shall be posted in the racing protocol.

Skaters who are classified as Provincial Series Skaters:

Provincial Series skaters have the opportunity to race in Regional meets within their region should space remain in that particular meet and provided they register as per the posted timelines.

Provincial Series skaters have the opportunity to race in Regional meets outside their region should space remain in that particular meet and provided they register as per the posted timelines.

Out-of-Province Skaters

May attend a Regional Series meet provided they register as per the posted timelines. Out of Province skaters shall balloon the group.

Once registration has closed and the number of registrations (host region Regional skaters, Special Olympics skaters, and Flex skaters) still remains below 150, the Provincial Registrar will then randomly draw waitlisted skaters up to a maximum of 150 competitors.

Thus, the order of entries for Regional meets shall be:

1. Regional Skaters from inside the host region, Flex region skaters, and Special Olympic skaters.
2. Regional Skaters from the outside regions by random draw.
3. Provincial Skaters from inside the host region by random draw.
4. Provincial Skaters from outside the host region by random draw.

Out of Province skaters shall Balloon the group.

RACING DISTANCES

<p>3 Racing Groups</p>	<p>Set distances for 1 day Regional Meets *Additional distances to be established by the Chief Referee, Chief Recorder, and Meet Coordinator at the close of registrations. *Not all divisions within a given Group will race the same additional distances. Additional distances will be established based on ability and number of registered skaters.</p>	
<p>Group 1 Competitive for Life Ages 14 years and older Mixed gender racing 111.12m track</p>	<p>Fastest group: 500m x 2 1000m x 2</p>	<p>All other groups: 500m x 2 777m x 2</p> <p>Recommended additional distances are: 1500m, 1000m, or relays.</p>
<p>Group 2 Train to Train Girls 11-13 years Boys 11-13 years Mixed gender racing 100.0m and 111.12m track</p>	<p>All groups: 400m x 2 500m x 2 (111.12m track)</p> <p>Recommended additional distances are: 1500m, 1000m, 800m, or relays.</p>	

Group 3 Learn to Train Girls 6 - 10 years Boys 6 - 10 years Mixed gender racing 100.0m track	Fastest group:	Next fastest group:	All other group(s):
	300m x 2 400m x 2	200m x 2 400m x 2	200m x 2 100m x 2
Recommended additional distances are: 800m, 600m, 500m, 400m, or 200m.			

Note: if there are time constraints, the Meet Coordinators and Chief Referee must consult with the VP Sport Development if seeking changes to the Racing Distances.

AWARDS at the Regional Series Meets

Regional Series Results

See Appendix B. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 overall finishers in each Division based on the cumulative points earned during the Finals of each distance. Host clubs can provide additional awards at their discretion.

Regional Series Points Awards

Certificates will be given to the five skaters in each region who receive the greatest amount of cumulative points from all Regional Series Meets within their own region in Group 3, in accordance with the procedure set out in Appendix C. These certificates will be presented at the Provincial B & C Championships awards ceremony.

INFORMATION FOR MEET COORDINATOR

- Cradle classes may be run at the discretion of the host club.
- Both 100.0m and 111.12m tracks need to be marked on the ice surface.
- Sanctions must be obtained from OSSA in respect of every Regional Series competition.
- Ice time is needed from 7am to 6pm (includes set up and tear down time).
- Officials requirements are as follows:
The Chief Referee, Chief Starter, Chief Manual Timer, and Chief Judge should be Level 2, but could be Level 1 if: supervised by a higher level official OR has chiefed at 2 Regional Series meets.
The Chief Referee, Chief Starter, and Chief Recorder will be assigned to Regional Series meets by the Officials Development Committee and/or its identified collaborators.
Provincial B & C Championships: Chief Referee, Chief Starter, Chief Timer, and Chief Judge should be Level 2, but could also be Level 1, if supervised by an official of a higher level for upgrade evaluations.
- Level 3 crash mat protection is required for Regional meets. See SSC guidelines at www.speedskating.ca/resources/safety/crash-protection/short-track-crash-protection and Appendix D3 at www.speedskating.ca/appendices

Racing Format

- 1 All points ability format.
All Points: Format in which all skaters advance to finals and therefore accumulate points.
Ability: Competition in which seeding is primarily on ability. Seed times prevail for seeding purposes, over sex and age within the three distinctive groups outlined above.
- 2 At all Ability competitions, category names will be standardized by using the alphabetic call designations as follows: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel, India, Juliet, Kilo, Lima,

Mike, November, Oscar, Papa, Quebec, Romeo, Sierra, Tango, Uniform, Victor, Whiskey, X-ray, Yankee, Zulu. The top ability grouping must be designated as Alpha and then proceed down.

- 3 The groups may be skated in the opposite order starting with the lowest group and finishing with the top group, the Alphas, at the discretion of the Meet Coordinator and the Chief Referee.
- 4 Racing group sizes shall be established according to the Chief Recorder and Chief Referee. For Group 1, the group sizes may differ based on the age group, ability, and number of the registered skaters.

Seeding of Racers

- Group 1 (500m on a 111.12m track), Groups 2 (400m on a 100.0m track), and Group 3 (fastest 2 divisions 400m on 111.12m track, other divisions 200m on 100m track).
- A separate group for Masters skaters may be made at the discretion of the Provincial Registrar and Chief Referee if there are sufficient registrations for a given Regional Series Meet.
- Out-of-province skaters will be seeded as follows:
 - Open: on the basis of 500m time
 - Group 2: on the basis of 400m time, or if the skater does not have 100m track times, on the basis of the skater's 500m time. If 500m time is used, the skater will be placed near Ontario skaters with similar 500m times, at the discretion of the recorder who sets up the meet.
 - Group 3: on the basis of 400m time, or if the skater does not have 100m track times, on the basis of the skater's 500m time. If 500m time is used, the skater will be placed near Ontario skaters judged by the meet recorder to be of a similar speed, working on the assumption that a 48s 400m (100m track) is roughly equal to a 60s 500m (111.12m track).

PROVINCIAL RACING SERIES

These meets are All points ability, gender specific.

SKATER ELIGIBILITY

- Racing age 11 and older.
- Time standards and group quotas in effect.

Invitations to the Provincial Series

- Skaters will be invited on the basis of their position on the OSSA Short Track Ranking List at the start of the 2017-2018 racing season, which is based on the year-end 2016-2017 Ranking List.
- At the start of the 2017-18 racing season, there shall be 156 skaters invited to race in the Provincial Racing Series.
- Senior skaters aged 23 - 29 who are ranked in the top 22 Open Ladies or top 30 Open Men at the beginning of the year shall be eligible for the Provincial Series, but shall balloon the Open group such that there shall be 22 Open Ladies aged 15-22 and 30 Open Men aged 15-22 who qualify for the Provincial Series at the beginning of the year.
- Master skaters aged 30 years + whose ranking times place them within the top 22 Open Ladies or top 30 Open Men at the beginning of the year shall be eligible for the Provincial Series, but shall balloon the Open group such that there shall be 22 Open Ladies aged 15-22 and 30 Open Men aged 15-22 who qualify for the Provincial Series at the beginning of the year. Master skaters must contact sportmanager@ontariospeedskating.ca for consideration into the Provincial Racing Series at the start of the 2017-18 season.
- Once skaters have met the criteria (time standard and within quota numbers) to race in the Provincial Racing Series, they may remain in the series for the duration of the competitive season. Skaters must confirm their intent to race Provincial Series by **September 25, 2017**.
- Skaters may opt out of the Provincial Racing Series any time and will be classified as a Regional Series skater for the remainder of the season. These skaters must provide written notification to the OSSA office (sportmanager@ontariospeedskating.ca). A Provincial Series skater who has maintained eligibility for the Provincial A Championships but is unable to attend (for whatever reason) is not permitted to race at the Provincial B & C Championships. A Provincial Series skater who has maintained eligibility for the Provincial A Championships but withdraws from the Provincial Racing Series after Provincial Series #3 is not permitted to race at the Provincial B & C Championships.
- The number of skaters who are invited in each 11-14 year-old age class is based on the relative depth of such class. Please see Appendix D for further explanation.
- Although the 14 year-old skaters are racing in the Open groups, they will qualify for the Provincial Series only against other 14 year-old skaters. They will be qualified for the Provincial Series at the beginning of the year on the basis of their 400m+1500m (100m track) times. They will be seeded into the Open groups for the purpose of creating Divisions within the meet, on the basis of their 500m+1500m (111.12 track) times. After the first Provincial Series meet of the year, they will be ranked on the Ranking List based on their 111.12m track times.
- Any skater who missed the entire 2016-2017 short track season will need to start the 2017-2018 season as a Regional Series skater.
- Should a given racing group (example Girls 11) not achieve the minimum quota for racers because of skaters who have declined the Provincial Series invitation, the Technical Committee reserves the right to balloon another racing group (example Boys 12) to increase the racing numbers in the Provincial Series stream. These new quotas (ex: reduced number of Girls 11 and increased number of Boys 12) shall remain in effect for the rest of the season and will be used for the purposes of call-ups.

Minimum time standards for invitation to the Provincial Series at the start of the 2017-2018 season:

- Open Men: 225.00s (500m+1500m – 111.12m track)
- Boys 14: 240.00 (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Boys 13: 250.00 (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Boys 12: 265.00s (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Boys 11: 53.00s (400m on 100m track)
- Open Ladies: 245.00s (500m+1500m – 111.12m track)
- Girls 14: 245.00s (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Girls 13: 260.00s (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Girls 12: 275.00s (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Girls 11: 60.00s (400m on 100m track)

Out of Province Skaters

- Ontario skaters training out of province will not occupy ranking spots, although they will be eligible to compete within the series should they wish to do so and if they would otherwise have qualified for the Open Group based on their ranking times. These skaters shall balloon the group in the same manner as the skaters aged 23+.
- Out-of-province skaters aged 11-13 may attend a Provincial Series meet if they meet the qualifying time standard as set out on page 25 of this Technical Bulletin and shall balloon the total number of skaters at the meet.
- Out-of-province skaters aged 14 or older may attend a Provincial Series meet if they meet the qualifying time standard as set out on page 25 of this Technical Bulletin and shall balloon the total number of skaters at the meet.

Skaters who are classified as Regional Series Skaters

Skaters from the Regional Series (any region) may register to be waitlisted to skate in a particular Provincial Series meet provided they have met the time standard and the meet is not at capacity.

Skaters who achieve the Provincial Series time standards for their age group listed below during the 2017-2018 season (according to their time noted on the most current version of the Ranking List at the time of registration) are eligible to apply for Provincial Series #1- #3 and shall be called-up if space becomes available in their group.

- Open Men: 225.00s (500m+1500m – 111.12m track)
- Boys 14: 240.00 (500m+1500m – 111.12m track)
- Boys 13: 250.00 (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Boys 12: 265.00s (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Boys 11: 270.00s (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Open Ladies: 245.00s (500m+1500m – 111.12m track)
- Girls 14: 245.00s (500m+1500m – 111.12m track)
- Girls 13: 260.00s (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Girls 12: 275.00s (400m+1500m – 100m track)
- Girls 11: 285.00s (400m+1500m – 100m track)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- See meet announcement for registration information. Skaters in the Provincial Series who have properly registered will have priority in registering for Provincial Series meets.

- Skaters from the Regional Series (any region) may register to be waitlisted to skate in a particular Provincial Series meet provided they have met the time standard and the meet is not at capacity.
- Once registration has closed, the Provincial Registrar shall select as many eligible Regional skaters per age group as there are available spots in that age group. I.e. if there are 2 available spots in Boys 11, there shall be two call-ups from the Boys 11 waitlist. Waitlisted skaters will be invited in order from the most recent OSSA ranking list starting with highest ranked.
Exception: any skater who was offered a space in the Provincial Series and declined, will be placed after all other waitlisted Regional Series skaters in that age group.
- Thus the order of call-ups from the waitlist for Provincial Series meets shall be:
 1. Regional Skaters who accepted an invitation in the 2017-18 Provincial Series but a spot was not provided (going in order of highest ranked on the most recent OSSA ranking list to the lowest).
 2. Regional skaters who achieve the qualifying time standard during the 2017-18 season (going in order of highest ranked on the most recent OSSA ranking list to the lowest).
 3. Regional Skaters who had declined their invitation to be a Provincial Series skater (going in order of highest ranked on the most recent OSSA ranking list to the lowest).
- Registrations received by the deadline (Wednesday at 11:59pm) are subject to the regular registration fee. Registrations received during the extension (Thursday 12:00am – Friday 12:00pm) including waitlist skaters, are double the entry fee.
- The Provincial Registrar shall confirm the registration of the selected call-ups along with the Provincial Series skaters after the close of all entries. This shall be done by contacting the Club Registrar.
- If there are no waitlisted skaters who have made the time standard in a group with missing skaters, there will not be any call-ups in that group.

RACING GROUPS and DISTANCES

Gender	Age	Provincial Ranking (500m+1500m on 111.12m)	Track Size	Distances	RACING GROUP 1
Open Female	14	Ranked 1 – 10	111.12m	500m	
	15-16 (Junior B)	Ranked 1 – 22 on the Open Ladies Ranking List		1000m	
	17-18 (Junior A)			1500m	
	19-22 (Neo-Senior)			1500m Superfinal	
	23+ (Senior or Master)			3000m points race	
Open Male	14	Ranked 1 – 12	111.12m	500m	
	15-16 (Junior B)	Ranked 1 – 30 on the Open Men Ranking List		1000m	
	17-18 (Junior A)			1500m	
	19-22 (Neo-Senior)			1500m Superfinal	
	23+ (Senior or Master)			3000m points race	

Gender	Age	Provincial Ranking (400m+1500m on 100m)	Track Size	Distances	RACING GROUP 2
Girls 11-13	11	Ranked 1 – 12	100.0m and 111.12m	200m (100m) pursuit + final	
	12	Ranked 1 – 12		400m (100m)	
	13	Ranked 1 – 12		500m (111.12m)	
Boys 11-13	11	Ranked 1 – 14		1500m (100m)	
	12	Ranked 1 – 16		2000m or 3000m (100m)	
	13	Ranked 1 – 16		points race	

Note: Skaters will only race the 200m pursuit once (1). Re-skates will not be granted in any circumstance.

AWARDS at the Provincial Series Meets

Provincial Series Points Awards

Certificates will be given to the three skaters who receive the greatest amount of points from all Provincial Series Meets in each of the following groups: Open Ladies, Open Men, Boys 11-13 and Girls 11-13. The award recipients will be determined in accordance with the procedure set out in Appendix C. These awards will be presented at the Provincial A Championships awards ceremony.

Meet Results

See Appendix B. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each Division based on the cumulative points earned during the Finals of each distance.

INFORMATION FOR MEET COORDINATOR

- Province-wide 2 Day meets, classified as Two day meets (refer to pricing chart in Information Manual)
- Requires Olympic size ice pad (30 x 60 meters)
- Both 100.0m and 111.12m tracks must be marked on the ice surface and certified as correct
- Sanctions must be obtained from OSSA and SSC.
- Ice time requirements Day 1: 6:30am – 6:00pm and Day 2: 6:30am – 6:00pm (includes set up and tear down)
- Officials requirements are as follows:
 - The Chief Referee, Chief Starter, and Chief Recorder will be assigned to Provincial Series meets by the Officials Development Committee and/or its identified collaborators. Availability, certification level, and experience will be factors in the assignments.
 - The Chief Manual Timer and Chief Judge should be Level 3, but could be Level 2 if: supervised by a higher level official OR have chiefed at 2 Provincial Series meets.
 - Provincial A Championships: Chief Referee, Chief Starter, Chief Timer, and Chief Judge should be Level 3, but could also be Level 2, if supervised by an official of a higher level for upgrade evaluations.
- Level 3 crash mat protection is required for Provincial Series meets (SSC Sanctioned meets). See SSC guidelines D2-102 at <http://www.speedskating.ca/resources/safety/crash-protection/short-track-crash-protection> and Appendix D3 at <http://www.speedskating.ca/appendices>.

Racing Format

All Points: Format in which all skaters advance to finals and therefore accumulate points.

Ability: Competition in which seeding is primarily on ability. Seed times prevail for seeding purposes, over age but not gender.

Please refer to Appendix A for information about the format of the points races and 200m pursuits.

Seeding for Races

In fairness to all Ontario competitors, seeding for Provincial Series #1 will be done based on the 2016-2017 year-end ranking list #16. For clarification, a skater who did not have a ranking during the 2016-17 season but has achieved qualifying times during the 2017-18 season will be seeded at the bottom of the group.

Times from the most recent 2017-2018 ranking list will be used to seed skaters for all subsequent Provincial Series meets.

Girls 11-13 and Boys 11-13 will be split into 2 or more Divisions of no greater than 24 skaters as follows:

- Skaters shall be seeded into these groups based on their current ranking times. For the first Provincial Series meet, skaters shall be ranked on their final 2016-2017 Ranking List times (400m+1500m – 100m track). Any skaters who do not have 1500m times shall be ranked on their 400m time only, behind all skaters who have 1500m times.
- The number of Divisions and skaters per Division shall depend on the number of registrations received for a particular meet.
- Any out-of-province skaters who so qualify shall be seeded into the 11-13 year old groups based on their 400m+1500m (100m track) times. If they do not have a 400m+1500m (100m track), they shall be seeded at the bottom of the group.

Open groups will be established at the discretion of the Chief Referee and Provincial Registrar.

- Skaters shall be seeded into these groups based on their current ranking in their respective Open group. For the first Provincial Series meet, skaters shall be ranked on their final 2016-2017 Ranking List times.
- The number of Divisions and skaters per Division shall depend on the number of registrations received for a particular meet.
- Any out-of-province skaters who so qualify shall be seeded into the Open groups based on their 500m+1500m times and shall balloon the total number of skaters at the meet.

Provincial Series Schedule Meet #1

Saturday:

Warm-up: 7:45am start and will follow the order of racing.

Racing Starts at 8:35AM.

Group 1: 1500m Heat and Final

Group 2: 400m Heat, Semi, and Final (100m track)

Group 1: 500m Heat, Semi, and Final

Group 2: 1500m Heat and Final (100m track)

Sunday:

Warm-up: 7:45am and will follow the order of racing.

Racing Starts at 8:35AM.

Group 1: 1000m Heat and Semi

Group 2: 500m Heat and Semi (111.12m track)

Group 1: 1000m Final

Group 2: 500m Final (111.12m track)

Group 1: 500m Super Final

Group 2: 1500m Super Final (100m track)

Group 1: 3000m Relays

Group 2: 2000m Relays (100m track)

Provincial Series Schedule – Meet #2

Saturday:

Warm-up: 7:45am start and will follow order of racing.
Racing Starts at 8:35AM.

Group 1: 1500m Heat and Final
Group 2: 400m Heat, Semi, and Final (100m track)

Group 1: 500m Heat, Semi, and Final
Group 2: 1500m Heat and Final (100m track)

Sunday:

Warm-up: 7:45am start and will follow order of racing.
Racing Starts at 8:35AM.

Group 1: 1000m Heat and Semi
Group 2: 200m Pursuit and Mass Start Final (100m track)

Group 1: 1000m Final
Group 2: 2000m points race (100m track)
Group 1: 1500m Super Final

Group 1: 3000m Relay
Group 2: 2000m Relay (100m track)

Provincial Series Schedule – Meet #3

*Note: Provincial Series #3 will include the Masters' Championship

Saturday:

Warm-up: 7:45am start and will follow order of racing.
Racing Starts at 8:35am.

Group 1: 1500m Heat and Final
Group 2: 400m Heat, Semi, and Final (100m track)
Masters: 1000m Heat and Final

Group 1: 500m Heat, Semi, and Final
Group 2: 1500m Heat and Final (100m track)
Masters: 500m Heat and Final

Sunday:

Warm-up at 7:45am and will follow the order of racing.
Racing Starts at 8:35am.

Group 1: 1000m Heat, Semi, and Final
Group 2: 500m Heat, Semi, and Final (111m track)
Masters: 777m Heat and Final

Group 1: 3000m points race
Group 2: 1500m Super Final (100m track)
Masters: 1500m Super Final

PROVINCIAL B & C SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is a 2-day age class, gender specific meet. There is no cap on registration numbers.

SKATER ELIGIBILITY

- Skaters aged 6-29 years old.
- Skaters must be a member in good standing of OSSA and have raced at a minimum of 1 OSSA sanctioned short track meet during the current season. Mini Meets do not apply.
- All Regions eligible to register.

RACING DISTANCES

All skaters will compete in individual distances that will count towards their final overall placement. Additional events will be scheduled by the Chief Referee, Meet Coordinator and Meet Recorder once registration has closed. Relay events could be traditional relays or drop-out races, skill-based events, or other.

Racing Groups	Set distances for Provincial B & C Championships	*Additional distances to be established by the Chief Referee, Chief Recorder, and Meet Coordinator at the close of registrations.
Junior A (17-18) with Neo-Senior (19-22) and with Senior (23-29)	500m and 1500m (111m track)	Recommended additional distances are: 1500m, 1000m, or relays
Junior B (15-16)	500m and 1500m (111m track)	
Age 14	500m and 1500m (111m track)	
Age Class 13	400m and 1500m (100m track)	Recommended additional distances are: 1500m, 1000m, 800m, or relays
Age Class 12	400m and 1500m (100m track)	
Age Class 11	400m and 1500m (100m track)	
Age Class 10	200m and 400m (100m track)	Recommended additional distances are: 800m, 600m, 500m, or 100m.
Age Class 9	200m and 400m (100m track)	
Age Class 8	200m and 400m (100m track)	
Age Class 7	200m and 400m (100m track)	
Age Class 6	200m and 400m (100m track)	

A racing schedule will be made available just prior to the event.

Note: semis may be skated only where necessary with large groups.

AWARDS

Racing Points and Results

See Appendix B.

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 overall finishers in each male age class and each female age class based on points earned during the finals of each individual distance.

If any groups are combined, the skaters in different age categories will receive separate points for each final, as if they are racing in their separate age categories. In this case, medals shall be awarded to the top 3 overall finishers in each age class based on their ranking at the end of the competition within their own age class.

If any group is larger than 32 skaters, it shall be broken into two equal groups (ie: Boys 10 – “A” and Boys 10 – “B”) to accommodate race advancements. OSSA Provincial Championship medals will only be awarded to group A.

Host clubs can provide additional awards at their discretion.

INFORMATION FOR MEET COORDINATOR

- SSC and OSSA sanctions are required for this meet.
- Seeding for skaters ages 6-13 will be done on the 400m times. If any group is larger than 32 skaters, it shall be broken into two equal groups (ie: Boys 10 – “A” and Boys 10 – “B”) to accommodate race advancements. Semis may be skated only where necessary with large groups.
- Seeding for ages 14-29 will be done on 500m times. If any group is larger than 32 skaters, it shall be broken into two equal groups (ie: Girls 14 – “A” and Girls 14 – “B”). Semis may be skated only where necessary with large groups.

MASTERS SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is a two-day All Points, ability competition that will be held in conjunction with Provincial Series #3. There is no cap on registration for Championship meets. An SSC Ability meet sanction shall be secured.

SKATER ELIGIBILITY

- Skaters aged 30+ years old, 5 year increments.
- Masters skaters must be an OSSA member in good standing and have raced at least one Regional or Provincial Series meet in the current season and be on the current ranking list.
- All Regions eligible to enter.

RACING DISTANCES

All skaters will compete in 4 distances that will count towards their final overall placement.

Age Class	Distances (all on 111m track)
30-34, 35-39, and so on	500m, 777m, 1000m, and a 1500M Super Final.

Note: semis may be skated only where necessary with large groups.

Racing Format and Seeding

All points: Format in which all skaters advance to finals and therefore accumulate points.

Ability: Competition in which seeding is primarily on ability. Seed times prevail, for seeding purposes, over sex and age within the group. Seeding will be done on 500m times.

Racing Schedule

Since the Masters Short Track Championships and Provincial Series #3 are being held the same weekend at the same venue, refer to page 16 for the racing schedule.

Racing Points and Results

See Appendix B. The category results will be separated to award medals in the appropriate gender and age classifications (5 year increments). Top points in each distance will be given to the skater in each age and gender group who skates the fastest time in the final, regardless of which final he or she is in.

PROVINCIAL A SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

This competition will be used to select skaters to attend the Canada East Short Track Championships and to name the Ontario Open Provincial Champions. The format of the Canada East Short Track Championships meets are contained in the relevant SSC Competitions Bulletin which can be accessed on the SSC website. At the close of the Provincial A Short Track Championships, the Ontario Speed Skating Association's Technical Committee will identify the primary racing team and up to 4 alternates per age category.

SKATER ELIGIBILITY

- 1 It is imperative that all skaters, coaches, clubs, and parents review the qualification criteria below, and Bye Guidelines. All skaters will be deemed to understand these criteria once they accept an invitation to the Provincial Series.
- 2 All skaters who accepted the invitation to race the Provincial Racing Series as of September and attend 2 out of the 3 Provincial Series meets during the 2017-2018 season are eligible to participate in the Provincial A Championships. If a skater does not attend 2 out of 3 meets, he or she must obtain a Bye for any missed competition(s) in accordance with the Bye Guidelines contained, in order to maintain eligibility for the Provincial A Championships. The Bye guidelines and bye application form are in a separate document (new Fall 2017).
- 3 Skaters have hereby been given an opportunity to miss one of the Provincial Series meets without the necessity of obtaining a bye (hereinafter called a "Free Absence"). Skaters must use their Free Absence for their first non-attendance of the season, no matter the reason for the non-attendance. A skater must receive a bye for any further non-attendance(s), or forfeit his or her eligibility for the Provincial A Championships. A skater who starts a meet will be recognized as having attended the meet regardless of when s/he leaves the meet. An injured skater should review the Bye guidelines for additional information.
- 4 Regional Series skaters who have been called-up to race 2 Provincial Series meets, are eligible to register for the Provincial A Championships. These skaters shall only race at one Provincial Championships: the Provincial A Championships or the Provincial B & C Championships.
- 5 There is no cap on the number of skaters eligible to race at the Provincial A Championships. Any skater who skates at the Provincial A Championships is not eligible for the Provincial B & C Championships.

Information about the Provincial A Championships format and distances will be released by OSSA at a later date pending release of Speed Skating Canada's 2017-2018 Competition bulletin.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CANADA EAST SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eligibility to participate as a member of Team Ontario at the Canada East Short Track Championships will be based on the criteria set by SSC.

Details of the SSC Short Track Championships are contained in the relevant SSC Competition Bulletins, which can be accessed at: <http://www.speedskating.ca/competitions-bulletins>

While SSC establishes the primary criteria for the eligibility of any skater participating in the various championships, the selection criteria used by OSSA for selection to Team Ontario will be based on a skater's overall results at Provincial A Short Track Age Class Championships.

Ties for the last place position on a team will be decided on the basis of the skater with the fastest 400m time skated at the Provincial A Championships. This procedure will also be used to determine the order of alternates to be named to a team, if multiple skaters in an "alternate" position are in a tie position.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE SHORT TRACK SKATERS

Out-of-Province skaters may enter any regular season Regional Series meet.

Out-of-Province skaters may enter any regular season Provincial Series meet provided they meet the age requirements for the racing series and they have satisfied the time standards set out below. All times are in seconds. Only times from this season and last season will count.

Out-of-Province skaters will be placed within an age group based on their date of birth and will skate the track appropriate to that age group.

Out-of-Province skaters are not eligible to participate in any of the Provincial A, Provincial B & C Championships or the Masters Provincial Championships.

Age Class	Time Standard: 400m + 1500m (100m track)	Time Standard: 500m+ 1500m (111.12m track)	Time Standard: 500m on 111.12m (for skaters 11-13 without 100m track times)
Girls 11	239.00		59.00
Girls 12	230.00		57.00
Girls 13	224.00		55.00
Girls 14	222.00	230.00	
Open Ladies – Junior B (15-16), Junior A (17-18), Neo-Senior (19-22)		224.00	
Boys 11	239.00		56.00
Boys 12	233.00		53.00
Boys 13	220.00		52.00
Boys 14	205.00	214.00	
Open Male – Junior B (15-16), Junior A (17-18), Neo-Senior (19-22), Senior (23-29)		199.00	

MINI MEETS

Mini meets shall consist of a combination of traditional racing (counter-clockwise on a track), non-traditional racing, and skill events for new racers and inexperienced skaters. Mini meets are considered a developmental format and are not to be considered as a competitive event. Clubs are open to format the mini meet in order to provide the most meaningful experience for all participants. Coaches and more experienced skaters may help on the ice and help train parent volunteers as officials.

- Half Day or 1 Day meets
- Olympic size or NHL size ice pad
- Both 100.0m and 111.12m tracks can be used
- Open to all skaters
- No minimum standard for officials.

The choice of events and the sequence is left to the discretion of the host club, in order to accommodate each club's unique hosting situation (i.e. venue, amount of ice time etc.).

Mini meets are participatory in nature. Results from a mini meet are therefore not considered for the OSSA Short Track Ranking List. Times from a mini meet can be used as entry times for a skater's first Regional meet.

Racing Formats

Clubs are encouraged to develop racing formats that suit the development of their skaters.

HELMET COVER POLICY

The Ontario Speed Skating Association (OSSA) has made helmet covers available for purchase. These covers are the only covers that are permitted for use at OSSA sanctioned events. The following rules govern the use of OSSA helmet covers:

1. Helmet covers can be purchased from your home club or directly from the OSSA office. The number you are assigned will be your personal number for the entirety of your racing career. Helmet covers may not be transferred.
2. Once a skater has purchased a cover, the assigned number may not be used for another skater unless the first skater leaves the sport. At that time the cover can be reassigned to another skater of the same club, retired, or returned to OSSA. In all cases OSSA must be notified of the change in writing.
3. If a skater loses their helmet cover (other than at a time during a meet) they must notify their club who can advise OSSA that the number has been lost. The skater can then purchase a new number from their club. If a skater realizes after a meet entry deadline, but prior to arriving at a meet, that they have lost their helmet cover they can be issued a new cover by their club without being fined for the change provided that the meet coordinator receives notification of the number change a minimum of 48 hours prior to the coaches meeting for that race. The club must also ensure OSSA is notified that the number has been lost.
4. Skaters who do not have a helmet cover are not permitted to participate in sanctioned events.
5. If skaters only skate once, they can 'rent' a cover for the weekend from their club or the meet organizers. A rental must be organized prior to the entry deadline of the meet so that the rented cover number can be included on the skater's entry form. The rental fee for a cover is \$20 + tax which is a deposit that is returned when the helmet cover is received back undamaged.
6. If a skater arrives at a meet and realizes they have forgotten their helmet cover, the organizers or their club can issue them a new helmet cover for the meet.
7. Sharing of helmet covers is not permitted during a meet.
8. A skater's helmet cover number should be noted on the Club entry form submitted when registering for a race.

OSSA SHORT TRACK RANKING LIST FORMAT AND PROCEDURES

The OSSA Short Track Ranking List is maintained by the OSSA Technical Committee and is updated immediately following the completion of any OSSA sanctioned event and at other times as necessary to update information that may not be correct or to include times from meets skated outside of Ontario.

A skater's racing class shall be determined by his/her age on June 30th prior to the competition.

All Ontario skaters will start the 2017-2018 season with their Personal Best times from the 2016-2017 season. These times are necessary for sorting skaters into their assigned Racing Series. Once the season is underway, only current season (2017-2018) **ranking** times will be maintained on the OSSA Short Track Ranking List and will be used for sorting skaters into Divisions at each meet where necessary.

In order for a time to be eligible to be included on the OSSA Short Track Ranking List, the race must have been skated at a meet sanctioned by one of the following organizations:

- Speed Skating Canada
- Ontario Speed Skating Association
- Any other Provincial Branch as recognized by Speed Skating Canada
- US Speedskating at an American Cup event

For a 100.0m race time to be eligible for ranking and seeding, the race must have been skated on a surveyed 100.0m track and be of a distance recognized by OSSA. The recognized distances are:

- 200m
- 400m
- 1500m

For a 111.12m race time to be eligible for ranking and seeding, the race must have been skated on a surveyed 111.12m track and be of a distance recognized by OSSA. The recognized distances are:

- 500m
- 1500m

With the exception of SSC Championship and/or National Trials events, skaters requesting to have a race result included for a race skated outside of Ontario must provide a copy of the meet registration form indicating that the meet is appropriately sanctioned, as noted above, and that the track skated was surveyed for the appropriate distance. The skater must also include a copy of the meet protocol page showing the name and date of the competition, the race distance and the time skated. It is the responsibility of the skater - with the assistance of their coach - to provide the requisite information to the OSSA Technical Committee. The Technical Committee is under no obligation to seek out-of-province racing information and will not include any race result on the ranking list in the absence of all requisite information.

The OSSA Technical Committee reserves the right to review the eligibility of all out-of-province meets prior to any results from that meet being included on the ranking list. This is to ensure that the meet eligibility requirements have been met.

The Ranking List will note which skaters have qualified for the Provincial vs. Regional Series.

APPENDIX A – SHORT TRACK ADVANCEMENTS

#1 Provincial Racing Series and Provincial A Championships

Advancements shall be done on place then on time.

Race sheets provided at the meet shall have the advancements for each event.

#2 Regional Racing Series

Advancements are by place for the A final, the balance of finals in order of heat times.

Race sheets provided at the meet shall have the advancements for each event.

#3: Guidelines for the 2000m and 3000m Points Race and 200m Pursuit:

2000m and 3000m Points Race:

Note: these rules apply to the points race on both the 111.12m and the 100m tracks.

1. Skaters are to be seeded into this event based on the cumulative points earned in other distances in the meet. A maximum of eight (8) skaters will be allowed to start in each race, however, if the last final has fewer than 5 skaters it can be combined with the prior final allowing up to 12 skaters to start in a single race.
2. Skaters who are lapped prior to 7 laps (the lead skater has 7 laps to go) remaining must go to the centre of the ice. They will earn 0 points for the remainder of the race. A skater is deemed to be lapped once overtaken by the lead skater. These lapped skaters shall retain all points earned earlier in the race. Skaters who are lapped following 7 laps remaining will continue to race and score points on the finishing lap. If a skater eliminates the entire field, the race will be declared over and the skater will earn 1st place points for all remaining point laps.
3. Final placing in the event will be determined by the total number of points earned by each skater in the race. Should skaters finish with an equal number of points, the result on the final lap will be used to break the tie.
4. Skaters in the A final will receive Final Points for positions 1 through 8, skaters in the B final will receive Final Points for positions 9 through 16 and skaters in the C final will receive Final Points for positions 17 through 24.
5. Penalized skaters shall receive no points for the race; however points earned by those skaters during the race will not be re-distributed. They will receive last place final points for their final.
6. During the 3000m points races there will be a bell rung with 22, 15, 8 and 1 lap to go to indicate that the next lap is a points lap. During the 2000m points race there will be a bell rung with 15, 8 and 1 lap to go to indicate that the next lap is a points lap.
7. Should the referee be required to stop a race for any reason and a restart is required, the number of laps to be completed shall be at the discretion of the referee however the referee must allow skaters to complete at least three (3) laps prior to points being awarded. In the case of a stoppage, skaters will retain all points earned up to that point, unless the laps remaining require the last points earned to be raced for again. For example, if a race were stopped after 7 laps remaining and restarted with 11 laps to skate, the skaters would lose the last points earned in the first start (7 to go) and race for them again. Skaters who were lapped or penalized will not take part in the restart.
8. **3000m:** skaters will score points when they cross the line with 21, 14, and 7 laps remaining, as well as the finishing lap. Points are assigned as follows: 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 point. Double points will be awarded for the final lap i.e. lap 27.
9. **2000m:** skaters will score points when they cross the line with 14, 7 laps remaining, as well as the finishing lap. Points are assigned as follows: 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 point. Double points will be awarded for the final lap. i.e. lap 20.

200m Pursuit and Mass Start Final

1. A 200m Pursuit will be skated as the qualifying round for the 200m Mass Start Final.
2. Skaters will be seeded into pairs based on their cumulative points obtained up until that point in the competition. The highest ranked pair shall skate first, followed by the next ranked pair and so on. In the case of an odd number of skaters, the lowest ranked skater will skate alone in the final pair.
3. The higher seeded skater in a Pursuit pair shall start on the side of the start/finish line used for all other events.
4. Skaters will be marshaled on and off the ice with their entire racing group. Skaters that are not racing will be waiting on the ice with an official.
5. Use only the 3 centre tracks.
6. Skaters will be seeded into a 200m Mass Start Final based on the 2017-2018 Speed Skating Canada Competitions bulletin.

APPENDIX B – RACING POINTS

#1 Final Short Track Provincial points:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	1000	11	130	21	23	31	13	41	3
2	816	12	106	22	22	32	12	42	2
3	666	13	86	23	21	33	11	43	1
4	543	14	70	24	20	34	10	Others	1
5	443	15	57	25	19	35	9		
6	362	16	46	26	18	36	8		
7	295	17	37	27	17	37	7		
8	241	18	30	28	16	38	6		
9	196	19	25	29	15	39	5		
10	160	20	24	30	14	40	4		

#2 Ties

A tie for 1 st	1000 points each, next skater 666 points
A tie for 2 nd	816 points each, next skater 543 points
A tie for 3 rd	666 points each, next skater 443 points
A tie for 4 th	543 points each, next skater 362 points
A tie for 5 th	Etc.

#3 Disqualifications

Disqualifications in a heat will be placed into the lowest final.

Disqualifications in a semi-final will be placed into the lowest eligible final.

Disqualifications in the final, will receive last place points for that final, behind any skaters who did not finish (DNF) the race, but ahead of skaters who did not start (DNS) the race. All disqualified skaters in a final receive last place points.

Order of finish – DNF – DQ - DNS.

#4 Point Eliminations

If a skater does not participate (DNS) in a heat, he/she will be placed into the bottom final. He/she may skate the final but will receive no points for that distance. The time from the final will be recorded.

If a skater participates in the heat, but not the semifinal, he/she will be placed into the lowest eligible final. If he or she again does not participate in the final, he or she will receive last place points for that final.

If a skater participates in the heat and semi, but not the final, he/she will receive last place points for that final.

If a skater does not participate (DNS) in the Super final, he/she will receive no points for that distance.

APPENDIX C – OVERALL POINTS AWARDS

Regional Series

- The skaters in the highest ranked division in Group 3 (skaters 6-10 years old) at each Regional Series meet shall be eligible to receive points. There are no points given out in respect of the Provincial B & C Championships as this award is designed to reward participation throughout the season.
- Only the skaters from the host region are eligible to receive points. In other words, only eastern skaters may receive points at eastern meets and so on.
- The top 8 skaters in the above-noted division from the host region based on cumulative points at the end of each regional competition shall receive the following points: 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2, 1. The highest ranked skater shall receive 34 points, the next ranked skater shall receive 21 points and so on.
- If there are not enough skaters from the host region in the highest ranked division in Group 3 to award all of the above-mentioned points, the remaining points will be allocated to skaters in the next division, based on their overall standing at the end of competition.
- After all Regional Series meets from each region have occurred, the points accumulated by all of the skaters at each meet shall be added together and the 5 skaters in each region who have accumulated the greatest amount of points will receive the following awards, to be handed out at the Provincial B & C Championships:
 - o Overall Regional Series Points Champion
 - o 1st Runner Up – Regional Series Points Classification
 - o 2nd Runner Up – Regional Series Points Classification
 - o 3rd Runner Up – Regional Series Points Classification
 - o 4th Runner Up – Regional Series Points Classification

Provincial Series

- The skaters in the highest ranked division in Open Ladies, Open Men, Girls 11-13, and Boys 11-13 at each Provincial Series meet shall be eligible to receive points. There are no points given out in respect of the Provincial A Championships as this award is designed to reward participation throughout the season.
- Skaters from all regions are eligible to receive points.
- The top 8 skaters in each of the above-noted divisions based on cumulative points at the end of each Provincial Series competition shall receive the following points: 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2, 1. The highest ranked skater shall receive 34 points, the next ranked skater shall receive 21 points and so on.
- After all 3 Provincial Series meets from each region have occurred, the points accumulated by all of the skaters at each meet shall be added together and the 3 skaters in each division who have accumulated the greatest amount of points will receive the following awards, to be handed out at the Provincial A Championships:
 - o Overall Provincial Series Points Champion
 - o 1st Runner Up – Provincial Series Points Classification
 - o 2nd Runner Up – Provincial Series Points Classification

APPENDIX D – GUIDELINES FOR INVITATION OF SKATERS TO THE PROVINCIAL SERIES

The Technical Committee invites a certain number of skaters in each age class to attend the Provincial Series competitions, based on the following goals:

- (1) to ensure, as much as is possible, minimum group sizes at the Provincial Series meets and Provincial A Championships (ie. to be able to run heats and finals in each distance for each group);
- (2) to ensure, as much as is possible, an appropriate number of skaters attending each Provincial Series competition and the Provincial A Championships;
- (3) to recognize that certain age groups are more competitive than others and to recognize the concept of proportionality; and
- (4) to recognize the development of skaters over the course of the season. It is OSSA's goal to have approximately 150 skaters at the Provincial A Championships.