



Speed Skating Canada  
Rule Change  
2017-18



C6-104 | Yellow Card/Red Card

Yellow/Red Card

Application of the Yellow and Red Card rules will be as per the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules.

1. Any skater who is shown a Yellow Card during a race in a competition (see identified events below) will receive a penalty within that race. (ISU racing rule 297 (5) ii, Yellow Card.) The skater will forfeit prior points/results accrued in all races over the distance concerned (if any). Points/results accrued prior to that distance will not be affected.
2. Any skater who is shown a Yellow Card twice in the same competition will be sanctioned by a Red Card, will be excluded from the Competition immediately and will not be ranked in the final classification. (ISU racing rule 297, (5) ii, Yellow Card).
3. Any Yellow Card issued in any Province, Territory of Canada or any skating competition throughout the world (Exception: ISU World Cups and World Championships) in the same skating season will be treated the same. The skating competition does not have to be SSC sanctioned.
4. If two (2) Yellow Cards are presented to the same skater throughout the season (Exception: ISU World Cups and World Championships), the Officials Development Committee (ODC) will contact the Coaching Development Committee Chair and the President of the skater's speed skating club. The Coaching Development Committee Chair will contact the skater's coach who will discuss the Yellow Card ramifications for the skater. The ODC will be advised in writing once this discussion has taken place.
5. If a skater has accumulated two (2) Red Cards or four (4) Yellow Cards within 12 months of the first infraction, that skater shall automatically be suspended for all domestic competitions for at least two (2) months or three (3) applicable level of competitions<sup>1</sup> for the skater's ability

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<sup>1</sup> Applicable level of competitions

For skaters who are not members of the National Team or Development Team this will be based on all available skating opportunities and will always include the relevant Provincial Championships. To further clarify, provincially based skaters not on the SSC National Development Teams receiving a yellow or red card(s) as described in paragraph 5 above will have their provincial branch decide: What is the most applicable level of competition for their ability? The provincial branch will inform SSC ODC and the appropriate provincial ODC branch of the suspension assigned.

(whichever is the longer period). (Exception: National and Development Team members receiving two (2) Red Cards or four (4) Yellow Cards in applicable competitions<sup>2</sup> throughout the season will meet with the High Performance Director (Short Track) prior to any sanctions being imposed. The HPD will advise the ODC of their decision.)

6. Chief Referee must report all Yellow Cards to the ODC by the online Yellow Card and Red Card reporting mechanism at: <http://www.speedskating.ca/officials/resources/forms>. The Chief Referee must also send in the Yellow or Red Card details via the ODC e-mail account [speedskating.canada.odc@gmail.com](mailto:speedskating.canada.odc@gmail.com) along with details of the competition (Name of competition, competition dates and competition location) and of the infringement (description of what happened) including skaters name, age, and the skater's SSC number.
7. A list of Yellow Carded skaters will be kept at SSC Head Office. The list will be updated when a skater receives a Yellow or Red Card. If a skater has not received a Yellow or Red Card over a continuous 12-month period said skater will be removed from the list.
8. A current and updated list of all Yellow Carded skaters will be forwarded to the Competitor's Steward, Meet Coordinator and/or Chief Recorder for each meet. This Yellow Card list will not be shared with the Chief Referee prior to or during the competition (so as to not bias the Referee).

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<sup>2</sup> Applicable competitions

Fall World Cup Selections/National Short Track Team Selections  
Canadian Open National Qualifier  
Canadian Junior Short Track Championships  
Canadian Senior Short Track Championships  
ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships  
Canadian Junior Selections #2  
Canadian Senior Selections #2  
FISU Games