

Provincial A Short Track Championships 2018

The 2018 Provincial A Short Track Championships is the selection event for Team Ontario attending the 2018 Canada East Short Track Championships.

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.

Any skaters participating in the 2018 Canadian Junior Selection #2 are not eligible to skate the 2018 Canada East Short Track Championships as per SSC Competitions bulletin 2017.01.

These skaters will be grouped into the Open category.

Racing Format

All points, age class – gender specific.

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

Age Class: Competition in which seeding is done first by sex, then by age. In age class competitions male skaters compete with males and females with females, and skaters of the same age class are grouped together.

Racing Groups – Male skaters

- Male skaters aged 11-14 will race in their gender-specific, 1-year age categories on the 100m track.
- Male skaters aged 15 and older will race as part of one, gender-specific Open group on the 111m track.
15 year-old boys are eligible to skate the Canada East Short Track Championships, but will be racing in the Open category. Team Ontario nominations will be done based on the overall placement results of the 15 year-old skaters within the Open category. OSSA will use the conversion equation provided by Speed Skating Canada to establish 100m track seed times for those 15 year-old skaters attending Canada East.
- **Any 15 year-old skater who wishes to maintain eligibility for Canada East must indicate so when registering for the Provincial A Championships.**

Racing Groups – Female skaters

- Female skaters aged 11-14 will race in their gender-specific, 1-year age categories on the 100m track.
- Female skaters aged 15 and older will race as part of one, gender-specific Open group on the 111m track.

Racing Groups

Gender	Age Group
Female	Girls 11, 12, 13, 14, and Open (Junior B, Junior A, Neo-Senior, Senior)
Male	Boys 11, 12, 13, 14, Open Junior B, and Open (Junior A, Neo-Senior, Senior)

Seed Times for the Provincial A Championships

Age Group	Seeding Distances
Age 11, 12, 13	400m + 1500m (100m track)
Age 14	500m + 1500m (111.12m track)
Open	500m + 1500m (111.12m track)

Provincial A Short Track Championships Distances

Age Group	Track	Distances
Age 11 Female	100.0	200P, 400, 1500, 2000 points race
Age 11 Male	100.0	200P, 400, 1500, 2000 points race or 1500 SF (discretion of meet coordinator in consultation with Chief Referee)
Age 12 Female and Male	100.0	200P, 400, 1500, 2000m points race
Age 13 Female	100.0	200P, 400, 1500, 3000 points race
Age 13 Male	100.0	200P, 400, 1500, 2000 points race
Age 14 Female and Male	100.0	200P, 400, 1500, 3000 points race
Open Female and Male	111.12	500, 1000, 1500, 3000 points race

Notes:

- There will be no re-skates for the 200m pursuit. No exceptions. The number of skaters on the line during the final will be as listed in Speed Skating Canada's Competitions bulletin 2017.01.
- If any age class does not have enough skaters to run heats and finals in any distance, that age class shall run **two finals** in such distance. For example, if there are 8 or fewer skaters in a group, that group will race two 1500m finals, as there are 8 skaters on the line in that distance. Skaters will earn points in both finals that will count towards their overall placement.

Relays

The Top 8 Canada East eligible skaters (as identified below) will participate in the relay races. The Top 8 ranking is based on the total points accumulated at the end of Day 1 racing and skaters will be seeded based on this ranking. Relay races are scheduled after the conclusion of the individual racing distances on Day 2. The following athletes will be scheduled to race:

- The Top 8 Girls 11 and the Top 8 Girls 12. These skaters will be sorted into four relay teams of four skaters. This is Relay #1.
- The Top 8 Boys 12 and the Top 8 Boys 13. These skaters will be sorted into four relay teams of four skaters. This is Relay #2.
- The Top 8 Girls 13 and the Top 8 Girls 14. These skaters will be sorted into four relay teams of four skaters. This is Relay #3.
- The Top 8 Boys 14 and the Top 8 Boys 15 that indicated Canada East participation. These skaters will be sorted into four relay teams of four skaters. This is Relay #4. Should there be insufficient Boys 15 skaters that are Canada East eligible, then additional Boys 14 skaters will participate.

AGENDA

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

Race Agenda Saturday:

Ages 11-14: 400m Heat, Semi, and Final (100m track)

Open: 1500m Heat and Final

Ages 11-14: 1500m Heat and Final (100m track)

Open: 500m Heat, Semi, and Final

Race Agenda Sunday:

Ages 11-14: 200m Pursuit and 200m Final race.

Open: 1000m Heat, Final

Ages 11-14: 2000m points race (Girls 11, Boys 11, Girls 12, Boys 12, Boys 13) and 3000m points race (Girls 13, Boys 14, Girls 14)

Open: 3000m points race

Relays #1, #2, #3 and #4

Award Presentation and Team Ontario nominations

Racing Points and Results

- See Appendix B of 2017-18 OSSA Short Track Technical Bulletin.
- Championship medals will be awarded to the Top 3 overall results after the end of individual distances to these groups of female competitors: Girls 11, Girls 12, Girls 13, Girls 14, Open Girls 14, Open Female Junior B, and Open Female Junior A/Neo-Senior/Senior.
- Championships medals will be awarded to the Top 3 overall results after the end of individual distances to these groups of male competitors: Boys 11, Boys 12, Boys 13, Boys 14, Open Male Junior B, and Open Male Junior A/Neo-Senior/Senior.