

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 announce the provisional team consisting of 3 primary skaters and up to 4 alternates per age category to represent Ontario at the Canada East Short Track Championships.~~identify the primary racing team and up to 4 alternates per age category.~~

SKATER ELIGIBILITY FOR PROVINCIAL A SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 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 and OSSA's selection criteria.

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 Canada East Short Track 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.

Overall results will be determined in accordance with the Provincial A Short Track Championships 2018 Technical Bulletin issued on December 20, 2017 and in accordance with the Bye Guidelines posted on the OSSA website on October 2017.

Ties for the last place position on Team Ontario will be decided by 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 Team Ontario, if multiple skaters in an "alternate" position are in a tie position.

At the close of the Provincial A Short Track Championships, the Ontario Speed Skating Association's Technical Committee will announce the provisional team consisting of 3 primary skaters and up to 4 alternates per age category to represent Ontario at the Canada East Short Track Championships. OSSA will also post the provisional team on the OSSA's website by Monday February 19, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

Any skater wishing to appeal the Canada East Short Track Championship team selection decision may do so in accordance with the Ontario Speed Skating Association's Appeal Policy. Appeals must be received by the OSSA by Wednesday February 21, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

Final team selections and alternates will be posted on the OSSA website on February 26, 2018.