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SPEED SKATING

Next Gen Provincial Training Program Athlete Identification

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This bulletin outlines the requirements established by the OSSA High Performance Working Group to be eligible for the 2018-2019 Next Gen Provincial Training Program. Athletes qualify for the program one season at a time and must requalify for subsequent years.

Overview

The Next Gen Provincial Training Program (formerly SETH-Skating Excellence Training Hubs) focuses on 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's clubs, OSSA is committed to the continued development of the provincial LTPAD pathway by providing high performance training opportunities to identified athletes within both the short track and the long track disciplines.

The Next Gen Provincial Training Program is designed to:

- a. Increase the participation of Ontario's athletes at national events;
- b. Increase the medal potential at 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;
- c. Improve the Ontario talent pool of national caliber athletes and preparing Ontario athletes to transition to national training centres;
- d. Build a pool of qualified coaches throughout Ontario who support OSSA's High Performance Management Plan

The Next Gen Provincial Training Program will offer a series of training camps during the 2018 - 2019 season. The program will develop a pool of both short track and long track athletes in Ontario. There will be two tiers of athletes with Tier 1 being the closest to qualifying to Speed Skating Canada's national programs.

Athletes invited into the Next Gen Provincial Training Program must be Ontario residents and be registered members of the Ontario Speed Skating Association.

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

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

Athlete Identification and Invitations for Tier 1

Eligibility (Train to Train through Train to Win): Skaters who were age 14 years+ during the 2017-2018 season are eligible for Tier 1.

Athletes shall be invited into Tier 1 of the 2018-2019 Next Gen Provincial Training Program based on the following:

1. Athletes that attended National Qualifier, Junior 1, Junior 2, Senior 1 and Senior 2 are all eligible for the Next Gen Provincial Training program for the 2018-2019 season.
2. Additional discretionary invitations may be extended to any age-eligible OSSA Short Track and Long Track athlete at the absolute discretion of the High Performance Director in consultation with the High Performance Working Group.

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.

Athlete Identification and Invitations for Tier 2

Eligibility (Training to Train): Male and female skaters who were 11-15 years of age during the 2017-2018 season are eligible for Tier 2.

Athletes will be invited into Tier 2 of the 2018-2019 Next Gen Provincial Training Program based on the following:

1. Among Ontario athletes, the top five (5) male skaters in each of the 12 and 13 year old age groups and the top five (5) female skaters in each of the 11, 12 and 13 year old age groups who attended the Canada East Short Track Championships will be ranked in their respective age division.

The top five (5) male skaters aged 11 years old will be ranked by their final overall placing at the 2018 Provincial A Championships.

2. Among Ontario athletes, the top three (3) male skaters aged 14, the top three (3) male skaters aged 15, the top three (3) female skaters aged 14 and the top three (3) female skaters aged 15 who attended the Canada East Short Track Championships will be ranked in their respective age division.
3. Additional discretionary invitations may be extended to any age-eligible OSSA Short Track and Long Track athlete at the absolute discretion of the High Performance Director in consultation with the High Performance Working Group.

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.

The High Performance Director will determine the training groups and reserves the right to move athletes between Tier 1 and Tier 2.