

Format Bulletin:

Zone Challenge

Introduction

The Zone Challenge has been created as an opportunity for skaters who qualified to their Zone teams for the 2022 BC Winter Games to participate in a province-wide challenge. Zone Challenge champions will be named for various individual and team events. The Zone Challenge "finals" and award ceremony will be held live via online platform on Sunday, February 27. Skaters, officials, volunteers, parents, and Speed Skating BC members are encouraged to view the finals live online.

General Procedures

- Zone Challenge participants are limited to the 45 skaters who qualified for their Zone teams at the 2022 BC Winter Games.
- The Zone Challenge events are based on results from the Speed Skating BC <u>Sprint</u>
 <u>Challenge</u>, skated by eligible skaters between January 15 and February 13, 2022. All rules of the Sprint Challenge must be followed.
- <u>The Zone Challenge submission</u> deadline is February 13, 2022. To be considered complete, a Zone Challenge submission must be submitted <u>via online form</u> and must include the following:
 - Submission of the time skated, date skated and coach or official timing the skater.
 There should only be one submission per skater (skater's best time), although they are allowed to contest the event multiple times.
 - Submission of a race video (see Appendix A for details) of the skater skating their submitted 2-lap (200m) time trial. These video recordings will be used for the finals/award ceremony.
 - Submission of a celebration video (see Appendix B for details) of the skater celebrating as if they have won an event. These video recordings will be used for the finals/award ceremony.
- Note that any results submitted for the Zone Challenge will also be considered as official submissions to the Sprint Challenge to be used for Sprint Challenge ranking. Skaters do NOT need to submit their Zone Challenge results to the official Sprint Challenge submission form; these results will be automatically ported over.

Zone Challenge Event #1: Zone Relay

The Zone Relay result will be calculated as follows:

- The Zone Relay time will be calculated by taking the average time of all Zone skaters' Zone Challenge entries.
- In the event of a tie, teams will remain tied.
- First-, second- and third-place finishers will be announced.
- All teams will receive ranking points (1000, 816, 666, 543, etc.) towards the Zone Medley.

Zone Challenge Event #2: Individual Event

The Individual Event will feature a male and female category as follows:

- All skaters within a gender division will be ranked based on their Zone Challenge entry.
- In the event of a tie, skaters will remain tied.
- First-, second- and third-place finishers will be announced.
- All skaters will receive ranking points (1000, 816, 666, 543, etc.) towards the Zone Medley.

Zone Challenge Event #3: Zone Medley

The Zone Medley result will be calculated as follows:

- The best five (5) ranking point scores from the Zone (Zone Relay and/or Individual Events) will be summed.
- In the event of a tie, the Zone with the higher Zone Relay ranking will be ranked ahead of the other Zone. If the Zones are tied in the Zone relay ranking, they will remain tied.
- First-, second- and third-place finishers will be announced.

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Appendix A: Video Recording of Race Video

- Identify a person to record the 2-lap (200m) time trial using a mobile device, video camera, or use a POV device (e.g. GoPro).
- All recordings should be completed horizontally/landscape.
- Begin recording slightly prior to the gun/whistle to beginning of the race.
- Ensure the race is complete prior to ending the recording, the take must be one stream.
- Be aware of any "background commentary" during the recording.

Appendix B: Video Recording of Celebration Video

- Identify a person to record a post-race celebration using a mobile device or video camera with a tripod.
- Ensure you are capturing yourself in a quiet location free from interruptions and background noise including fans, wind and vents. Only cheering fans are encouraged. The area should be well lit.
- All recordings should be completed **horizontally/landscape**.
- Pause 5 seconds before you begin speaking/cheering.
- Ensure the message is complete prior to ending the recording.
- Be aware of any "background commentary" during the recording.