



Zone 5 Qualification Format 2024 BC Winter Games

The 2024 BC Winter Games (BCWG) will take place in Lhtako-Quesnel on February 22-25, 2024. The speed skating event will feature short track races, hosted in Prince George. Please see the [Technical Package for Speed Skating](#) for details. Skaters must be in Division U14 (12 or 13 years old) or U16 (14 or 15 years old) as of June 30, 2023. All skaters compete at the BCWG for their [Zone](#), which is based on their place of residence. There are two methods of qualification to BCWG:

1. Qualify, via the Zone Qualification Format, for a Zone quota position (see details below)
2. Qualify into a wildcard position (see Tech Package for details).

Zone 5 Qualification Format

Skaters qualifying for a Zone quota position (2 male and 2 female per Division, per Zone) must participate in their Zone Qualification Format (QF). The Zone QF is established by the Zone Co-Reps (Grace Cheng and Amanda Wong) and the Provincial Advisor (Chris Acton, SSBC Technical Director).

The Zone 5 QF selects U14 skaters to Zone quota positions based on the skaters' best times skated, as defined below. All times must be skated in a sanctioned competition. Manual times will have 0.2 seconds added to them in order to compare the times to electronic times.

- **Eligible Times must be skated based on the following criteria:**
 - Categories: U14 Male, U14 Female
 - Distances: 400m and 1500m
 - Tiebreaker distances: 400m mass start only (see below for details)
 - Track: 100m
 - SSBC and/or SSC Sanctioned Competitive Meets
 - Qualifying Dates: Between August 1st, 2023 and December 31st, 2023.
- **Zone 5 Selection Process:**
 - The skater's combined "personal best" time from the 400m and 1500m races held between August 1st, 2023 and December 31st, 2023 at a sanctioned competition.

- Selection will be based on the lowest overall combined ranking for each U14 male and U14 female quota positions.
- In the event of a tie, the results of a 400m (mass start only) held between August 1st, 2023 and December 31st, 2023 will be reviewed and the fastest “personal best” time will be the definitive tiebreaker.

The Zone 5 QF selects U16 skaters to Zone quota positions based on the skaters’ best times skated, as defined below. All times must be skated in a sanctioned competition. Manual times will have 0.2 seconds added to them in order to compare the times to electronic times.

· **Eligible Times must be skated based on the following criteria:**

- Categories: U16 Male, U16 Female
- Distances: 500m and 1500m
- Tiebreaker distances: 500m mass start only
- Track: 111.1m
- SSBC and/or SSC Sanctioned Competitive Meets
- Qualifying Dates: Between August 1st, 2023 and December 31st, 2023.

· **Zone 5 Selection Process:**

- The skater’s combined “personal best” time from the 400m and 1500m races held between August 1st, 2023 and December 31st, 2023 at a sanctioned competition.
- Selection will be based on the lowest overall combined ranking for each U16 male and U16 female quota positions.
- In the event of a tie, the results of a 500m (mass start only) held between August 1st, 2023 and December 31st, 2023 will be reviewed and the fastest “personal best” time will be the definitive tiebreaker.

BC Winter Games Registration

All Zone quota positions must be awarded by December 31st, 2023. Between January 1-15th, 2024, wildcard positions will be calculated and awarded by the Provincial Advisor. All skaters must be registered by the Zone Rep by the BC Winter Games registration deadline of January 22nd, 2024.

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