

Zone 7 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 <u>Technical Package for Speed Skating</u> 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 <u>Zone</u>, 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 7 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 Rep (Jessica Seely) and the Provincial Advisor (Chris Acton, SSBC Technical Director).

The Zone 7 QF selects two U14 female and two U14 male skaters for Zone quota positions based on the skaters' best times skated, as defined below. Additionally, the QF will update a ranking for U16 skaters identified for the 2022 Games. Manual times will have 0.2 seconds added to them in order to compare the times to electronic times.

- Times must be skated at an SSBC sanctioned event between September 1, 2023 and December 31st, 2023.
- U14 distances to be skated will be 400 and 1500 meters (100m track). Skaters' best times from the 400m + 1500m will be added together and the skater with the lowest combined total qualifies for the Zone Quota U14 position for each gender. In the event of a tie, the skater with a faster time for the 400 meter distance will be ranked higher.
- U16 distances to be skated will be the 500, and 1500 meters (111.12m track). Skaters' best times from the 500m + 1500m will be added together and the combined total submitted for ranking purposes. In the event of a tie, the skater with a faster time for the 500 meter distance will be ranked higher.

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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