



Zone 8 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).

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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 (Raistlin van Spronsen) and the Provincial Advisor (Chris Acton, SSBC Technical Director).

The Zone 8 QF selects 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: Male & Female
 - Distances as follows;
 - U14: 400m & 1500m (on the 100m track)
 - U16: 500m & 1500m (on the 111m track)
 - Tiebreaker distances;
 - U14: 400m on the 100m track
 - U16: 500m on the 111m track
 - SSBC and/or SSC competition meets or equivalent
 - Qualifying dates; September 1st, 2023 through December 31st, 2023



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- **Zone 8 Selection Process:**
 - The skater's combined personal best time for the 400m/500m and 1500m distances
 - Selection will be based on the lowest overall combined time for each male and female quota positions,
 - In the event of a tie, use the tiebreaker format as mentioned above
 - Race format can either be a mass start or time trial

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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