

SSC COMMUNICATION



Skate-Tec Pro Visor Helmet 025

Dear Officials and Leaders in the Speed Skating Community,

A new short track helmet equipped with a magnetic, removable visor has recently entered the market. You can view the helmet [here](#). This helmet meets all relevant safety certification standards and is approved for use at international competitions by the ISU.

Speed Skating Canada (SSC) has reviewed the safety implications of this helmet in consultation with the Sport Development Advisory Council. Based on this review, we are providing the following guidelines regarding its use.

Guidelines

Although the SSC [Red Book](#) does not specifically address visors, the helmet complies with safety requirements outlined in section D3. As such, SSC established the following guidelines for its use:

1. **Wearing without the visor:** Skaters may use the helmet without the visor, ensuring the magnets are covered by the removable magnet covering piece. Glasses with a strap must still be worn.
2. **Wearing with the visor:** Skaters may wear the helmet with the visor attached, provided they wear glasses with a strap underneath the visor.
 - o **Important – *The helmet with the visor may not be used without additional glasses and a strap underneath, until further notice or unless the SSC Red Book is revised, with revisions being considered for the 2025-2026 season.***

We recommend that officials (chief referees) inspect these helmets before events to ensure the visor or protective magnet piece is securely attached and does not pose any immediate safety risks. This inspection should follow the same procedures applied to any other piece of equipment.

Safety Considerations

While questions remain about the visor's performance in speed skating environments, safety remains SSC's top priority. We believe the visor can provide additional facial protection, reducing the risk of cuts from blades and other objects.

The development of helmets like this is a direct response to past injuries within our community and reflects progress. We encourage you to allow the use of these helmets, provided the guidelines above are followed. If you have any feedback on the performance of this helmet during training or competition, or if you have any questions, please contact Jon Cavar, Sport Pathway Manager, at jcavar@speedskating.ca.

Thank you for your continued commitment to skater safety.

Best regards,
Jon