



Selection Bulletin:

TEAM BC 2027

July 2026

Overview

TEAM BC Short Track (ST) and TEAM BC Long Track (LT) are the teams that will represent British Columbia at the 2027 Canada Winter Games (CWG) in Quebec City, February 27 - March 14, 2027.

Skater Eligibility

To represent TEAM BC, skaters must meet the “Athlete Eligibility” (Section 3) requirements in the [Canada Games Council Athlete Eligibility Policy](#). Additional sport-specific information is available in the [2027 Canada Winter Games Short Track Speed Skating Technical Package](#) (Sections 3 and 4) and the [2027 Canada Winter Games Long Track Speed Skating Technical Package](#) (Sections 3 and 4). Skaters will also be required to complete the [Safe Sport for Youth Program](#) before the selection trials for their respective discipline. The birth date range of eligible skaters has been summarized below:

TEAM BC ST	TEAM BC LT
Skaters must be born between July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2012 inclusive.	Skaters must be born between July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2012 inclusive.

Athletes that were not registered as skaters with Speed Skating BC during the 2025-2026 season and were registered with another PTSO must use the [2027 Canada Games - Team BC Eligibility Form](#) to submit their case prior to September 1, 2026 deadline in order to have their situation reviewed by the Canada Games Council. Athletes that were not registered as skaters with Speed Skating BC in 2025-2026 (and not another PTSO) will be allowed to register and put in their Intent to Participate.

Athletes must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada. A permanent resident is defined as someone who has been granted permanent residency prior to the Intent to Participate deadline listed below. Permanent residents have a Record of Landing (IMM 1000), a Confirmation of Permanent Residency (IMM 5292), a Permanent Resident Card, or any other document deemed eligible by Immigration Canada as proof of their status.



Skaters must not have represented another ISU country for the 12 months preceding September 15, 2026 (the deadline to submit their Intent to Participate).

Intent to Participate

Skaters must be registered with Speed Skating BC and will have to submit their [Intent to Participate](#) by September 15, 2026.

TEAM BC Composition

TEAM BC ST	TEAM BC LT
• 5 female skaters • 5 male skaters • 1 coach: • 1 manager:	• 4 female skaters • 4 male skaters • 1 coach: • 1 manager:

TEAM BC Selection Committee

All activities related to the selection of TEAM BC will be carried out by an ad-hoc committee known as the TEAM BC Selection Committee. The TEAM BC Selection Committee will be composed of the SSBC Technical Manager, representatives of the SSBC Athlete Development Committee, the TEAM BC Coaches and the TEAM BC Managers. The TEAM BC Selection Committee can be contacted at teambccwg@speedskatingbc.ca.

Sport Jury

A Sport Jury will be formed for each of the TEAM BC Selection Trials competitions. The Jury will be composed of a Referee (either Chief or Assistant), the SSBC Technical Representative and one other individual who is deemed not to be in conflict with the TEAM BC Selection Trials.

TEAM BC Short Track Selection Trials Format

There will be one TEAM BC ST Selection Trial competition. The event will be hosted as part of the BC Cup ST, on November 20-22, 2026 in Kamloops. The TEAM BC ST Selection Trials will be composed of four mass start events 500m, 1000m, 1500m and 1500m Super Final.

TEAM BC ST will be selected from skaters using the total ranking points accumulated in the four events, except in the case of a pre-qualified skater and/or a successful bye request (see below for details). Any ties for overall rank will be broken by the skaters' best combined 500m + 1500m time achieved during the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials. The five skaters with the highest total ranking points will be offered a position on TEAM BC ST.

TEAM BC ST Selection Trials Entry and Seeding

Skaters qualify for entry to the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials based on their 500m (short track) time skated in a regional (or higher) sanctioned competition between January 1st, 2026 and the entry closing date, inclusive. Please note: times must be skated on the 111.12m track. Manual times will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds (adjustments will be made by the TEAM BC Selection Committee). The top 16 skaters in each gender, based on the ranking above, will be eligible to race in the TEAM BC ST Selection Trials.

Each of the three traditional distances (500m, 1000m, and 1500m) will be individually seeded according to the skater's seed time for that distance. Seed times must be recorded in a regional (or higher) sanctioned competition between January 1, 2026 and the entry closing date, inclusive. Please note: times must be skated on the 111.12m track. Manual times will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds (adjustments will be made by the TEAM BC Selection Committee).

TEAM BC ST Selection Trials Format

The TEAM BC ST Selection Trials race schedule will be as follows, subject to change:

Day 1

1500m Semis and Finals
500m Heats, Semis and Finals

Day 2

1000m Semis and Finals
1500m Super Final

The Special Racing Rules will include:

1. Penalties will continue to the next round, at the bottom of the current bracket.
2. Skaters with two penalties within a single race shall be issued a yellow card (code YC-2).
Skaters issued a YC-2 will be permitted to continue to race in the proceeding round and will earn points in the final round.
3. Race composition: serpentine.

Advancement through the rounds of racing will be as follows. Alterations if there are a reduced number of skaters will be made by the TEAM BC ST Selection Committee (prior to the competition) or the Sport Jury (during the competition).

Event	Number of Heats	Advancement from Heats to Semis	Number of Semis	Advancement from Semis to Finals	Number of Skaters in Final (Barring Advancements)
500m	4	2+2	2 (A,B)	2+1	5
			2 (C,D)	2+1	
1000m	n/a	n/a	4	1+1	5
1500m	n/a	n/a	3	2+2	8

A skater who does not finish a final, due to equipment or injury, will receive last place points ahead of a penalized skater and a skater who does not start, for the relevant race. If a skater will not be starting a final, officials must be notified prior to the start in order to receive the applicable points. After the advancements, remaining skaters qualify based on placement and time to the remaining finals.

Ranking points (as shown in the following table) will be assigned based on final placements in the 1500m, 500m, 1000m events.



Final Placement (Rank)	Points	Final Placement (Rank)	Points
1	1000	9	196
2	816	10	160
3	666	11	130
4	543	12	106
5	443	13	86
6	362	14	70
7	295	15	57
8	241	16	46

In a tie for first, both skaters receive 1000 points with the next skater receiving 666 points. In a tie for second, both skaters receive 816 points with the next skater receiving 543 points etc. In the case of multiple penalties in the same final, skaters will share the remaining points available in that final.



TEAM BC Long Track Selection Trials Format

There will be one TEAM BC LT Selection Trial competition. The event will be hosted December 5-6, 2026, in Fort St John. The TEAM BC LT Selection Trials will be composed of four of the individual events to be contested at the 2027 CWG:

- Women: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m
- Men: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m

TEAM BC LT will be selected from skaters using the four-race sammelagt from the TEAM BC LT Selections, except in the case of a pre-qualified skater and/or a successful bye request (see below for details). The four skaters with the lowest sammelagt will be offered a position on TEAM BC LT.

If time allows, a camp for all selected athletes and alternates will occur immediately following the Selection Trials and will include two mass start events.

TEAM BC LT Selection Trials Format

As the objective is to pick the fastest skaters for TEAM BC LT, sammelagt scores towards the selection of TEAM BC LT will include times skated in a re-skate, if a re-skate is granted by the referee. Additionally, re-skates outside of those permitted under ISU Rule 260 may be granted to skaters under the following circumstances:

- The athlete has a fall or experiences equipment failure
- The athlete has been interfered with through no fault of their own
- At the discretion of the Chief Referee
- Fresh Starts may be allowed as per ISU Rule 260. In addition, fresh starts outside the guidelines of ISU Rule 260 will be permitted for Team Selection purposes only at the discretion of the Sport Jury



Requests for re-skates (outside of ISU Rule 260) will be considered by the Sport Jury. The time recorded in a re-skate permitted outside of ISU Rule 260 is used exclusively for TEAM BC LT selection purposes. Only one re-skate per distance, per skater, will be accepted for incidents outside of those permitted under ISU Rule 260. An athlete is entitled to a minimum rest of 30 minutes between his/her race and the re-skate, however they may elect to complete their re-skate within this minimum 30 minute allowance.



TEAM BC Selection Information

TEAM BC final selection will be made on Wednesday January 4th, 2027. The announcement will be posted to the SSBC website.

Skaters may choose to try out for both long track and short track disciplines. The deadline to accept/decline a spot in either discipline will be December 15, 2026. Other skaters will then be moved up according to rankings from final results in the discipline with the open spot.

For all matters not covered by the selection process in this Bulletin, appeals regarding the composition of TEAM BC for either Short Track or Long Track may be made using the existing [SSBC Appeal Policy](#).

TEAM BC Pre-qualified Skaters

Any BC skater who is CWG-eligible and competes in the 2026 Canadian Short Track Championships and/or top 18 finish overall at Canadian Junior Championships will pre-qualify for Team BC in that discipline and will not be required to attend the Team BC Selection Trials. Applicable skaters will be contacted by the Team BC Selection Committee to confirm their acceptance of a Team BC position. Pre-qualification spots for short track will be limited to 2 spots per gender.

Any BC skater who is CWG-eligible and competes in the 2026 Canadian Long Track Championships will pre-qualify for Team BC in that discipline and will not be required to attend the Team BC Selection Trials. Applicable skaters will be contacted by the Team BC Selection Committee to confirm their acceptance of a Team BC position. Pre-qualification spots for long track will be limited to 1 spot per gender.



TEAM BC Bye Requests

As the objective is to pick the fastest skaters for TEAM BC, bye requests will be evaluated by the TEAM BC Selection Committee. Bye requests will only be considered if a skater is not able to attend the TEAM BC Selection Trials due to any of the following circumstances:

- 1) an injury (doctor's note will be required)
- 2) illness (doctor's note will be required)
- 3) unavoidable school conflict (will require a copy of official University course schedule as well as exam schedule)

The skater must advise the TEAM BC Selection Committee by submitting the [2027 Canada Winter Games Bye Request Form](#) no later than in advance of the gun for the first race of the applicable Selection Trial and the official time for the starting gun for the first race will be noted at the top of the form for the applicable Selection Trial; OR the skater attends the TEAM BC Selection Trials, is unable to complete the Selection Trials, and advises the Sport Jury in writing during the Selection Trials to the following email address: teambccwg@speedskatingbc.ca no later than in advance of the gun for the final race of the Selection Trials (a doctor's note will also be required to submit within 48 hours of that time) and will also need to be confirmed with the Chief Referee no later than in advance of the gun for the final race of the Selection Trials. Should any eligible bye requests be received prior to the event Coaches Meeting, the coaches will be advised of the number received at the meeting. Should any eligible bye requests be received prior to the event Coaches Meeting, the coaches will be advised of the number received at the meeting.

Bye requests will consider the skater's historical results, which must be at least equivalent to skaters who participate in the trials and are ranked in provisional team positions. Documentation may be requested in the case of a bye request. All skaters granted provisional positions on TEAM BC are subject to the requirements described in TEAM BC Injury Replacements (below).

A maximum of two skaters per gender may be named to the ST team on the basis of a bye request; a maximum of one skater per gender may be named to the LT team on the basis of a bye request. As required, those requesting byes will be ranked based on results achieved since January 2026.



TEAM BC Alternates

It is the intention of the TEAM BC Selection Committee to identify one alternate per gender in order to create a more optimal training group and to adequately prepare alternates in the eventuality of an injury prior to the 2027 CWG. The alternates will be the top ranked skater (per gender and per discipline) from the TEAM BC Selection Trials not named to the team. Due to budget restrictions, the alternates will not be provided with a TEAM BC skinsuit.

TEAM BC Injury/Illness Replacements

If a skater is injured or falls ill following their selection to TEAM BC, they will be required to prove adequate levels of recovery, both from a medical and a performance perspective. The determination of what constitutes adequate recovery will be made by medical professionals and the TEAM BC Selection Committee and will be based upon an assessment of the skater's ability to perform at a level equal to current members of TEAM BC. The final date for finalizing such decisions is one week prior to the registration deadline for the 2027 CWG, which is January 28, 2027. A skater selected to TEAM BC via a bye request will also be required to prove adequate levels of recovery as indicated above.

TEAM BC Skater Commitments

TEAM BC skaters and alternates must commit to the following:

- Attend TEAM BC Selection Trials Camps for the relevant discipline
 - ST: November 20, 2026 - Academy x BC Cup & 2027 CWG Short Track Selection Trials
 - LT: December 6, 2026 - Immediately following 2027 CWG Long Track Selection Trials
- Skaters should prepare for the 2027 CWG in their preferred distances and non-preferred distances. All athletes skate all individual events at the 2027 CWG. Skaters are reminded that TEAM BC's objective is not just to win medals, but also to be awarded the highest number of "Flag Points" for TEAM BC. The first three finishers for BC (in each individual distance) accrue flag points.

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- There may be additional costs incurred by athletes such as: individual speed skating sport equipment and maintenance of said equipment, health care insurance, personal care products and cell and data plans.

