

AASSA 2011-12 Competition Bulletin

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This bulletin outlines the competitions for the 2011-12 for which Alberta has restricted quotas and involves selection criteria from AASSA plus the Alberta hosted non-national competitions.

CANADIAN AGE CLASS LONG TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS (FEB 11-12,2012 – Ft. St. John, BC)

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

The age categories and events skated will be as follows:

Age Category	Day 1	Day 2
Girls 11, Boys 12	Mass Start 300m Mass Start 3000m	Olympic Style 100m & 500m 1200m Relay
Girls 12, Boys 13	Mass Start 300m Mass Start 3000m	Olympic Style 100m & 500m 1200m Relay
Girls 13, Boys 14	Mass Start 300m Olympic Style 3000m	Olympic Style 100m & 500m 4 lap Team Pursuit
Girls 14, Boys 15	Olympic Style 500m & 3000m	Olympic Style 100m & 500m 5 lap Team Pursuit
Open Female 15-29 Open Male 16-29	Olympic Style 500m & 3000m	Olympic Style 1000m & 1500m

Alberta will be allowed to enter 5 skaters per category. For the T2T categories (Female ages 11-14, Male ages 12-15) Alberta skaters will be selected based on overall results in their respective categories from the 2012 Alberta Open Long Track Championships in Calgary on Jan 13-15, 2012.

For the open Female 15-29 and open Male 16-29, from those who have not met a Canada Cup standard for the 2011-12 season, the skaters selected will be those with the best average percentage to the Canadian Senior Record using their best short distance (500m or 1000m) with their best longer distance (1500m or 3000m) skated in the 2011-12 season in an SSC or Branch sanctioned Olympic Style event.

Funding and support:

Those competing in the T2T portion of the event will have their entry fee paid for by AASSA. All skaters representing Alberta will be eligible to use an Alberta long track suit. Please note that the mass start portion of this competition requires the use of cut resistant protection meeting ISU standards. Please contact the AASSA office for details and options regarding protective suits.

AASSA will be sending a coach(es) and possibly a manager depending on the numbers of skaters attending. Coaches and managers will apply to AASSA for these positions and those chosen will have their expenses covered including travel, accommodation and per diem.

CANADIAN SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS (MARCH 23-25, 2012- RICHMOND, BC)

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

Maximum number of entries/age category

Age Category	Male	Female
Junior B (15-16)	32	32
Junior A (17-18) /Neo-Senior (19-22)	32	32

* Neo Senior and Junior A Categories have been combined for 2011-12

For the 2012 Canadian Short Track Championships, skaters must have season best times in the 500 and 1500m equal to or faster than the combined 500m/1500m time published in the table below (115% of CDN Records). These times must be skated in the 2011-12 season, on or before March 4, 2012.

Age Category	Male	Female
Junior B (15-16)	3 min 25.09 sec	3 min 39.70 sec
Junior A (17-18) /Neo-Senior (19-22)	3 min 20.85 sec	3 min 39.41 sec

Alberta is guaranteed 3 spots per category that meet the time requirements with a possibility of up to a maximum of 5 depending on other Branches not filling their quotas. Alberta will be notified how many extra positions we have available per category at least 14 days prior to the start of the competition.

If there are more Alberta skaters qualified than the allowed quota in a category then the Alberta skaters selected will be the ones with the lowest average percentage to the applicable Canadian Record using their best 500m, 1000m and 1500m on the 111m track in an SSC or Branch sanctioned event from the 2011-12 season up to Mar 12, 2012.

Funding and support:

Those skaters who are on the Provincial ST Team may use their funding towards this competition. If there are AASSA skaters attending this competition who do not have their coach attending AASSA will either send a coach or contract another coach who is attending to work with the AASSA skaters.

CANADA WEST SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS (MARCH 24,25 2012 – WINNIPEG, MB)

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

Maximum number of entries/age category

Age Category	Male	Female
Boys 12, Girls 11	16	16
Boys 13, Girls 12	16	16
Boys 14, Girls 13	16	16
Boys 15, Girls 14	16	16

Alberta will be allowed 3 spots per category with a possibility of up to a maximum of 5 depending on other Branches not filling their quotas. Alberta will be notified as early as possible regarding extra positions available.

Alberta skaters will be selected for these spots based on their best times in the 200m pursuit, 400m and the 3000m points race, skated in the 2011-12 season in an SSC or Branch sanctioned ST competition on the 100m track up to Mar 5, 2012. Skater will be ranked by time in each distance and assigned points based on this rank. Their points from each distance will be added up with the highest point totals be selected to represent Alberta at the 2012 Canada West Short Track Championships in Winnipeg.

The ranking points for each distance will be assigned using the following point system:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	1000	11	130	21	15
2	816	12	106	22	12
3	666	13	86	23	9
4	543	14	70	24	7
5	443	15	57	25	5
6	362	16	46	26	4
7	295	17	37	27	3
8	241	18	30	28	2
9	196	19	24	29	1.5
10	160	20	19	30	1

A list of Alberta events showing which distances will be offered at each will be circulated to each club.

Funding and support:

Those representing Alberta in the Canada West Short Track Championships will have their entry fee paid for by AASSA. All skaters representing Alberta will be eligible to use an Alberta short track suit (this suit does not have built in cut resistant protection). Please note that this competition requires the use of cut resistant protection meeting ISU standards. Please contact the AASSA office for details and options regarding protective suits.

AASSA will be sending a coach(es) and possibly a manager depending on the numbers of skaters attending. Coaches and managers will apply to AASSA for these positions and those chosen will have their expenses covered including travel, accommodation and per diem.

For further information on the above competitions please see the
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Or contact Mike Marshall at: mikesmarshall@yahoo.com

For other National Event criteria and information please refer to the SSC Long or Short Track High Performance bulletins posted on the SSC web site.

For information on Events hosted by the Olympic Oval please see the Oval link on the University of Calgary web site.

Alberta Hosted Non-National Events - Long Track

ALBERTA CLUB OLYMPIC STYLE SERIES (OCT 23, NOV 27, DEC 18, FEB 19 – CALGARY)

These events will be open to any T2T, Jun ISU, Sen ISU and Masters skaters who do not meet the B time standards for the regular Olympic Oval week-end races.

Each of the 4 competitions will feature all Olympic Style races with a 500m plus at least one more distance that will either be specified for each competition or, if time permits, will include a 500m plus one more distance that will be a choice of two to three offered distances. A 10,000m mass start race may also be offered for one or some of the dates.

If any time remains after racing on these dates then the ice will be available for C training time. Separate competition announcements and registration info will be sent out for each of the 4 dates as they approach.

Alberta Hosted Non-National Events - Short Track

All Alberta Short Track competitions, with the exception of RUFast, will use ability divisions for FUNd, LT2 and T2T on the 100m track. Active Start (Cradle) skaters will be included in the ability divisions where appropriate and in a separate division when that better meets the developmental needs of the skaters. Distances will be selected to meet the needs of the participating skaters within the LTPAD model.

Most competitions will offer a Junior/Senior ISU division on the 111m track. Master skaters will continue to skate in a separate division on the 111m track.

RUFast will run ability divisions for FUNd, L2T and Active Start (where appropriate) on the 100m track. T2T will run gender specific 2 year categories (T2T 11-12 Girls, T2T 12-13 Girls, T2T 12- 13 Boys and T2T 14-15 Boys) in the same format as Canada West on the 100m track. There will be a WCC division (M and F) as well as Junior ISU and up ability and Master divisions on the 111m track.

2 Day Alberta Short Track Competitions:

Two day competitions will typically run 4 events per division. T2T divisions will run Canada West distances (200m pursuit, 400m, 1500m and 3000m points race). Younger divisions will generally follow the guideline of one minute for the longest sprint distance. L2T dominated divisions could also run a longer distance ranging from 1000m to 3000m, aiming for a 3 minute or longer race.

EDMONTON FALL CLASSIC SHORT TRACK MEET (OCT 22,23 2011 – EDMONTON)

Active Start through T2T plus ISU division(s) and Masters.

RUFast (Mar 2-4, 2012 – Calgary)

Active Start up through T2T plus ISU divisions including a WCC division (M and F) and Masters.

MEDICINE HAT (Nov 26-27, 2011)

Active start through T2T plus ISU division(s) and Masters.

One Day club meets:

LETHBRIDGE (Nov 12, 2011)

PEACE WAPITITI (Nov 19, 2011 - Grande Prairie)

FIRE ON ICE (Dec 3, 2011 – Lloydminster)

CANMORE ICE RACING CHALLENGE (Dec 10, 2011 – Canmore)

GOLD FOR ALL (Jan 14, 2012 – Edgerton) –(no open ISU 111m division)

CANMORE TEAM CHALLENGE (Jan 28, 2012 – Canmore)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE (Feb 25, 2012)

WEST EDMONTON MALL FUN MEET (Mar 24, 2012 – Edmonton)

The one day competitions will also run ability divisions up through T2T and will have an open ISU division unless indicated otherwise. For T2T most will offer the 400m plus the 3000m and could add either or both the 200m pursuit and 1500m time permitting. Again younger divisions will generally follow the guideline of one minute for the longest sprint distance. L2T dominated divisions could also run a longer distance ranging from 1000m to 3000m, aiming for a 3 minute or longer race.

Ranking and Seed Times:

Active Start - 200m where appropriate

FUNd and L2T – 200m

T2T – 400m (With the exception of RUFast where seed times for each distance will be required.

Junior ISU and up - 500m with the exception of WCC meets where 500m, 1000m and 1500m seed times will be required.

Master – 500m

Note that L2T skaters who are to be ranked with T2T skaters will need a 400m time and T2T skaters who are to be ranked with L2T skaters will need a 200m time.

Club time trial times will be accepted in the absence of official times. Clubs and coaches are strongly encouraged to ensure they have these times prior to competition deadlines.

Other events

ALBERTA WINTER GAMES (Feb 9-12, 2012 – Spruce Grove)

Please contact your zone rep for information on zone qualification and Games information.

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ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

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