

## **AASSA DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

### **2008-2009 Criteria**

#### ***Rationale:***

To encourage a larger number of competitive skaters from all areas of the province to develop their skills to the highest level.

#### ***Objectives:***

- To provide greater opportunities for developing speed skaters from Alberta to become better competitive skaters.
- To provide greater opportunities for developing speed skaters to train together in an atmosphere of sharing and cooperation.
- To provide opportunities for Club Coaches to work with other club skaters at different facilities.
- To encourage Club Coaches to share coaching ideas and techniques this will help to improve the quality of coaching in Alberta.
- To increase the developing skater's desire to become a member of the provincial team.
- To assist developing speed skaters to set short and long term goals which will challenge their individual performances.

#### ***Nomination Requirements:***

1. The athlete must meet the time standards for an "A" skater in long track or short track. See Development Team Bulletin.
2. The athlete must meet the age requirement for a midget, juvenile, junior or intermediate skater.
3. The nomination form must be filled out by a club coach.
4. The athlete must receive final approval from the VP of Coaching or AASSA office.

#### ***Benefits:***

- The athlete will be recognized as a member of the Alberta Development Team.
- The athlete will have the opportunity to attend 2-3 AASSA sponsored training camps.
- The athlete will be provided with an opportunity to experience other coaching expertise.
- The athlete will be eligible to purchase a DT Jacket.
- The athlete will be able to use a DT skin suit if qualified for the Canadian/North American Age Class Championships.

#### ***Expectations:***

1. A Development Team Member must follow the Alberta Athlete Code of Conduct.
2. A Development Team Member is expected to attend all Development Team Camps.