

Alberta Team Selection Criteria - 2019 Canada Winter Games (CWG)

Primary Objective of the Alberta (AB) CWG Team Selection: To select ST and LT teams that have the best chance to achieve the highest rank in any distance or event.

Background Details: There will be 5 male and 5 female skaters selected for the Alberta CWG Short Track Team, and 4 male and 4 female skaters selected for the Alberta CWG Long Track Team. All 5 Short Track skaters of each gender can skate in the relay with only 4 racing in each round (heats or finals). The Long Track Pursuit Teams can include all 4 skaters or the minimum of 3. Medals in both Short Track and Long Track will be awarded per distance or event and will include those who participate in the relay qualifying rounds should their team go on to win a medal.

Eligibility Criteria:

To represent Alberta at the 2019 Canada Winter Games:

Athletes must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package (see the Alberta Amateur Speed Skating Association (AASSA) website for Technical Package) and:

1. Athletes must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.
2. Athletes must be members in good standing with AASSA and Speed Skating Canada (SSC) at the time of the Canada Winter Games and all competitions set out in this Bulletin as qualifying events.
3. For athletes who have at any time since the age of 14:
 - (a) been a member of a provincial or territorial speed skating organization in Canada other than AASSA; or
 - (b) been a member of a national speed skating body other than Canada; or
 - (c) received direct development funding from a speed skating organization in another province or territory of Canada or from another national speed skating body or branch or club of that body,
4. he or she will be eligible to represent Alberta if and only if:
 - (a) at the time of relocation to Alberta, the athlete was 17 years of age or younger, and since then the athlete's and the athlete's parent(s) permanent domicile or actual residence is in Alberta; or
 - (b) the athlete had not been eligible, had they continued membership in another provincial or territorial speed skating body in Canada, to qualify to represent that other provincial or territorial body in the Canada Winter Games

5. For athletes who have not, since the age of 14:

- (a) been a member of a provincial or territorial speed skating organization in Canada other than AASSA; or
- (b) been a member of a national speed skating body other than Canada; or
- (c) received direct development funding from a speed skating organization in another province or territory of Canada, directly from that other province or territory, or from another national speed skating body or branch or club associated with that body,

he or she will be eligible to represent Alberta if he or she was a member of AASSA on Sept 1, 2018.

For a skater who meets the requirements of this paragraph 4, he or she does not lose that eligibility by having:

- (d) attended school, university or college on a full-time basis outside Alberta during the year of the Canada Games or in any previous year; or
- (e) having trained as a speed skater outside Alberta during the year of the Canada Games or in any previous year.

All skaters must be born between July 1, 1999 (short track), July 1, 1998 (long track) and June 30, 2004 inclusive unless special exemption has been given from SSC for younger skaters.

Also, prior to November 10, 2018, a skater cannot;

- have been a National Senior Team member (as defined by Speed Skating Canada and approved by the CWG Council)
- have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program), and cannot
- have competed in the discipline for which they are seeking qualification for CWG in speed skating for any nation at Olympic Games, Senior World Championships, World Cup Competitions or FISU Games. If they have skated in any of these events in only one discipline (ie short track) they will remain eligible in the other(ie long track)

No skater will be deemed ineligible if they attain National Senior Team status for the first time, skate in a Senior World Cup or World Championships for the first time, or they are granted senior carding status after November 10, 2018.

See the CWG Technical Package for further details on events and eligibility.

Eligibility for the AB CWG Team under the terms of this Bulletin and under the CWG Technical Package will be determined finally and for all purposes by the AB CWG Committee and, on appeal, the AB CWG Appeals Committee.

All skaters intending to compete for a position on both Long and Short Track CWG Teams must submit to AASSA in writing and signed by the skater, before Dec 1, 2018, their choice between Long Track and Short Track Participation in the CWG should they qualify for the CWG in both disciplines. They should also declare in the same letter, whether they intend to compete in the 2019 CWG if they were to qualify for both the CWG and the 2019 Junior World Championships in short or long track.

Long Track Team Selection:

All those skaters meeting the above eligibility criteria are eligible to compete for a spot on the 2019 AB CWG Long Track Team. Selection for the 2019 AB CWG Long Track Team will be based on results using races in any CWG individual Olympic Style distance at any of the three following competitions:

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| 1. Oval International/Can SD Champ | Oct 20-23, 2018 | Calgary |
| 2. Can Am Competition | Nov 21-23, 2018 | Calgary |
| 3. Canada Cup #2 | Jan 2-5, 2019 | Calgary |

The 2019 AB Long Track CWG positions will be filled by ranking the skaters' across three categories. The categories are:

1. 500m + 1000m
2. 1000m + 1500m
3. 1500m + 3000/5000m (females will use 3000m and males will use 5000m)

First, the skaters best times in each distance will be converted to a percentage to the Canadian Junior record in that distance. The percentages will then be averaged between the two distances in the corresponding category to give a percentage for their performance in each category. This percentage will then be adjusted using the formulas on the following page.

For the females, the first 3 positions will be the skaters with the 3 best adjusted percentages from either the 1000m/1500m category or the 1500m/3000m category. For the males, the first 3 positions will be the skaters with the 3 best adjusted percentages from either the 1000m/1500m category or the 1500m/5000m category. The remaining position for both females and males will be the best adjusted percentage from any of the 3 categories of those skaters not yet selected.

The adjustments made are done to allow comparison of percentages between different distances because equal percentages from two different distances do not represent equal placements in ranking at the National junior level in those two distances. For example, a male skater whose percentage in the 500m is 109% of the Canadian Junior record would be around 10th place among juniors while 109% in the 5000m could represent a top 3 finish. The percentage adjustments were calculated using an average difference between same placed rankings across each distance from the juniors from Canada Cup 2 and 3.

Adjusted Percentage Calculations

Male Adjusted Percentages

500m + 1000m no change
1000m + 1500m no change
1500m + 5000m - 1 %

Female adjusted Percentages

500m + 1000m no change
1000m + 1500m - 1 %
1500m + 3000m - 3 %

Example: Female A best times from the 2 AB CWG selection competitions:

<u>Distance</u>	<u>time</u>	<u>% Can Rec</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>ave %</u>	<u>Adj%</u>
500m	41.50	107.71			
1000m	1:23.00	109.14	500/1000	108.42	108.42
1500m	2:09.00	110.04	1000/1500	109.59	108.59
3000m	4:45.00	116.57	1500/3000	113.30	110.30

The Athletes' best adjusted percentage will be used to rank the skaters.

If there is a tie in their best adjusted percentages for the 3rd spot using either of the longer two categories then the tie will be broken by using their other percentage in the longer two categories. If this still results in a tie then their 3rd category percentage will be used to break the tie.

If there is a tie in adjusted percentage for the 4th spot then the tied skaters' next best adjusted percentage from the other two categories will be used to break the tie. If that is also tied then the third category percentage will be used.

The Pursuit Team for the CWG will consist of those qualifying for the CWG in the individual event categories. The pursuit team may consist of 3 or 4 skaters. The CWG Coach and manager will determine the team make-up/order for the CWG. All CWG participants are expected to compete in all individual events and if chosen, in the pursuit, at the CWG, health permitting. The exception would be if a skater has a legitimate chance to win a medal in a distance, and by skating another distance in which they are the 4th seed from their province or close in time to the 3rd seed, and it is judged by the coach and manager that it could hinder their chance at winning a medal, they may then be excused from racing in that prior distance/event.

At the 2 selection events, AASSA will request*¹ to the competition organizers that re-skates be awarded to AB skaters in contention for an AB CWG position in the event that the skater does not complete a race, or that the skater is impeded in their race. No times will be used for qualification if the skater was disqualified in that race. The faster of the re-skate and original race will be used as long as there was no disqualification on the skater in the re-skate.

¹ *AASSA can only request this. It is at the discretion of the organizers to allow this or not. We will confirm re-skate policy immediately prior to each event. With 3 selection opportunities it may not be necessary.

The AB CWG Committee will post results showing ranking using each category at the end of each day of racing. The AB CWG Committee will announce the long track team the day after the final qualifying competition unless there are bye requests to consider in which case the final team announcement will be made as soon as the AB Committee has had a chance to meet to review all submissions. Any bye requests would not be considered until the last qualifying competition is completed. If there are disputes about team membership or bye appointments the AB Appeals Committee will issue a binding ruling after due consideration of the Bye procedure and the written submissions of all individuals directly interested in the decision made. The AB Appeals Committee will consist of all AASSA SDC members who are not in conflict with any skaters affected from the outcome of the bye request, as well as the AASSA President as a non-voting member.

Furthermore, if the competitive status of any athlete named to the team changes between the AB CWG LT Trials and the submission of names to the AB CWG Organizing Committee (ie due to injury or being selected to the World Junior Championship team), the AB CWG Committee will re-assign team positions based on the selection ranking after removing the withdrawn skater from the ranking lists.

Long Track Byes:

A skater requesting a bye must do so before the start of the last AB CWG Long Track Selection competition unless the reason for the bye request occurs during the last competition (i.e. Due to an injury incurred during that last competition) and the athlete did not compete in the previous AB CWG LT Selection Events

For a Bye to be considered, the following conditions must be met:

1. The skater did not compete at the first AB CWG Selection Competition.
2. If the reason for missing the competition is medical, a signed note from a Doctor stating the medical condition that prevents the skater from competing at a reasonable level at the second selection competition must be presented.
3. If the reason for missing the competition is medical, a signed note from a Doctor stating that the skater is able to start training at a date that is judged adequate in the sole discretion of the AB CWG Committee to be ready for the 2019 CWG and that they skater will be ready to compete at 100% by the 2019 CWG must be presented.
4. A performance between Aug 1, 2018 up to Dec 31, 2018 that has an adjusted percentage that is 2% better than the adjusted percentage of the performance skated by the skater in category who qualified for the 3rd position (both using their best average percentage of one of the longer distance categories) or the 4th position (using their best average percentage in any category) at the AB CWG trials or in the relevant CWG distances between Aug 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018 at an SSC sanctioned meet. If a skater does earn a position based on a bye and replaces the skater from the 3rd position then the skater who was replaced would be eligible to take the 4th spot if they had a better adjusted percentage in any category than the original skater in the 4th spot. In essence, the skater requesting the bye would be ranked among the other skaters using their best time(s) with 2% added.

Short Track Team Selection:

Of those skaters meeting the eligibility criteria in section 3, skaters will qualify for the AB CWG Short Track Team by the meeting the following performance criteria:

1. Qualify at the Western Elite Circuit #1 event based on the following guidelines:

**Of those AB CWG eligible skaters who skate in the Western Elite Circuit event #1 in Calgary on Oct 5-7, 2018:
The highest 2 ranked skaters overall in each gender will qualify for the AB CWG ST Team.**

2. Qualify for one of the remaining 3 spots in each gender, through the closed Final Alberta CWG ST selection event on Oct 13-14, 2018 in Red Deer.

Selection Events

AB CWG ST Selection 1 - WEC #1 Oct 5-7, 2018 Calgary, AB

This event is an open event where Alberta skaters will compete among other Provincial or International skaters. Of the AB 2019 CWG eligible skaters participating in WEC #1, the top 2 per gender in overall ranking from the WEC 1 event will earn the first 2 spots per gender on the AB 2019 CWG Short Track team. These 2 skaters per gender will not skate in the 2nd AB 2019 CWG selection event.

Selection #2 Oct 13-14, Red Deer, AB

To participate in the 2nd AB 2019 CWG Short Track Selection event a skater must:

1. Meet the eligibility requirements outlined in sections 1-4 and;
2. Submit an entry form to the AASSA office by Oct 1, 2018 and;
3. Be ranked in the top 12 per gender among Alberta CWG eligible skaters (excluding the 2 skaters per gender who have qualified from WEC #1) using combined 500m and 1500m times skated between Aug 1, 2018 and Oct 8, 2018. If a skater ranked in the top 12 does not skate in the 2nd selection event, the next person in line (ie 13th ranked skater) may enter the event. Replacements will be made up until Oct 10, 2018.

Final Ranking for AB CWG ST Team:

The 3 remaining Short Track spots for the AB CWG Team will be chosen after the Final Selection event using their total ranking points (see below) allocated for each of the following criteria: (criteria 1 and 2 are worth half points only)

1. Best 500 time skated on or between Aug 1, 2018 and Oct 14, 2018
2. Best 1500m time skated on or between Aug 1, 2018 and Oct 14, 2018
3. 500m rank from the Final Selection Event
4. 1000m rank from the Final Selection Event
5. 1500m rank from the final selection Event

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1 st – 1000	4 th – 543	7 th – 295	10 th - 160
2 nd – 816	5 th – 443	8 th – 241	11 th - 130
3 rd – 666	6 th – 362	9 th – 130	12 th - 106

7. A tie in total ranking points for the final AB CWG position will be broken by comparing the tied skaters' best 500m time skated on or between Aug 1, 2018 and Oct 14, 2018

The AB CWG Committee will announce the 2 earned positions from the first selection event the day after that competition. The AB CWG Committee will publish a current list of the top 12 skaters eligible based on 500 and 1500m times after each week where eligible racing occurred up to the Final ST selection event. The AB CWG Committee will announce the AB CWG short track team the day after the final qualifying competition unless there are bye requests to consider in which case the final team announcement will be made as soon as the AB CWG Committee has had a chance to meet to review all submissions. Any bye requests would not be considered until the last qualifying competition is completed. If there are disputes about team membership or bye appointments, the AB CWG Appeals Committee will issue a binding ruling after due consideration of the Bye procedure and the written submissions of all individuals directly interested in the decision made. The AB CWG Appeals Committee may consist of the AB CWG Committee members who are not in conflict with any skaters affected from the outcome of the bye request, other AASSA members who are not in conflict with any skaters affected by the outcome as well as the AASSA President as a non-voting member.

Furthermore, if the competitive status of any athlete named to the team changes between the AB CWG Trials and the submission of names to the AB CWG Organizing Committee (ie due to injury), the AB CWG Committee will re-assign team positions based on the selection ranking after removing the withdrawn skater from the ranking lists.

The AB CWG ST Coach and Manager plus the AB CWG Speed Skating Sport Coordinator will establish criteria for the make-up of the AB ST relay teams for heats and finals at the CWG. The criteria will be made available prior to the start of the Canada Winter Games.

Short Track Byes:

A skater requesting a bye must do so in writing before the start of the AB CWG Short Track Selection Competition they are missing unless the reason for the bye request occurs during that Competition (i.e. injury).

If a skater cannot compete in the 1st AB CWG short track selection event then they must skate in the second AB CWG short selection event. If they are not able to skate in either ST selection events then see point 4-7 below.

For a Bye to be considered into ST Selection # 2, the following conditions must be met from the skater seeking the bye:

1. Circumstances that inhibit the skater from competing at their normal level over the period where qualifying times can be skated (Aug 1, 2018 – Oct 7, 2018). The skater must submit before the second selection event, a written bye request to the AB CWG Selection Committee stating the reason for the bye request. (i.e. Injury, illness, weather or circumstances that inhibit competing at their normal level over the period where qualifying times can be skated)
2. If the bye is being requested in the case of injury or illness, then a signed note from a medical Doctor stating that the medical condition prevents the skater from competing at a reasonable level at the selection event they are missing must be provided to a member of the AB CWG Committee.
3. For a bye into the second selection event a skater must also have a qualifying time (500m plus 1500m time from the previous season - skated between Aug 1, 2017 and Aug 1, 2018) that ranks them in the top 6* in their gender among entry times for the 2nd selection event (*excluding those who qualify for the AB CWG team through top 2 at WEC #1).

For a Bye directly onto the AB CWG ST Team the following conditions must be met:

4. A written bye request to the AB CWG Selection Committee stating the reason for the bye request. (i.e. Injury, illness, weather or circumstances that inhibit competing at a reasonable level in either ST selection event)
5. In the case of sickness or injury, a signed note from a medical Doctor, stating that the medical condition prevents the skater from competing at a reasonable level at the selection event they are missing and that the skater is able to start training by a date that is adequate in the sole discretion of the AB CWG Committee to be ready for the 2019 CWG, must be provided to a member of the AB CWG Committee.
6. A demonstration through performance by Jan 6, 2019, that the skater requesting a bye is going to be able to race at or near their top level (above the level of the skater potentially being bumped out from their spot) in the sole discretion of the AB CWG Committee at the CWG.
7. A combined time (500m plus 1500m time skated between Aug 1, 2018 and Dec 16, 2018) that is at least 6 seconds faster, and a 500m time (skated between Aug 1, 2018 and Dec 16, 2018) that is at least 1.5 seconds faster, than times skated over the same period by the person who would be bumped from the team. The skater seeking a bye must also have placed better overall at Selection #1 than the person they would replace if they were able to compete in a healthy state in that event.

In the case of poor weather that would limit the number of eligible skaters that could travel to one of the AB CWG ST Selection events, the AB CWG Committee may choose to nullify that event and replace it with another event or alter the format and selection to fit into one event. In either case the AB CWG Committee will try to adhere to the original criteria as much as possible if it can be done so fairly in the discretion of the Committee.