



News

- Timer's Clinic, Red Deer: Oct. 12-14, 2018 - [click here to be directed to information](#)
- FUNDamentals Coaching Course, Sept. 22, 2018; contact CSSA
- Safety Equipment Notice: The ISU is requiring cut-resistant white gloves this season (ISU Rule 291-1b), and SSC is recommending the same for the Canadian 2018-2019 season (not yet required); see our list of equipment sources for places to buy gloves.
- SSC has just announced a ST NextGen ranking that may be of interest to coaches and parents as it is targeted at younger skaters than are usually designated as LT NextGen; see below.

Looking for Equipment?

- The Calgary Olympic Oval Skate Shop includes in-person and online shopping (see below)
- One of our Provincial Team Members is selling Ben's Blade Covers: \$15 a pair or \$13 each for orders of 10 or more pairs of covers (plus shipping, if needed); contact: bjc10@telus.net
- Nagano Skate has been offering discounts to their email subscribers; clubs may want to subscribe (see below)

Options for Speed Skating Equipment:

<https://olympic-oval-skate-shop.myshopify.com/>

<http://naganoskate.com/en/>

<https://www.ilovespeedskating.com/>

<http://devaultspeedskating.com/en/>

<http://redriverspeed.com/en/>

<https://garneau.com/ca/en/winter>

<https://www.cascadespeedskates.com/>

<https://www.vhspeedskates.com/about>

Officials

Thank you to Claire Loberg, Nicole Cooney, Michelle Chabot and other ODC contributors for running a successful Level 2 Meet Coordinator / Recorder clinic in Leduc/Edmonton this past weekend!

Officials' request for assignment / upgrade form is due by Sept. 26, 2018; [click here](#)

Red Deer, October 13 & 14, 2018: Level 2 Timer Clinic

- To be held in conjunction with the Alberta Short Track CWG Qualifier
- [click here for information and registration](#)

Volunteer Opportunities include Club Meets, the 2019 CWG in Red Deer and many meets at the Olympic Oval including the upcoming LT Time Trials, ST Oktoberfest / WEC #1, the Canadian LT Single Distance Championships and the ISU ST World Cup this fall.



MAS Update

Reminders:



- All members must be registered in the MAS database regardless of how Clubs manage registrations and payments.
- MAS process guides are updated and posted online; [click here](#)

Contact Kristine at info@aassa.ca if you have issues.



Competitions Update:

- Medicine Hat ST meet is cancelled for this season.
- Rocky Mountain House ST meet on Oct. 27, 2018 is a firm date.
- WEC #1 / Oktoberfest ST meet at the Oval had a date change to Sept. 28-30; registration deadline is Sept. 21.
- SSC's CACLT and CanWest Bulletin is on the AASSA web site.
- SSC LT Bulletins have not been released, but the meet dates on the web should be firm.
- SSC ST Bulletins include an update about meets (some changes to eligibility; see SSC web).

If you have any questions about competitions, please direct them to Mike Marshall, technicaldirector@aassa.ca
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2018-2019 Competition Schedule

- The up-to-date AASSA Events Google Calendar is mobile-friendly; [click here](#)
- The upcoming schedule is also in table format on the web site; [click here](#)
- The AASSA Calendar and events schedule on the AASSA web site will be updated as changes occur.
- The SSC Competition Bulletins have not been posted yet; if you have questions about competitions, please contact either Mike Marshall (technicaldirector@aassa.ca).



Other Skater Information

2019 CWG Alberta ST Team Trials:

- Western Elite Circuit #1 / Oktoberfest in Calgary, Sept. 28-30; racing will be combined.
- CWG ST Test Event in Red Deer, Oct. 13-14; there will be a limited AB CWG Trial division and an Open Division. This event will also feature a Timers' Clinic, beginning on Friday evening, Oct. 12th.

CWGLT Team will be determined with results from any of these three LT competitions:

- Oval International /Canadian Single Distance Championships, Oct 20-23, 2018, Calgary
- Can Am Competition, Nov 21-23, 2018, Calgary
- Canada Cup #2 Jan 2-5, 2019, Calgary

New: Short Track NextGen News and the Canadian ST Championships

- SSC's High Performance ST Committee has had a Montreal-based NextGen coach for a year, but no specific program has been outlined for a national ST development program, unlike the established LT NextGen program; AB LT athletes Brooklyn McDougall, Kaleb Muller, Maddison Pearman and Connor Woods are SSC LT NextGen athletes.
- NextGen is associated with the *Own The Podium* Olympic legacy program and is designed to

facilitate relevant development of early-achieving athletes who are potentially 5-8 years away from their first international podium placement (World Cups, etc.).

- Current (but scant) details for a new SSC ST NextGen program are outlined in an SSC Bulletin posted last week.
- [Click here for the related ST Bulletins](#)

ST NextGen for the 2018-2019 Season:

- 2017-2018 results formed the basis for the criteria to select Junior ST athletes identified as NextGen; these athletes have been invited to compete with Canada's Top 16 at the Canadian Short Track Championships / World Cup Trials in Montreal this weekend (Sept. 21-23) for racing experience; livestreaming details will be posted on the SSC web site.
- The ST NextGen program identifies athletes based on results at ages 15, 16, 17 and 18; the criteria, as currently formulated, becomes progressively more difficult to reach through the steps.
- Several Alberta junior ST skaters (pictured above, by Arno Hoogeveld) have been identified on this season's SSC ST NextGen list and will be competing with Canada's best in Montreal this weekend to gain experience.
- Based on T2T 15 / Jr B1 results: Matej Pederson & Caitlyn Pelkey
- Based on Jr B2 (16 yrs) results: Brendan Yamada
- SK's Marco Schumann is also NextGen
- Hee Won Son had some injuries last season that impacted her overall ranking, but we anticipate seeing some more great results from her this season.
- The full ST NextGen list is noted in the "Ranking" section of SSC's web site; [click here](#).

Senior ST Skaters & Canadian Championships:

- Marika Nadal will also be competing at the Canadian ST Championships as a pre-qualified Senior, along with BC's Jamie Macdonald and Alison Desmarais, and SK's Keegan Christ.
- Keil Hillis, who earned an SSC ST Development Team spot last season and has been training in Montreal over the summer, has been sidelined by an injury and will not be competing at this competition; Anneke Pederson narrowly missed the cut-off as a Senior for the Canadian Championships but will be racing for practice at the combined US ST Championships / Desert Classic meet in Salt Lake City in two weeks with other Oval team mates.

[We hope to see the remaining SSC ST and LT Competitions Bulletins very soon!](#)

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