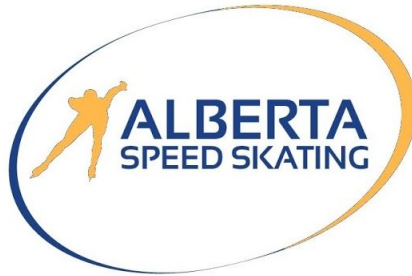


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Still Winter in April! eNews and Updates
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AB Speed Skating Still Winter in April! eNews

Thank you for your patience! There were some challenges delivering the March eNews to our subscribers; you can find March 2018 and other past eNews issues on our web site:

<http://www.albertaspeedskating.ca/clubs/past-eneews>

Updates:

National Meet Opportunities for Alberta Clubs:

If you are interested in hosting these T2T-focussed meets:

- 1) Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships (CACLT), Feb. 10-11 (date confirmation is pending with SSC; it may be Feb. 9-10), 2019, or the
- 2) Canada West Short Track Championships, March 23-24, 2019

- please refer to the AASSA web site for information and application details
- send completed applications to to AASSA (info@aassa.ca) by APRIL 18, 2018
- all CACLT and CanWest applications must be nominated by the Branch (AASSA) to SSC and AASSA requires some time to consider applications before nominating any bids to SSC by April 23; send questions and applications to info@aassa.ca

Officials Upgrades

Clubs should have provided the AASSA Officials Development Committee with upgrading requests / suggestions by now. Upgrades are now being considered by the ODC; contact officials@aassa.ca if you have any further comments or questions.

Olympic Oval Update

Ice plant repairs are underway at the Oval and late-June is still the anticipated ice-in target.

AASSA AGM, Red Deer, May 26-27th

- Including the AASSA Training Camp (Saturday and Sunday)
- Registration for the AASSA AGM and the Weekend Training Camp will be available by mid-April
- If you have workshop or AGM ideas, please forward them to info@aassa.ca and if you are interested in contributing to AASSA at the leadership level, contact president@aassa.ca to discuss possibilities.

AB Coaching Opportunities are on the AASSA web site, re:

- Weekend Training Camp in Red Deer, May 26 - 27
- Canmore Summer Camp, July 8 - 13
- Canada Winter Games Short Track and Long Track, February 14 - 23, 2019
- <http://www.albertaspeedskating.ca/coaches/coaches-assignments>

There is also a full-time coaching opportunity / coordinator position with the Manitoba Speed Skating Association: <https://www.mbspeedskating.com/>

The SSC AGM will be held in Calgary June 14-16, 2018
<http://www.speedskating.ca/about/annual-general-meeting>

AASSA Canmore Summer Camp, July 8-13, 2018

- Registration will be open later in April

AASSA Casino, Elbow River Casino, Calgary, Aug. 19-20
[Click here for information and the volunteer sign-up sheet](#)

Young Alberta Speed Skaters

SSC's Canada West Short Track Championship, March 17-18

Alberta was able to send 50 skaters and 5 coaches/managers to Abbotsford for CanWest for great racing experience. Congratulations to all the participants for representing us well!
Alberta Top Ten Finishers Overall:

T2T 11 Female: Alexandra Volstad (Calgary SSA; 2nd overall), Mikka Eaves (Lethbridge SSA; 5th), Lili Wilz (Banff/Canmore SSC ; 6th), Maya Lueders (Calgary Grizzlies; 7th), Darby Beeson (Calgary Grizzlies; 8th) and Heidi Moores (Calgary SSA; 9th).

T2T 12 Female: Annika Johnston (Calgary SSA; 1st overall), Erin Padbury (Edmonton SSA; 4th overall) and Jayva Andersen (Lloydminster Border Blades; 9th)

T2T 12 Male: Max Poulin (Calgary Grizzlies; 6th overall), Arman Virani (Calgary SSA; 7th), Ahmed Sbeiti (Calgary SSA; 8th)

T2T 13 Female: Cezara Bere (Edmonton SSA; 1st overall), Ivy Bao (Calgary SSA; 2nd), Preslee Muller (Lethbridge SSA; 4th), Sarah Feschuk (Calgary SSA; 5th) and Elliot Kellough (Calgary SSA; 7th)

T2T 13 Male: Yankun Zhao (Calgary Grizzlies; 6th overall), Finn Borstmayer (Banff/Canmore SSC; 7th), Levi Schoorlemmer (Peace Wapiti SSC, 9th)

T2T 14 Female: Jasmine Belisle (Lethbridge SSA; 8th overall)

T2T 14 Male: Max Krabben (Rocky Mountain House SSC, 3rd overall), Wesley O'Brien (Calgary Grizzlies; 4th), Seth Muller (Lethbridge SSA, 10th)

T2T 15 Male: David Seal (Edmonton SSA; 2nd overall), Joshua Kowal (Calgary Grizzlies; 6th), Logan Toblan (Calgary SSA, 7th), Jared Farquharson (Calgary Grizzlies; 9th)

[Click here for the full Team Alberta CanWest 2019 results.](#) Well Done Everyone!!

Arctic Winter Games, March 18-24, 2018

The Arctic Winter Games was a great event, with Team Alberta North athletes from the Grande Prairie Peace Wapiti and the Peace River Northern Lites Speed Skating Clubs:

Brielle Schoorlemmer, Teneea Schoorlemmer, Dori MacLennan, Hayley Ferguson, Bennett Winniky-Lewis, Ranslee MacLennan, Anthony Guenther and Deklan Hewlett.
Photo of *The Great Eight* at the Arctic Winter Games by Xaverie MacLennan.



Highlights of Team Alberta North's achievements included personal bests by all the athletes and some stellar performances led by Alberta Provincial Team member, Teneea Schoorlemmer, who earned gold in all four individual distances as well as the Junior Female relay. Dori MacLennan had three podium finishes in bronze position (500, 777 and 1500) and a close fourth place in the 1000; Dori also helped win the Junior Female Relay Gold medal with teammate Hayley Ferguson. Teneea's sister, Brielle, earned two bronze medals (400m and 1500m) and two fourth places finishes in the Juvenile Female category.

Finishing off the Games on some high notes, the Junior Male team of Bennett Winniky-Lewis, Deklan Hewlett, Ranslee MacLennan and Anthony Guenther, earned a bronze medal in the relay and Teneea had the honour of carrying Alberta's flag in the closing ceremony.

[Click here for the full Arctic Winter Games 2018 results are available here.](#)

Season Ending Notes

Canadian Junior Short Track Selections 2, March 21-24, 2018

The last national junior short track meet was relocated to Winsport in Calgary, and capably led by the Olympic Oval Team (thank you to everyone who made this happen on such short notice!). Among the 100 competing athletes, Alberta was represented by: Hee Won Son, Abbey Young, Caitlyn Pelkey, Victoria Goplen, Celina Chabot and Molly Young; Brendan Yamada, Matej Pederson, Neithan Thomas, Benjamin Cote, Connor Doud, Isaac Sherwood and Mathias Bathe.

Hee Won finished 1st Overall in the ladies' division while Brendan finished 1st Overall and Matej Pederson was 3rd Overall in the men's division. All of the Alberta athletes earned valuable points towards next year's rankings, including a good chance to prequalify for the fall 2018 National Qualifier. [Click here for full SSC Jr Selections 2 Results.](#)



Hee Won Son, photo - Olympic Oval



Brendan Yamada, photo - Olympic Oval

Canadian Senior Short Track Selections 2, March 23-25, 2018

This year's two Senior ST Selections meets featured the best of Canada's short track racers, with the exception of the Olympic Team members. The important Sr Selections 2 ranking meet was relocated from Calgary to Laval, Quebec, on short notice. A big thank you to the Olympic Oval for assisting with travel expenses for our skaters. Finishing off a very successful year, Saskatchewan's Keegan Christ earned a strong 3rd place overall, while Alberta was well-represented by Keil Hillis (9th Overall), Marika Nadal (14th) and Anneke Pederson (29th).

Alberta Provincial Team Updates

- Alberta Provincial Team members ranked as A, B or C skaters should have or will soon be receiving the final subsidy payment for the 2017-2018 season.
- Please note you should be recording your required volunteer commitments or are making arrangements with Mike to complete these activities. Contact info@aassa.ca if you have any questions.
- Final Canadian short track speed skating rankings should be released by Speed Skating Canada soon.

- Once these details are released, AASSA can confirm the Alberta Provincial Team members and rankings for 2018-2019. Alberta PT long track rankings are determined by individual distance achievements and have already been determined.

Thank you to all the Coaches, Managers, Officials and Parents who helped make the 2017-2018 season meets exciting, memorable and enjoyable experiences for all our athletes!

Upcoming Events Schedule

- Alberta Club deadline to bid on CACLT and CanWest 2019 meets: Apr. 18, 2018; send to info@aassa.ca
- May 26-27, 2018: AASSA AGM and Weekend Training Camp, Red Deer - including tours of the Canada Winter Games speed skating venues
- June 1, 2018 is the deadline to apply for the Olympic Oval Summer Drop In Program
- SSC AGM, Calgary, June 14-16, 2018
- Canmore Summer Camp will be: Sunday, July 8th to Friday, July 13th
- August 19-20, 2018: AASSA Casino in Calgary
 - [Click here for info and the volunteer sign-up sheet](#)

Thank you to all the Alberta Speed Skating people who contributed to the 2017-2018 Season and congratulations everyone for staying positive and active in our great sport!



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