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## AB Speed Skating Happy New Year 2018 eNews

This Olympic Year is a great opportunity to promote speed skating. Share the news and fun with your communities! There will be lots of good resources for you to use on social media in the next while, including this:

### Proud of My Sport

Together for our sport!

We invite all skaters and short track fans all around Canada to join us and to become ambassadors of the sport, as Marianne St-Gelais and Charles Hamelin proudly do.

As a part of the sport promotion effort, there are three things for you to do, and have a chance to win one the three shorts autographed by all the members of the ST Olympic team:

1. Go to the start : LIKE @proudoofmysport Facebook page.
2. Ready : be prepared to share the Facebook content posted @proudoofmysport Facebook page.
3. Go ! : January 12th, together we are proud, we share!

Video links :

<https://www.facebook.com/fierdemonport/videos/884423808401955/>

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## Alberta Speed Skaters

### Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships (CACLT)

- The CACLT Qualifier is ABLT in Calgary this weekend due to start-up challenges with the new venue in Red Deer; thank you CSSA for graciously taking on the Qualifier on short notice!
- CACLT Registration forms for qualified athletes will go to AASSA and the fees should be paid online to the Quebec Speed Skating Federation (per the meet information on the AASSA web site).
- All CACLT athletes need to be registered as ELITE athletes with AASSA and SSC (in MMS)
- AASSA will be offering clothing items to qualified CACLT athletes - contact [info@aassa.ca](mailto:info@aassa.ca) for details; shipping by meet dates is not guaranteed.
- CSSA has booked flights for CACLT (Quebec City, Feb. 8-12); CSSA may have seats to offer skaters from other clubs; this will be determined next week.

### Alberta Winter Games

- Athlete registrations should now be complete for Alberta Winter Games. If athletes have not registered online and provided AASSA with \$60 fee, please do so immediately. Contact [info@aassa.ca](mailto:info@aassa.ca) for more information.
- Parent-Officials are needed for the Short Track Speed Skating event at the Alberta Winter Games. If you are planning to attend the Games and are able to help, please let us know. You do not need to be a high-level official.



Canada Cup #2 Senior Mass Start included Kaleb Muller finishing 4th, Matej Pederson 5th (middle), Josh Hathaway (front right) 6th, and Jack Deibert - crossing the line behind national team members including World Cup medallist, Chris Fiola. Well done boys! Photo: Arno Hoogveld

## Canada Cup #2

- There were almost 45 Alberta athletes competing at CC2, with many great moments, personal bests and rewarding racing experience.
- Top finishers for the women in individual races included Brooklyn McDougall who had a very strong, consistent week of racing - setting Brooklyn up well for her last Canadian Junior Championship in February; also strong were Maddie Pearman, Danielle Wallish, Keira Poelzer, Hee Won Son, Cassidy Peterson, Jenna Merth and Connie Kapak.
- Top finishers for the men included Kaleb Muller, Connor Howe, Robert Winter, Jeff Ross, Josh Hathaway, Frank Roth and Max Halyk. A special shout-out to Max Krabben from Rocky Mountain House who is a first year Junior and one of youngest at the competition, but who had excellent results (watch out older guys!).
- Congratulations everyone! Full results (except the Mass Start) are available on [speedskatingresults.com](http://speedskatingresults.com) or the Olympic Oval web site.
- There were also many Alberta Volunteer Officials and Olympic Oval staff members supporting Canada Cup #2 and the Canadian Individual Distance Championships / Olympic Team Selections - Thank You to everyone who makes these meets happen!

## SSC / Team Canada Long Track Selections

- Congratulations to skaters who qualified for and were invited to participate in the Team (Olympic) Selections, held over the past week in parallel to the CC2 races: Maddie Pearman (including 7<sup>th</sup> in the Ladies 1,000m race), Keira Poelzer, Connor Howe, Jeff Ross, Kaleb Muller and Rob Winter.
- Connor was the youngest competitor at the Team Selections and both Connor and Kaleb are still Junior athletes; they will be racing at the Canadian Junior Championships in February.
- Following very successful Team Selections and fall World Cup results, these national team members from Alberta have been provisionally nominated to represent Team

Canada at the February Olympics in South Korea!

- Brianne Tutt, Kaylin Irvine, Gilmore Junio and Ted-Jan Bloemen.
- Ted-Jan is this year's Canadian Men's Single Distance Champion in the 5,000m and the 10,000m distances, while Brianne Tutt is the Canadian Ladies' 1,500m Champion! Brianne also earned a bronze in the 3,000m and a 4th place in the 1000m races. Kaylin earned a silver medal in the 1,000m and a bronze medal in the 500m races. Gilmore stayed cool and finished a very tight 3rd in the 500m sprint.
- Congratulations Ted-Jan, Brianne, Kaylin and Gilmore - best of luck to you in Peongchang!
- Full LT Team Canada information is here: <https://olympic.ca/2018/01/10/long-track-speed-skaters-nominated-to-team-canada-for-pyeongchang-2018/>



Ted-Jan Bloemen and Coach Bart Schouten at the Team Selections. Photo: Arno Hoogveld

**Short Track Senior Selections 1** will be held in Sherbrooke, Quebec, January 19-21. This competition is limited to the top 32 short track athletes in Canada of each gender division (excluding the Olympic team). Three Alberta athletes have qualified and will be competing: Marika Nadal, Anneke Pederson and Keil Hillis. Good luck in Sherbrooke!

Congratulations to all Skaters! Stay tuned for great racing in Peongchang and in Canada too - plenty of exciting racing coming ahead for all our skaters the second half of the season!

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## Volunteers, Officials, Clubs and Coaches

### Officials Clinic

The AASSA Officials Development Committee (ODC) is running a Level 2 Meet Coordinator / Recorder and Meet Manager Clinic in Calgary Jan. 27th and 28th, 2018.

Level 2 Recorder / Meet Coordinator Clinic and Meet Manager Clinic Dates:

- 1) January 27th: Recorder / Meet Coordinator Clinic and
- 2) January 28th: Meet Manager Clinic (Recorders must attend both days).

Location: Olympic Oval Boardroom, Calgary

Time: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. each day

Cost: \$50 Meet Coordinators, \$100 Recorders, \$50 Meet Manager Clinic only (refresher); bring cheques payable to AASSA to the clinic

Pre-requisite: Level 1 status as Recorder or Meet Coordinator

Registration: send an email to [info@aassa.ca](mailto:info@aassa.ca) with your name, phone number, and indicate which clinic you will be participating in. Bring cheque payment to the clinic (payable to AASSA).

**Course Conductors:**

Claire Loberg (Level 3 Recorder/Level 3 Competitors Steward)

Nicole Cooney (Level 3 Meet Coordinator/Level 3

## Coaches Clinic

Fundamentals and Intro to Competition Coaching clinic on February 23 (6:30pm to 9:00pm), 24 (9:00am to 4:00pm) and 25 (9:00am to 2:00pm) in Calgary. More details to follow. Contact [info@aassa.ca](mailto:info@aassa.ca) if you are interested.

If you have any questions, contact [info@aassa.ca](mailto:info@aassa.ca).

## Upcoming Events Schedule

The **Jeremy Wotherspoon Open** has been cancelled; it was scheduled for January 20th and 21st, 2018.

- The ABLT meet in Calgary will be the CACLT qualifier event.
- The Red Deer Club will be hosting other test events - including the February 3rd, 2018LT meet at Great Chief Park in Red Deer.

The **Canmore Summer Camp** will be: Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> in the Canmore/Banff area.

### January 2018

- LT Alberta Long Track Meet (ABLT), Calgary Olympic Oval, Jan. 13-14
  - NOTE: this is now a 2 day event, only Saturday and Sunday
- ST Canadian Senior Selections 1, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Jan. 19-21
- LT Jeremy Wotherspoon Open, at the NEW Red Deer Oval, Jan. 20-21; T2T, ISU Junior and CACLT Qualifier; this will be a CWG Test Event
- ST Peace River Northern Lites Ice Breaker Camp and Clinic, Jan. 27
- LT Time Trials, Calgary Olympic Oval, Jan. 27

### February 2018

- LT Canada Cup #3 and the LT Junior Canadian Championships, Fort St. John, BC, Feb. 2-4
- ST WEC #3 / Winterfest, Calgary Olympic Oval, Feb. 2-4
- ST Lethbridge Bridge Bolt Meet, Feb. 3-4; all ages
  - NOTE: this is now a 2 day event (Saturday and Sunday)
- LT Meet in Red Deer, February 3rd (*new*) at the new CWG Oval, Great Chief Park
- Winter Olympics, Korea, February 9-25
- LT Canadian Age-Class LT Championships, Quebec City, Feb. 10-11
- ST - Alberta Winter Games, Wood Buffalo (Fort McKay, near Fort McMurray), Feb. 15-18
- LT Silver Skate Festival, Edmonton's Hawrelak Park, Feb. 17-18

### March 2018

- ST RUfast, Calgary Olympic Oval, March 3-4
- LT Oval Grand Prix, Calgary Olympic Oval, March 10-11
- LT Canada Cup #4 and Oval Finale, Calgary Olympic Oval, March 15-18
- ST Canada West T2T Championships, Abbotsford, BC, March 17-18
- ST Arctic Winter Games, Northwest Territories, March 17-24
- ST Canadian Junior ST Selections #2, Calgary Olympic Oval, March 22-25
- ST Canadian Senior ST Selections #2, Calgary Olympic Oval, March 23-25
- ST West Edmonton Mall Fun Meet

\*\* May 26-27, 2018: AASSA AGM and CWG Dryland Camp, Red Deer - including tours of the Canada Winter Games speed skating venues

### Meet results:



Olympic Oval: <http://oval.ucalgary.ca/competitions>

National Events and Rankings / SSC: <http://www.speedskating.ca/>

Alberta Speed Skating Club meet results will be posted on the Alberta Speed Skating web site as soon as possible after the events.

## Happy New Year Everyone!



Korean Drumming at the Team Selections; Photo - Arno Hoogveld

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