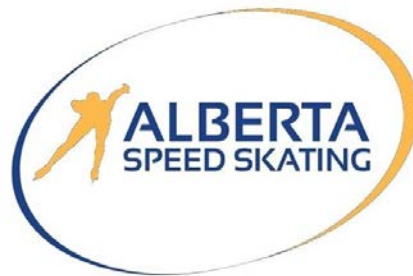


March 2018 in like a Lion eNews and Updates
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AB Speed Skating March 2018 is in like a Lion! eNews

Attention Alberta Clubs: the Speed Skating Canada Podium Tracker program is underway!

- Apply for grants by March 31! [Click here](#)

Updates:

- AASSA and Mike Marshall ran a FUNd and Intro to Competition NCCP Coaching Clinic on Feb. 23-25 in Calgary for participants from across the province, with co-facilitation by Border Blades Coach, Bill Stephens. Contact us if you would like to discuss future opportunities like this.
- AASSA has been assigned a fundraising Casino at the Calgary Elbow River Casino on August 19 and 20, 2018. This is a great way for Provincial Team (PT) athletes and families to meet their volunteer requirements.
 - Casino revenue supports Alberta PT athlete subsidies and other AASSA initiatives, so it is important that we secure enough volunteers to run this casino.
 - [Click here for the Casino Sign-Up sheet and other information](#)
- Olympic Oval Ice
 - Due to an ice plant failure, the Olympic Oval ice is now finished for the season; the Oval expects to have ice again, as usual, by the third week in June.

- The Oval Grand Prix, Canada Cup 4 and the Olympic Oval Finale long track events have been cancelled and will not be hosted elsewhere. Registration refunds will be issued to participants by the Oval.
 - The Canadian Short Track Senior Selections 2 event is being relocated to Laval Quebec (same dates, March 23-25), and the Canadian ST Junior Selections 2 will remain in Calgary at Winsport, starting one day earlier than planned (March 21-24).
 - Volunteers will be needed for the ST Junior Selections 2 event at Winsport, and this competition will feature 13 Alberta skaters. Full schedule is TBA.
 - The Manitoba Speed Skating Association is hiring a Provincial Development Team Speed Skating Coach and Sport Development Coordinator. [Click here for the job details](#)
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Young Alberta Speed Skaters

Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships (CACLT)

Congratulations to all of the 25 Alberta skaters who made the trek to Quebec City for CACLT, and thank you to family members and our coaches for making this happen - Sam Pollock, AJ Dimas-Lehndorf and Shawna Pearman.

The top Alberta skaters at CACLT included: Alexandra Volstad (3rd overall, 11 Females), Annika Johnston (5th, 12Fem), Max Poulin (6th, 12Male), Sarah Feschuk (7th, 13Fem), Yankun Zhao (5th, 13Male), Zoe Lueders (8th, 14Fem), Max Krabben (5th, 14Male), Kaeden Witkowski (11th, 15Male).

Skaters also had great individual results and very strong Team Pursuit races

- [Click here for Full Results \(on the AASSA web site\)](#)



Alberta Winter Games

Speed Skating had a great welcome from and a great weekend in the communities of Fort McKay and Fort McMurray!

Zone 1 = Lethbridge and Medicine Hat; Zone 2 = Banff-Canmore / Greater Calgary; Zone 3 = Calgary; Zone 4 = Rocky Mountain House and Red Deer; Zones 5 and 6 = Edmonton and Area; Zone 7 = Lloydminster; Zone 8 = Grande Prairie and Peace River

Overall Individual Champions (1st place to 6th place):

- T2T 1 Boys: Jalen Doan (Zone 3), Max Poulin (Z3), Arman Virani (Z3), Riley Vanderburgh (Z1), Cooper Moore (Z4) and Gabe Wennekamp (Z7)
- T2T 1 Girls: Annika Johnston (Z3), Mikka Eaves (Z1), Erin Padbury (Z6), Lili Wilz (Z2), Alexandra Volstad (Z3) and Brielle Schoorlemmer (Z8)
- T2T 2 Boys: Wesley O'Brien (Z3), Finn Borstmayer (Z2), Yankun Zhao (Z3), Seth Muller (Z1), Ethan Jacobson (Z1) and Troy Flood (Z2)
- T2T 2 Girls: Ivy Bao (Z3), Elliot Kellough (Z3), Sarah Feschuk (Z3), Jasmine Belisle (Z1), Preslee Muller (Z1) and Brinley Davidson (Z4)

- T2T 11/12 Female Relay Champions: 1st - Zone 6; 2nd - Zone 2; 3rd - Zone 7
- T2T 13/14 Female Relay Champions: 1st - Zone 2; 2nd - Zone 1; 3rd - mixed Zones
- T2T 11/12 Male Relay Champions: 1st - Zone 3; 2nd - Zone 6; 3rd - Zone 2
- T2T 13/14 Male Relay Champions: 1st - Zone 3; 2nd - Zone 2; 3rd - Zone 8

[Click here for full results on the AASSA web site and links to photos.](#)

Thank you to all the coaches, chaperones, families, volunteers, officials, the Community of Fort McKay, Alberta Sport Connection and other sponsors and hosts for a great experience!

We are very excited about the possibility of helping start a new speed skating club in Fort McKay, and possibly also in Fort McMurray! Stay tuned!



RU Fast Meet, March 3-4

Almost 300 skaters and a massive amount of coaches, officials and volunteers participated in RU Fast this past weekend in Calgary - thank you!

RU Fast was the second qualifying event for skaters to go to CanWest; the results are on the AASSA web site.

Thank you to Ted-Jan Bloemen and his wife, Marlinde, for coming out to RU Fast to say hi to hundreds of admirers just before Ted left for Europe and his next competition! Other Olympians also stopped by including Denny and Josie Morrison. It was a special way to end the Oval season!

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

CanWest will be in Abbotsford, BC this year, hosted by the Mission Speed Skating Club. The final Alberta skater ranking list is on the AASSA web site; qualified skaters have been invited to race at CanWest through an email from Mike Marshall. We will be able to send quite a few skaters this year - Good Luck Everyone! If you have any questions, contact AASSA.

- CanWest meet information is on the AASSA web site; [Click here](#)
- Skaters must pay their fees directly with the Mission Club
- CanWest and Provincial Team Skaters may order Alberta clothing through the AASSA online store; contact info@aaassa.ca for more information.

Arctic Winter Games, March 18-24, 2018

The Arctic Winter Games will be shared between the communities of Fort Simpson and Hay River, with the Speed Skating event happening in Fort Simpson.

- Web site: <https://awg2018.org/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AWG2018/>

We will be following the Games and will report back to you about the Games through social media, the AASSA web site and the next eNews. Team Alberta North will include skaters and officials from the Peace Wapiti and Northern Lights Speed Skating Clubs. Good Luck Everyone!

- Arctic Winter Games athletes and coaches may order AASSA clothing from our online store; contact info@aassa.ca for more information.

Go Team Canada!

ISU Junior Long Track Speed Skating in Salt Lake City

- As reported last eNews, Brooklyn McDougall (front row, middle), Connor Howe and Kaleb Muller (back row, 3rd and 4th from left) earned spots on Canada's 2018 World Juniors Team. Mike Ireland (far right), Alberta High Performance Program Coach, and the Oval's Crispin Parkinson (second from right), are two of the coaches at this competition.
- SSC sent Team Canada a little early to Salt Lake City to participate in the final Junior LT World Cup (Canada does not usually participate in the Jr World Cups).
 - Kaleb Muller was part Team Canada's men's Pursuit Team that won a Jr World Cup Bronze medal this past weekend!

- The ISU Junior LT Speed Skating World Championships will be held this weekend, March 9-11
 - [Click here for more information, including the livestream link](#)



ISU Junior Short Track Championships in Poland, March 1-4

Team Canada's coaching staff included Alberta's / the Olympic Oval's Alan McIlveen. The women's team earned a spectacular Relay Gold, and New Brunswick's Courtney Sarault also earned two individual silver medals.

World Championship participants Cheyenne Goh of Edmonton (skating for Singapore), Katie Fabian of Australia, Marco Schumann of SK, Adrian Rudy of ON and Vincent Girard of Quebec all train either full-time or part-time in Calgary and were also competitors at the ST World Juniors. Good job everyone!

Cheyenne has also earned a spot at the ISU World ST Championships in Montreal, March 17-18.

Olympic Winter Games

The Winter Olympics in Korea had some very exciting, euphoric moments, as well as some disappointments for speed skating fans. We are very proud of all Team Canada, including short track medallists, Kim Boutin, Samuel Girard and the men's team who earned a relay bronze.

AASSA would like to specially acknowledge Alberta speed skaters, Kayline Irvine, Brianne Tutt, Gilmore Junio and Ted-Jan Bloemen for representing us well!

Ted-Jan had some awesome races, earning a Silver Medal in the men's long track 5,000m event, and a Gold Medal and Olympic Record in the 10,000m event - well-done Ted-Jan!

Jeremy Wotherspoon was also in the golden glow at the Olympics, with his Norwegian skater Håvard Lorentzen earning the men's Olympic 500m Gold Medal! The Norwegian Team has reported that Jeremy is continuing on as a sprint coach with the Norwegian speed skating program next season. Congratulations also to the Olympic Oval's Gregg Planert who got a last-minute nod for his skater, Alexandra Ianculescu (Romania), to participate in the Olympics LT event and the World Sprint Championships.

Cheyenne Goh (photo below) of Edmonton made us all proud as she is the first Singaporean citizen to earn a spot as a Winter Olympian - check out the opening ceremony footage or photos to see Cheyenne carrying the flag! Cheyenne had a great 1500 short track event.

We would also like to acknowledge the Olympic Oval ice team who did a great job in Peongchang!



Upcoming Events Schedule

March 2018

- ISU World Junior LT Championships, Salt Lake City, March 9-11
- ISU World Allround Championships, The Netherlands, March 10-11
- ST Canada West T2T Championships, Abbotsford, BC, March 17-18
- ST Arctic Winter Games, Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories, March 17-24
- ST Canadian Junior ST Selections #2, Calgary Olympic Oval, March 21-24
- ST Canadian Senior ST Selections #2, Laval, Quebec, March 23-25
- ST West Edmonton Mall Fun Meet, March 24

**** May 26-27, 2018: AASSA AGM and CWG Dryland 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**

**** The Canmore Summer Camp will be: Sunday, July 8th to Friday, July 13th**

**** August 19-20, 2018: AASSA Casino in Calgary - pencil a volunteer shift in now; more info soon**

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. [Click here to be redirected.](#)



Ted-Jan and Marlinde Bloemen with Ted's Olympic Medals; Calgary downtown in the background

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