

## **Revised 2019 Alberta Canada Winter Games Short Track Team Selection Criteria Sept 27, 2018**

Due to the late changes in the competition schedule/criteria for the National short track events and subsequent events that some of our Alberta skaters' have qualified for, thereby affecting their ability to compete fairly in the originally schedule AB CWG selection events, the AB CWG committee has made changes to selection criteria for the Alberta 2019 CWG short team. Of those skaters meeting the eligibility criteria in section 1-5 of the original 2019 Alberta CWG Selection Criteria, skaters will now qualify for the AB CWG Short Track Team by the meeting the following performance criteria:

1. The Alberta skaters who qualify for the Canadian Junior Championships on Dec 15-16 in Calgary will be selected for the CWG Team based on their order of finish at the Canadian Junior Championships. If a skater qualifies for Canadian Junior Championships but is unable to compete they will be ranked in the spot behind those that do compete at Canadian Junior Championships. If less than 5 Alberta skaters qualify in their gender for the Canadian Junior Championships, then the remaining spots will be filled at the Selection Event in Red Deer on Oct 13-15, 2018.using point 2:
2. If there are remaining positions open for the AB CWG Team after going down the ranking of those Alberta skaters who raced at or qualified for the Canadian Junior Championships then the remaining positions will be filled based on the ranking from the Red Deer selection event on Oct 13-14, 2018. The final ranking at this event will use a total of ranking points (see below) allocated for each of the following criteria
  1. 500m rank from the Final Selection Event
  2. 1000m rank from the Final Selection Event
  3. 1500m rank from the final selection Event
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1 <sup>st</sup> – 1000	4 <sup>th</sup> – 543	7 <sup>th</sup> – 295	10 <sup>th</sup> - 160
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 816	5 <sup>th</sup> – 443	8 <sup>th</sup> – 241	11 <sup>th</sup> - 130
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 666	6 <sup>th</sup> – 362	9 <sup>th</sup> – 130	12 <sup>th</sup> - 106

1. Meet the eligibility requirements outlined in sections 1-5 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> selection event, the next person in line (ie 13<sup>th</sup> ranked skater) may enter the event. Replacements will be made up until Oct 10, 2018.
4. 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

### **Team Announcements**

The AB CWG Committee will publish a list of the top 12 skaters eligible for the Red Deer selection event, based on 500 and 1500m times, on Oct 1, 2018 and again on Oct 8 if there are any changes.

The AB CWG Committee will announce the AB CWG short track team the day after the Canadian Junior Championships 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. An AASSA board member who is not in a conflict of interest position may fill in for the President if there is a conflict of interest for the President.

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 Canadian Junior ST Championships then they must skate in the Oct 13-14, 2018 Red Deer 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 the Red Deer ST Selection event, 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 Red Deer 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 prevented the skater from competing at a reasonable level to the degree that skating the time for entry, must be provided to a member of the AB CWG Committee.
3. For a bye into the Red Deer 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 8 in their gender among entry times for the Red Deer selection event if there are 12 or more skaters entered.

4. Any skater receiving a bye into the Red Deer selection event would be added to the field and would not bump out any skater already qualified in the top 12 or through a bye..

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

5. 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)
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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 than the person they would replace at any event over that period that both skaters were competing in.

In the case of any circumstances 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.