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O.CHANGE HISTORY

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1. Added this Change History.
2. Updated Section 6.3.B changing "2026 CLT Senior Time Standards" to read "CLT World Cup Qualifying Time Standards" to match the language used in High Performance Bulletin 216.
3. Renamed 7.3 to "Tiebreaker (Individual Event)"
4. Added new section 9.2 "Tiebreaker (team quota)"

1. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures for Long Track (the “**2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures**”) is to set out the criteria that will be used by Speed Skating Canada to nominate athletes and coaches to the Canadian Olympic Committee (“**COC**”) for inclusion on Canada’s 2026 Olympic Team.

1.2. Objectives

The primary objective of the 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures is to nominate the maximum number of athletes who have demonstrated medal potential at the 2026 Milano Cortina Olympic Winter Games (the “**Games**”) in Individual Distances and the Team Pursuit. The priority for remaining quota places will be for Individual Distance athletes with the demonstrated potential to finish in the Top-8 and Top-half at the Games. After both of these objectives have been considered, any further quota places will be prioritised for Individual Distance athletes with the most realistic potential to improve on their pre-event ranking at the Games.

For greater certainty, in this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, “**Individual Distances**” shall mean 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m (women), 5000m, 10000 (men) and Mass Start.

1.3. Definitions

Terms not otherwise defined within this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures shall have the meanings set forth below:

CLT:	Canadian Long Track
HPAC-LT:	The High Performance Advisor Council for Long Track which consists of the volunteer members as constituted pursuant to the HPAC-LT Terms of Reference
HPD:	The Long Track Interim High Performance Director.
High Performance Management Team:	The HPD, IST Lead and the Olympic Team Leader.
INP:	This 2026 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures is Speed Skating Canada’s Internal Nomination Procedure for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games
IST Lead:	A Long Track appointed staff member who is the lead of the multi-disciplinary team of sport science, sport medicine and sport performance professionals who provide supports to the Long Track program.
ISU:	The International Skating Union is the World Governing Body for Long Track Speed Skating.

Olympic Matrix	The Olympic Matrix is a table compiled by SSC showing all athletes eligible to be nominated for the Games in ranked order.
Olympic Team Leader:	A Long Track appointed SSC staff member who is responsible for all pre-Games, Games and post-Games activities, acting as the on-site Chief of Staff for the Long Track 2026 Olympic Team.
SOQC	The Special Olympic Qualification Classification is a table compiled by the ISU showing all athletes qualified to compete at the Games in ranked order.
Selection Event:	The Event at which athletes may be nominated to one or more Teams
SSC:	Speed Skating Canada the National Governing body for Long Track Speed Skating.
Team:	Consists of athletes who have been nominated and who have accepted their nomination to the Games.

1.4. International Federation Criteria

This 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures has been drafted in accordance with the [ISU's 2026 Olympic Qualification System](#) as presently known and understood and on the latest information available to Speed Skating Canada.

In the event of a discrepancy between the content of this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures and the ISU Olympic Qualification System, the [ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING](#) and the relevant ISU Communication(s) will prevail.

In the event of changes by the ISU to the [2026 Olympic Qualification System](#), Speed Skating Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.

Any athlete nominated by Speed Skating Canada to the COC for selection to the 2026 Olympic Team must also qualify for entry in the Olympic Games according to the ISU Qualification System.

1.5. Team Size

Subject to any changes made by the ISU to the Olympic Qualification System, the team size for the 2026 Olympic Team will be as indicated in the ISU Olympic Qualification System and as outlined below:

- For each gender, a maximum event specific quota per National Olympic Committee (“NOC”):
 - Maximum of 3 athletes in the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, and 3000m (women) / 5000m (men)
 - Maximum of 2 athletes in the 5000m (women), 10000m (men) and Mass Start
 - Maximum of 1 team in the Team Pursuit
- For each gender, the overall quota per NOC will be restricted depending on the allocated NOC event quota places, as follows:

- Maximum 9 athletes for NOCs that have qualified for the Team Pursuit event and that have also been allocated the maximum quota for all individual events for the respective gender
- Maximum 8 athletes for NOCs that have qualified for the Team Pursuit event and that have also been allocated 1 or more quota places for all individual events for the respective gender
- Maximum 7 athletes for other NOCs for the respective gender

2. AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

2.1. Olympic Selection Committee

Nominations to the 2026 Olympic Team shall be the responsibility of the HPD, who is the Chair of the Olympic Selection Committee (the "**Chair**"). The Olympic Selection Committee is an advisory committee that provides recommendations and advice to the Chair with respect to the nomination of the 2026 Olympic Team but has no authority to nominate any athlete to the 2026 Olympic Team. The Olympic Selection Committee is composed of the members of the HPAC-LT (made up of the Long Track HPD and up to three advisory elected volunteer members).

As indicated in the HPAC-LT Terms of Reference, the HPAC-LT is an advisory committee that may provide recommendations and advice to Speed Skating Canada staff and the Long Track HPD. The Chair retains ultimate decision-making authority and is responsible for applying this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures and nominating the athletes to the 2026 Olympic Team.

Should any Olympic Selection Committee member be unavailable or ineligible to participate in nomination discussions, the remaining members of the Committee may appoint an appropriate replacement, who does not have a conflict of interest, if deemed necessary.

2.2. Decision Making Authority

The HPD has final authority and responsibility to make decisions under this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures contained herein and to nominate athletes and coaches to the 2026 Olympic Team without interference from or influence by any individual.

2.3. On-Site Decision Making Authority

Once the 2026 Olympic Team departs Canada for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games, including for any preparatory training camps or competitions in advance of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games, all decision making authority will reside with the Olympic Team Leader. Where possible, the Olympic Team Leader will make all decisions in consultation with the respective coach(es) and / or other members of the High Performance Management Team.

2.4. Conflict of Interest

When advising the HPD as described in this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, the Olympic Selection Committee must apply [Speed Skating Canada's Conflict of Interest Policy](#) in the exercise of their duties.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

This document, the 2026 Olympic Selection Policies & Procedures will be communicated in a standalone document and will be posted on the SSC website [here](#).

As indicated herein, any amendments as per Section 4 of this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures will be communicated through the release of addendums specific to any modifications made.

4. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

4.1. Changes to this Document

Speed Skating Canada reserves the right to make changes to this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures which, in the Chair's discretion, are necessary to ensure the nomination of the best team possible for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. Any changes to this document must be made prior to the start of the first Selection Event which forms part of Speed Skating Canada's nomination procedure and shall be communicated to all National Program athletes potentially eligible for nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team by sending an alert to relevant athletes and also posting any changes to the Speed Skating Canada website.

All athletes and coaches are reminded that it is their obligation to understand this document and to make themselves aware of any changes. Athletes are encouraged to regularly check with the HPD to confirm if there are any changes to this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.

After the start of the first Selection Event which formed part of Speed Skating Canada's nomination procedure, this clause shall not be used to justify changes unless such changes relate to (a) an unforeseen circumstance or (b) are necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording. Such changes must be justifiable in the circumstances. In the event of a change to this document, Speed Skating Canada shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as practical.

4.2. Unforeseen Circumstances

Speed Skating Canada's INP is intended to apply as drafted assuming specifically that no athlete(s) shall be prevented from competing due to an unforeseen or unanticipated circumstance. However, situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Speed Skating Canada's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied. In such a circumstance, should the Chair determine that unexpected or unusual circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, the Chair shall have discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant, while taking the objective stated in Section 1.2 above into account.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Speed Skating Canada that prevent the Chair from implementing Speed Skating Canada's internal nomination procedures fairly, as written, the Chief Executive Officer of Speed Skating Canada ("**CEO**") (or in the absence of a CEO, the interim CEO or such person the Board of Directors shall appoint), shall have the sole, full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that he or she deems relevant. Where possible, the CEO will consult with the Long Track management team, coaches and / or Olympic Selection Committee to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the CEO shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

5. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA

5.1. International Federation Regulations

The ISU regulations specific to the discipline of Speed Skating (Long Track) and applicable to the 2026 Olympic Winter Games will be found in the International Skating Unions' [SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING](#) which will determine the allocation process for quota positions available for each distance to each Member Federation.

In the event that the ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING is modified or updated by the ISU during the qualification period for the 2026 Olympic Games (please see Section 5.3 below), Speed Skating Canada will provide the updated version of the ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING to all impacted individuals and will modify, if necessary, this 2026 Olympic Selection Policies & Procedures.

5.2. ISU Olympic Qualification Standards

The applicable ISU Olympic Qualifying Time standards and conditions for approval of achieved ISU Olympic Qualifying Times will be announced in an [ISU Communication](#), not later than July 1, 2025.

5.3. ISU Qualification Periods

To be eligible to be selected for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games, athletes must have achieved the [ISU Olympic Qualifying Times](#) in the period between July 1, 2025 and January 16, 2026.

6. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

6.1. Eligibility Conditions

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for Olympic Team selection, an athlete must:

- A. Be a Canadian citizen (Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter)
- B. Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before August 22, 2026
- C. Be in compliance with all relevant ISU and IOC requirements for eligibility
- D. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form no later than January 7, 2026. Where the athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements
- E. Be a member in good standing of Speed Skating Canada
 - i. Hold a valid 2025-2026 Speed Skating Canada membership
 - ii. Sign and be in compliance with Speed Skating Canada's 2025-2026 Athlete Agreement

6.2. Doping Control Requirements

Athletes must meet the following doping control requirements in order to be eligible for Nomination:

- A. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the ISU and the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (“CADP”) and any other Anti-Doping Organization with authority over them; and
- B. Must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation; and
- C. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by Speed Skating Canada, the ISU, and/or CCES.

6.3. Olympic Performance Standards

With the exception of Team Pursuit and/or Mass Start, in order to be eligible for Nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team, an athlete must meet all of the following Olympic Performance standards:

- A. Athletes must achieve the minimum ISU Olympic Qualifying Time at an ISU sanctioned event for each event in which they will compete between July 1, 2025 and January 18, 2026;
- B. Athletes must achieve one of the CLT World Cup Qualifying Time Standards¹ (“Time Standards”) at least one time in the Individual Distance in which they are seeking to be nominated to the 2026 Olympic Team between July 1, 2024 until January 6th, 2026 at an ISU sanctioned event. Should there be an ISU sanctioned event happening at the same time as a Selection Event(s), as per Section 7.2, only the times achieved at the Selection Event(s) in the relevant Individual Distance will be eligible as a qualifying time.

For greater certainty, and as per Section 6.3, in order to be nominated to the 2026 Olympic Team in Team Pursuit or Mass Start, athletes must have achieved the Qualifying Time for at least one of the Individual Distances. However, for Mass Start, up to a maximum of one athlete (per gender) may be nominated who has not achieved any of the Qualifying Times but has achieved the specific Mass Start time standard.

IMPORTANT: As of December 3, 2024, in order for a time to be considered a qualifying time for any of the competitions included in this Internal Nomination Procedure, SSC requires, in addition to and notwithstanding any ISU rule or any rule in the SSC Procedures and Regulations (the “Red Book”), that the time: i) must have been achieved in an ISU-sanctioned event or at an event run under the applicable ISU Technical Rules and Special Regulations where wind or air-flow conditions and the ventilation system of the track is controlled so as to avoid unequal conditions due to differences in air-flow on the level of the competition track; ii) must have been achieved in a race held at an ISU-sanctioned event or at an event run under the applicable ISU Technical Rules and Special Regulations in which skaters raced in the ISU defined gender categories as specified in ISU Rule 39(c)(i) of the ISU Technical Rules and Special Regulations.

7. OLYMPIC TEAM NOMINATION / SELECTION

7.1. General Statement Regarding Nomination

Subject to Section 4.2 (Unforeseen Circumstances) and Section 11 (Guidelines for the Allocation of Byes), nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team will take place over two phases. Phase 1 nomination

¹ The CLT World Cup Qualifying Time Standards were published in the “2025-26 Senior World Cups Team Nomination” High Performance Bulletin 216.

is based upon selection to and performance(s) at the 2025 Fall World Cups and phase 2 nomination is based upon results at the Olympic Skate-off.

The qualification period for nomination is from July 1, 2025 until January 6, 2026.

7.2. Nomination / Selection Process

As indicated above, there will be two phases to the selection and nomination of the 2026 Olympic Team.

The Selection Event(s) for each phase will be as follows:

- A. Phase One: 2025 ISU Fall World Cups (Section 8.1.1.2)
 - i. To qualify for the Fall World Cups: Canadian Long Track Championships (“CLT Championships”), October 16-19, 2025 Calgary, AB or be preselected as per Bulletin 213.
- B. Phase Two: Olympic Skate-off, January 3-6, 2026 Quebec City, QC

The final schedule for each Selection Event will be published in the 2025-26 HP Bulletin – Domestic Competition Formats. The proposed schedule is as follows:

A. CLT Championships, October 23-26, 2025 Calgary, AB

		<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
Thursday, October 23	DAY 1	500m 3000m	500m 5000m
Friday, October 24	DAY 2	1000m 5000m	1000m 10000m
Saturday, October 25	DAY 3	1500m	1500m
Sunday, October 26	DAY 4	Mass Start	Mass Start

B. Olympic Skate-off, January 3-6, 2026 Quebec City, QC

		<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
Saturday, January 3	DAY 1	500m 3000m	500m 5000m
Sunday, January 4	DAY 2	1000m 5000m	1000m 10000m
Monday, January 5	DAY 3	1500m	1500m
Tuesday, January 6	DAY 4	Mass Start	Mass Start

7.3. Tiebreaker (Individual Distance)

In case of a tie in an Individual Distance at the designated Selection Event, times will be used to the thousandth of a second. If a tie still exists, the Chair will conduct head-to-head comparisons of the athletes in the following order:

- a. Results at the most recent International Event in which both athletes raced that same Individual Distance (on the same day and in the same start group (Group A or Group B); or

- b. If no such results exist as indicated above, results at the 2025 World Single Distance Skate-off will be used, where both athletes raced that same Individual Distance (on the same day); or
- c. If no such results exist in both instances above, results from an ISU sanctioned event in the 2024-25 season, where both athletes raced that same Individual Distance (on the same day); or
- d. Except in the case of Mass Start, if no such results exist in all three instances above, an unsanctioned skate-off between the two athletes will be organized within seven (7) days of the relevant Selection Event. In the case of Mass Start, if no such results exist in the three instances above, the decision will be made by the Chair.

7.4. Re-Allocated Quota Spots

In the case that the ISU revises SOQC and / or re-allocates the provisional allocation of quota spots after publication, the following process will be used:

- A. Should the revision to the SOQC or re-allocation of quota spots occur before the first day of the Olympic Skate-off (that is prior to Saturday January 3, 2026), then the Phase One Qualification process (Section 8.1) shall apply the revised SOQC or re-allocated quota spots and the Olympic Matrix will be adjusted to account for such changes to the SOQC or re-allocation of quota spots.
- B. Should the revision to the SOQC or re-allocation of quota spots occur after the first day of the Olympic Skate-off (that is on or after Saturday January 3, 2026), then the Phase One Qualification process (Section 8.1) shall not apply the revised SOQC or re-allocated quota spots and the Olympic Matrix will remain as published.

8. QUALIFICATION (ATHLETES)

8.1. Phase One Qualification Process

8.1.1. Individual Distance Phase One Priority and Criteria

Athletes are required to be eligible² to compete at the 2025 Canadian Long Track Championships (“CLT Championships”) in order to be eligible for Nomination for the 2025 Fall World Cups and as a result, be eligible for Phase One Qualification.

8.1.1.1. Pre-Selection to Fall World Cups (2025)

Athletes may be pre-selected to compete at the 2025 Fall World Cups in accordance with HP Bulletin 213. Any athletes not pre-selected to compete at the 2025 Fall World Cups may be selected in accordance with the criteria detailed below.

8.1.1.2. Performance Results

Qualification Event(s): ISU 2025 Fall World Cups (SOQC Points Ranking)

DATE	LOCATION
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² Eligibility to compete at the 2025 CLT Championships will be outlined in the 2024-2025 Domestic Competition Format High Performance Bulletin (HPB 214).

World Cup 1	November 14-16, 2025	Salt Lake City, USA
World Cup 2	November 21-23, 2025	Calgary, CAN
World Cup 3	December 5-7, 2025	Heerenveen, NED
World Cup 4	December 12-14, 2025	Hamar, NOR

Subject to Byes, athletes who have been selected to the 2025 Fall World Cup Team may be eligible for nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team according to the Entry Quota determined by the ISU in Section 1.5 if such athletes have met the applicable ISU Olympic Qualifying Time and Time Standard. Eligibility for nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team does not ensure nomination and corresponding selection to the 2026 Olympic Team. Please see Section 9 for provisions related to final team composition.

The Olympic Matrix will be compiled from the SOQC so that it includes all athletes on the SOQC who are eligible to be nominated for Canada (for example, who have achieved the Time Standard in one or more Individual Distance events at an ISU sanctioned competition since July 1, 2024). Athletes SOQC ranking will be included on the Olympic Matrix and will be used to order athletes within the Matrix.

For the purpose of ordering the Olympic Matrix, any athlete from any country and/or any country that is ranked on the official published SOQC will be considered to remain on the SOQC regardless of whether any such athlete is subsequently prohibited from participating in the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. If, however, the ISU subsequently removes an athlete from the official published SOQC, then the re-allocation of quota spots process described in Section 7.4 shall apply.

IMPORTANT: As of December 3, 2024, in order for a time to be considered a qualifying time for any of the competitions included in this Internal nomination procedure, SSC requires, in addition to and notwithstanding any ISU rule or any rule in the SSC Procedures and Regulations (the “Red Book”), that the time: i) must have been achieved in an ISU-sanctioned event or at an event run under the applicable ISU Technical Rules and Special Regulations where wind or air-flow conditions and the ventilation system of the track is controlled so as to avoid unequal conditions due to differences in air-flow on the level of the competition track; ii) must have been achieved in a race held at an ISU-sanctioned event or at an event run under the applicable ISU Technical Rules and Special Regulations in which skaters raced in the ISU defined gender categories as specified in ISU Rule 39(c)(i) of the ISU Technical Rules and Special Regulations.

8.1.1.3. Maximum Number of Phase One Nomination (Individual Distances)

If Canada has a quota of 3 or fewer skaters for a particular Individual Distance according to the SOQC, the following process will be used to nominate athletes to the 2026 Olympic Team, provided that all such skaters have satisfied the Olympic performance standards set forth in Section 6.3 above:

- If Canada has 1 quota spot for a particular Individual Distance, and an athlete is ranked in the top eight (8) on the official published SOQC, then this athlete will be eligible for nomination to the Team.
- If Canada has 2 quota spots for a particular Individual Distance, the first athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian on the official published SOQC if such athlete is ranked in the top eight (8) on the official published SOQC unless two (2) athletes are ranked in the top eight (8) on the SOQC, in which case both athletes will be eligible for nomination to the Team.

- In the case of the 5000m (women) and 10000m (men), if Canada has 2 quota spots, the first athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian on the 5000m (women) and 10000m (men) SOQC list if such athlete is ranked in the top 8 on the official published SOQC list. In the case that two athletes are ranked in the top 3 at the 2025 Fall World Cup at which the 5000m (women) or 10000m (men) was skated, then both athletes are eligible for nomination to the Team unless three athletes are ranked in the Top 5 in the 5000m (women) and 10000m (men) at the 2025 Fall World Cup at which the 5000m (women) or 10000m (men) was skated. Should there be three athletes ranked in the top 5 then the following process will be used:
 - The highest ranked Canadian will be eligible for nomination
 - If the second ranked athlete is more than 0.5 sammelagt faster than the third ranked athlete based on the results at the 2025 Fall World Cup at which the 5000m (ladies) or 10000m (men) was skated, then the second ranked athlete will be eligible for nomination for the Team
 - If the second ranked athlete is less than 0.5 sammelagt faster than the third ranked athlete based on the results at the 2025 Fall World Cup at which the 5000m (ladies) or 10000m (men) was skated, then the quota spot will be selected from Phase Two – the Olympic Skate-off. Athletes will only be eligible to compete in the Olympic Skate Off if they have achieved an ISU Olympic Qualifying Time Standard in the 5000m (ladies) / 10000m (men) between July 1, 2024 and the entry deadline of the Olympic Skate-off.
- If Canada has 3 quota spots, the first athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian on the SOQC ranking list. The second athlete that is eligible for nomination will be the next ranked Canadian on the SOQC list if such athlete is ranked in the top eight (8) on the SOQC list. The third athlete eligible for nomination will be based on the finishing rank at the Olympic Skate-off (Section 8.2).
- In the case of Mass Start, the following process will be used:
 - If Canada has a 1 quota spot for Mass Start, then the athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian on the SOQC if the Canadian is ranked in the top eight (8) on the SOQC list. If no athlete is ranked in the top eight (8) on the SOQC list, then the athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian who is ranked in the top sixteen (16) on the SOQC list for the Mass Start and who is also ranked in the top two (2) at the Olympic Skate-off. If no athlete has met the aforementioned criteria, then the athlete eligible for nomination will be based on the finishing rank at the Olympic Skate-off provided that such athlete has achieved at least one of the Mass Start Profile times in either the 1500m and/or W-3000m and M-5000 between July 1, 2024 and up to and including the Olympic Skate-off of the respective Mass Start profile³.
 - If Canada has 2 quota spots for Mass Start, the first athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian on the SOQC list. The second quota position eligible for nomination will be the next ranked Canadian on the SOQC who has also been nominated in another Individual Distance(s). If no other athlete nominated in another Individual Distance is ranked on the SOQC, then the second quota position eligible for nomination will be determined from the finishing rank in the Mass Start event at the Olympic Skate-off provided that such athlete has achieved at least one of the Mass Start Profile times of the respective Mass Start profile³ between July 1,

³ The 2025-2026 Mass Start profile will be published in the 2025-2026 World Cups and World Championships Team Nomination High Performance Bulletin 213 and can be found online [here](#).

2024 and up to and including the Olympic Skate-off and are nominated in another distance(s).

8.2. Phase Two Process

8.2.1. Individual Distance Phase Two Priority and Criteria

The number of quota spots available for nomination at the 2026 Olympic Skate-off will be based on the number of quota positions earned by Canada through its participation at the 2025 Fall World Cup competitions, and confirmed on the ISU SOQC, minus any quota positions already allocated through the qualification of an athlete via Phase One Qualification described in these 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.

8.2.1.1. Performance Results

Selection Event: Olympic Skate-off, January 3-6, 2026 (Quebec City)

Subject to the granting of Byes, athletes who have achieved the Time Standards in one or more Individual Distances since July 1, 2025 up to and including the Olympic Skate-off may be eligible for nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team through the Phase 2 process in the following priority order:

- a. Athletes who have achieved one or more Time Standards in an Individual Distance at the 2026 Olympic Skate-off will be ranked by their final placing in such Individual Distances at the 2026 Olympic Skate-off according to the Olympic Matrix.
- b. Athletes who have achieved one or more Time Standards in an Individual Distance since July 1, 2025 will be ranked by their final placing in such Individual Distances at the 2026 Olympic Skate-off according to the Olympic Matrix.
- c. Notwithstanding the above, the lowest ranked athlete(s) on the Olympic Matrix may be replaced pursuant to Section 8.3 if Speed Skating Canada has not filled a Team Pursuit Team pursuant to step a). At the discretion of the Chair, skaters may be added to the Team from the Team Pursuit Pool (as per Section 8.3) in order to field the most competitive Team Pursuit Team at the Olympic Games.

IMPORTANT: As of December 3, 2024, in order for a time to be considered a qualifying time for any of the competitions included in this Internal Nomination procedure, SSC requires, in addition to and notwithstanding any ISU rule or any rule in the SSC Procedures and Regulations (the “Red Book”), that the time: i) must have been achieved in an ISU-sanctioned event or at an event run under the applicable ISU Technical Rules and Special Regulations where wind or air-flow conditions and the ventilation system of the track is controlled so as to avoid unequal conditions due to differences in air-flow on the level of the competition track; ii) must have been achieved in a race held at an ISU-sanctioned event or at an event run under the applicable ISU Technical Rules and Special Regulations in which skaters raced in the ISU defined gender categories as specified in ISU Rule 39(c)(i) of the ISU Technical Rules and Special Regulations.

8.3. Team Pursuit

8.3.1. Criteria for Adding Athlete(s) to a Team Pursuit Team

Subject to earning a qualifying spot in the Team Pursuit for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games, Speed Skating Canada will enter a Team Pursuit Team for either women or men, or both (each, the “**Team Pursuit Team**”) and the Chair may, in his/her discretion nominate one or more athletes to the 2026 Olympic Team who has not otherwise qualified for an Individual Distance as a member of the Team Pursuit Team, if such Team Pursuit Team has:

- A. Achieved a podium result at any one of the 2025 Fall World Cup Team Pursuit events; and
- B. Is ranked in the Top 4 of the Team Pursuit teams on the SOQC

8.3.2. Team Pursuit Nomination

- a) Athletes eligible for nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team based on Team Pursuit will initially be selected from the pool of athletes who have been nominated to the 2026 Olympic Team in an Individual Distance.
- b) After such initial nominations have been evaluated, in the event that the Chair determines in their discretion that Speed Skating Canada is unable to field the most competitive Team Pursuit Team with the athletes who are eligible for nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team in an Individual Distance, the Chair may, subject to Section 8.3.2(c) below, in their discretion, nominate additional athlete(s) to the 2026 Olympic Team, per gender, who is not otherwise eligible for nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team in an Individual Distance for the purposes of fielding the most competitive Team Pursuit Team, provided that Canada's Team Pursuit Team has met the criteria as outlined in Section 8.3.1. Athletes under consideration will be based on the 2026 Olympic Team Pursuit coach(es) recommendation(s) from the athletes included in the Team Pursuit Pool.
- c) The Chair may only exercise their discretion to nominate an athlete to the Team Pursuit Team if the addition of such athlete will not cause an athlete who has already earned a quota / Olympic Matrix position in an Individual Distance and who is ranked in the top eight (8) of the SOQC from falling outside the maximum quota positions per gender for Canada and thus fail to be nominated to the 2026 Olympic Team.

8.3.3. Team Pursuit Composition

When determining the Team Pursuit Team's composition, the following factors will be considered, in no priority order, by the Chair along with any other factors which the 2026 Olympic Team Pursuit coach(es), the IST Lead and the Olympic Team Leader, at their discretion, deem relevant:

- A. Medal potential of the individual athletes selected to the Team Pursuit Team
- B. Medal potential of the Team Pursuit Team composed solely of athletes otherwise qualified for the 2026 Olympic Team in an Individual Distance
- C. Historical Team Pursuit and individual race performances
- D. Availability and demonstrated commitment to train as part of the Team Pursuit Team
- E. International experience in the Team Pursuit event
- F. International performance profile in the Team Pursuit event
- G. Fit (i.e., ability to skate together, drafting, etc.) with other athletes already qualified for the 2026 Olympic Team and selected to be part of the Team Pursuit Team
- H. Other factors as may be identified by the 2026 Olympic Team Pursuit coach(es), the IST Lead and the Olympic Team Leader

9. 2026 OLYMPIC TEAM COMPOSITION

9.1. Olympic Quota Positions

Following the 2026 Olympic Skate-off, nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team will be determined as set forth below, with the first priority being given to section a), the second priority being given to section b), and so on, until the maximum team quota as determined by ISU Olympic Qualification System (“**Maximum Team Quota**”) for the 2026 Olympic Team has been filled, or all athletes ranked in a quota position on the Olympic Matrix have been nominated to the 2026 Olympic Team, whichever occurs first:

- a) Athlete(s) who have met the Phase One Qualification and are ranked on the Olympic Matrix in a position that would allow such athlete to occupy a quota position per gender allocated by the ISU to Canada;
- b) Subject to the granting of Byes, athlete(s) who have met the Phase Two Qualification and are ranked on the Olympic Matrix in a position that would allow such athlete to occupy a quota position per gender allocated by the ISU to Canada;
- c) Team Pursuit athlete(s) added at the discretion of the Chair in accordance with Section 8.3.2. above;
- d) Notwithstanding the above, the lowest ranked athlete(s) on the Olympic Matrix may be replaced by one or more athlete(s) pursuant to step c) if, after following steps a) and b), Speed Skating Canada has not filled a Team Pursuit Team and the Team Pursuit Team has met the criteria as outlined in Section 8.3; provided, however, that no such athlete(s) who is ranked in the top 8 of the SOQC in an Individual Distance may be replaced pursuant to step c).

9.2. Tiebreaker (team quota)

- a) If there is a tie for the last athlete quota place then the tying athletes will be ranking by their time at the Skate-off as a percentage of the Olympic Tie Breaker Time shown below. Athletes will be allocated the remaining team quota slot(s) in this ranking order.
- b) Olympic Tie Breaker Times

Distance	Women	Men
500	37.980	34.617
1000	<i>No athlete quota tie possible</i>	1:08.390
1500	1:55.475	1:45.345
<i>Other distances</i>	<i>No athlete quota tie possible</i>	

- c) The Olympic Tie Breaker Times were calculated as follows and are based on the Objective of this Policy (section 1.2) which is for the priority for remaining quota places to be “...for Individual Distance athletes with the demonstrated potential to finish in the Top-8 and Top-half at the Games.” Each Tie Breaker Time is the average, to 3 decimal places, of the 8th fastest Division A result at World Cup 3 (2025 in Heerenveen) and the 8th fastest Division A result at the 2025 World Cup 4 (2025 in Hamar). These events were used as they were the two sea-level World Cups in the 2024/25 season. In the case of the 500m the results of the three races at these World Cups were averaged, for the other two distances the results of the two races at these World Cups were averaged.
- d) Example of how the Olympic Tie Breaker Times will be used: Athlete A skates 35.000 in the men’s 500m at the skate-off and ends up in a tie for the last team quota slot. Athlete A’s ranking score, for the purposes of breaking this tie, is $(34.617 / 35.000 =) 98.905\%$. As shown in the example, all Skate-off times will be taken to 3 decimal places if available (and all Skate-off time will be taken to 2 decimal places if the 1000th of a second time is not available for any of the relevant Skate-off results). The ranking score will be calculated to as many decimal places as required to break the tie.

9.3. Remaining Team Quota Positions

If the above process results in a specific Individual Distance quota for either gender remaining unfilled after meeting the Maximum Team Quota, then such Individual Distance Quota will be filled by skaters already nominated to the 2026 Olympic Team. The priority will be determined by finishing rank at the Olympic Skate-off in such Individual Distance.

If the above process results in less than the Maximum Team Quota as determined by the ISU Olympic Qualification System being nominated for either gender, the Chair may, in their discretion, nominate athletes for any remaining 2026 Olympic Team positions, provided that they otherwise satisfy all of the necessary criteria for nomination as described in this Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures. For the avoidance of doubt, the Chair may determine in their discretion not to fill the Maximum Team Quota, in accordance with the factors listed immediately below.

If the Chair determines that additional athletes should be nominated to the 2026 Olympic Team, factors that may be considered for nomination to such remaining quota positions include, but are not limited to:

- A. Nominating athletes to field the most competitive team to maximize medal potential.
- B. Other factors as may be identified by the Chair in their discretion.

9.4. Substitute Positions

In the case a substitute position is required, the following process will apply:

- For Individual Distances, substitute positions will be filled by athletes already nominated to the 2026 Olympic Team. The next ranked athlete from the Olympic Skate-off in such Individual Distance will have the right of first refusal for such position until the position is filled.

10. ALLOWANCE OF FRESH STARTS AT 2026 SELECTION EVENTS

At the Selections Event(s) (CLT Championships and / or Olympic Skate-off), the following rules in respect of fresh starts will apply. For greater clarity, fresh starts will not be used for Canadian Ranking purposes and will not be included in the official event results.

- A. A fresh start may be allowed as per ISU Rule 260
- B. In addition, fresh starts conducted beyond the application of ISU Rule 260 may be permitted if any of the conditions described below in Section 10 (C) exist for nomination purposes only.
- C. Conditions under which a fresh start may be permitted for the purpose of nomination are:
 - i. Disqualification at start: If an athlete is disqualified at the start, he/she will be given a fresh start immediately following the final pair of the group
 - ii. Disqualification: After a disqualification for an incident during a race, the time from the re-skate race will be used for the purposes of nomination as stated above. The athlete may be given a fresh start allowance at the completion of the races for that specific distance at the discretion of the Chair or, if the Chair is absent, an individual appointed by the Chair as a representative of the Long Track High Performance

program (the “Long Track Program Representative”). In the case of a non-advantageous disqualification⁴, the Chair or, if the Chair is absent, the Long Track Program Representative shall have the discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit. Please note that an athlete is entitled to a minimum rest of 30 minutes between his/her race and the fresh start; however, they may elect to complete their fresh start within this minimum 30 minute allowance.

- iii. Equipment Failure: If an athlete has equipment failure prior to the start of the race and it is brought to the Chief Referee’s attention, the athlete will have 30 minutes prior to their fresh start. This will be classified as the original start. If an athlete has an equipment failure during the race, the athlete will have a minimum of 30 minutes before their fresh start with the exception of Mass Start, where a fresh start will not be permitted due to equipment failure.
 - iv. Falls: If an athlete falls during the race, the fresh start will take place no sooner than 30 minutes after the fall with the exception of Mass Start, where a fresh start will not be permitted due to a fall during the race.
 - v. Finish of races: If an athlete finishes a race, he/she may not ask for a fresh start, unless (a) the athlete falls across the finish line or (b) the accompanying athlete in the pair is disqualified for interference as per ISU Rule 260.
 - vi. Discretion of the Chair: A fresh start may be granted at the discretion of the Chair or, if the Chair is absent, the Long Track Program Representative should they determine that unexpected or unforeseen circumstances have arisen which have prevented competition from taking place in a fair manner and in the best interests of this Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures and which require a fresh start to be granted.
- D. For fresh starts conducted beyond the application of ISU Rule 260 as permitted by the Chair or the Long Track Program Representative, the time recorded in the fresh start will be used for the purposes of nomination only
- E. No fresh starts will be allowed from a race that is itself a fresh start unless:
- i. The first fresh start has been allowed pursuant to ISU Rule 260; or
 - ii. The second fresh start would be allowed pursuant to ISU Rule 260 (i.e., the athlete has been interfered with through no fault of his own).

11. GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF BYES

11.1. Purpose

The purpose of this section is to provide guidelines to the Chair in the consideration and granting of Bye requests.

11.2. Philosophy

In exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, the Chair may, in their discretion, determine that, where an athlete has not had the opportunity, through no fault of his or her own, to compete in the Selection Event(s) in order to be selected to the 2026 Olympic Team, or if the athlete participates

⁴ A non-advantageous disqualification fresh start, beyond the application of ISU Rule 260, may be granted for the purposes of nomination. An example of a non-advantageous disqualification (C.ii) would be a fall during the race and if a fresh start is granted, it shall take place no sooner than 30 minutes after the fall (C.iv).

in the Selection Event(s) but his or her performance is negatively impacted by an injury, illness or equipment breakage, the athlete may, subject to satisfying the conditions indicated below, be eligible to apply for selection to the 2026 Olympic Team by making a Bye request.

A Bye request is the last means by which an athlete can be selected to the 2026 Olympic Team and it is intended to apply only in exceptional circumstances when an athlete's selection to the 2026 Olympic Team is impacted by an unforeseen injury or illness or other unanticipated circumstance, such as equipment breakage. For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of clarity, Byes are not available for athletes to be pre-selected to any Team.

In ordinary circumstances, the Chair will not grant an athlete a Bye onto the 2026 Olympic Team or into an event if that athlete has not previously satisfied the relevant and applicable criteria in order to be selected to the specific Team or in the specific Individual Event on the basis of their performances. However, and notwithstanding the aforementioned, if, compared to the performances of the other athletes seeking nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team or into an event, an athlete's recent performance demonstrates that they are at a superior level that would warrant nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team or that they should be granted permission to enter an event through a Bye, the Chair may, after consulting with the relevant National Team coaches, reviewing with the Olympic Selection Committee and assessing the athlete's Bye request in accordance with this 2026 Olympic Selection Policies & Procedures, grant the athlete a Bye for such a purpose.

Note that the Bye policy considerations and application herein is specific to the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

11.3. Rules for Requesting a Bye

Bye Requests to the 2026 Olympic Team can only be made by athletes who satisfy the following conditions:

- Athletes who finished in the Top-8 and Top-Half of the field in an Olympic event at the 2025 World Speed Skating Championships – Single Distance Format
- Bye requests must be made in writing to the Chair in accordance with the timelines and procedures indicated below and herein
- Unless physically incapable, only the athlete requesting the Bye is permitted to submit the request
- If the Bye request is made as a result of an illness or injury, the athlete must provide documented evidence from a qualified Long Track appointed medical practitioner that the athlete was unable to compete in the Selection Event(s) due to the injury or illness. The Chair has the right to request further independent medical review after the Bye request has been submitted
- In the case of a Bye request being made on the basis of equipment breakage, the request has to have been reported to and verified by the event Chief Referee and SSC High Performance staff (or member of the Olympic Selection Committee if the High Performance staff member is not available or present) immediately following the race in which the equipment breakage occurred.

11.4. Conditions for Applying a Bye

Bye request will be considered in two categories:

A. Pre-competition Illness or Injury

Pre-competition illness or injury, which prevents an athlete from competing in the Selection Event(s) will only be considered if the athlete is ill or injured before the beginning of the Selection Event(s) and the athlete is able to provide documentary evidence of their injury or illness. The athlete must request a Bye prior to the coaches meeting, or daily draw, for the Individual Distance which the athlete is requesting the Bye. SSC staff and/or Olympic Selection Committee must formally announce all pre-competition illness or injury Bye requests at this meeting so that all other competitors are made aware of the possibility of a Bye being granted.

In the case of selection to the Team Pursuit Team, where a cumulative ranking from multiple distances may be used, an athlete is eligible to make a Bye request if they are prevented from competing in one of the combined distances due to a pre-existing illness or injury.

A Bye request will be deemed ineligible if the athlete subsequently competes in the Selection Event for which the Bye request is made.

In the case of selection being based upon a cumulative ranking from multiple events, an athlete is eligible to apply for a Bye request to a subsequent ranking event (as specified in the 2026 Olympic Selection Policies & Procedures) if they are prevented from competing in one of the ranking events due to a pre-existing illness or injury.

B. Injury, Illness or Equipment Breakage During the Selection Event

A Bye request for injury or illness or equipment breakage that occurs during the Selection Event must be made within 24 hours following the end of the Selection Event. If the athlete is physically incapable of making this request due to their injury or illness, the athlete's coach may make the request.

Each Bye request must state clearly what the athlete is seeking, and supporting documentation (medical, race referee report, for example) must be provided at the time that the request is made.

11.5. Process for Reviewing a Bye Request

The following outlines SSC's process for considering Bye Requests:

Following the completion of the Selection Event(s), the Olympic Selection Committee will review all Bye requests and the Chair, in their discretion will make a decision on each Bye request with supporting rationale:

- In cases where multiple Bye applications are submitted, each Bye application will be assessed individually and on their own merit
- If relevant, the Chair will establish a revised ranking of athletes based upon the Selection Event(s) and an assessment of previous performances from those who have requested a Bye and the final Nomination will be made from the revised ranking
- After the Chair makes their final decision regarding a Bye request, the decision will be communicated to the athlete(s) requesting the Bye, athlete(s) directly affected by the Bye request, their coaches, and the athletes' representatives prior to the final nominations being made to the COC allowing for the required 7 day period for the submission of an appeal, unless the deadline for the nomination precedes this 7 day period. Under such

circumstances, the COC will be notified that an appeal has been received and is under review.

11.6. Conditions for Granting a Bye

When considering whether or not to grant a Bye in cases where an athlete has been injured or affected by an illness, the Chair must first consider the medical condition of the athlete, the degree to which the athlete has followed the prescribed rehabilitation process, and his/her readiness to return to competition and compete at their previous performance level according to feedback received from the SSC medical team and the athlete's coach(es). If any of the above conditions are not respected by the athlete, the Bye may be refused on that basis alone.

The Chair may award a "Conditional Bye" to athletes recovering from injury or illness. In such situations, the Chair may impose certain conditions, which may include, but are not limited to a specific timeframe within which they must demonstrate a certain level of fitness or meet a specific performance requirement(s).

When making Bye decisions, the Chair will evaluate a number of elements including, but not limited to the following:

- Head-to-head competition results between the athletes making the Bye request and those athletes that would be affected if the Bye request is granted
- Past performances of the athlete requesting the Bye
- Results of the Selection Event(s) (by athletes in contention for the 2026 Olympic Team)
- Recent training and testing performances

In evaluating past performances, the Chair will assign higher weighting priority to those performances since July 1, 2024 immediately prior to the final selection event. However, occasionally this is not possible because of injuries, or the lack of opportunity for the athletes to compete. In such instances, performances beyond this period may be considered but will have lower weighting in assessing the Bye request.

Other than Mass Start, following the consideration of the Bye request, the Chair may, at his or her sole, full and absolute discretion, award a Bye to an athlete who is:

- 0.5 sammelagt points faster than the last athlete selected in a specific distance based on the race skated at the Selection Event (that would be 0.5 seconds in the 500m, 1 second in the 1000m, 1.5 seconds in the 1500m, 3 seconds in the 3000m, 5 seconds in the 5000m, and 10 seconds in the 10000m).

In assessing the past performances of the athlete requesting the Bye and the history of the athletes who may be impacted by the Bye request (if granted), the Chair will give priority weighting to the best time (in ISU sanctioned events) of the athletes involved since July 1, 2024 including the Selection Event(s).

For Mass Start, the Chair, may in their discretion, award a Bye to an athlete after the consideration of the factors and requirements described above, other than the sammelagt considerations described above.

In the case of a multiple Event Nomination, if an athlete cannot complete the Selection Event due to exceptional circumstances, the missing distances will be evaluated using the personal best time (since July 1, 2024) for the athletes involved.

The Chair will only consider an athlete's best time for that distance as far back as July 1, 2024. This time must be achieved in speed skating events listed on the ISU International Calendar or ISU sanctioned Domestic Events and have electronic timing.

11.7. Injury Replacements

In the event that an athlete is selected to the Team on the basis of a successful Bye request, they will be required to provide evidence of a full recovery, both from a medical perspective and also a performance perspective, in order to confirm their selection to the Team.

The determination of what constitutes full recovery will be made by the SSC Team medical and coaching staff and will be based upon an assessment of the athlete's ability to perform at their previously demonstrated level of performance and such other criteria as determined by the Chair in their discretion.

If an athlete is injured following their Nomination to the Team, the same conditions for full medical and performance recovery as described above will apply.

Any substitutions after January 26, 2026 as a result of injury replacement are subject to the Milano- Cortina 2026 Organizing Committee Late Athlete Replacement Policy (Section 12.2).

12. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES

12.1. Removal of an Athlete once selected

An athlete could be removed from the 2026 Olympic Team under any of the following conditions:

- A. The Chair may, at any time, and in their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for Nomination to the 2026 Olympic Team or remove an athlete after Nomination based on current or past behaviour of the athlete that is found to be a breach of [Speed Skating Canada's Code of Conduct](#) and Athlete Agreement.
- B. An athlete will be removed from consideration if he / she is in violation of any anti-doping rules as established by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) or any other Anti-Doping Organization with authority over the athlete.
- C. Following Nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee.

Speed Skating Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of any decision regarding removal. Such decisions may be appealed in accordance with Section 13 below.

12.2. Late Athlete Replacement Policy

If an athlete withdraws from the 2026 Olympic Team prior to the final date for the COC to submit entries to the Milano-Cortina 2026 Organizing Committee, the athlete may, at the discretion of the Chair, be replaced by the next highest ranked athlete (on the Olympic Matrix) in accordance with the same Phase 2 procedures used to select the 2026 Olympic Team. Should this be a Team Pursuit athlete, then the athlete may, at the discretion of the Chair, be replaced by another Team Pursuit athlete (as identified in Section 8.3).

If the position cannot be filled through this process, the Olympic Team Leader and IST Lead will have the discretion in naming the replacement for that distance by a qualified 2026 Olympic Team member. The Olympic Team Leader and IST Lead will have the ultimate responsibility for making the final decision but should, if possible, in the circumstances, consult with the Olympic coaching staff.

After the Team Leader meeting and submission of final entries, an athlete may NOT be replaced on the 2026 Olympic Team. However, an athlete can be replaced by a qualified 2026 Olympic Team member for entry to a distance in accordance with the Competition Rules and Regulations that are applicable for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. Any such replacements will be made using the ranking of athletes from Section 9 above.

Note that any substitutions after January 26, 2026 are subject to Subject to Milano Cortina 2026 Organizing Committee Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Note that, other than in respect of Team Pursuit, in order for an athlete to replace another athlete pursuant to this Section, such replacing athlete must have achieved an ISU Olympic Qualifying Time standard as set forth in Section 5 in the distance in which such athlete is replacing the other athlete.

13. APPEALS

Any appeals in relation to nomination decisions made pursuant to this Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures must be filed in accordance with Speed Skating Canada's [Appeal Policy](#).


14. 2026 OLYMPIC TEAM NOMINATION (COACHES)

14.1. Selection Criteria

To be eligible for nomination, a Coach must meet all of the following criteria:

- A. Be a resident in Canada and duly employed as a Speed Skating Coach by Speed Skating Canada
- B. Be registered with Speed Skating Canada
- C. Be in good standing with the Professional Coach Department of the Coaching Association of Canada or equivalent either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach

14.2. Coach Nomination

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- A. The coaches of the 2026 Olympic Team shall be appointed for Nomination. The appointment shall be the sole, full and absolute discretion of the High Performance Management Team
 - B. The number of coaches who may be nominated will be based on the number of athletes who are selected to the 2026 Olympic Team as follows:
 - i. Up to 10 athletes – 2 coaches nominated
 - ii. 11-14 athletes – up to a maximum of 3 coaches nominated (excluding a coach that may be selected / nominated exclusively for the purposed of preparing and coaching the Team Pursuit Team(s))
 - iii. 15-18 athletes – up to a maximum of 4 coaches nominated (excluding a coach that may be selected / nominated exclusively for the purposes of preparing and coaching the Team Pursuit Team(s))
 - C. A coach's nomination to the COC does not guarantee their selection to the 2026 Olympic Team as a coach. Instead, all coach selection decisions are subject to the approval of the COC and the availability of an accreditation.

15. STAFF SELECTION

The composition and naming of the 2026 Olympic Team support staff will be made at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the High Performance Management Team.


16. FUNDING

The following funding structure shall apply to activities related to the nomination of the 2026 Olympic Team:

- Funding for identified training camps for identified athletes
- Athletes will be required to self-pay for any and all expenses related to attending and competing at Selection Events (Section 7.2)
- Should there be remaining entry quotas for Canada in any Individual Distance, additional athletes ranked on the 2025 Fall World Cup Matrix will be eligible to self-pay to participate in Fall World Cups. Self-pay athletes will be responsible for the following expenses:
 - All individual travel related expenses (i.e., accommodation, meals, flights, transportation, baggage fees, etc.)
 - Additional med staff travel expenses will be split equally amongst self-pay athletes (i.e., accommodation, meals, flights, transportation, baggage fees, etc.)

17. LANGUAGE

This 2026 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedure was originally drafted in English and was translated into French. In the event of a discrepancy between the English and French versions, the English version shall be used to understand the intended drafting of the provision(s) in question.



Should such a situation arise, Speed Skating Canada will ensure that any discrepancies are corrected as soon as possible and will assist any impacted individuals with resolving the matter.



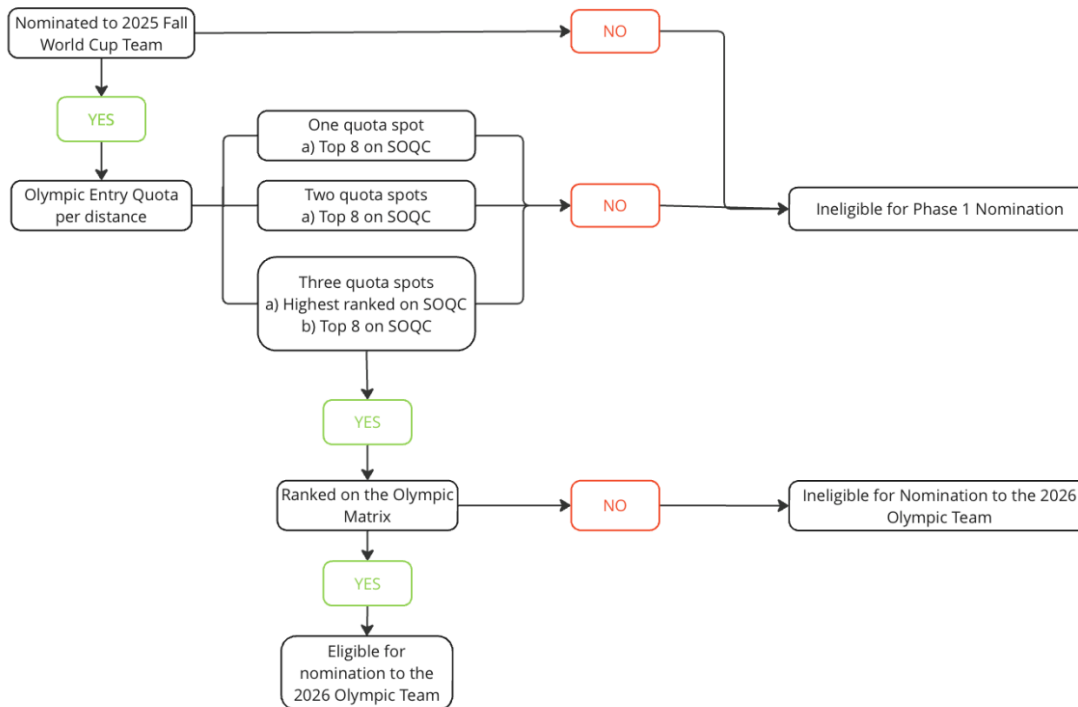
APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: TIMELINE SUMMARY

DATE	ITEM
January 10, 2025	2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures published & distributed
June 30, 2025	Deadline to sign and return 2025-26 SSC Athlete Agreement
July 1, 2025	ISU Communication (ISU Olympic Qualifying Times)
July 1, 2025 – January 18, 2026	Qualification period
August 29, 2025	High Performance Bulletins published & distributed World Cup & World Championships Team Nomination Domestic Competition Formats
October 23-26, 2025	Selection Event to Fall World Cups – CLT Championships (Calgary, AB)
November 1-December 14, 2025	Qualification Event(s) – Fall World Cups (SECTION 8.1.1.2)
December 19, 2025	Special Olympic Qualifying Criteria (SOQC) Quota publication
January 3-6, 2026	Selection Event – Olympic Skate-off (Quebec City, QC)
January 7, 2026	Deadline to sign and return COC Athlete Agreement and Conditions of Participation Form
January 8, 2026	2026 Olympic Team Team Nomination Meeting
January 9, 2026	2026 Olympic Team Nomination Announcement
January 16, 2026	Deadline to file an Appeal (7 days after announcement)
January 21, 2026	Official Team Nomination & Sport Entry deadline to the COC

APPENDIX B: PHASE 1 NOMINATION FLOWCHART

The flowchart below should not be used as a stand alone, but in conjunction as a guide with the criteria outlined in this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.



APPENDIX C: PHASE 2 NOMINATION FLOWCHART

The below flowchart should not be used as a stand alone but in conjunction as a guide with the criteria outlined in this 2026 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.

