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Hi Everyone,

Further to last week's update on nominations for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano-Cortina, we can confirm the following:

Laurent Dubreuil is qualified for the 500-M from Phase 1. His name was shown correctly in the Olympic Matrix, however the Phase was mistakenly shown as "P2". The corrected Olympic Matrixes are shown at the end of this email.

The process to resolve any ties for the last Team Quota place(s) has been updated in consultation with the HPAC-LT and COC and will be as follows. This revised method is final. The "2026 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures: Long Track" will be updated shortly to reflect this additional process.

Ties for the last Team Quota places:

1. 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.

2. Olympic Tie Breaker Times

<i>Distance</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Men</i>
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>	

How calculated: 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.

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.

Women's Olympic Matrix:

Maximum team Quota: 8 athletes

- P1: Determined in Phase 1.
- P2: To be determined at the Olympic Skate-Off.

Event	SOQC Rank	Phase		Time Standard
3000-W (1)	2	P1	Isabelle Weidemann	
5000-W (1)	2	P1	Isabelle Weidemann	
3000-W (2)	3	P1	Valerie Maltais	
5000-W (2)	3	P2		7:18.90
MS-W (1)	3	P1	Ivanie Blondin	
MS-W (2)	4	P1	Valerie Maltais	
1000-W (1)	5	P1	Béatrice Lamarche	
1500-W (1)	8	P1	Ivanie Blondin	
3000-W (3)	10	P2		4:11.67
500-W (1)	13	P1	Béatrice Lamarche	
1000-W (2)	13	P2		1:17.48
1500-W (2)	14	P2		1:59.39
500-W (2)	18	P2		39.05
500-W (3)	20	P2		39.05
1500-W (3)	20	P2		1:59.39
1000-W (3)	27	P2		1:17.48

Men's Olympic Matrix:

Maximum team quota: 7 athletes

- P1: Determined in Phase 1.
- P2: To be determined at the Olympic Skate-Off.

Event	SOQC Rank	Phase		Time Standard
10000-M (1)	6	P1	Ted-Jan Bloemen	
5000-M (1)	6	P1	Ted-Jan Bloemen	
MS-M (1)	10	P1	Antoine Gélinas-Beaulieu	
MS-M (2)	11	P2		See Bulletin 216 Section 4.1.5

500-M (1)	13	P1	Laurent Dubreuil	
500-M (2)	18	P2		35.73
1500-M (1)	21	P2		1:48.17
500-M (3)	23	P2		35.73
1000-M (1)	23	P2		1:10.08
1500-M (2)	23	P2		1:48.17
1000-M (2)	28	P2		1:10.08

Regards,

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