

Field of Play Regulations Long Track Speed Skating Canada Winter Games 2011

This document is where possible based on ISU Special Regulations Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating 2008 Rules (the exception is the 100m, which is based on current ISU World Cup Regulations as published in ISU Communication 1517).

These will be updated in September 2010 when the new ISU Rules and Regulations and the most recent ISU World Cup Communications are published.

Rules:

The competition rules used for the Canada Games Long Track Championships will be ISU Rules. If there is a discrepancy between this document and the ISU rules, this document shall prevail.

Schedule:

Day 1 (Saturday) Men's 500m, 500m & 3000m	Ladies 1000m & 100m Time Trial
Day 2 (Sunday) Men's 1500m & 100m Time Trial	Ladies 500m, 500m and 1500m
Day 3 (Monday) Men's 5000m	Ladies 3000m
Day 4 (Tuesday) Training day (reserve day in case of bad weather)	
Day 5 (Wednesday) 100m semi, 100m Final & Team Pursuit	100m semi, 100m Final & Team Pursuit
Day 6 (Thursday) Reserve day in case of bad weather	
Day 7 (Friday) Reserve day in case of bad weather	

The ladies' and men's 500m, 1000m and 1500m races will be in pairs.

The ladies' 3000m and men's 3000 and 5000m will be skated in quartets.

The order of racing each day will alternate men's and ladies events. On the first day and third day, men will race first and on the second and fourth days, ladies will race first.

In the event of bad weather, the Games Speed Skating Jury may reschedule the events

If the more than one day is lost, for any reason, the 100m would be changed to a Time Trial format.

Results:

Over all distances, the time shall be measured to the accuracy of one hundredth of a second. If the timing system used displays accuracy beyond one hundredth of a second, these decimals shall be ignored when deciding the official time. If two skaters in the same pair have the same time, ISU Rule 220.3 applies.

Results from the 500m competition (final rank):

The individuals will be ranked according to the total time for the two races with the fastest individual winning the gold medal (ISU 265.2). If there is a tie in total time, ISU rule 265.2 applies.

If for any reason the Games Speed Skating Jury decides the second 500m cannot be raced, the final ranking for the 500 will be based on the results after the first 500m.

Results from the 1000m, 1500m, 3000m and 5000m competition (final rank):

The individuals will be ranked according to the time for the individual with the fastest individual winning the gold medal (ISU 220 and ISU 265).

Results from the 100m competition (final rank):

The individuals will be ranked according to their finish placing in the final round. The winner of Group 1 Final A will be awarded the gold medal. If for any reason the Semi-Final or Final rounds of the 100m cannot be completed, the final ranking (including medals) will be based on the performance in the last round completed. If the Semi-Finals have been raced then those times would be the basis of ranking within those Groups¹ If the last round was the Time Trial, then those times will be the basis for the medals and final ranking. Please see sections on Ties and Disqualifications for the 100m.

Results from the Team Pursuit (final ranking):

The time recorded for each team will be the finish time of the third member to cross the finish line, with the fastest team winning the gold medal (ISU 240.6e). Medals will be awarded to top three territories or provinces and to each skater from these three teams, who competed in the Team Pursuit

Sport Scoring and Provincial Territorial Ranking:

Sport Scoring and Provincial/Territorial ranking will be based on the 2011 Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Technical Package.

¹ This means that the times within the group, not placing will determine the final results if the next round is not raced. If the next round is raced, then placing dominates.

Seeding:

The skaters seeding will be the skater's performances in the appropriate distance at Canada Junior Championships / Canada Cup #2.

If for any reason these distances are not completed at Canada Junior Championships / Canada Cup #2, the seeding will be the appropriate distances at Canada Cup #1. If a distance is not completed at both Canada Cup #1 and #2 the 2010 Canadian rankings – Long Track will be used for seeding.

Skaters who are eligible for the CWG and do not compete at the Canada Cups because they are representing SSC at ISU World Championships or World Cups will be seeded in Group 1. They will be ranked first in order of their selection to the ISU World Championships and then in order of their selection to the ISU World Cup events.

The skaters will be Grouped based on the seeding as defined above.

- Group 1: Top 8 ranked skaters based on the appropriate seeding ranking
- Group 2: The next 8 ranked skaters for the distance
- Group 3: The next 8 ranked skaters for the distance
- Group 4: The next 8 ranked skaters for the distance
- Group 5: All remaining ranked competitors
- Group 6: All unranked skaters

Seeding Exceptions:

The second race of the 500m will be seeded based on performance in the first 500m allowing for lane changes (ISU 240.6 c).

For the ladies 3000m skaters will be paired from the CWG ladies 1500m with the order of skating from lowest ranked to highest ranked (fastest). Skaters who did not compete in the 1500m will be unranked. These unranked skater(s) will skate in the first pair(s). If there is more than one unranked skater, their order of skating and lanes will be determined by a draw.

For the men's 5000m skaters will be paired from the CWG men's 3000m with the order of skating from lowest ranked to highest ranked (fastest). Skaters who did not compete in the 3000m will be unranked. These unranked skater(s) will skate in the first pair(s). If there is more than one unranked skater, their order of skating and lanes will be determined by a draw

For the men's Team Pursuit Time Trial, the teams will be paired from the province or territories second fastest skater CWG 3000m performance (as per ISU 243-4a). (If for any reason the men's 3000m has not been skated at the CWG, the most recent Canada Cup ranking of the CWG skaters for the 3000m will be used for ranking).

For the ladies Team Pursuit Time Trial the teams will be paired from the province or territories second fastest skater CWG 1500m performance. (If for any reason the ladies' 1500m has not been skated at the CWG, the most recent Canada Cup ranking for the 1500m will be used for ranking).

For the 100m, the seeding will be based on the 100m openers in the first 500m. (If for any reason, the 500m has not been raced at the CWG, the most recent Canada Cup 100m openers from the 500m will be used for ranking. If the competition follows the schedule on page 1 this Field of Play Regulations, this will be the case for the ladies 100m seeding.) Skaters who did not compete in the 500m will be unranked. These unranked skater(s) will skate in the first pair(s). If there is more than one unranked skater, their order of skating and lanes will be determined by a draw

Order of Racing:

Normally the events will be raced with the highest ranked Group racing last. However, weather and ice conditions may necessitate changing the order to the highest Group racing first. This decision will be made by Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Jury of Appeal, who will consult with the Ice Commission²³.

The Canada Games Technical Representative⁴ will replace the representative of the ISU on the Ice Commission (ISU 229.2, .3 and .4). Decisions made by the Ice Commission are final and not subject to appeal.

Team Pursuit:

The Team Pursuit will be skated as per the ISU rules (ISU 261.1)⁵ (Ladies – 6 laps, Men – 8 laps). Teams are to be entered by territory or province and are composed of a minimum of three skaters and a maximum of four skaters of the appropriate gender.⁶ The competitors are restricted to the skaters who represent their province or territory in the Long Track Speed Skating at the 2011 CWG.

The finishing time of the province or territory team will be determined as the finish time of the third skater on the team to cross the finish line. If less than three skaters of the

² One idea was to facilitate media coverage, to race one gender slowest to fastest and the other gender fastest to slowest for media coverage. That would lead to a relatively short window of the medalists for media coverage. This will be held in abeyance until there is some understanding of the media coverage.

³ It also has been suggested that because of outdoor ice we have the option of racing the top groups on the best ice. This should be an option left to winter games speed skating jury and ice commission on a day-by-day and even race-by-race decision. So many factors could affect this.

⁴ The Canada Games Technical Representative is required by the Canada Games Society appointed by Speed Skating Canada. Their role is to support the local organizing committee and to represent Speed Skating Canada to the sport organizing committee. The Sport Technical representative also attends the Games to provide advice and direction during the event and to perform some technical functions such as chairing the protest committee.

⁵ Two team start simultaneously on opposite sides of the track in the middle of the straight. The track used is the inner lane.

⁶ This means that a team can be made up of either three or four skaters but they must be from a member of the province or territories CWG long track team. That means they must not be from short track or any other sport and must be of the appropriate gender

team finish the race, the team is considered not to have completed the race and shall be disqualified (ISU 261.1).

The format will be a Time Trial. The teams will be paired according to their seeding (time of the second ranked province or territorial team member in the ladies 1500m or men's 3000m). The two best-seeded teams shall skate at the end (ISU 243-4a).

Starting Lanes: In all races, the fastest seeded team will start at the 1000m finish line.

Disqualification: A team that is disqualified will be considered as placed last in the event. If more than one team is disqualified, they will be considered as tied for the last place.

Results from the competition (final rank): The teams will be ranked according to the time for the team with the fastest team winning the gold medal.

100m Event

The 100m event will be skated as per the most recent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Communication

The format will be Time Trials, Semi-Finals and Finals. Every individual will skate in a Final. The format of the last Group will depend on the number of individuals. All Semi-Final and Final races will be decided by head-to-head racing in that race.

Time Trial: In the Time Trial, skaters compete in pairs, with a maximum of two skaters in each pair. The skaters will race in the normal inner and outer competition lanes.

The skaters will be grouped into Groups of six, based on seed times. The order of racing within a Group will be determined by lot. In the Time Trial, the first drawn skater will start in the inner lane of the pair.

Promotion to and composition of Semi-Finals: In the Semi-Finals, the skaters compete in heats of three skaters each (with the possible exception of the last group). The usual warm-up lane will be used in addition to the two normal competition lanes⁷.

Every individual will advance to Semi-Final Groups with the top nine individuals in the Time Trial advancing to Group I (medal round). The next nine skaters advance to Group II (rank 10 thru 18), etc.

⁷ This means the warm-up lane must be at least as wide as the competition lanes.

For each Group the composition of the Semi-Final heats are based on ranks from the Time Trials:

- o Semi-Final heat 1: ranks 7, 1, 6
- o Semi-Final heat 2: ranks 8, 2, 5
- o Semi-Final heat 3: ranks 9, 3, 4.

It is likely that there will less than 9 skaters in the last group:

- If there are three skaters in the last Group, they will advance directly to a Final.
- If there are four skaters they will race in two Semi-Finals:
 - o Semi-Final 1 ranks 1 and 4
 - o Semi-Final 2 ranks 2 and 3
 - In this case the two winners advance to a two skater Final A and second place skaters advance to Final B
- If there are five or six skaters in the last Group they will skate in two Semi-Finals:
 - o Semi-Final heat 1: ranks 5, 1, 4
 - o Semi-Final heat 2: ranks 6, 2, 3
 - In this case the winners and fastest second would advance to the Final A
 - Remaining skaters advance to the Final B.

Starting lanes for the Semi-Finals: starting lanes in each heat are assigned as follows:

- "Middle lane": The skater with the best rank in the Time Trial.
- "Outer lane": The skater with the second best rank in the Time Trial.
- "Inner lane" (the usual warm-up lane): The skater with lowest rank in the Time Trial.

Promotion to and composition of Finals: In the Finals, the skaters will compete in races of three skaters each (with the possible exception of the last group). The usual warm-up lane will then be used in addition to the two normal competition lanes.

Group 1 (skaters ranked 1 through 9 from the time trials)

- the winners of each of the Semi-Finals compete in the Group 1 Final A for the Final ranks 1-3 (medal race)
- the second placed skaters in each of the Semi-Finals compete in the Group 1 Final B for the final ranks 4-6,
- The third placed skaters in each of the Semi-Finals compete in the Group 1 Final C for the final ranks 7-9.

Group 2 (skaters ranked 10 through 18 from the time trials)

- The winners of each of the Semi-Finals compete in the Group 2 Final A for the final ranks 10-12.
- The second placed skaters in each of the Semi-Finals compete in the Group 2 Final B for the final ranks 13-15.
- The third placed skaters in each of the Semi-Finals compete in the Group 2 Final C for the final ranks 16-18.
- Etc for all Groups. Please see section on semi finals regarding the last group.

Starting lanes for the Finals: For the Finals (skated in heats of three skaters each) starting lanes in each heat are assigned as follows:

- "Middle lane": The skater with the best time in the Semi-Finals.
- "Outer lane": The skater with the second best time in the Semi-Finals.
- "Inner lane" (warm-up lane): The skater with the lowest rank in the Semi-Finals.

Ties: In the case of a tie in the rankings, the skater with the better initial ranking will be promoted. If there is also a tie in the initial ranking, the promotion will be determined by lot.

Disqualification: Any skater, who is disqualified, will be considered as placed last in the Time Trial or Semi-Final or Final. The disqualified skater will be allowed to start in the next round. If more than one skater is disqualified in the Time Trial or Semi-Final, the tie will be broken by their most recent performance (Time Trial or Semi-Final time). If more than one skater is disqualified in a Final, they will receive the same rank.

Results from the competition (final ranks):

- Group 1 Final A will occupy the top 3 places in the result list, based on their rankings in Group 1 Final A only.
- Group 1 Final B will occupy places 4-6 in the result list, based on their rankings in Group 1 Final B only.
- Group 1 Final C will occupy places 7-9 in the result list, based on their rankings in Group 1 Final C only.

- Group 2 Final A will occupy the places 10 -12 places in the result list, based on their rankings in Group 2 Final A only.
- Group 2 Final B will occupy places 13-15 in the result list, based on their rankings in Group 2 Final B only.
- Group 2 Final C will occupy places 16-18 in the result list, based on their rankings in Group 2 Final C only.

- Etc. for all Groups (There can be a maximum of 6 Groups)

If the Semi-Finals and Finals cannot be raced: Normally each Group will race Semi-Finals and Finals. If for any reason the Semi-Final or Final rounds of the 100m cannot be completed, the final ranking (including medals) will be based on the times performed in the last round completed. If the last round was the Time Trial, then those times will be the basis for the medals and final ranking. If the Semi-Finals have been raced then those times would be the basis of ranking within those Groups.

Provincial Territorial Team Uniforms

During the CWG the athletes must wear a competition uniform (skin suit) identified as belonging to the province they represent (as per ISU 223 and the Canada Games Technical Manual Sections 11 (Provincial/Territorial Team Colors) and 12 (Commercialization/Sponsorship Policies)).

Members of a territorial or provincial team must wear racing uniforms with identical designs (ISU 223).

If there is a conflict between ISU, SSC and Canada Games Regulations regarding uniforms the Canada Games Technical Manual shall prevail).

Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Jury of Appeal

The CWG SS Jury of Appeal would include the ST and LT Technical representatives, senior LT referee, senior ST referee and a member of the Games Council Technical Staff. If an appeal arises that is beyond the jurisdiction of the ISU and SSC field of play competition rules and cannot be satisfactorily be resolved by the field of the play personnel then it would be brought to the CWG SS Jury of Appeal for a timely decision (no more than 24 hours).

Ice Commission

The Ice Commission consists of the SSC assigned referees and the CWG Speed Skating Technical Representative. The Ice Commission shall determine the ice preparation procedure in consultation with the technical expert of the ice rink (ISU 229.2). The procedure shall be announced at the draw meeting and shall be included in the starting protocol. The Ice Commission has the right to alter the announced procedure of the preparation of the ice. In this case, the territorial / provincial leaders will be immediately informed about all changes in procedure.