

AGE CLASS DIVISIONS AND DISTANCES

Age Division	Age as of June 30 (Prior to start of season)	Distances Skated (m)
Cradle	under 5	111, 222, 333
Pee Wee	6,7	111, 222, 333, 500
Bantam	8,9	222, 333, 500, 666
Midget	10,11	333, 500, 666, 777
Juvenile	12,13	500, 666, 777, 1000
Junior	14,15	500, 777, 1000, 1500
Intermediate	16,17	500, 1000, 1500, 3000
Senior	18	500, 1000, 1500, 3000
Masters	25	500, 777, 1000, 1500

* Most competitions in Atlantic Canada are based on the All Points system, which puts male and female skaters of similar ability together, based on their times submitted.

For the most part, the only age class competitions we attend in Atlantic Canada are the Eastern Canadians in Fredericton, NB – which skaters have to meet qualifying times in order to compete.

The National Short Track Championships and the North American Short Track Championships are also age class competitions, which skaters have to qualify to attend. Typically skaters have to be within 115% of the national record or lower in order to attend these competitions.

For the Canada Winter Games, neither the All Points or Age Class formats are used. All eligible male skaters compete in one big pool and all eligible female skaters compete against each other in another big pool. Selection standards are established by individual provinces and territories, however the technical package states that only skaters who have reached the age of 14 on June 30th (1 year prior to the Games), but have not reached the age of 19 on June 30th (1 year prior to the Games) are eligible to compete.