

## AGE GROUP

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### GROUP 1

12/13\* year old (are skating as a 12 OR 13 yr old in the 2025/26 season)  
Born on or between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2014

*\*11 yr old athletes may be considered as fills in Group 1 only as outlined in the Fill Policy.*

*Born on or between July 1, 2014 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (are skating as an 11 yr old in the 2025/26 season)*



### GROUP 2

14/15 year old (are skating as a 14 OR 15 yr old in the 2025/26 season).  
Born on or between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2012

All ages as of **June 30, 2025**.

## ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

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*The maximum team size shall be:*

<u>12</u> athletes per Zone	( <u>6</u> females, <u>6</u> males)
<u>2</u> coaches or <u>1</u> chaperone & <u>1</u> coach	( <u>1</u> female, <u>1</u> male)

## FILL POLICY

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Each Zone shall fill Group 1 (12/13 yr olds) and Group 2 (14/15 yr olds) **first**, if there are remaining spots in either from their zone they will be filled in the order of priority as follows:

### Group 1

1. If a Zone has an 11 yr old skater of the same sex that is ranked in the top ten of the overall seeding qualifying for Games based on 400m time they may fill for their zone.
2. The next priority to fill will go to the next ranked athletes of the same sex in Group 1 (12/13) in other zones.
3. Any remaining spots in any Zone, after all ranked 12/13 yr olds of the same sex have been used to fill may go to an 11 yr old where they are minimally ranked or have seed time communicated by SSA by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
  - a. SSA will provide a Provincial Ranking list for 11 yr olds based on fastest 400m time from August 1-December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
4. If there remain open positions, then the zone with empty positions may fill using the other sex of Group 1. Zones will use the highest provincially ranked skater(s) in their respective age category (Group 1) of the opposite sex. If skaters in different ages are ranked the same by using points in their own age category (Group 1 or Group 2), then the tie will be broken by using the fastest 400m time (12/13 yr olds) or the fastest 500m time (14/15 yr olds) between August 1<sup>st</sup> and December 10, 2025.

### Group 2

1. First opportunity will be given to the host zone (Zone 7) by filling from the sex of Group 2 where there are empty positions.
2. The next priority to fill will go to the next ranked athletes of the same sex in Group 2 in other zones.

If there remain open positions, then the zone with empty positions may fill using the other sex of Group 2. Zones will use the highest provincially ranked skater(s) in Group 2 of the opposite sex. If skaters in different ages are ranked the same by using points in Group 2 then the tie will be broken by using the fastest 400m time (12/13 yr olds) or the fastest 500m time (14/15 yr olds) between August 1<sup>st</sup> and December 10, 2025.

*Fills must be submitted for approval to the Multisport Games Unit by **January 13, 2026**.*

## **ELIGIBILITY**

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*For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit [www.albertawintergames.ca](http://www.albertawintergames.ca).*

### Athletes

- All Skaters who fall into the AWG age groups who are registered as competitive members of Speed Skating Alberta, minimally a Provincial Skater Membership by the time of Alberta Games.
- Alberta Provincial Team members in levels: B2, B1, A3, A2, A1 are NOT eligible to participate prior to August 1, 2025 (this is relevant for the 14/15 yr olds but not the 12/13 yr olds).
- Alberta Provincial Team members at the Development level ARE eligible to participate.
- Athletes must compete in the Alberta Games Zone in which they reside, unless filling for another zone.

### Coach(es), Chaperone(s)

- **NCCP Certification** - For the (2) named coaches per Zone, the Head Coach must be fully certified AND up to date with PD points, under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) at the **Intro to Comp Level**. The other coach must have a 'trained' status in Intro to Comp level. If the second team member is a chaperone, they do not have to be a certified or trained coach.
- Coach Applications will be reviewed and selected by the AB Selections Committee.
- **Safe Sport** - SafeSport Requirements for all coaches and chaperones must be submitted to the Provincial Sport Coordinator by the time a team is named:
  - Must have a clear criminal records and vulnerable sector check from within the last three (3) years, or less if required by your organization's policies.
  - Must have completed the CAC Safe Sport Training and Respect In Sport for Activity Leaders. The Respect In Sport for Activity Leaders is paid for by SSA.

*Note: Where a coach or chaperone has been substituted after the registration deadline leading into the Games, they must have the above completed and verified with Mission Staff no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the Alberta Games.*

*At least one of the coaches or chaperones must be at least twenty-one (21) years old by the start of the Alberta Winter Games. All other coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.*

## **AFFILIATION**

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All coaches and skaters must be a member in good standing of Speed Skating Alberta through an Alberta club that is also in good standing.

## **ZONE ENTRY PROCEDURES**

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There will NOT be any stand-alone zone qualification competitions. Each zone will submit the identified seed times (400m + 1000/2.5 for youth 12/13 and 500m + 1500m/3 for Junior 14/15).

Group 1: 12/13 will skate on the 100m track.

Group 2: 14/15 will skate on the 111m track.

Seed times achieved between August 1, 2025-December 10, 2025 in an SSA and/or SSC sanctioned event. Personal best seed times will be used to rank the skaters in every zone.

The top 3 ranked skaters/sex from each age class category (Group 1 & Group 2) in each zone will have earned a spot on the Alberta Winter Games Team.

**Seed times must be submitted to the SSA Office (info@speedskatingalberta.ca) by:  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

The top 3 ranked skaters/sex from each age class category (Group 1 & Group 2) in each zone will have earned a spot on the Alberta Winter Games Team.

## **ALBERTA GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE**

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All Zone team athletes, who qualify to compete at the 2026 Alberta Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of \$80.00. This fee will offset the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, Zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. *Information on the collection of this fee(s) will be available in the fall of 2025.*

Please note the registration deadline for Speed Skating is **January 12, 2026**.

## **EVENTS**

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### **Short Track**

Group 1: 12/13

Group 2: 14/15

### **Day One**

1500 H/F; 400m H/S/F; 2000 relay heat

1500m H/F; 500m H/S/F, 3000m relay heat

### **Short Track**

Group 1 : 12/13

Group 2 : 14/15

### **Day Two**

800 H/F ; 1000 Super Final, 2000m relay final

1000m H/S/F ; 3000m Relay Final

**Note:** Medals will be awarded per sex/per Group 1 & Group 2 /per distance **overall** to the top three skaters in Group 1 (12/13) and Group 2 (14/15) and to the top three relay teams/sex/age group (Group

1 & Group 2). There will NOT be separate awards for 11 yr old skaters in Group 1.

Group 1

400m A Final, 800m A Final, 1500m A Final, 1000m Superfinal A Final, 2000m relay A Final

Group 2

500m A Final, 1000m A Final, 1500m A Final, 3000m Relay A Final

The **1000m super final** (Group 1: 12/13 yr olds) will be determined by using the best 400m time skated on Saturday. If the skater fell or was unable to complete any of the 400m races, their 400m seed time coming into the competition will be used.

This must be approved by the Director, Sport by the end of the racing day on Saturday.

**Note:** A relay team shall consist of four (4) from the same Zone.

Teams will be Group 1: 12/13 Female & Male; Group 2: 14/15 Female & Male.

Teams of mixed ages must skate in the older category.

**Note:** Zones that are unable to create a four (4) person relay team can create a mixed zone relay team. Mixed zone relay teams will be organized by the zone coaches.

Relays with mixed zone teams **ARE** eligible for medals but **ARE NOT** eligible for zone points. **Seed Times**

Seed times will be taken from competitions: August 1, 2025-December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Group 1: 12/13: 400m + 1000/2.5

Group 2: 14/15: 500m +1500m/3

### **Race Composition & Format**

Racing composition (ie: # of skaters on the line and advancements) will follow the 2025/26 SSC Master Bulletin describing the CYST and Junior Open ST 14/15.

## **PROTEST PROCEDURES**

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**Prior to the Games:** Any question or disputes shall be directed to the Provincial Sport Coordinator. The Alberta Winter Games Selection Committee will resolve all disputes. Appeals will be directed to the Alberta Winter Games Appeals Committee. Appeal decisions will be final.

**During the Games:** As above.

## **EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS**

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Lane helmet covers will be used (in conjunction with e-timing).

All ST equipment as per D3-100 in the [SSC Red Book](#).

## **PROVINCIAL SPORT COORDINATOR**

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### **ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE**

Each of the eight (8) Zones has a designated Speed Skating representative. The following contacts for Speed Skating can be contacted for more information about Zone playoffs/events when the final technical package is available in spring 2025.

Zone 1	Brett Peake	Phone: Email:
Zone 2	Denise Wheelhouse	Phone: Email:
Zone 3	Marika Nadal	Phone: Email :
Zone 4	Brooke Pearman	Phone: Email:
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Zone 6	Kenton Puttick	Phone: Email:
Zone 7	Sean Swiderski	Phone: Email:
Zone 8	Owen Cook	Phone: Email: