

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC – SPEED SKATING

Criteria for Sanctioning of Competition

SPORT RULES

Refer to SOC Sport Rules and SOBC Exceptions to the SOC Sport Rules (if applicable). Rules can be found on the Special Olympics BC website www.specialolympics.bc.ca at

Resources → Sport Rules, Resources and Videos → Speed Skating

DIVISIONING

Due to the facility and time restrictions often faced at a Regional Qualifier the following divisioning procedure is suggested.

1. Local Coaches identify times generated by their athletes at events no earlier than three (3) months prior to the regional qualifier.
 - Should an athlete produce a time faster than the seed time submitted to the organizing committee prior to the regional qualifier the coach is obligated to submit the new time to the organizing committee prior to the start of the event.
2. The Competition Coordinator, Race Secretary and a SOBC Staff Representative will division athletes based on the Special Olympics Canada Divisioning Process.

FACILITY

The competition venue should comply with the requirements dictated in the Special Olympics Canada Official Sport Rules keeping in mind that availability may require deviations from these recommendations. In situations, which require such a deviation, the Competition Coordinator is required to contact the Provincial Office for facility approval.

In addition to the venue requirements listed in the SOC Official Rules Book participants should also have access to the following facility amenities:

- Access to washroom facilities for Male and Female participants
- Separate changing facilities for Male and Female participants
- Fully accessible to all participants, i.e. participants with a physical disability.

SPORT OFFICIALS

Due to the technical nature of the sport of speed skating the following officials, (refer to the attached form) must be in place prior to applying for sanctioning from the Provincial Office, (form must be included with the application for sanctioning). For assistance in recruiting individuals appropriate for these roles please contact the SOBC Provincial Office. Brief job descriptions for each of these positions can be found in the SOBC Event Planning Guide for speed skating.

MINIMUM STANDARDS

Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) have been established for the following events: 1500M and 3000M

Distance	Qualifying Time (Female)	Qualifying Time (Male)
1500M	5:13	4:51
3000M	12:38	12:38

**3000M is using the male qualifying time for females because we don't have a benchmark from the last two games

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

The following are the minimum requirements for medical coverage at a Speed Skating competition.

- Two (2) First Aid Attendants at Start and Finish, (minimum certification - Level III OFA - Occupation First Aid).

**Special Olympics BC – Speed Skating
Primary Officials Registration Form**

The Officials listed on this form must be certified under the 'Official Certification Program' of their respective National/Provincial Sport Organization. Officials not presently registered with Special Olympics BC must complete SOBC's Event Participation Waiver and Media Release to be covered under the organization's insurance policy.

POSITION	NAME	HOME TELEPHONE	ALTERNATE TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
Meet Coordinator				
Recorder				
Referee				
Starter				
Clerk of Course				
Chief Timer				
Chief Place Judge				

