

ICE SPEED SKATING NEW ZEALAND Inc

OLYMPIC SHORT TRACK SELECTION POLICY 2009

This Selection Policy covers the period from 1st April 2009, through to the conclusion of the short track competition at the Vancouver Winter Olympics. The policy will be used to select our 5 best male skaters and 3 best female skaters for World Cups 1 and 2. At the conclusion of World Cups 1 and 2 the selectors will then select:

- a. Our 5 best male skaters if NZ has a men's relay team competing at the Olympic Qualifying Events.

OR

- b. Our 3 best male skaters if NZ does not have a men's relay team competing at the Olympic Qualifying Events.

AND

- c. Our 3 best female skaters

Qualifying for World Cups 1 and 2 Selection Trials

- 1) Skaters may qualify for World Cup 1 and 2 Olympic Qualifying Selection trials by the following methods:
 - a) Competing in sanctioned meetings, either in New Zealand or overseas, with official protocols and
 - b) Participating in time trials or races either in New Zealand or overseas for which the following requirements must be met –
 - i) Conducted by a referee and starter approved by the National Coach or ISSNZ Technical Committee.
 - (ii) Timekeepers must be approved by the referee.
 - (iii) The results must be recorded on the official ISSNZ Protocol sheet and signed by the referee and starter.
 - (iv) If manual timekeeping is used, a minimum of three watches must record the time and all times must be submitted.
- 2) Written results or protocols must be received by the selectors before any possible selection can be ratified
- 3) All time trials must be skated as individual time trials ie unpaced.
- 4) Time trials must be completed and submitted for approval by 3rd September 2009.

5) The following are the qualifying times for the 2009 selection trials.

MEN

Overseas	Dunedin	Christchurch
500m Faster than 45.50	+0.75 seconds	+1.5 seconds
1000m Faster than 1:34.00	+1.5 seconds	+3 seconds
1500m Faster than 2:27.00	+2.25 seconds	+4.5 seconds

WOMEN

Overseas	Dunedin	Christchurch
500m Faster than 48:00	+0.75 seconds	+1.5 seconds
1000m Faster than 1:40.00	+1.5 seconds	+3 seconds
1500m Faster than 2:36.0	+2.25 seconds	+4.5 seconds

Skaters must qualify in two of the three distances

World Cup 1 and 2 and Olympic Qualifying Selection Trials

- a. The World Cups 1 and 2 Olympic Qualifying Selection Trials will be held on the weekend of 5-6 September 2009 at the Dunedin rink.
- b. All formats of the Trials will be run under the ISU Rules of Racing and the Chief Referees decisions will be final. There will be a minimum 20 minute break between all rounds of races.
- b. All skaters who make themselves available for selection must sign and abide by the New Zealand Ice Speed Skating Athletes Agreement and Code of Standards.

Format of trials

- a. A 1000m time trial will be skated for seeding purposes.
- b. There will be races over the 3 Olympic distances of 500m, 1000m and 1500m.
- c. The 1000m will be first with the 500m next and finally the 1500m.

- d. If there are more than 4 skaters there will be heats to determine the finalists in the 500m and 1000m.
- e. The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with first place. Points will be awarded for the 500m, 1000m, 1500m and 1000m time trial.
- f. At the conclusion of the trials, all skaters will be ranked based on their accumulated points.
- g. The Director of Selection will name those skaters that will take part in World Cups 1 and 2.
- h. The skaters that compete in the Olympic qualifying events (World Cups 3 and 4) will be chosen at the conclusion of World Cups 1 and 2.

Note: The Olympic Qualifying Selection Trials will not be the only factor in selecting the team. Performances over the previous 18 months will also be taken into consideration.

Cancellation of Olympic Qualifying Selection Trials

In the event of Olympic Qualifying Selection Trials not being held, then selection of skaters for World Cups 1 and 2 will be based on the following criteria:

- a. Performances over the current and preceding season.
- b. Times achieved in both time trials and races over the current and preceding season.
- c. Win/loss record against other potential team members.
- d. Performance in training as witnessed by the National Coach in conjunction with selectors.
- e. Times achieved in sanctioned time trials held overseas

Note 1: The above times (point 5) are also the qualifying times for World Cups 1 and 2. In the event of the Selection Trials being cancelled then all skaters will have to surpass the World Cups 1 and 2 qualifying times before being considered for World Cups 1 and 2 as per the ISSNZ selection policy. In the event of there being more skaters that surpass the qualifying times than there are positions then the Selectors will make the selection based on the criteria as set out in points a – e above..

Note 2: In the event that the Olympic Qualifying Selection Trials are cancelled then time trials/races must be completed and submitted for approval no later than one week before final entries close off date for World Cup 1.

Dispensation from Olympic Qualifying Selection Trials

In the event of a skater unavailable for the Qualifying Selection Trials due to training in the Northern Hemisphere or other extenuating circumstances, then an application in writing to the Director of Selection for consideration of Selection for World Cups 1 and 2 will be based on the following criteria:

- a. Performances over the current and preceding season.
- b. Times achieved in both time trials and races over the current and preceding season.
- c. Win/loss record against other potential team members.
- d. Performance in training as witnessed by the National Coach in conjunction with selectors.
- e. Times achieved in sanctioned time trials held overseas

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Relay Team

At the conclusion of the Olympic Qualifying Selection Trials the 4 top ranked skaters will attempt to qualify for the Olympic Qualifying Events (World Cups 3 and 4). In the event of the relay team surpassing the qualifying time, the Selectors, will choose the final 4 skaters to compete in the Olympic Qualifying Event based on individual and relay performances from World Cups 1 and 2.

Mens 5000m Relay Olympic Qualifying Event qualifying time

Overseas	Dunedin	Christchurch
Faster than 7.05.00	+5 seconds	+10 seconds

Olympic Qualifying Event

The highest ranked skater at the Olympic Qualifying Event will be selected for nomination by the selectors. This skaters name will go to the NZOC selectors who will have the final decision for acceptance to the Winter Olympic Team for Vancouver 2010 based on the NZOC selection criteria.

LONG TRACK SELECTION POLICY 2009

This Selection Policy covers the period from 1st April 2009, through to the conclusion of the long track competition at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Ice speed Skating New Zealand will abide by ISU Rule 209 Entries for Winter Olympic Games for selection to this event. ISSNZ will nominate to the NZOC, the skater who has gained the qualifying position for New Zealand.

All skaters selected into the team must sign and abide by the New Zealand Ice Speed Skating Athletes Agreement and Code of Standards.