

US Speedskating
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2018 Winter Olympic Games
Long Track Speedskating
April 5, 2017
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1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States by the registration deadline of the 2017 U.S. Olympic Trials scheduled to be held January 2-7, 2018. For mass start skaters participating in the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials, they will need to be a national by the registration deadline of that event.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire prior to August 25, 2018.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the IOC Charter (Rule 41), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

A skater must have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2017 to be eligible to compete.

See the International Skating Union (ISU) Speedskating Qualification System for the 2018 Olympics (Attachment A) for other IF standards. (An updated ISU Speedskating Qualification System for the 2018 Olympics will be updated and released in July of 2017. This document will then include the ISU Qualifying Times for the Olympic Games).

Athletes must meet the ISU Qualifying Times standard for the Olympic Games by the conclusion of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. There will be no exceptions.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

All athletes must be a current members of U.S. Speedskating at the time of the registration deadline for the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials and/or the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

The 2017 Fall World Cup Trials are scheduled to be held October 11-15, 2017 in Salt Lake City, UT.

The 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials are scheduled to be held January 2-7, 2018 in Milwaukee, WI

For Team Pursuit selection, see section 2.2.

1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

2017 Fall World Cup Trials

- a. Skaters must have reached at least the age of 15 before July 1, 2017 in order to compete.
- b. Any skater who achieves one or more of the time standards listed below shall be eligible to compete in that distance plus the mass start event at the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials. These times must have been met between July 1st, 2016 and prior to the entry deadline for the 2017 Fall World Cup Trials. (see USS 2017-18 Long Track

Regulations at www.usspeedskating.org for a list of USS sanctioned competitions):

Distance	Ladies	Men
500m	42.00	39.00
1000m	1:24.00	1:17.00
1500m	2:10.00	1:57.00
3000m	4:30.00	X
5000m	X	7:02.00

2018 US Olympic Team Trials

- a. Skaters must have reached at least the age of 15 before July 1, 2017 in order to compete.
- b. Any skater who achieves one or more of the time standards listed below shall be eligible to compete in that distance plus the mass start event at the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. These times must have been met between July 1st, 2016 and prior to the entry deadline for the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. (see USS 2017-18 Long Track Regulations at www.usspeedskating.org for a list of USS sanctioned competitions):

Distance	Ladies	Men
500m	42.00	39.00
1000m	1:24.00	1:17.00
1500m	2:10.00	1:57.00
3000m	4:30.00	X
5000m*	4:30.00 (3k)	7:02.00
10000m*	X	7:02.00 (5k)

*Ladies 5000m will utilize 3000m qualifying time

*Mens 10000m will utilize 5000m qualifying time

The 2017 Fall World Cup Trials and the 2018 Olympic Team trials will follow the USS racing rules of competition as outlined in the USS rules and regulations. <http://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Athletes/Rules-and-Regulations/Long-Track>

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

The maximum Team size for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games may be 10 per gender but the actual team size will depend on the number of quota spots earned for each event (500, 1000, 1500, 3000 ladies, 5000, 10000 men, mass start, and team pursuit) and the number of athletes who earn those starting spots. If U.S. Speedskating fails to qualify a quota spot in any single individual distance event (including mass start) and the Team Pursuit event in either gender, the maximum quota spots are reduced to 8 for that gender.

U.S. Speedskating's quota spots are earned at the 2017-18 ISU Fall World Cups. The ISU Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) will determine the number of quota spots provisionally allocated to US Speedskating by December 27, 2017 (see Attachment A).

If the U.S. qualifies a Team Pursuit Team as identified in the SOQC in one or both genders, U.S. Speedskating may consider adding up to two (2) additional athletes as team pursuit specialists (section 2.2.2 below) to the team (per gender). Should all Team Pursuit Members be qualified as individual distance skaters, then it will not be necessary to have Team Pursuit Specialists. US Speedskating is not required to add a team pursuit specialist.

The 2018 U.S. Olympic Team will be selected based on the following methods:

1. 2017 Fall World Cup Qualifier (Mass Start #1 and #2)

The results of the two (2) Mass Start Events at the 2017 Fall World Cup Qualifier will be combined with the results of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Trials Mass Start Event to award the start position(s) on the 2018 Olympic Mass Start Team (pending qualification within the SOQC). The points system and how overall results will be determined is detailed in the 2017-18 US Long Track Rules and Regulations (www.usspeedskating.org)

2. 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials (Individual Distances, Mass Start #3)

The Final Distance Classifications from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials will be used to fill all SOQC earned quota spots in each event/gender unless the Medal Contender Clause is invoked as stipulated in Section 2.2.1, or the total team entry quota is met as explained in the Reduction or Addition Procedure below.

If there is a tie in a particular distance of the final results at the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, the following results will be used to break the tie:

- a. The skater with the higher ISU Special Olympic Qualification Classification in the distance in which the skater competed in at Trials will fill the quota spot.
- b. If there is still a tie, the skater with the best single distance result from any of the 2017-2018 Fall World Cups in the distance in which the skater competed at Trials will fill the quota spot.
- c. If the tie is between two skaters who did not compete in the 2017-2018 Fall World Cups, the skaters will compete in a skate off at a time and date established by the USS High Performance Director.

The Final Distance Classifications from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials will be as follows:

500m: Fastest single 500m of the two contested 500m events

1000m: Results from the event

1500m: Results from the event

3000m Ladies: Results from the event

5000m Ladies & Men: Results from the event

10,000m Men: Results from the event

Mass Start: The results of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Trials Mass Start Event will be combined with those from the two (2) 2017 Fall World Cup Qualifier mass start events to award the start position(s) on the 2018 Olympic Mass Start Team, pending qualification from the SOQC . The points system and how overall results will be determined is detailed in the 2017-18 US Long Track Rules and Regulations.

Medal Contender Clause

See Section 2.2.1

Team Pursuit Discretionary Selection

See Section 2.2.2

- 1.3.1 Following the completion of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, the process below will commence to finalize the selection of the Olympic Team.
1. If the Medal Contender Clause is invoked, as stipulated in Section 2.2.1, the Olympic Long Track Selection Task Force (referred to as OLTSTF moving forward) will first consider any Medal Contender Petition and Consent for Medical Records Forms (Attachment B). The athlete must submit their petition within 1 hour of the completion of the event in which they are exercising their Medal Contender status.
 2. Next, the OLTSTF will consider the Declaration of Intent Forms (Attachment C) submitted based on the following:
 - i. Following the completion of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, skaters who earn a starting position for the Olympic Games must declare their intent to compete at each distance in which they have qualified no later than 2 hours after the completion of the Olympic Trials Competition on January 8, 2018 (See Attachment C – Declaration of Intent Form).
 - ii. If a skater declines a starting position for which they have qualified, the replacement skater will be selected as follows:
 1. If all U.S. team quota spots are filled, the starting position will be awarded to the athlete already qualified as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team who has achieved the next best results from the 2018 US Olympic Trials in that distance.
 2. If all U.S. team quota spots are filled, and no member of the U.S. Olympic Team skated at the 2018 US Olympic Trials in that distance, then the start position will be made by the High Performance Director and U.S. Olympic Team Coaches for those athletes already qualified to the Olympic Team in accordance with Section 2.2.
 3. If there are open team quota spots and starting positions, the starting position will be awarded to a skater who achieved the next best results at the 2018 U.S. Olympic Trials in that distance.

4. If there are open team quota spots, and the starting position was not filled by the results of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Trials, the best results in that event from the 2017-2018 ISU Fall World Cups events as published in the ISU Special Olympic Qualification Classifications in that distance will determine the spot.
 5. If a tie should occur in sections 1, 3, or 4, the following tiebreaker will be implemented:
 - a. The skater with the higher ISU Special Olympic Qualification Classification in the distance in which the skater competed in at Trials will fill the quota spot.
 - b. If there is still a tie, the skater with the best single distance result from any of the 2017-2018 Fall World Cups in the distance in which the skater competed at Trials will fill the quota spot.
 - c. If the tie is between two skaters who did not compete in the 2017-2018 Fall World Cups, the skaters will compete in a skate off at a time and date established by the USS High Performance Director.
3. Next, the OLTSTF will determine if the Reduction or Addition Procedure/Percentage Calculation must be used based on the following:
- i. U.S. Speedskating will rank skaters based on the ISU SOQC. Athletes earning start positions at the completion of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Trials will be ranked according to the position rank on the SOQC in their individual distances (500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m/5000m, 5000m/10000m, Mass Start). (Example: USS has 2 spots in the 500m and those are 5th and 21st on the SOQC. The skaters earning those spots will be given those rank numbers, 1st place being 5th and 2nd place being 21st.) (The Team Pursuit event will not count in ranking individual athletes by the SOQC.)
 - ii. In the case of a tie (same position rank per SOQC), the percentage (%) off of the first place finishing time at the 2018 U.S. Olympic Trials will be used. The skater with the highest percentage will be ranked lower. (Example: Men's 500m 1st place finish time is 35.35. The skater skates at 35.50. The percentage calculation is $35.50/35.35 = 100.4243\%$.)

- iii. At the completion of the 2018 U.S. Olympic trials, all skaters will have a position rank based on i and ii above.
 - iv. For reduction, the skater with the lowest rank (largest number), will be the first to be eliminated.
 - v. For additions, the next best rank (smallest number) will be used.
4. Finally, the OLTSTF may proceed with the Team Pursuit Discretionary Selections as stipulated in Section 2 below (if applicable). If there are open, unused quota spots allocated to U.S. Speedskating, U.S. Speedskating may enter two (2) athletes per gender to the team as a team pursuit specialists. If there are no remaining quota spots available, U.S. Speedskating may use the reduction process as presented in section 3. above to reduce the team size by a maximum of one (1) in order to add a team pursuit specialist. In order to reduce team size for a team pursuit specialist, the SOQC rank of the U.S. Team Pursuit team in that gender must be 4th or higher.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

There are two situations in which discretionary selection may be used: (1) Olympic Team Medal Contender Clause, and (2) the Team Pursuit discretionary selection.

- i. The Olympic Team Medal Contender Clause may be invoked in order to select the most competitive Olympic Team if a Medal Contender has a verifiable illness, injury or exceptional circumstance as stipulated below.
- ii. In addition, the Team Pursuit event is a team event and discretion will be used to select the most competitive Olympic Team. Technique, teamwork, compatibility, race speeds, start speeds, finish speeds, and endurance all play a factor in who works best together. The Long Track High Performance Staff, Coaches and Task Force currently monitors and will continue to monitor the performance of eligible athletes during the Olympic season as well as years leading up.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

2.2.1. Olympic Team Medal Contender Clause

Definition: A Medal Contender is defined as an athlete who:

- i. Has placed in the top three (3) positions in an individual distance at the 2017 World Single Distance Championships conducted February 9-12, 2017 in Gangneung, Korea, or
- ii. Placed in the top 5 overall in World Cup classification / points in an individual distance after the completion of the 2017-18 Fall World Cups which are the 2018 Olympic Games qualifying events used for the SOQC.
 1. Only two (2) medal contender per gender and event will be considered.
 2. Should two (2) or more medal contenders per event (in a single gender) qualify, the following tie breaker process will be used (in order):
 - a. If medal contender status is earned according to i), the highest overall placement at the 2017 World Single Distance Championships in the specified distance will break the tie.
 - b. If medal contender status is earned according to i), the highest rank on the 2017-18 ISU Special Olympic Qualification Classifications as of the last day of competition at the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in the specified distance will be the second tie breaker.
 - c. If medal contender status is earned according to ii), the highest placement in the overall World Cup Points standings after all of the 2017-18 ISU Fall World Cups in the specific event in which the individual qualified for medal contender status will break the tie.
 - d. If medal contender status is earned according to ii), the highest rank on the 2017-18 ISU Special Olympic Qualification Classifications as of the last day of competition at the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in the specified distance will be the second tie breaker.
 3. In the event that a Medal Contender is unable to compete at or complete the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials due to a verifiable

illness, injury, or exceptional circumstance, the Medal Contender must submit the Medal Contender Petition Form (Attachment B) to the OLTSTF no later than 1 hour following the conclusion of the specific distance in which the medal contender is qualified for at the 2018 Olympic Team Trials, requesting the OLTSTF consider him/her for the final starting position(s) in events for which the skater is a Medal Contender.

- a. If the Medal Contender provision is in effect for illness or injury, the Medal Contender should complete and submit the Medal Contender Petition Form to the OLTSTF. This form allows U.S. Speedskating, including a qualified physician selected by US Speedskating, to review the medical records for purposes of verifying the illness or injury. The Medal Contender should also submit written evidence and other records from a qualified physician which will be reviewed by members of U.S. Speedskating's Medical Commission. A list of physicians on the Medical Commission can be found at: <http://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Governance/USS-Workgroups>

The petition must be signed by the Medal Contender and his/her personal coach and if a minor, his/her parent or legal guardian.

- b. If the Medal Contender provision is in effect for an exceptional circumstance, the Medal Contender should complete and submit the Medal Contender Petition Form to the OLTSTF but the medical release and authorization section of the petition is not required. The petition must be signed by the Medal Contender and his/her personal coach and if a minor, his/her parent or legal guardian.
- c. The petition will be considered by the OLTSTF, which reserves the right to request an independent medical examination of the Medal Contender by a qualified physician chosen by U.S. Speedskating at the expense of U.S. Speedskating. U.S. Speedskating will review all submitted evidence of the condition in which prevented such qualification and the prognosis for recovery which shall not prohibit his/her performance at the Olympic Games. If, based on its review, the OLTSTF determines that special consideration is warranted, and provided the Medal Contender subsequently receives a medical release to compete

from a qualified physician acceptable to U.S. Speedskating in its sole and absolute discretion, the Medal Contender may be awarded the final starting position on the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team for which the Medal Contender status was earned.

- d. The OLTSTF will take the evidence in a. and b. above and also take into consideration the following, in no priority order:
- Placement and competitive field at the 2017 World Single Distance Championships
 - Placement and competitive field at 2016-17 and 2017-18 ISU World Cup Events
 - Performances (results, times, standings from the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons at an ISU, national governing body sanctioned competition), or an approved long track metric time trial event that has the proper officials (ISU Rule 210 (1) (a-e)) and must be printed in a published protocol.
 - Consideration if the athlete is a candidate for the team pursuit event. If Team Pursuit is being discussed, the discussion criteria would be as listed in section 2.2.2 Team Pursuit Selection.
 - Placement and competitive field at the 2016 World Single Distance Championships.

2.2.2 Team Pursuit Selection

Definition: Team Pursuit Members are skaters that are considered for the Team Pursuit and selected based upon the process below. A Team Pursuit Member may or may not be competing in individual distances.

Definition: Team Pursuit Specialists are skaters who have not qualified to race an individual distance but have been named as Team Pursuit Specialists and are selected to the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team. All Team Pursuit Specialists must have skated the ISU Qualifying Time for at least one of the individual distances (see Attachment A).

2018 U.S. Olympic Team Pursuit Selection:

1. The pool of up to 4 Team Pursuit skaters may consist of a maximum of two (2) Team Pursuit Specialists per gender.
2. USS Team Pursuit specialists must be entered as either a reserve athlete or a starter in an individual distance in order to be added to the Olympic Team.
3. The pool of eligible athletes for the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Pursuit include (subject to achieving USS, NOC, IF and IOC Qualifying Times and Standards as presented in section 1.1 above):
 - a. All members of the 2017-18 ISU Fall World Cup Teams (see www.usspeedskating.org for World Cup team selection)
 - b. All members of the 2017 ISU Senior Championship Teams (2017 World Sprint Championships, 2017 World Allround Championships, 2017 World Single Distance Championships; see www.usspeedskating.org for Senior Championship team selections)
 - c. Skaters who were invited to participate in the 2017-18 ISU World Cup Teams but declined the invitation.
 - d. Skaters who were invited to participate in the 2017 ISU Senior Championship Teams (as listed in 2.2.2.b. directly above) but declined the invitation.
 - e. Additional skaters may be invited to be a part of the pool at the discretion of the (OLTSTF) based on performances at the 2018 U.S. Olympic Trials.
4. The USS High Performance Staff and the Long Track Coaching Staff will evaluate and recommend the Team Pursuit Members, subject to approval by the OLTSTF.
5. The USS High Performance Staff may consider the following when determining Team Pursuit Members (not in order of priority): time criteria standards; top speed capabilities; combined and/or individual 1500m, 3000m Ladies and 5000m Men times; stroke frequency; match of compatible skating techniques; exchange abilities; endurance testing results; compatible body types;

attendance at camps and tryouts; team attitude; coachability; team composition; team chemistry and cohesion; history of strong teamwork; dedication to preparation camps and competitions.

6. Team Pursuit Member(s) that may be selected will be announced no later than January 8, 2018.
 7. The USS High Performance Director and the USS Long Track Olympic Team Coaches will determine which three (3) skaters compete in each round of competition from the Team Pursuit Members named on the official Olympic entry. All U.S. Olympic Team members will be considered (subject to achieving the ISU Qualifying Standard) as alternates for the Team Pursuit event until the official Olympic entry deadline for Team Pursuit unless the skater has signed a declaration rejecting their intent to be on the reserve list.
 8. The USS High Performance Director and the Long Track Olympic Coaching Staff will make an on-site assessment of the athlete's performance and potential for medal success to determine which skaters will skate the Team Pursuit at the 2018 Olympic Games. A different combination of skaters may be selected to skate each Team Pursuit event and each round of the Team Pursuit competition and may be determined the day of the race.
- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

USS High Performance Staff

USS High Performance Director (or his designee)

USS Sport Science Director

USS Long Track Allround Team Head Coach

USS Long Track Sprint Team Head Coach

The Olympic Long Track Selection Task Force (OLTSTF):

USS Executive Director (or his designee)

USS High Performance Director (or his designee)

USOC AAC Athlete Representative for USS

Should the Executive Director or the HP Director position be vacant at the time of assembly of the OLTSTF, the vacant position may be

filled by the most senior ranking organizational person without a conflict of interest. If the AAC rep is unable or unavailable to serve, the AAC Alternate or a USS Board Member Athlete representative may serve.

- 2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, U.S. Speedskating has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by U.S. Speedskating may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by U.S. Speedskating:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter U.S. Speedskating's CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Speedskating. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Speedskating, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of U.S. Speedskating's Code of Conduct:
www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Members-and-Clubs/Membership/Membership-Registration

- 3.1.4. Failure to attend mandatory training camp or competition unless otherwise approved by the USS High Performance [Staff](#). Further details below in Section 9.

An athlete who is removed from the team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per US Speedskating's Bylaws ([Section 14](#)) and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable U.S. Speedskating Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If the Medal Contender provision is in effect and the Medal Contender earns a spot on the team, the first replacement will be the skater who would have otherwise been named to the team had the Medal Contender clause not been invoked.

The next replacement considered will be a skater in the same individual distance who may have been reduced from the Olympic Team through the Reduction or Addition Procedure outlined herein.

If no skater in that distance was reduced, the highest ranked skater not already named to the U.S. Olympic Team in that individual distance from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials will be selected.

- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Once the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team has been officially submitted to the organizing committee and a replacement skater is needed or required, the USS High Performance Director and U.S. Olympic Team coaching staff will have the authority to fill the vacant spot with a qualified member of the already submitted 2018 U.S. Olympic Team.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

U.S. Speedskating will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

Attachment B – Medal Contender Petition and Consent for Medical Records Form (if applicable)

Attachment C – Declaration of Intent Form

USS Code of Conduct

<http://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Members-and-Clubs/Membership/Membership-Registration>

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by US Speedskating in the following locations:

7.1. U.S. Speedskating's Web site: <http://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other (possible):

These procedures may also be posted or linked in other USS member publications (mailings, social media, emails, etc.)

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before: January 8th

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

Training camps may be conducted prior to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. Camp dates, times, and locations will be communicated to the athletes at least 45 days prior to the start of the camp and will be posted on <http://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating> . These camps will be mandatory for all 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Members unless excused for illness, injury, or exceptional circumstance as determined by the USS High Performance **Staff**. If an athlete does not participate in a mandatory training camp without prior approval, the OLTSTF will have the authority to dismiss that athlete from the team.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Nick Pearson- Co-chair Long Track Task Force (member)
Chris Needham- Co-chair Long Track Task Force (USS staff)
Bryce Holbeck- USS Senior Sport Consultant
Guy Thibault- USS High Performance Director
Ryan Bedford- USOC AAC representative for USS.

12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The US Speedskating Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found in the US Speedskating's Bylaws - **Section 14.8 through 14.10.**
<http://www.teamusa.org/us-speedskating/governance/governance-and-bylaws>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or ISU rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or ISU rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to U.S. Speedskating. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Speedskating may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by US Speedskating.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
US Speedskating Executive Director	Ted Morris		
US Speedskating High Performance Director	Guy Thibault		
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Ryan Bedford		

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Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Speedskating may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by US Speedskating.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
US Speedskating Executive Director	Ted Morris		9-13-17
US Speedskating High Performance Director	Guy Thibault		9/13/17
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Ryan Bedford		9-13-17

* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/HPMO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.



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INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Speed Skating

A. EVENTS (14)

Men's Events (7)	Women's Events (7)
Men's 500m	Ladies' 500m
Men's 1000m	Ladies' 1000m
Men's 1500m	Ladies' 1500m
Men's 5000m	Ladies' 3000m
Men's 10000m	Ladies' 5000m
Men's Mass Start	Ladies' Mass Start
Men's Team Pursuit	Ladies' Team Pursuit

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Speed Skating:

	Qualification Places*	Host Country Places	Total
Men	100*	See paragraph D. "Host Country Places"	100*
Women	80*	See paragraph D. "Host Country Places"	80*
Total	180	See paragraph D. "Host Country Places"	180

**The numbers of Qualification Places listed above indicate the maximum number of athletes that will be admitted for Speed Skating. The total quota set by IOC is 180 athletes. If for either women or men the respective IOC Quota target number is not reached according to the Qualifying System herewith described, the respective unused number of quota places will be credited and added to the quota of the other gender.*

The basis for the unequal allocation between men and women is the actual entries in previous Olympic Winter Games and the basic understanding that, considering the depth of international Speed Skating in men versus women, the most competitive skaters should participate.



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Maximum Event/Distance Specific Quota

	Maximum Quota
Men's 500m	36
Men's 1000m	36
Men's 1500m	36
Men's 5000m	24
Men's 10000m	12
Men's Mass Start	24
Men's Team Pursuit	8 teams

	Maximum Quota
Ladies' 500m	32
Ladies' 1000m	32
Ladies' 1500m	32
Ladies' 3000m	24
Ladies' 5000m	12
Ladies' Mass Start	24
Ladies' Team Pursuit	8 teams

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

The overall quota per NOC/NF will be restricted, depending on the allocated NOC/NF event quota places, as follows:

- Maximum 10 for women and 10 for men for NOCs/NFs that have been allocated quota places for all events/distances, including the Mass start and Team Pursuit events.
- Maximum 8 for women and 8 for men for other NOCs/NFs.
- The total number of entered skaters (for women and men, respectively) cannot exceed the total number of allocated quota places in the individual events/distances for the NOC/NF concerned.

NOC Event Specific Quota

	Maximum Quota
Men's 500m	3
Men's 1000m	3
Men's 1500m	3
Men's 5000m	3
Men's 10000m	2
Men's Mass Start	2
Men's Team Pursuit	1 team

	Maximum Quota
Ladies' 500m	3
Ladies' 1000m	3
Ladies' 1500m	3
Ladies' 3000m	3
Ladies' 5000m	2
Ladies' Mass Start	2
Ladies' Team Pursuit	1 team

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

Quota places are allocated to the NOC as allocation of event quota places, and this allocation sets a limit for the overall number of NOC quota places.

Allocation of NOC/NF event quotas (qualification places for each event) according to Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQCs) are based on results from designated ISU World Cup Competitions season 2017/18 (for more details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications).

Qualification places are earned by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) through their National ISU Members (NFs), based on the Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) per event/distance resulting from the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions designated by the ISU to be held during



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the season 2017/18 prior to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. As per ISU Regulations, only ISU Members are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU World Cup Competitions.

There will be SOQCs for Men's and Ladies' Team Pursuit and for each of the individual events/distances (500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m and Mass start for the women's events; 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m and Mass start for the men's events).

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of competitors).

Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must be born before 1 July 2002.

Additional IF Requirements:

Achievement of Qualifying Times

To be eligible to be entered for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games within the quota places earned by the respective NOC/NF, skaters must have achieved ISU Qualifying Times in the period between 1 July 2017 and 14 January 2018. The applicable qualifying time standards and conditions for approval of achieved qualifying times will be announced in an ISU Communication, not later than 1 July 2017.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification System
<u>Men & Women:</u> 180	<p>1) Definition of Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC)</p> <p>a) SOQC for each event will be calculated according to criteria based on the ISU rules for the ISU Speed Skating World Cup classification and the ISU rules for qualification for the ISU World Single Distances Championships, as published in the ISU Regulations and dedicated ISU Communications. Each SOQC will combine two (2) sets of rankings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) SOQC points ranking: A ranking according to the World Cup points earned on the occasion of the designated World Cup Competitions; ii) SOQC times ranking: A ranking based on the best times per skater achieved on the occasion of the designated World Cup Competitions. <p>b) In case of a tie in the SOQC points ranking, the ISU World Cup ranking rules, as outlined in the ISU World Cup 2017/18 Communication, will be used to determine the higher ranked skater. If a tie still exists, the better ranked skater in the SOQC times ranking will determine the higher ranked skater.</p> <p>c) In case of a tie in the SOQC times ranking, the better ranked skater in the SOQC points</p>



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ranking will determine the higher ranked skater.

- d) For each event/distance the *highest ranked* SOQC positions will consist of a certain number of skaters/teams (for each NOC/NF, counting only skaters inside the maximum NOC/NF quota for the event/distance concerned) from the *SOQC points ranking* as follows for each event/distance:

500m, 1000m and 1500m (men and women)	20 skaters per gender
3000m (women), 5000m (men)	16 skaters per gender
5000m (women) and 10000m (men)	8 skaters per gender
Mass start (men and women)	24 skaters per gender
Team Pursuit (men and women)	6 teams per gender

- e) The remaining positions in the SOQC will be based on the *SOQC times ranking (for the Mass Start event, SOQC is determined solely on the basis of the SOQC points ranking)*
- f) For the long distances (3000m and 5000m for women, 5000m and 10000m for men) the *SOQC points ranking* will be based on the total of World Cup points achieved for both of the two distances, in accordance with ISU World Cup ranking rules. The *SOQC times ranking* will be based on times achieved during the World Cup competitions in the distance concerned only.

2) Allocation of quota places to NOCs/NFs

The NOC/NF quota places for each event/distance will be provisionally allocated according to the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) for the event/distance, based on results from designated ISU World Cup Competitions season 2017/18.

For each event, quota places for each NOC/NF will be allocated according to the position of skaters or team from the NOC/NF concerned in the SOQC for the event, respecting the following conditions and exceptions:

- a) When an NOC/NF has been allocated the maximum allowed NOC/NF event quota (three (3) per gender for 500m, 1000m and 1500m; three (3) for Ladies' 3000m & Men's 5000m and two (2) for Ladies' 5000m, Men's 10000m, Men's Mass start and Ladies' Mass Start), additional athletes from this NOC/NF will not be considered in the further allocation of quota places.
- b) Team Pursuit (*Event quota of 8 teams, 1 team per NOC/NF*):
The Host NOC/NF has the right to enter a team for each of the Team Pursuit events.
- c) If there is a tie in the SOQC determining the last quota place for an event/distance, this position will be decided by a random draw, done by the ISU Director General in the ISU Secretariat not later than 27 December 2017 in the presence of an independent auditor.
- d) When the maximum total of quota places for an event/distance (as specified above) has been reached, the next SOQC positions per event/distance will constitute a reserve list of quota places. For the individual events/distances the reserve list consists of six (6) reserve quota places. For the Team Pursuit events the reserve list consists of three (3) reserve quota places.



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES (WHERE APPLICABLE)

The host NOC/NF will be subject to the same qualification procedure and rules for allocation of quota places as other NOCs/NFs, except for the Team Pursuit events where the host NOC/NF will have the right to enter a team, only subject to the general conditions for entry of skaters and teams. If the host NOC will exercise this right, the quota place allocated to the host NOC will replace the last qualified quota place.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event the ISU will publish the results, as well as the current qualification ranking lists (SOQC), on its website www.isu.org. ISU will publish a list of provisionally allocated quota places and inform the respective NOCs within two (2) weeks of the date on which the last qualification event was concluded. The NOCs will then have fourteen (14) days / two (2) weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph G. **Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the deadline for confirmation of quota places, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated on the condition that the IOC quota for Speed Skating (180 skaters) will not be exceeded. The reallocation will be done according to the ranking order in the SOQC reserve list, but priority shall be given to NOCs/NFs that have not already been allocated a quota place for the event/distance concerned.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 July 2017 - 14 Jan 2018	Period for achieving qualifying times. Qualifying times will be announced by ISU not later than 1 July 2017.
	1 August 2017	ISU announces qualifying competitions (World Cup Speed Skating Competitions) to determine the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC) and subsequently NOC/NF quota places.
Accreditation deadline	9 October 2017	PyeongChang 2018 Accreditation deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Qualification	1 November 2017 – 17 December 2017	ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions determining the SOQC (*TBD)
Inform and confirm	27 December 2017	Publication of ISU Ranking List (SOQC)



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Inform and confirm	27 December 2017	ISU informs NOCs/NFs about provisionally allocated quota places based on the SOQC for the respective events/distances, and on the overall NOC/NF quota (total number of skaters that may be entered for each NOC/NF) based on the allocated quota places per event.
	By 12 January 2018	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of provisionally allocated quota places, both for event/distance and in total.
Reallocation	15-19 January 2018	ISU to inform relevant NOCs regarding the reallocation of quota places that will have to be confirmed by the NOC within 24 hours. Lack of a NOC response to the ISU within the deadline will be considered as declining the offered quota place.
	By 22 January 2018	ISU to inform NOCs with copy to NFs about adjustments (if necessary) in total event quota places (maximum number of participants per event/distance) and any reallocation or withdrawals of quota places.
	24 January 2018	End of re-allocation process.
Delegation Registration Meetings	26 January – 8 February 2018	PyeongChang 2018 Delegation Registration Meetings
Sport Entries deadline	29 January 2018 (06:00 Korean Time)	PyeongChang 2018 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	9 – 25 February 2018	Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018

Attachment B

Medal Contender Petition Form

Athlete Name: _____

Distance in which Exercising Medal Contender Provision: _____

Date & Time of Petition Submission: _____

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Check One of the Following:

_____ **I wish to invoke the Medal Contender Provision due to an illness or injury.**

_____ **I wish to invoke the Medal Contender Provision due to an exceptional circumstance.**

Illness or Injury Section

If invoking the Medal Contender Provision due to an illness or injury, please complete the section below:

I, _____ do hereby request that the

_____ release medical information contained in my medical records for the periods of and/or relative to the following specified illness or injury:

_____.

Information can be released to the following individuals:

I understand that releasing copies of this information shall no longer guarantee the confidentiality of the information contained in my medical records. I release _____, my attending physician(s), and all _____

personnel from liability concerning the release of this information.

The following information can be released:

History and Physical Examination_____

Consultation Report(s)_____

Operative Report(s)_____

Laboratory Report(s)_____

Radiology Report(s)_____

Progress Notes(s)_____

Physician's Orders_____

ER/OR Report(s)_____

Other Reports (specify)_____

I understand that this release will become a permanent part of my medical record. The release will expire thirty days from the date listed above, unless previously revoked by myself.

Furthermore, I hereby fully release U.S. Speedskating and each of its members, officers, directors, employees, agents, and other representatives of any nature whatsoever of and from any and all liabilities, damages, claims or causes of action of any nature or kind whatsoever which I have or may claim to have, arising out of or having any connection, directly or indirectly with the release of my medical records.

Signature_____

(Patient/in case of a minor, parent/guardian)

Witness_____

Exceptional Circumstance Section

If invoking the Medal Contender Provision due to an exceptional circumstance, please complete the section below:

Please provide a detailed explanation of the extraordinary circumstance:

I, _____ do hereby state that

the named documents, approved testimonies, and evidence listed below are legitimate reasons in which I could not compete or complete my race(s) at the 2018 US Olympic Team Trials.

List items presented to the Olympic Long Track Selection Task Force:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

Signature _____
(Athlete/in case of a minor, parent/guardian)

Witness _____

Attachment C

Athlete Statement- Declaration of Intent Condition of Participation in the 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games

I agree that I am eligible to skate specific distances and international competitions listed below.
I initialed the distances that I am declaring my intent to skate.

2018 Olympic Winter Games, PyeongChang, Korea February 9, 2018 through February 25, 2018

500m_____

1000m _____

1500m_____

3k (ladies) or 5k(men) _____

5k(ladies) or 10k (men)_____

TP_____

Mass Start_____

As a condition for acceptance of the nomination by US Speedskating to compete at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, I agree to the following:

1. I agree to disclose to the High Performance Director and the USS Long Track Program Coaches any injuries or illnesses that I have that may in any way affect my performance at the 2018 Olympic Games.
2. I agree that once I have departed for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games that the Staff of US Speedskating attending the meet will be responsible for making decisions. If there is an injury that occurs while on the trip, the US Speedskating Staff (Team Leader, Team Medical Staff and Coaches) and the USOC's Sports Medicine Staff and Chief Medical Officer will evaluate and make the appropriate decisions.
3. I agree to abide by all decisions made by US Speedskating staff while on any US Speedskating trip.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Departing/Arrival City_____E-Mail_____

Address_____
