US SPEEDSKATING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2018 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES
SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING
DECEMBER 8, 2016

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 at the registration deadline of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating which are scheduled to be held December 15 – December 17, 2017.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

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 42), 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 been born before July 1, 2002 to be eligible to compete.

See the International Skating Union (ISU) Short Track Speedskating Qualification system for the 2018 Olympics (Attachment A) for the IF standards.
1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

Athlete must be a current member of US Speedskating.

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 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Short Track Speedskating are scheduled to be held December 15-17, 2017 at the Utah Olympic Oval in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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).

2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Short Track Speedskating

a) A skater must have been born before July 1, 2002 to be eligible to compete.

b) There will be 16 athletes per gender prequalified to compete in the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating based on preselection at the qualification events as per the selection procedures posted on the US Speedskating website and as addendum (B) to these procedures.

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 will be 5 per gender but the actual team size will depend on the number of quota spots earned for each individual distance and qualification in the relay event. These quota spots can be earned at the 2017-18 ISU Fall World Cups as per the ISU notification (Special Olympic Qualification Classifications). The number of quota spots will be provisionally allocated to US Speedskating on December 10, 2017 (see Attachment A).
If the U.S. does not qualify a Relay Team for the men or women, the ISU entry quota for the U.S. Team will be limited to up to three athletes of that gender pending individual event quotas achieved by gender as per the ISU notification (Special Olympic Qualification Classifications).

The 2018 U.S. Olympic Team will be selected via the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Short Track Speedskating (see format and comprehensive description below) and the Medal Contender Clause (see Section 2.2 below), if applicable.

For the purposes of these procedures, the men's and women's teams will be selected separately. The following procedures will be used in the selection process.

2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Short Track Speedskating

Competition Format: The 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Short Track Speedskating will follow the format listed below (Figure 1):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day 1</th>
<th>1500m (1) Qualifying Rounds and Finals</th>
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<tr>
<td>Day 2</td>
<td>1500m (2) Qualifying Rounds and Finals</td>
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<td>1500m (2) Qualifying Rounds and Finals</td>
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<tr>
<td>Day 3</td>
<td>1000m (1) Qualifying Rounds and Finals</td>
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<td>1000m (2) Qualifying Rounds and Finals</td>
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Figure 1 - Competition Format

Ranking Procedure: Following the completion of the Trials, athletes will be ranked according to an Overall Classification, an Overall Distance Classification, an Individual Distance Classification, and, if necessary, an Overall Sub-Classification. Definitions of each classification are listed below:

**Overall Classification:** An athlete’s Overall Classification will be based on the total amount of final points earned (see Attachment E for the Final Points chart) per distance (500m, 1000m, and 1500m) from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials-Short Track Speedskating (Figure 2).

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500m (1) + 500m (2) + 1000m (1) + 1000m (2) + 1500m (1) + 1500m (2)
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Figure 2 - Overall Classification
Overall Distance Classification: The Overall Distance Classification will be based on the final points earned (see Attachment E for the Final Points chart) according to the calculations below (Figure 3):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Points Calculation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>500m</td>
<td>500m (1) + 500m (2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1000m</td>
<td>1000m (1) + 1000m (2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1500m</td>
<td>1500m (1) + 1500m (2)</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Figure 3 - Overall Distance Classification for each distance

Individual Distance Classification: An Individual Distance Classification will be the final points earned by a skater in a single event. Skaters will earn full points (see Attachment E for the Final Points chart) for each individual distance - 500m (1), 500m (2), 1000m (1), 1000m (2), 1500m (1), and 1500m (2).

Skaters receiving a yellow card in a distance will receive no final points in that respective Individual Distance Classification.

Overall Sub-Classification: Where necessary, skaters will be ranked according to the sum of their final points (see Attachment E for the Final Points chart) earned from two Overall Distance Classifications (Figure 4).

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Combination</th>
<th>Points Calculation</th>
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<tr>
<td>500m + 1000m</td>
<td>500m (1) + 500m (2) + 1000m (1) + 1000m (2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>500m + 1500m</td>
<td>500m (1) + 500m (2) + 1500m (1) + 1500m (2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1000m + 1500m</td>
<td>1000m (1) + 1000m (2) + 1500m (1) + 1500m (2)</td>
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Figure 4 - Overall Sub-Classification

Process

The following process will be used to nominate athletes for selection to the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team:

1. Following the Olympic Qualifying Events to be held at ISU World Cups Short Track Speed Skating Competitions 1, 2, 3 & 4 between September 1 and December 3, 2017, the ISU will allocate NOC Quota positions to USS based on the four (4) Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) consisting of the 500, 1000 and 1500 meters each for Women
and Men, 3000 meters Relay Women and 5000 meters Relay Men.

2. If the Medal Contender Clause is invoked, as stipulated in Section 2.2, the Olympic Short Track Selection Task Force (OSTSTF) will first consider any Medal Contender Petitions that have been submitted (Addendum C).

3. Next, the OSTSTF will consider the Declaration of Intent Forms (Addendum D) submitted based on the following:

   i. Following the completion of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating, skaters who earn a starting position for the Olympic Games must declare their intent to compete in both individual and relay competitions (if USS qualifies a relay quota in that gender) in which they have qualified no later than 1 hour after the completion of the Olympic Trials Competition on December 17, 2017 (See Addendum D – Declaration of Intent Form).

   ii. Refusal to commit in both individual and relay competitions will result in an athlete not being considered for nomination to the Olympic Team.

   iii. If a relay spot was not earned by a particular gender, then the relay requirement for that gender will not be applicable.

Selection

Definitions

NOC Quota: The total number of entries per gender earned by US Speedskating will determine the size of the US Olympic Short Track Team.

Starting Positions: The number of entries per gender earned by US Speedskating for athletes to compete in a particular individual distance.

Selected to the Olympic Team: Athlete selected to the Olympic Team but not guaranteed a starting position.
NOC Quota = Team size: The maximum quota places per gender available to US Speedskating is:

5 Skaters → with Relay
3 Skaters → without Relay

STARTING POSITIONS = number of entries earned for a particular event. Once the NOC Quota is determined by the ISU, the SOQC will also serve to allocate starting positions for the individual distances at the Olympic Games. US Speedskating may earn up to a maximum of three (3) starting positions for each individual distance. Each skater named to the Olympic Team may fill multiple starting positions.

Individual athletes will be selected to the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team according to the procedures explained below. Once the respective NOC Quota is reached, no additional athletes will be selected to the Team.

Depending on the NOC Quota and starting position allocation earned per gender at the Olympic Qualifying Events, the selection criteria below may apply differently to women and men but will be implemented the same way.

Starting positions for the individual distances at the Olympic Games are allocated according to each respective Overall Distance Classification from among the athletes selected to the team.

NOTE:

- only top ranked skaters from Overall Distance Classifications where US Speedskating has a starting position will be selected to the Team.
- only second ranked skaters from Overall Distance Classifications where US Speedskating has two (2) or more starting positions may be selected to the Team.
- ties within the classifications will be broken according to the process defined below (after the scenarios)
1. NOC Quota earned → 1 skater
   Starting positions → Maximum of 1 skater per individual distance, no relay

Skaters will be selected to the Olympic Team in the following priority order until the quota is filled.

(a) **OVERALL DISTANCE CLASSIFICATION WINNERS**

The top ranked skater from each Overall Distance Classification (500m, 1000m and 1500m) from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating will be considered for selection to the Olympic Team.

**TIEBREAKERS**

(i) If three different skaters are selected according to 1(a) above (i.e. different skaters qualify first in the 500m, 1000m and 1500m), the distance winner who is ranked the highest in the Overall Classification will be selected to the Olympic Team.

(ii) If two different skaters are selected according to 1(a) above, the skater who was ranked first in two of the three Overall Distance Classifications will be selected to the Olympic Team.

(1) If two different skaters are selected according to 1(a) above and US Speedskating does not have any starting positions in any one individual distance, the Overall Sub-Classification from those distances in which US Speedskating has earned starting positions will be used instead of the Overall Distance Classification.

2. NOC Quota earned → 2 skaters
   Starting positions → Maximum of 2 skaters per individual distance, no relay
Skaters will be selected to the Olympic Team in the following priority order until the quota is filled.

(a) \textbf{WINNER \rightarrow OVERALL DISTANCE CLASSIFICATION}

The top ranked skater from each Overall Distance Classification (500m, 1000m and 1500m) from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating will be considered for selection to the Olympic Team.

\textbf{TIEBREAKERS}

(i) If three different skaters are selected according to 2(a) above, the two distance winners who are ranked the highest in the Overall Classification will be selected to the Olympic Team.

(b) \textbf{2nd PLACE \rightarrow OVERALL DISTANCE CLASSIFICATION}

The second ranked skater (2nd) from each Overall Distance Classification (500m, 1000m and 1500m) from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating may be selected to the Olympic Team, if the NOC quotas remain unfilled.

\textbf{TIEBREAKERS}

(i) If three different skaters are selected according to 2(b) above, the second ranked skater who is ranked the highest in the Overall Classification will be selected to the Olympic Team.

(ii) Where two different skaters are selected according to 2(b) above, the skater who was ranked second in two of the three Overall Distance Classifications will be selected to the Olympic Team.

(1) Where two different skaters are selected according to 2(b) above and US Speedskating has zero (0) starting positions
or one (1) starting position in any one individual distance, the Overall Sub-Classification from those distances in which the NOC has a second starting position will be used to select from among those two highest ranked skaters.

3. **NOC Quota earned → 3 skaters**
   **Starting positions → Maximum of 3 skaters per individual distance, no relay**

Skaters will be selected to the Olympic Team in the following priority order until the quota is filled.

(a) **WINNER → OVERALL DISTANCE CLASSIFICATION**

The top ranked skater from each Overall Distance Classification (500m, 1000m and 1500m) from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating will be selected to the Olympic Team.

(b) **2nd PLACE → OVERALL DISTANCE CLASSIFICATION**

The second ranked skater (2nd) from each Overall Distance Classification (500m, 1000m and 1500m) from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating may be selected to the Olympic Team, if the NOC quotas remain unfilled.

**TIEBREAKERS**

(i) If three different skaters are selected according to 3(b) above, the highest or two highest ranked skaters from among these three skaters in the Overall Classification will be selected to the Olympic Team depending upon the remaining number of quota spots.

(ii) If two different skaters are selected according to 3(b) above and the U.S. Quota is exceeded, the skater who was ranked
second in two of the three Overall Distance Classifications will be selected to the Olympic Team.

(1) Where two different skaters are selected according to 3(b) above and the U.S. Quota is exceeded, and US Speedskating has zero (0) starting positions or one (1) starting position in any one individual distance, the Overall Sub-Classification from those distances in which US Speedskating has a second starting position will be used to select from among the two highest ranked skaters.

(c) **HIGHEST RANKED → OVERALL CLASSIFICATION**

If a total of two skaters are selected by 3(a) and 3(b) above AND US Speedskating has three (3) starting positions in all three individual distances, the highest ranked skater from the Overall Classification will be selected to the Olympic Team.

(d) **HIGHEST RANKED → OVERALL SUB-CLASSIFICATION**

If a total of two skaters are selected by 3(a) and 3(b) above AND US Speedskating has three (3) starting positions in two individual distances, the highest ranked skater from the Overall Sub-Classification from those distances in which US Speedskating has earned a third starting position will be selected to the Olympic Team.

(e) **3RD PLACE → OVERALL DISTANCE CLASSIFICATION**

If a total of two skaters are selected by 3(a) and 3(b) above AND US Speedskating has three (3) starting positions in only one distance, the third ranked skater from the Overall Distance Classification of that respective distance will be selected to the Olympic Team.
4. NOC Quota earned → 5 skaters
Starting positions → Maximum of 3 skaters per individual distance, with relay

Skaters will be selected to the Olympic Team in the following priority order until the quota is filled.

(a) WINNER → OVERALL DISTANCE CLASSIFICATION

The top ranked skater from each Overall Distance Classification (500m, 1000m and 1500m) from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating will be selected to the Olympic Team.

(b) 2nd PLACE → OVERALL DISTANCE CLASSIFICATION

The second ranked skater (2nd) from each Overall Distance Classification (500m, 1000m and 1500m) from the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating will be considered for selection to the Olympic Team.

TIEBREAKERS

(i) If the NOC Quota per gender is exceeded after skaters have qualified through 4(a) above and 4(b) above, the two second ranked skaters from 4(b) above who are ranked highest in the Overall Classification will be selected to the Olympic Team

(c) HIGHEST RANKED → OVERALL CLASSIFICATION

If the NOC Quota per gender is not filled after 4(a) and 4(b) above, the next ranked skaters from the Overall Classification will be selected to the Olympic Team until the NOC Quota has been filled.

5. NOC Quota earned → 5 skaters
Starting positions → Relay only
Skaters will be selected to the Olympic Team in the following priority order until the quota is filled.

(a) **HIGHEST RANKED → OVERALL CLASSIFICATION**

The top five ranked skaters from the Overall Classification (500m, 1000m and 1500m) at the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating will be selected to the Olympic Team.

6. In the event USS is subsequently assigned NOC Quota positions in accordance with the ISU process for allocation of unused quota places, the selection criteria for the newly-assigned NOC Quota will be applied to determine which skater is selected for the extra quota position. Athletes already selected to the team are protected and their selection to the Olympic team cannot be revoked through this process.

Ties within the Classifications:

Should a tie exist in an **Overall Distance Classification**, the tie would be broken according to the following:

1. For ties in the 500m Overall Distance Classification, the higher position will be awarded to the skater who achieves the fastest time in any round of 500m at the Trials.

2. For ties in the 1000m or 1500m Overall Distance Classification, the higher position will be awarded to the skater who achieves the fastest time in any round of 1000m races at the Trials.

3. If a tie still remains, the higher position will be awarded to the skater with the higher ranking in the Overall Classification.

Should a tie exist based on the final points earned for the **Overall Classification**, the tie will be broken based on the following in descending order:
1. Highest finishing position(s) in any Overall Distance Classification (see Overall Distance Classification above).

2. Next highest finishing position(s) in any Overall Distance Classification (see Overall Distance Classification above). If a tie still exists, will look at the highest finishing position in the 3rd Distance Classification.

3. Fastest 1000m time skated in any round at the Trials.

4. Second fastest 1000m time in any round skated at the Trials then the third and so on until the tie is broken.

Should a tie exist based on the final points earned for the Overall Sub-Classification, the tie will be broken based on the following in descending order.

1. Highest finishing position(s) in any Overall Distance Classification (see Overall Distance Classification above) from distances included in the Overall Sub-Classification.

2. Next highest finishing position(s) in any Overall Distance Classification (see Overall Distance Classification above) from distances included in the Overall Sub-Classification.

3. The fastest 1000m time skated in any round at the Trials.

4. The fastest 500m time skated in any round at the Trials.

Team Relay Decision:

In the event that the NOC has qualified a team in the relay, the Short Track Olympic Team Leader and the Short Track Olympic Team Coaches will meet at the Olympic Games and make an on-site assessment of each athlete’s performance and potential for medal success to determine which four (4) skaters will compete in each round of competition from the five (5) Team Members named on the official Olympic entry. All U.S. Olympic Team members will be considered for the Team Relay event. In addition, a different combination of skaters may be selected to skate each Team Relay in each round of competition and may be determined the day of the race.
The Short Track Olympic Team Leader and the Short Track Olympic Team Coaches will consider the following when determining Team Relay participants (not in order of priority): top speed capabilities; speed endurance; relay exchange abilities; international relay experience; compatible body types; team composition; team chemistry and cohesion.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

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

There is one situation in which discretionary selection may be used and that is for the Olympic Team Medal Contender Clause.

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.

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

Olympic Team Medal Contender Clause

Definition: A Medal Contender is defined as an athlete who has medaled in the same distance at any two (2) of the first four (4) World Cups of the 2017-2018 Season.

1. A maximum of one (1) Medal Contender per distance may be selected to the team.

2. Should more than one Medal Contender per distance qualify as a medal contender, the following tie breaker process will be used (in order):

   a. Single best place finish in the distance for which the skaters have earned Medal Contender status at World Cup 1, 2, 3, or 4.

   b. Second best place finish in the distance for which the skaters have earned Medal Contender status at World Cup 1, 2, 3, or 4.
c. Third best place finish in the distance for which the skaters have earned Medal Contender status at World Cup 1, 2, 3, or 4. If any of the skaters in question did not compete a third time in the distance, the tie is not broken.

d. Fourth best place finish in the distance for which the skaters have earned Medal Contender status at World Cup 1, 2, 3, or 4. If any of the skaters in question did not compete a fourth time in the distance, the tie is not broken.

e. Fastest finish time at World Cups 1-4 in the distance for which the skaters have earned Medal Contender status.

f. Second fastest finish time at World Cups 1-4 in the distance for which the skaters have earned Medal Contender status.

3. In the event that a Medal Contender is unable to compete at or complete the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Short Track Speedskating due to a verifiable illness, injury, or exceptional circumstance, the Medal Contender must submit a Medal Contender Petition Form (Addendum C) to the Olympic Short Track Selection Task Force (OSTSTF) no later than 1 hour following the conclusion of the specific distance in which the Medal Contender is qualified for at the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Short Track Speedskating, requesting the OSTSTF consider him/her for the final starting position(s) in the event(s) 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 OSTSTF. This form allows US 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 within the US Speedskating Medical Commission. A list of physicians on the Medical Commission can be found at http://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Goverance/
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 OSTSTF 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 OSTSTF, and if the petition is submitted due to illness or injury, the OSTSTF reserves the right to request an independent medical examination of the Medal Contender by a qualified physician chosen by US Speedskating at the expense of U.S. Speedskating. US Speedskating will review all submitted evidence which prevented the Medal Contender from competing or completing the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Short Track Speedskating and if due to illness or injury, the prognosis for recovery. If, based on its review, the OSTSTF determines that special consideration is warranted, and if due to illness or injury, the Medal Contender receives a medical release to return to training and competition from a qualified physician, acceptable to US 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. If the petition is submitted due to exceptional circumstance, the petition will be considered by the OSTSTF. US Speedskating will review the petition, explanation and all submitted evidence which prevented the Medal Contender from competing or completing the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Short Track Speedskating. If, based on its review, the OSTSTF determines that special consideration is warranted, 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.
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:

The Olympic Short Track Selection Task Force (OSTSTF) is comprised of the following members:

- (1) USS Executive Director
- (1) USS High Performance Director
- (1) USOC AAC Athlete Representative for USS

Should the Executive Director or the HP Director position be vacant at the time of assembly of the OSTSTF. 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 OSTSTF that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection task force member must recuse him/herself from task force discussions and voting. Further, the task force member should not otherwise influence other members of the task force in the nomination process. However, a task force member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, may, if requested by the selection task force, provide such information to the task force so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the task force 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, US Speedskating has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by US Speedskating may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by US Speedskating:
3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the US Speedskating’s Executive Director.

3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the US Speedskating. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the US Speedskating, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

3.1.3. Violation of the US Speedskating’s Code of Conduct
http://www.teamusa.org/us-speedskating/members-and-clubs/membership/membership-registration

3.1.4. Failure to abide by the Declaration of Intent, signed as a requirement to be nominated to the Olympic Team.

3.1.5. Failure to attend the mandatory training outlined in Section 9 of these procedures.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the US Speedskating’s Bylaws: http://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Members-and-Clubs/Membership/Member-Documents-and-Forms 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 NGB/HPO 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/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Information.aspx

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.
In the event any qualifying skater(s) is removed or decline(s) their position(s) on the Olympic Team, the Olympic Short Track Selection Task Force may name replacement skater(s) from the same qualifying event as used to select the original team member(s).

If the skater(s) who was removed or declined their position was selected to the team due to their ranking in an Overall Distance Classification, the next ranked skater in the same Overall Distance Classification will be selected as a replacement.

If the replacement process selects more than one replacement athlete, the Overall Classification will be used to determine the skater selected as a replacement.

In the event the next ranked skater in the same Overall Distance Classification is already selected to the Olympic Team by virtue of their ranking in another Overall Distance Classification, the Overall Classification or the Overall Sub-Classification will be used to select the replacement skater(s).

If the skater(s) who declined their position was selected to the team due to their ranking in the Overall Classification or in an Overall Sub-Classification, the next ranked skater in the Overall Classification or in the same Overall Sub-Classification will be selected as a replacement.

If a replacement skater(s) is added to the team, the individual distance start positions will be allocated / reallocated as per the start positions earned set out above in 1.3 (selection.)

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

If a skater is unable to compete in an individual distance once the US Short Track Team has arrived at the Olympic Games, the starting position will be given to the next ranked skater from that same distance's Overall Distance Classification at the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Short Track Speedskating. Replacement skaters in this instance must come from within the skaters already qualified for the US Short Track Olympic Team.

All replacements requested by the NOC after the final entries deadline of
January 29, 2018 must follow the ISU’s athlete replacement policy for the 2018 PyeongChang Games.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

US 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:

Addendum C - Medal Contender Petition Form (if applicable)
Addendum D - Declaration of Intent Form

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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


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:

Reference to these procedures will also be included in the USS member news.

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 December 19, 2017.
9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

Athletes named to the 2018 Olympic Team will be required to attend an Olympic Team Training Camp held by USS 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 www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating. These camps will be mandatory for all 2018 Olympic Team Members unless excused for illness, injury, or exceptional circumstance as determined by the High Performance Director. If an athlete does not participate in the mandatory training camp without prior approval, the OSTSTF will have the authority to dismiss that athlete from the Olympic 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:

Short Track Task Force as per the US Speedskating By-laws

USS High Performance Director – Guy Thibault
USS Short Track Coaches - Alex Izykowski & Anthony Barthel
Appointed Members - Joe Rohraff & Donna Fiorenza
Athlete Representative - Ryan Bedford

Additional Selection Procedures development working group members
Rusty Smith – USS AAC Representative
Bryce Holbech - USS Sport Consultant

12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

33. 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 US 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.

34. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Speedskating may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Katie Wallace, by:
- Telephone at (719) 766-5000
- Email at Katie.wallace@usoc.org
- [http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx](http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx)

35. NSO/PHMO 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.

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<td>Ted Morris</td>
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<td>USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*</td>
<td>Rusty Smith</td>
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* 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 these 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.
INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Short Track Speed Skating

A. EVENTS (8)

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B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Short Track Speed Skating:

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2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

Original Version ENGLISH
QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES PYEONGCHANG 2018

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<th>Quota per NOC</th>
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3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

Quota places per gender are earned by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the National ISU Members (NFs) from the four (4) Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC).

The SOQC is based on three (3) best results out of four (4) results over the respective distance achieved at the four (4) ISU World Cup Competitions designated by the ISU that will be held between September and December 2017 will be taken into consideration for the purpose of establishing the SOQC (for more details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications).

The four (4) SOQC for men will be for the Men’s 500m, Men’s 1000m, Men’s 1500m and Men’s 5000m Relay.

The four (4) SOQC for women will be for Ladies’ 500m, Ladies’ 1000m, Ladies’ 1500m and Ladies’ 3000m Relay.

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:
As per ISU Regulations, only NFs (ISU Members) are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating competitions.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

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<td>D.1</td>
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<td>Men: 40</td>
<td>NOCs/NFs qualified for the Relay events may enter a maximum of five (5) skaters in total. The skaters competing in the individual events must be among the skaters in the Relay team.</td>
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<td>Women: 40</td>
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The NFs/NOCs with the top eight (8) placed Relay teams in the SOQC for Relays in the respective gender qualify for participation in the Olympic Winter Games Relay events. If the host NOC/NF of the Olympic Winter Games is not amongst those qualified on the basis of the Relay SOQC, the respective Relay Team of the host NOC/NF will replace the NOC/NF ranked 8th in the SOQC for the Relay.

### D.2 Individual distances

For the individual distances, taking into account the above-mentioned ramification from the Relay qualification, which for the IOC quota (total quota of 120) will have priority, the quota places are assigned to NOCs/NFs in the order of the respective SOQC. All NOCs/NFs having skaters ranked first over the distances of 500, 1000 and 1500 meters get one starting place in the respective distance. Following that the NOCs/NFs having skaters ranked 2nd get one starting place, etc, until the following criteria are met:

- **i)** The number of quota places per NOC/NF has reached the maximum of three (3) skaters per distance;
- **ii)** The number of skaters in the respective distances has reached the maximum number of skaters for that distance; i.e. the maximum number of skaters over 500m and 1000m will be 32. The maximum number of Skaters over 1500m will be 36.
- **iii)** The total number of skaters has reached the maximum number of skaters (120 skaters as per IOC quota stated above).
- **iv)** If the number of skaters per distance has not reached the maximum number of skaters (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) on one (1) or more distances, and the simultaneous process cannot be continued without exceeding the IOC quota, then skaters will be added on a one-by-one basis until the IOC quota has been reached. The next available skater(s) already within the quota with the highest rank in the respective distance SOQC will be added to the number of skaters in the respective distance. In the case of a tie, the shortest distance will prevail.
- **v)** If according to sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii) and iv) above the number of actually entered skaters by name has not reached the maximum per distance (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters), then the NOCs/NFs having skaters entered as per sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii) and iv) above will be allowed to enter the same skaters in the respective distance(s) in the order of the respective SOQC, up to the maximum of three (3) skaters per distance. Consequently, this will not affect the total number of entered skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.
- **vi)** In the exceptional case that the number of skaters per distance cannot be filled (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) after applying the procedures in the sub-paragraphs i) ii) iii) iv) and v) above, then the NOCs/NFs which have qualified for the Relay but who have no individual skaters will be allowed to enter skaters in the respective distance(s). In the case of a tie, the Relay team with the highest rank will prevail. Consequently this will also not affect the total number of entered skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.
If not qualified through the qualifying procedure, the host NOC/NF will be entitled to enter 10 Skaters (5 men and 5 women) in all events together, as follows:

- Ladies’ 3000m Relay and Men’s 5000m Relay
- One (1) skater in each individual event/distance for both Ladies and Men

If the host NOC/NF forfeits its right to participate in the Relay event(s), the host NOC/NF may nevertheless enter one (1) skater in each of the individual distances.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following the completion of the four (4) ISU designated World Cup Competitions and based on the respective SOQC the ISU will inform NOCs/NFs by 10 December 2017, of their respective total number of quota places and the number of skaters each NOC/NF can enter per individual distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm to the ISU the use of quota places by 10 January 2018.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Between 10 and 17 January 2018, the ISU will redistribute unused quota places to NOCs/NFs based on the SOQC per distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm within 24 hours whether they accept the offered reallocation of quota places, but at the latest on 22 January 2018.

Unused Relay quota places will be replaced with the next best placed Team, based on the results of the Relay SOQC.
### G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

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<td>ISU announces qualifying competitions (ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions) determining the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC)</td>
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<td>Accreditation deadline</td>
<td>9 October 2017</td>
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<td>Qualification</td>
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<td>ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions determining the SOQC. World Cup 1 (TBD*), World Cup 2 (TBD*), World Cup 3 (TBD*), World Cup 4 (TBD*)</td>
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<td>Inform and confirm</td>
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<td>NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of quota places provisionally allocated, both for event/distance and in total. *All confirmed provisionally allocated quota places by NOCs are considered final.</td>
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<td>Reallocation</td>
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<td>ISU to inform 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 a refusal of the offered quota place.</td>
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*To Be Determined*
TO: US SPEEDSKATING MEMBERSHIP
USOC Sport Performance Team

FROM: SHORT TRACK TASK FORCE, US Speedskating

RE: PRELIMINARY NOTICE REGARDING ATHLETE SELECTION TO THE
2018 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

US Speedskating is advising their membership that specific Short Track Speedskating events in the 2015-16 and the 2016-17 seasons will be used for entry prequalification into the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials.

There will be sixteen entries, or start positions, per gender at the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials. The selection event is targeted to be in early- to mid-December 2017 but the exact date and location has not yet been determined.

For the purpose of prequalifying entries into the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials, twelve of the sixteen available start positions will be awarded from a separate classification and ranking from specific domestic events.

The five planned events* to be used in the prequalification process for entry into the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials are the:

1. 2015-16 US Championships (American Cup II) – Salt Lake City, UT, Jan 8-10, 2016
2. 2015-16 American Cup III – Madison, WI, March 18-20, 2016
3. 2016-17 Fall World Cup qualifier (American Cup I) – Salt Lake City, UT Oct 1-2, 2016
4. 2016-17 US Championships (American Cup II) – Salt Lake City, UT, Jan 6-8, 2017
5. 2016-17 American Cup III – Midland, MI, Mar 17-19, 2017

From these events a separate ranking for each overall finish will be given. Overall event points earned from any one of the events will have no bearing, rather the athlete's overall ranking from all five events will be used. There is a point allocation that correlates to each overall event rank where the points from all of the planned events will then be combined to determine the top overall ranked athletes to fill twelve of the sixteen available start positions for the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials. (See chart A). Note that while athletes are not required to compete in all of the planned events, all event points will be used in the calculation and rankings, thus aiding those that attend all of the planned events.
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Chart A

Athletes who compete in the 2015-16 ISU Short Track World Championships are given the top rankings for the American Cup III (#2 above) and the athletes who compete in the 2016-17 ISU Short Track World Championships are given the top rankings for the American Cup III (#5 above) in lieu of participation equal to that of the quota spots earned at that year’s World Championships. The ranking amongst World Team members will be determined by the national ranking system as defined in the current Short Track rules and regulation at the time of each of the two respective American Cup III events. Therefore, if five male athletes are named to the World Team, they take the ranking and points of 1st through 5th as outlined in chart A above, and the winner of the respective American Cup III gets 6th place points and so on.

While these domestic events are open to athletes eligible to compete for USA in ISU events through approval with an ISU clearance certificate, to participate in the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials you must be a citizen of the United States and meet the age requirements as defined in the ISU Constitution and General Regulations (http://www.isu.org/en/about-isu/isu-statutes-constitution-and-regulations) by the registration deadline of the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials.
Upon conclusion of the five planned events listed above, the top twelve athletes with the highest point totals will be granted prequalification status into the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials provided they meet eligibility requirements. This list will be communicated by May 31, 2017 and will identify which athletes may not have yet met the eligibility requirements.

If after the 5 planned prequalification events there is a tie for the 12th position the tiebreak will go to the fastest 1000m time skated in any 1000m race at any of the 5 planned events. If a tie still remains after looking at the fastest 1000m times, USS will then look at the second fastest 1000m time skated in any race at any of the 5 planned events.

The four remaining spots to gain entry into the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials will be determined based on results from the 2017-18 Short Track Fall World Cup Qualifier, American Cup 1*, which is currently targeted to be in August or September of 2017. The top four athletes with the highest overall ranking at the 2017-18 Short Track Fall World Cup Qualifier who have not already prequalified through the listed events, will be added to the prequalified twelve to complete the entry field into the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials. The entry field will be preliminarily set on the registration due date and communicated the following day.

In the event that either a skater withdraws intention to compete in the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials, is deemed ineligible, is injured, or can no longer compete and withdraws from the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials then the replacement skater will be determined as the next skater in the ranking of how that skater was qualified. If by means of being top 12 in the ranking from the five planned events then the 13th skater would be next and so on as needed. If however the withdrawn skater came from the 2017 Fall World Cup Qualifier event then the 5th skater would be used and so on as needed. The final entry field is not set until the registration closes for the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials. USS will then make their best efforts to finalize a field of 16 per gender. Late registration and entry fees may be waived by USS based on the situation of each entry.

US Speedskating Short Track Rules and Regulations identify the race format of the domestic events. The 2018 Olympic Short Track Selection Procedures will define the nomination process to the 2018 Olympic Team.

This preliminary notice is being provided as an early announcement to athletes wishing to qualify for the 2018 Winter Olympic Short Track Trials. Once the ISU Qualification System for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games is published and the details are finalized regarding the domestic selection process that will be implemented by US Speedskating, the full procedures will be put through the USOC’s approval process and posted as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please address them to Alex Izykowski at: aizykowski@usspeedskating.org

*Note that the exact titles of events, locations and/or dates is subject to change. Events will be posted on the US Speedskating website
NGB/HPMO SIGNATURE: [Signature]

[Signature]
Addendum C

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:

________________________________________________________________________
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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 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Short Track Speedskating.

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

1) ____________________________________________
2) ____________________________________________
3) ____________________________________________
4) ____________________________________________
5) ____________________________________________

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

Witness ____________________________________________
Addendum D

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

I confirm that I am eligible to skate and declare my intent to participate in all competitions in which I have a starting position including individual distance(s) and the relay event.

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

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

1. I agree to disclose to the High Performance Director any injuries or illnesses that I have that may in any way affect my performance at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.

2. If USS qualifies a relay, I agree to compete in the relay if chosen by USS coaching staff, and I agree to attend the mandatory relay training camp prior to the 2018 Olympic Games. I agree that once I have departed for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games that the Staff of US Speedskating will be responsible for determining which athlete will skate in each race. 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 US Speedskating’s Athlete Code of Conduct.

Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________

Departing/Arrival City: ___________________________ E-Mail: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

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Final Points, Distance Seeding and Qualifying Progressions

Final points for the individual distances (500m, 1000m, and 1500m) are earned according to the points chart listed below. These are considered full points.

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Ranking and seeding the first qualifying round of each individual distance (1) [1500(1),500(1),1000(1)] will be based on a time ranking per distance. Points will be assigned to this rank according to the Final Points chart shown above. Seeding into qualifying rounds will be done in a serpentine manner. Ties on time for seeding purposes will be broken by random draw.

Fastest times used for ranking must be established at one of the 5 USS prequalifying events, 2016 US Junior Championship, 2017 US Fall World Cup Qualifier/American Cup I or at the 2016-2017 ISU World Cups, World Championship or Junior World Championship.

Ranking and seeding the first qualifying round of each individual distance (2) [1500(2),500(2),1000(2)] will be based on a combined distance rank. [Initial time ranking + distance classification (1) for that distance.] Seeding into qualifying rounds will be done in a serpentine manner. Ties for seeding purposes will be broken by random draw.
Qualifying Progressions - qualifying rounds to finals

a) For the 1500m, skaters will be seeded into the semi-finals according to rank as follows:

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i) Top 2 skaters from each semi-final qualify to the A final, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place from each semi-final qualify to the B final; the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place skaters from each semi-final qualify to the C final.

b) For the 500m and 1000m, skaters will be seeded into the quarter-finals according to rank as follows:

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i) Skaters placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each quarter-final will skate the A-B semi-finals. Skaters placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will skate the C-D semi-finals.

ii) Ranking for the semi-finals will be based first on placement and then by time, then by referee’s advancement from the quarter-finals. Seeding into the A-B semi-finals & C-D semi-finals is as follows:

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iii) Skaters placing 1st and 2nd in Semi-finals A and B will qualify for the A Final. Remaining skaters in Semi-final A and B unless penalized will qualify for the B final. Skaters placing 1st and 2nd in Semi-finals C and D will qualify for the C Final. Remaining skaters in Semi-finals C and D unless penalized will skate the D Final.

c) Final races with only one skater will not be run. The skater will receive points for the highest rank in that Final. Final races with only two skaters will be run.

Note: Finals in each distance will be raced in reverse alphabetical order. Order of events between genders may be altered for the purpose of the production of the event.

Penalties, Yellow Card, Did Not Start, Did Not Finish (Mass Start), Withdrawals

1. Skaters Penalized in a qualifying round (heat, quarter-final or semi-final) will be ranked last in their group. They will receive a rank within that group equal to the total number of skaters in that group. They will not compete in subsequent rounds or Finals at that distance.

2. Skaters Penalized in the Final rounds will be ranked last in that final and receive a rank that is equal to the total number of skaters in that final.

3. Skaters receiving a Yellow Card will receive no Final Points for that distance and will be ranked last in the respective distance ranking.

4. Skaters receiving a Red Card will be disqualified from the competition and will not be ranked in the final classification.

5. If a skater starts the first qualifying round of a distance, but Does Not Start in a subsequent round of that distance, the skater will be penalized from races at that
distance and receive a rank equal to the number of skaters in that round and receive final points according to that rank.

6. If a skater **Does Not Start** the first qualifying round of a distance, the skater will be penalized from races at that distance and receive no points for that distance.

7. If a skater **Does Not Finish** a race, they will be considered penalized. If the referee, at his/her discretion feels that the skater was prevented from finishing due to reasons beyond the skater's control, then the referee may declare the skater having reached the finish, but no time will be recorded.

8. If a skater **Withdraws** from the competition, they will retain final points earned to that point and be ranked in the Overall Classification according to those points. If possible, the competitor steward may re-seed the round affected by the withdrawal. The referee will have the discretion to allow them to be seeded into subsequent distance based on a valid medical reason.