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## **US Speedskating Announces 2015-16 National Training Program**

*This season's program features 9 U.S. Olympians and multiple World Cup medalists*

**KEARNS, Utah** – US Speedskating has announced the 2015-16 National Training Program, consisting of nine Olympians. The talented group of 30 athletes is headlined by three-time World Champion **Brittany Bowe** (Ocala, Fla.) and three-time Olympic Medalist **J.R. Celski** (Federal Way, Wash.).

The National Team Program is an elite group of 30 female and male athletes who were selected to the team based on performance standards from the 2014-15 season.

Fellow Olympians **Jonathan Garcia** (Houston, Texas), **Joey Mantia** (Ocala, Fla.), **Sugar Todd** (Omaha, Neb.), **Mitch Whitmore** (Waukesha, Wisc.) and **Kelly Gunther** (Clinton Township, Mich.) join Bowe on the Long Track National Team, along with a deep roster of internationally experienced skaters.

“We have a team of experienced winners and a lot of talent that we believe will contribute to the success of our program over the next several years,” said Nick Pearson, Long Track Program Director. “Our national team is in a really good place right now and we look to continue to build upon that as well as our depth in the development pipeline.”

Joining Celski on the Short Track National Team will be 2014 Olympic teammates **Chris Creveling** (Kitneysville, Pa.) and **Jessica Smith** (Melvindale, Mich.). In addition, returning to the National Team Program this year are **Lexi Burkholder** (Pittsburgh, Pa.), **Adam Callister** (Salt Lake City, Utah), **Casey Mullarkey** (Cleveland, Ohio) and **Katy Ralston** (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.), along with 2015 World Championship Team members **Keith Carroll Jr.** (Honey Brook, Pa.), **Kimi Goetz** (Flemington, N.J.) and **Ryan Pivrotto** (Ann Arbor, Mich.).

“We have a great mix of successful veterans along with some really exciting young talent,” Short Track National Head Coach Jon Cavar said. “We look forward to watching these athletes grow together and learn from one another as we build towards the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic Games.”

The complete Short Track and Long Track National Team Program roster is listed below and can be found [online](#):

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## **SHORT TRACK**

Lexi Burkholder  
Adam Callister  
Keith Carroll Jr. \*  
J.R. Celski  
Chris Creveling  
Kimi Goetz \*  
Casey Mullarkey  
Ryan Pivrotto \*  
Katy Ralston  
Kristen Santos \*  
Jessica Smith  
Aaron Tran \*  
Jae Jae Yoo \*  
Soo An Yoo \*

## **LONG TRACK**

Erin Bartlett  
Brittany Bowe  
Jonathan Garcia  
Kimani Griffin \*  
Kelly Gunther  
Steven Hartman  
Joey Mantia  
Xander Mark  
Ian Quinn \*  
Chase Reichmann  
Kyle Ronchak  
Carlijn Schoutens \*  
Paige Schwartzburg \*  
Jerica Tandiman \*  
Sugar Todd  
Mitch Whitmore

*\* denotes first-year NTP member*

The men and women's Short Track World Cup Qualifier will be held Oct. 3-4 in Milwaukee, Wisc. at the Pettit National Ice Center. The Long Track World Cup Qualifier will be Oct. 16-18 in Kearns, Utah at the Utah Olympic Oval.

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## **About US Speedskating**

From Pond to Podium, we are US Speedskating. We grow and nurture a sport where all ages can experience the thrill of speed and the camaraderie of the skating community. US Speedskating is responsible for the development of speed skating from grassroots to the highest elite racing programs. US Speedskating is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union as the governing body for the sport of speed skating in the United States. The Organization has won 86 Olympic medals to-date, making it one of the most successful sports in U.S. Olympic history. US Speedskating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), on [Facebook](#) and at [www.usspeedskating.org](http://www.usspeedskating.org).