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Long Track World Cup Qualifier on Oct. 14-16 at the Pettit National Ice Center *13 Olympians are set to race over three days of competition*

KEARNS, Utah – US Speedskating will hold the Long Track Fall World Cup Qualifier on Oct. 14-16, at the Pettit National Ice Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Skaters will be competing to earn start positions on the US Speedskating Long Track Fall World Cup Team for the first four ISU World Cup events this fall:

World Cup #1 – Harbin, China	Nov. 11-13, 2016
World Cup #2 – Nagano, Japan	Nov. 18-20, 2016
World Cup #3 – Astana, Kazakhstan	Dec. 2-4, 2016
World Cup #4 – Heerenveen, Netherlands	Dec. 9-11, 2016

The men's competition includes two-time Olympic Champion **Shani Davis** (Chicago, Ill.) and two-time Olympian **Mitch Whitmore** (Waukesha, Wisc.), who reset the American Record in the 500-meter last November in Salt Lake City. Also scheduled to race is two-time Olympian and Olympic silver medalist **Brian Hansen** (Glenview, Ill.), along with 2014 Olympians **Emery Lehman** (Oak Park, Ill.) and **Joey Mantia** (Ocala, Fla.)

On the women's side, six Olympians are expected to compete, including 2015-16 500-meter overall World Cup champion and two-time Olympian **Heather Bergsma** (High Point, N.C.). Joining Bergsma are 2014 Olympic teammates **Kelly Gunther** (Clinton Township, Mich.) and **Sugar Todd** (Omaha, Neb.).

Last year, U.S. Long Track speed skaters won 46 medals on the ISU World Cup circuit. The U.S. Team will look to build on that success in the coming season. A list of all registered skaters can be found [here](#).

Below is the schedule of events:

	Women	Men
Day 1: Friday, Oct. 14	500m (#1), 3000m	500m (#1), 5000m
Day 2: Saturday, Oct. 15	500m (#2), 1500m	500m (#2), 1500m
Day 3: Sunday, Oct. 16	1000m, Mass Start	1000m, Mass Start

Competition is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. MT on each day. The event is free and open to the public to watch.

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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.