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## **Short Track World Cup Qualifier to be Held Oct. 1-2 at the Utah Olympic Oval**

*Four Olympians are slated to race over the two days of competition*

**KEARNS, Utah** – US Speedskating will host the Short Track World Cup Qualifier on October 1-2, at the Utah Olympic Oval. Athletes will be competing to earn placement on the US Speedskating Short Track Team for the first four ISU World Cup events. The first Short Track World Cup will be November 4-6 in Calgary.

In addition to the 12-member Short Track National Team expected to compete this weekend, the field will consist of over 50 skaters and four Olympians, including two-time Olympic medalist **J.R. Celski** (Federal Way, Wash.).

Joining Celski are fellow Olympians **Jessica Smith-Kooreman** (Melvindale, Mich.), **Chris Creveling** (Kitnersville, Pa.) and 2010 silver and bronze medalist **Katherine Reutter** (Milwaukee, Wisc.).

Of the 12 skaters who were part of the 2015-16 Short Track Fall World Cup Team, 10 are expected to attempt to qualify for the 2016-17 team. A list of all registered skaters can be found [here](#).

Below is the schedule of events:

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
Day 1: Saturday, Oct. 1	1500m, 1000m (#1)	1500m, 1000m (#1)
Day 2: Sunday, Oct. 2	500m, 1000m (#2)	500m, 1000m (#2)

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](http://www.usspeedskating.org).