

## Long Track Proposal for the 2014-2015 Season Atlantic Long Track Camp & Canada Winter Games Atlantic Long Track Qualifier

Heading into a Canada Winter Games provincial speed skating programs in the Atlantic region may be preparing teams for long track competition. This proposal outlines a development and selection schedule that focuses on utilizing the Halifax Oval along with some other venues and events.

In addition to outlining an events schedule the proposal also requests provincial speed skating associations' count an event on the Halifax Oval towards Canada Winter Games qualification and provide officiating support towards the event.

Comments regarding the proposal from each provincial branch by Friday June 27, 2014 would be appreciated to aid in negotiations with the Halifax Regional Municipality for usage of the Halifax Oval.

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### Proposed Schedule of Events

*Dates	Location	Event	Participants
November 22-23, 2014	Quebec City	Olympic Style Sprint	CWG Candidates without standards
November 24-26, 2014	Quebec City	Atlantic Provinces CWG Camp	CWG Candidates
November 28-30, 2014	Quebec City	Canada Cup #1	CWG Candidates with standards
December 28-29, 2014	Halifax	Atlantic Long Track Camp	CWG Candidates
January 2-4, 2015	Halifax	Atlantic CWG Long Track Qualifier	CWG Candidates
January 24-25, 2015	Halifax	Atlantic Long Track Championships	CWG Teams
January 30 - February 1, 2015	TBD	Canada Cup #3	CWG Team Members with standards
February 7-8, 2015	TBD	Canadian Age Class Long Track	CWG Team Members without standards
February 12-21, 2015	Prince George	Canada Winter Games	CWG Teams

\*Event dates are based on their past placement in the competition calendar and are subject to change once official provincial and national event schedules for the 2014-2015 season are published.

## Event Schedules

### Olympic Style Sprint / Atlantic Provinces Long Track Camp / Canada Cup #1 November 22-30 – Quebec City

	Friday November 21	Saturday November 22	Sunday November 23	Monday November 24	Tuesday November 25	Wednesday November 26	Thursday November 27	Friday November 28	Saturday November 29	Sunday November 30
<b>Morning</b>		Sprints	Sprints	Training Ice	Training Ice	Training Ice	Training Ice	Canada Cup	Canada Cup	Canada Cup
<b>Afternoon</b>		Sprints	Sprints					Canada Cup	Canada Cup	Canada Cup
<b>Evening</b>	Training Ice			Training Ice	Training Ice	Training Ice				

#### Reasoning:

- There is a camp in Quebec on the weekend of November 15-16, however skaters will be separated into several groups and the programming may not be sufficient for CWG candidates with Canada Cup experience and standards.
- This schedule and format would allow coaches to run training with their groups and provide skaters with valuable racing experience.
- Skaters without Canada Cup standards would arrive on the Friday for training ice, sprint racing over the weekend, and remain for 2.5 to 3 days of camp on the Monday – Wednesday.
- Skaters with Canada Cup standards would arrive on the Sunday for the camp beginning on Monday and remain to compete in the Canada Cup at the end of the week.
- Skaters with Canada Cup standards will gain valuable competition experience at the national level preparing towards the Canada Winter Games.

**Atlantic Long Track Camp / Canada Winter Games Atlantic Long Track Qualifier  
December 29, 2014 – January 4, 2015 – Halifax**

	<b>Sunday December 28</b>	<b>Monday December 29</b>	<b>Tuesday December 30</b>	<b>Wednesday December 31</b>	<b>Thursday January 1</b>	<b>Friday January 2</b>	<b>Saturday January 3</b>	<b>Sunday January 4</b>
7:00am – 9:00am		Training Ice	Training Ice	Training Ice (Option)		CWG M 500m CWG F 500m Open 500m	CWG M 1500m CWG F 1000m Open 1000m	Reserve (CWG MS)
9:30am – 11:00am							100m MS 300m MS	200m MS 800m MS 3000m MS
11:30am – 1:00pm							CWG M 5000m CWG F 3000m	Reserve (Team Pursuit)
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Training Ice (Option)	Training Ice	Training Ice		Training Ice	CWG M 3000m CWG F 1500m Open 1500m		

**Reasoning:**

- Demonstrate speed skating’s appreciation for the Halifax Oval’s legacy from the 2011 Canada Winter Games holding an Atlantic region long track qualifier on the Halifax Oval for the 2015 Canada Winter Games.
- Trying to plan and hold training or competition on the Halifax Oval prior to December 25<sup>th</sup> could be risky. Over its 3-year operating history the Halifax Oval has been open by at least December 25<sup>th</sup>, with December 16<sup>th</sup> being the earliest.
- Having a long track qualifier completed by January 4<sup>th</sup> allows plenty of time for team selection and an adequate 6-week preparation period prior to the Canada Winter Games.
- Hosting a long track qualifying event in the Atlantic allows all candidate athletes to participate in the same event under the same conditions in all applicable Canada Winter Games events.
- Being mindful of winter weather conditions all the applicable distances are planned to be completed on January 2-3 with January 4 being held as a reserve day to accommodate missed races due to weather, or to hold additional events.
- As much as possible speed skating’s regular scheduled times on the Oval will be used for training and competition with extra ice time requested as needed.

**Officials**

- For the Canada Winter Games qualifier provinces are asked what they will be able to support for officials roles and expenses.

**Atlantic Long Track Championships  
January 24-25, 2015 – Halifax**

	Thursday January 22	Friday January 23	Saturday January 24	Sunday January 25
7:00am – 9:30am	Training Ice	Training Ice	Olympic Style	Olympic Style
10:00am – 1:00pm			Mass Start	Mass Start
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Training Ice	Training Ice		

Reasoning:

- An opportunity for Canada Winter Games teams to compete together at the same event under the same conditions in the applicable Canada Winter Games events.
- Other events leading into the Canada Winter Games may require that teams fragment and skaters not compete in the applicable distances due to not having required standards or a different competition format.

**Canada Cup #3 – Canadian Junior Long Track Championships  
January 30 – February 1, 2015 – TBD**

Reasoning:

- Only Canada Winter Games team members with Canada Cup standards will be able to participate in this event.
- Seeding for the Canada Winter Games will be “the skaters’ performances in the appropriate distance at Canada Junior Championships / Canada Cup #3.” (2015 Canada Winter Games Speed Skating Technical Package)

**Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships  
February 7-8, 2015 – TBD**

Reasoning:

- An opportunity for those Canada Winter Games team members who do not have Canada Cup standards and have never competed at a national long track competition to experience the environment prior to the Games.