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Purpose

The objectives of the Australian Ice Racing (AIR) 2024-2025 National Selection Policy are to ensure the selection of the best possible team to represent Australia at the nominated events, and to support the AIR Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026.

The minimum qualification times applicable for each event / team are in the relevant Attachments.

While this policy defines the minimum qualification standards for selection to a team, squad or for an event, attainment of the minimum qualification standards alone will not guarantee selection into any of the teams mentioned in this policy. AIR will have total discretion to decide which event(s) any team or athlete will be entered. Selection to a team does not guarantee participation in all events.

The AIR Board will appoint a Selection Panel who will recommend to the Board the team for each event. An ongoing assessment of athlete performance may be applied when considering selection for any event.

This selection policy applies to athletes seeking selection to the following teams or squads:

- a. Australian Short Track Elite Training Squad
- b. Australian World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Team
- c. Australian World Championship Short Track Speed Skating Team
- d. Australian Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Team
- e. Australian World Junior Cup Short Track Speed Skating Team (not planned)
- f. Australian World Junior Championship Short Track Speed Skating Team

Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to any of these competitions must complete an Athlete Nomination Form and the Athlete Contact Details form and return to the AIR General Secretary (generalsecretary@australianiceracing.org) no later than **31 July 2024**.

In order to promote “Women in Sport” the AIR board may select the best performing senior ladies competitor at the Australian Championships, subject to qualification to the ISU standard.

Selection Guidelines

1. AIR will appoint a Selection Panel whose task will be, in consultation with any designated coaches and other technical persons, to nominate a team for each event. The Selection Panel will make recommendations regarding team selections to the AIR Board for approval.
2. This selection policy covers the period from the effective date, through to the completion of the 2024-2025 ISU international racing season and any other relevant dates indicated within the policy.
3. To be eligible for selection, all athletes must comply with ISU Rule 109 'Participation in ISU Championships, ISU Events and International Competitions' and any other rule(s) set down by the ISU from time to time.
4. All Short Track Speed Skating qualification time paperwork must be forwarded to the General Secretary within 7-days of the time being recorded or no later than the cut-off date and time required as noted in the relevant Attachment.
5. Any time submitted must have been completed in accordance with the method as noted in the relevant attachment for the team the athlete is attempting to qualify for. (see Attachments A to E). Any time submitted must be attained within the guidelines set in Attachment F
Australian Ice Racing Time Trials and Qualification Time Submission.
6. The Selection Panel will take into consideration the relevant qualification times, formats and criteria for each AIR Team set out the Attachments.
7. If a Selection Trial is held, the format will be approved by the AIR Board and published after the qualifying time cut-off date and prior to the Selection Trial dates indicated in the relevant attachment in this policy.
8. All athletes selected into any AIR team must:
 - a. Sign and comply with the AIR Athletes' Code of Conduct,
 - b. Sign and comply with any AIR or AOC Team Agreement provided; and
 - c. Register with Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) and complete the SIA e-learning module on Anti-Doping [SIA e-Learning Portal](#)
9. Once selected, athletes must maintain the level of fitness with which they attained selection into a particular team.
10. **An athlete selected for any team (as indicated in this policy) has an obligation to advise the AIR Board of any illness or injury that may affect their**

performance. The AIR Board and relevant support staff will subsequently, assess each situation and create a return-to play plan as required.

11. If a member of the team suffers a loss of fitness or an injury or illness that prevents them from competing at the standard required at international competitions, the Selection Panel in conjunction with other designated persons appointed by the AIR board, may make a recommendation to the AIR Board that the athlete be removed from the respective AIR team or not entered to the event. For incapacitation less than 3 weeks a medical clearance will be required, incapacitation beyond 3 weeks the athlete will need to re-qualify.
12. If, after an athlete has been selected, they are unable to compete the Selection Panel may recommend to and seek approval from the AIR Board to replace the athlete at the event.
13. If a selected athlete, through their actions or deeds, brings AIR or the sport of ice speed skating into disrepute, they may be immediately removed from an AIR Team and sanctions may be imposed on that athlete in accordance with the AIR Code of Conduct, Member Protection Policy and/or the AIR Disciplinary Code.
14. An athlete who qualifies for and is selected into an Australian Team agrees to participate in both the individual events and the relay (team and mixed formats) events, if held.
15. This Selection Policy will be made available on the AIR website at www.australianiceracing.org. AIR reserves the right to revise this Selection Policy if required. AIR Affiliated State bodies will be notified by email 7-days prior to any changes coming into effect. The State bodies will be responsible to ensure that all athletes affected are notified of any relevant changes forthwith.
16. In addition to the requirements and criteria set out elsewhere in this Selection Policy, the Selection Panel may consider:
 - Consistency in standards of behaviour conducive to supporting the goals of the team and overall objectives of AIR,
 - Demonstrated and/or potential ability to work with AIR/OWIA/AIS high performance coaching staff, team officials and other competitors or any other program facilitator engaged by AIR,
 - Demonstrated attitude and commitment to AIR Athlete Development Programs (or any other program) and the promotion of AIR and, but not only, national representation,
 - Past national and international performances in events and over such periods as determined by the AIR Board,
 - Current national and international performances including performance over the preceding ISU international competition season,
 - Current Australian ranking (if any),

- Current international ranking (if any),
 - The athlete's current level of skill and physical fitness,
 - Any current injury or condition which may impair, inhibit, or prevent the athlete's performance to the requisite level; and
 - Any other factor they consider relevant in the circumstances.
17. Any athlete who:
- breaches or fails to observe this Selection Policy, the AIR Constitution or its regulations/by-laws,
 - by reason of illness or injury is unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the Selectors (after having received advice from a medical practitioner),
 - breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the AIR Anti-Doping Policy,
 - breaches or fails to comply, fulfil, or observe the requirements in the AIR Athlete or Team Agreement or any other agreement between AIR and an athlete; or
 - refuses to accept all conditions of the AIR team Agreement,
- may become ineligible for selection or continued membership of the relevant AIR Team and may be withdrawn from any event.
18. If the Selection Panel deems that an athlete has failed to sustain his or her performance to a satisfactory level, the Selection Panel will discuss this with the athlete and the athlete may be given the opportunity to re-attain the standards. The Selection Panel will be responsible for advising the AIR Board who may review the and ratify the decision.
19. If more skaters qualify than the allocated quota of any event or squad then the skater(s) who have performed better over multiple distances will be selected.

Selection Procedure

1. All athletes wishing to be considered for selection into an AIR Team must supply AIR with their current contact as set out in the **Athlete Contact Details form (Form 2)**. the General Secretary **no later than 31 July 2024**. Failure to do so could result in ineligibility for selection. Any change to an athlete's personal contact details must be conveyed to the General Secretary not later than 7 days from the date of change.
2. All athletes wishing to nominate for selection to an event or to compete at any AIR selection trial must complete the **Athlete Nomination Form (Form 1)** to the General Secretary **no later than 31 July 2024**. Athletes must have attained the minimum required standards to be considered for any trials before the date for qualification in the relevant Attachment. The athlete does not need to achieve these times prior to nominating.

3. If an athlete is unable to attend a selection trial or a compulsory event, they must provide documentary evidence of the extenuating circumstances as to why they cannot attend and seek exemption for said event.

The AIR Board will consider on a case-by-case basis, to grant an exemption from contesting any compulsory events. This will be where it benefits the sport of short track speed skating for Australia and the athlete is considered current podium potential at the international level through past proven results. Any exception is at the discretion of the AIR Board.

Compulsory Events

A single distance ranking in the top 16 in the prior season at an ISU World Championships or World Cup will automatically exempt athletes from compulsory events.

Athletes status for compulsory events will be communicated upon application of submission of [ATHLETE NOMINATION FORM](#).

1. For the 2024-2025 season, the following events (if held) are considered compulsory for athletes seeking selection into any National short track team:
 - Australian Elite Squad Selection Trials (to be held before Australian Championships)
 - Australian Open Short Track Championships
 - Australian Short Track World Cup Selection Trials (if held)
 - Australian Four Continents Short Track Championships Selection Trials (if held)
 - Australian World Short Track Championships Selection Trials (if held)
 - Australian Junior World Short Track Championships Selection Trials (if held)
 - Australian Junior World Short Track Cup Selection Trials (if held)
 - Any other trials for selection to an Australian Team deemed necessary.

AIR will have total discretion to combine various trials, if necessary.

2. The Selection Panel will have total discretion regarding selection and nomination to the AIR Board. **The achievement of qualification times will not guarantee selection into any team.**
3. The Selection Panel, upon AIR board's approval, may invite athletes to contest in selection trials where an athlete has not met all required time standards, but only where, in the opinion of the Selection Panel, the athlete is of an international competitive standard.
4. The Selection Panel may, in their discretion, recommend selection to the AIR Board of an athlete who is not otherwise eligible or under consideration.

5. The Selection Panel may consider extenuating circumstances in reviewing their selection decision(s). The athlete must outline the extenuating circumstances and notify the General Secretary in writing via email no later than 2 days following the selection announcements or selection trials. In the case that trials were not held no later than 2 days following the announcement of the team for the event in which they have nominated. The email should be accompanied by supporting documentation of the extenuating circumstances that they are claiming. Once notified, the Selection Panel will make a final recommendation to the AIR Board who will notify the athlete of their decision within 72 hours.
6. The AIR Board will be notified of nominated teams by the Selection Panel Chair within 24 hours for Board ratification. The General Secretary will inform all athletes of their selection or otherwise via email, public announcement, letter or otherwise.
7. Any appeal in relation to non-selection by an athlete is to be submitted in writing to the Selection Panel Chair within 2 days of an athlete being notified of their non-selection.
8. Once notified of the appeal, the Selection Panel will refer a final determination to the AIR Board within 72 hours for ratification and communication to the athlete.

Additional Information

Australian Racing Suit

Athletes selected into any Australian team will be supplied with at least one Australian racing suit for the competition for which they are selected. Suits will be the uniform for all Australian athletes in accordance with ISU rules.

The suit will remain the property of Australian Ice Racing and/or the AIR Sport Partner and may be requested to be returned at any time. Athletes may purchase an extra suit for their own retention.

Due to the high costs of protective racing suits, AIR will not be obligated to supply a suit for retention by athletes and newly selected athletes may be provided with a previously used suit. Athletes will be required to accept this condition as part of being a member of any Australian team.

Funding Support

Athletes who have been selected for the Australian Team may not necessarily receive direct funding support. The AIR Board has total discretion in determining the international events for which it will provide funding support and the level of support per athlete on the Australian Team.

The AIR Board will take into consideration, but not limited to, the following:

- The athlete's current and emerging podium potential,
- The AIR budget,
- The level of funding available via grants or sponsorship from Australian Government, International Skating Union and corporate sponsors,
- The number of international events to be attended,
- The athlete's individual support from other sources; and
- The level of support shown for Australian Ice Racing by the athlete in past seasons and current season.

Where the AIR Board considers an athlete is of a level such to achieve the objectives of this policy, AIR will have absolute discretion to award funding as they see fit.

Pandemic Considerations

AIR retains the right to decide, due to factors affected by global events (travel bans, travel restrictions, lockdown rules, costs associated with travel and insurance of the team along with the health and safety of the team) to withdraw or cancel Australia's attendance at any event.

Attachment A
2024-2025 Australian Short Track World Cup
Team Selection Criteria

Planned Events

- World Cup #1
- World Cup #2
- World Cup #3
- World Cup #4
- World Cup #5
- World Cup #6

Schedule and location information is available on the ISU website : [World Cups 2024/2025](#)

All AIR registered athletes who are eligible to compete for Australia and have met the selection criteria in this selection policy may apply to be *considered* for selection to the 2024-2025 Australian Short Track Speed Skating World Cup (STWC) Team. AIR will have total discretion in determining the attendance to any World Cup events during the season.

Per ISU Rule 108(2)(a)(ii): to be eligible for selection into a 2024-2025 Australian Short Track World Cup Team, athletes must have reached the age of 16 before 1st July 2024.

The goal of AIR in sending athletes to these events is to secure the best possible results at an international level, supporting the high-performance strategy of the Australian Sports Commission.

A maximum of 6 males and 6 females may be selected for any 2024-2025 STWC Team

AIR will select the best possible team for each World Cup based on results and current performance level of the qualified athletes with athletes with the goal of building capacity for relay representation at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Achieving the below qualification standards will not guarantee selection for any World Cup and will be subject to the number of skaters qualified by the below method. AIR may also, at their complete discretion, appoint an athlete who has not met all the required qualification.
#see Appointment to Team.

AIR will have total discretion to decide on which World Cup event(s) the team will attend and how many athletes will attend such event(s).

Qualifying Times:

Domestic Set:

| World Cup Qualifying | 500m | 1000m | 1500m |
|----------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Senior Men | 43.10 | 1:28.20 | 2:19.50 |
| Senior Women | 45.20 | 1:33.70 | 2:26.50 |

Internationally Set (ISU recognized racing):

| World Cup Qualifying | 500m | 1000m | 1500m |
|----------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Senior Men | 42.30 | 1:26.60 | 2:17.00 |
| Senior Women | 44.40 | 1:32.00 | 2:23.80 |

To be considered for selection into the Selection pool, athletes must:

- Have achieved 2 of the 3 (distances) Senior Men's/Women's qualifying times as indicated above, during any 2023/2024 ISU event, 2023/2024 ISU sanctioned competition or any ISU Member National Championship held after 1 September 2023; or
 - Achieve 2 of the 3 (distances) Senior Men's/Women's qualifying times as indicated above at time trials after 1 January 2024 and prior to 15 October 2024 (5pm AEST), and
- Participate in selection trials if held unless any exemption is granted,

Athletes may achieve the required times in any combination of the below methods only:

- any race meet sanctioned by an ISU member or the ISU from 2023/2024 season.
- any race meet sanctioned by Australian Ice Racing from the 1 January 2024, including any selection trial and sanctioned AIR events where electronic timing is used (or manual time recording based on guidelines in 'Form 3')
- a sanctioned time trial as per the guidelines in Attachment F from 1 January 2024

AND

- Agree to make themselves available for both individual and relay selection for Australia,
- Has met all compulsory requirements, events, and activities to be considered for selection unless an exemption has been granted in accordance with this policy.
- Must contest the 2024-2025 AIR World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Team Selection Trials if held.

Any athlete wishing to contest selection trials for the World Cup team must have attained the above standards and must meet the age requirements for World Cup participation.

Appointment to Team

The Selection Panel in consultation with the AIR Board, may invite an unqualified athlete or athletes to compete at World Cups however AIR may, at its complete discretion, decide not to fill vacant places.

Any athlete invited to participate without having met the required standards, may be required to meet their own expenses to attend any World Cup unless otherwise approved for funding by AIR. This is at the complete discretion of AIR and will be a condition of acceptance onto any team.

The Appointed Coach, or AIR appointed person at any World Cup event, in consultation with any other nominated team officials or support staff in attendance at a World Cup event, may assess the athlete(s) performance(s) and will at their discretion determine which athletes will skate the relay events. The Appointed Coach, or other appointed person in that capacity will also have final determination over which distances each skater will contest.

A different combination of athletes may be selected to skate each round of the relay competition.

Australian Ice Racing will hold selection trials on a date determined, but the holding of such selection trials may not be required if the number of qualified athletes, including the number of pre-selected pool athletes, is less than the maximum allowed for World Cup competition. If selection trials are to be held, AIR will give at least 30 days' notice of the date, time and venue of the trials. The format of the selection trial will be released to athletes after the qualifying cut-off date and prior to the trials being held.

The Selection Panel may consider the results of the trials in making their selection decisions however they will not be bound to select every athlete who qualifies if it is considered the athlete will not be competitive at an international (World Cup) level.

Note

In Australia, a sanctioned event will be considered all AIR competitions, State Member State Championships and any event that is endorsed as a sanctioned event by the AIR Board prior to the commencement of the event.

Outside of Australia, a sanctioned event is an event organised by the ISU, an ISU member, or an organisation affiliated to an ISU member, where the competition is presided over by a qualified referee and electronic timing is utilised or any other competition deemed an 'International Competition' as per the ISU regulations.

Attachment B

2024 Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships

Australian Team Selection Criteria

All AIR registered athletes who are eligible to compete for Australia and have met the selection criteria in this Selection Policy may apply to be *considered* for selection to the 2024 Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships (ST4CCH) Australian Team.

To be eligible for 2024 Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships Australian Team selection, athletes must have reached the age of 16 before 1st July 2024.

The goal of AIR in sending athletes to this event is to secure the best possible results at an international level, supporting the high-performance strategy of the Australian Sports Commission.

As per ISU Rule 285(2), for the season 2024/2025 each Four Continents Australia has the right to enter 2 competitors in each category.

Qualifying Times (Domestic Set):

| ST4CCH Qualifying | 500m | 1000m | 1500m |
|-------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Senior Men | 43.10 | 1:28.20 | 2:19.50 |
| Senior Women | 45.20 | 1:33.70 | 2:26.50 |

Internationally Set (ISU recognized racing):

| World Cup Qualifying | 500m | 1000m | 1500m |
|----------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Senior Men | 42.30 | 1:26.60 | 2:17.00 |
| Senior Women | 44.40 | 1:32.00 | 2:23.80 |

To be considered for selection into the Team, athletes must achieve the above qualifying times via one of the following methods:

Method A:

- Have achieved 2 of the 3 (distances) Senior Men's/Women's qualifying times as indicated above, during any 2023/2024 ISU World Cup events or ISU member's National Championships held after 1 September 2023; and
- Achieve 1 of the 3 (distances) Senior Men's/Women's qualifying times as indicated above after 1 January 2024 and prior to 8 October 2024 (5pm AEST); and
- Participate in selection trials on the date as determined by AIR.

Method B:

- Have achieved 2 of the 3 (distances) Senior Men's/Women's qualifying times as indicated above, after 1 January 2024 and prior to 8 October 2024(5pm AEST); and
- Participate in selection trials on the date as determined by AIR.

Athletes may achieve the required times in any combination of the below methods only:

- any race event sanctioned by an ISU member or the ISU from 2023/2024 season.
- any race event sanctioned by Australian Ice Racing from the 1 January 2024, including any selection trial and sanctioned AIR events where electronic timing is used (or manual time recording based on guidelines in 'Form 3')
- a sanctioned time trial as per the guidelines in Attachment F from 1 January 2024

AND

- Make themselves available for individual and relay selection for Australia if Australia qualifies a relay team.
- Has met all compulsory requirements, events, and activities to be considered for selection unless an exemption has been granted in accordance with this policy.
- Must contest the Australian Four Continents Short Track Championships Selection Trials if held.

Appointment to Team

The Selection Panel will submit recommendations to the AIR Board to appoint skaters to represent Australia at the Championships based on the current season results from the following qualifying domestic and international competitions:

- 2023/2024 World Cups
- 2024 Australian Open Championships

If the number of athletes that achieve the AIR qualifying times is less than the number of places available, the selection panel may make a recommendation to the AIR Board to invite an athlete or athletes to compete at the Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships. This will only be in the event that Australia has qualified a relay team for the Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships and will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel and subject to approval by the AIR Board. Where no relay team has qualified, the AIR Board will only consider athletes who have completed all qualification standards.

The Appointed Coach, or AIR appointed person, in consultation with any other nominated team officials or support staff in attendance at the Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships, will assess all athletes' performances and will in his/her discretion determine which athletes will skate each distance.

Where required, AIR will hold selection trials on a nominated date, but the holding of such selection trials may not be required if the number of qualified athletes is less than the quota positions for the Championships. If selection trials are to be held, AIR will give at least 30 days' notice of the date, time and venue of the trials. The format of the selection trial will be released to athletes after the qualifying cut-off date and prior to the trials being held.

Note

In Australia, a sanctioned event will be considered all AIR competitions, State Member State Championships and any event that is endorsed as a sanctioned event by the AIR Board prior to the commencement of the event.

Outside of Australia, a sanctioned event is an event organised by the ISU, an ISU member, or an organisation affiliated to an ISU member, where the competition is presided over by a qualified referee and electronic timing is utilised, or any other competition deemed an 'International Competition' as per ISU regulations.

Attachment C
2024 World Short Track Speed Skating Championships
Australian Team Selection Criteria

All AIR registered athletes who are eligible to compete for Australia and have met the selection criteria in this Selection Policy may apply to be considered for selection to the 2024 World Short Track Speed Skating Championships (STWCH) Australian Team.

To be eligible for 2024 Short Track Speed Skating World Championship Australian Team selection, athletes must have reached the age of 16 before 1st July 2024.

The goal of AIR in sending athletes to this event is to secure the best possible results at an international level, supporting the high-performance strategy of the Australian Sports Commission.

The number of athletes Australia may enter into the World Championships will be advised by the ISU per Rule 281.

Selection Times

Internationally Set (ISU recognized racing):

| World Championships Qualifying | 500m | 1000m | 1500m |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Senior Men | <i>42.30</i> | <i>1:26.60</i> | <i>2:17.00</i> |
| Senior Women | <i>44.40</i> | <i>1:32.00</i> | <i>2:23.80</i> |

To be considered for selection into the Team, athletes must:

- Have achieved any 1 of the 3 Senior Men's / Women's **WCH** qualifying times or better by **5pm AEST, 18 February 2025:**

Athletes may achieve the required times in any combination of the below methods only:

- any race meet sanctioned by an ISU member or the ISU from the 1 January 2024
- any race meet sanctioned by Australian Ice Racing from the 1 January 2024, including any selection trial and sanctioned AIR events where electronic timing is used (or manual time recording based on guidelines in 'Form 3')
- a sanctioned time trial as per the guidelines in 'Form 3' after the commencement of this policy.

AND

- Make themselves available for individual and relay selection for Australia.
- Has contested the 2024 Australian Open Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Junior or Senior Division unless granted an exemption by the AIR Board.

- Has met all compulsory requirements, events and activities to be considered for selection unless and exemption has been granted in accordance with this policy.
- Where required, AIR will hold selection trials on a nominated date, but the holding of such selection trials may not be required if the number of qualified athletes is less than the quota positions for the Championships. If selection trials are to be held, AIR will give at least 30 days' notice of the date, time and venue of the trials. The format of the selection trial will be released to athletes after the qualifying cut-off date and prior to the trials being held.

Appointment to Team

The Selection Panel Chair may submit recommendations to the AIR Board to appoint skaters to represent Australia at the Championships based on the current season results from the following qualifying domestic and international competitions:

- 2024 Australian Open Championships
- 2023/2024 World Cups and Four Continents Championships
- 2024 World Championships Selection trials (if held)

If less than the quota number of athletes allowed by Australia achieve the AIR qualifying times, the Selection Panel Chair, in consultation with the Appointed Coach or other appointed person, may advise the AIR Board an athlete or athletes to compete at the World Championships in the relay. This will only be in the event that Australia has qualified a relay team for the World Championships and will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel Chair. In the individual events, where less athletes have qualified than positions available, the AIR Board will determine the actions taken to complete the selection of a team.

The Appointed Coach, or AIR appointed person, in consultation with any other nominated team officials or support staff in attendance at the World Championships event, will make an assessment of all athletes' performances and will in his/her discretion determine which athletes will skate which individual distance and the relay event if Australia has qualified a team for the relay.

A different combination of athletes may be selected to skate each round of the relay competition.

Note

In Australia, a sanctioned event will be considered all AIR competitions, State Member State Championships and any event that is endorsed as a sanctioned event by the AIR Board prior to the commencement of the event.

Outside of Australia, a sanctioned event is an event organised by the ISU, an ISU member, or an organisation affiliated to an ISU member, where the competition is presided over by a qualified referee and electronic timing is utilised, or any other competition deemed an 'International Competition' as per ISU regulations.

Attachment D
2024 World Junior Short Track Speed Skating
Australian Team Selection Criteria

Junior World Cup #1
Junior World Cup #2
Junior World Cup #3
Junior World Championships

Schedule and location information is available on the ISU website: [Locations/ Dates Here](#)

All AIR registered athletes who have met the selection criteria in this Selection Policy may apply to be considered for selection to the 2024 World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships Australian Team. There is no plan to attend the Junior World Cups at the time of publication, should this change the selection criteria will be as per below.

To be eligible for the 2024 World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Australian Team, athletes must have reached the age of 15 before 1 July 2024 and must not reach the age of 19 before 1 July 2024 per ISU Rule 108(2)(b) and (d).

The number of athletes is based on rule 283(2) and 2024 JWC results

Athletes seeking selection into the 2024 World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Australian Team must qualify using one of the methods indicated below:

METHOD A - PRE-SELECTION CRITERIA:

Any age qualified athlete who has qualified for 2023/2024 World Cup, Four Continents or Senior World Short Track Speed Skating Championship selection as per Attachment A, B or C, and where four (4) or less athletes qualify by this method, that athlete will be pre-selected to represent Australia at the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships. Where more than four (4) athletes qualify by this method, all athletes will be required to participate in selection trials as decided by AIR.

OR

METHOD B: Qualifying times

- Athletes must achieve 2 of the 3 Junior Men's / Junior Women's qualifying times or better as stated below by 5pm AEST 30 November 2024:

| JWCH Qualifying | 500m | 1000m | 1500m |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Junior Men | 44.40 | 1:32.00 | 2:23.60 |
| Junior Women | 47.60 | 1:36.50 | 2:32.60 |

Athletes may achieve the required times in any combination of the below methods only:

- any race meet sanctioned by an ISU member or the ISU from 2023/2024 season.
- any race meet sanctioned by Australian Ice Racing from 1 January 2024, including any selection trial and sanctioned AIR events where electronic timing is used (or manual time recording based on guidelines in 'Form 3')
- a sanctioned time trial as per the guidelines in 'Form 3' after the commencement of this policy.

AND

- Make themselves available for individual and relay selection for Australia;
- Contest the 2024 Australian Open Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Junior or Senior Division (if held) unless granted an exemption due to World Cup selection or other exemptions apply and are granted by AIR;
- Be available to contest the 2024 AIR World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships Team Selection Trials, if held. Venue and date would be advised 2-weeks prior to the event.

Where required, AIR will hold selection trials on a nominated date, but the holding of such selection trials may not be required if the number of qualified athletes is less than the quota positions for the Championships. If selection trials are to be held, AIR will give at least 30 days' notice of the date, time and venue of the trials. The format of the selection trial will be released to athletes after the qualifying cut-off date and prior to the trials being held.

The Appointed Coach, or AIR appointed person, in consultation with any other nominated team officials or support staff in attendance at the World Championships event, will assess all athletes' performances and will in his/her discretion determine which athletes will skate each distance (3 per distance).

Note

In Australia, a sanctioned event will be considered all AIR competitions, State Member State Championships and any event that is endorsed as a sanctioned event by the AIR Board prior to the commencement of the event.

Outside of Australia, a sanctioned event is an event organised by the ISU, an ISU member, or an organisation affiliated to an ISU member, where the competition is presided over by a qualified referee and electronic timing is utilised.

Attachment E Australian Ice Racing Short Track Elite Training Squad

All AIR registered athletes who are eligible to compete for Australia and have met the selection criteria in this Selection Policy after October 2023 may apply to be considered for selection to the Short Track Elite Training Squad.

- Athletes must achieve 2 of the 3 qualifying times in the applicable category or better to be considered as a candidate.
- Athletes can achieve the below times at any sanctioned AIR event or time trial throughout the year.
- Attainment of the minimum qualification standards alone will not guarantee selection elite training squad.
- Training squad members are expected to be on a continuous improvement cycle to qualify for international events and as such their performance will be benchmarked and membership adjusted accordingly.
- The Appointed Coach with consultation with the AIR selection panel will assess all athletes' performances and will in his/her discretion determine which athletes are recommended to be members of the elite training squad.
- ***AIR will have total discretion to decide on the final selection and the number of athletes to be on the Elite training squad.***

Elite Squad Consideration Times

Senior Men

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 500m | 45.9 |
| 1000m | 1.30.60 |
| 1500m | 2.23.40 |

Senior Ladies

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 500m | 48.1 |
| 1000m | 1.36.40 |
| 1500m | 2.30.50 |

Elite Squad Junior Divisions

Junior A Men

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 500m | 46.80 |
| 1000m | 1.37.00 |
| 1500m | 2.31.40 |

Junior A Ladies

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 500m | 50.20 |
| 1000m | 1.41.70 |
| 1500m | 2.40.90 |

Junior B Men

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 500m | 48.40 |
| 1000m | 1.40.30 |
| 1500m | 2.36.60 |

Junior B Ladies

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 500m | 51.90 |
| 1000m | 1.45.20 |
| 1500m | 2.46.50 |

Junior C Men

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 500m | 50.50 |
| 1000m | 1.44.50 |
| 1500m | 2.43.20 |

Junior C Ladies

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|-------|---------|
| 500m | 54.10 |
| 1000m | 1.49.60 |
| 1500m | 2.53.40 |

Junior D Men

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 500m | 54.50 |
| 1000m | 1.52.80 |

Junior D Ladies

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 500m | 58.40 |
| 1000m | 1.58.40 |

Attachment F Australian Ice Racing Time Trials and Qualification Time Submission

Guidelines and Format – Short Track

These guidelines are designed to give athletes an opportunity to complete time trials without major logistical constraints, whilst maintaining a high level of integrity to ensure that all times submitted are completed in a similar standard in each location.

Only **time trials** conducted in accordance with these guidelines will be considered for a skater's qualification standard time purposes.

Time trials must be conducted in Australia.

All overseas race results will be accepted, if they meet the required standard of any selection attachment.

The goal of time trials should be to attempt to meet Qualification Time Standards required for admission into an AIR Squad or Team, including those squads as set out in the AIR Sports Development Program.

Athletes are to submit their completed time trial results in every instance to the [General Secretary](#) (or any other AIR officer as directed) within 7 days of completing their time trial. Failure to comply with this will see the time disregarded. Submission of an unsuccessful time may assist in the Selectors in being able to assess an athlete's progression and display a history of continuous improvement.

The following conditions must be met in ALL time trials where the time is to be used to qualify at a Qualification Standard:

Official Oversight

At least one approved official will supervise the conduct of any time trial to ensure that the integrity of such events is not compromised.

Athletes will be responsible for ensuring the attendance of an approved official at their time trial attempt. Another representative may complete this on behalf of the athlete *however the athlete will take absolute responsibility to ensure that the required form is accurately and correctly completed.*

Approved officials are one of the following:

- An Elected or Appointed Director of AIR Board.
- A State Elected or Appointed director
- A qualified ISU (as published by ISU) or AIR official as per the list at the end of this document.
- Any other person nominated or approved by the AIR Board.

No official will be greater in preference due to the order that they appear above.

The overseeing official will be required to sign the Qualification Time Record Form to indicate that the time trial was completed in accordance with these guidelines.

The overseeing official can take no active role in any other function i.e. timekeeping, starter or athlete. They are to only observe the event to ensure all guidelines are adhered to.

If any official considers that there may be a perceived conflict of interest by their involvement in this process, they should exclude themselves at the earliest opportunity.

If the overseeing official considers that there is any possible conflict of interest by any party involved in the conduct of a trial, they should bring this to the attention of the athlete and the person involved at the earliest opportunity and make a note of the possible issue on the submission form.

No official, starter or timekeeper should be in a close personal relationship or be related in any form to the athlete who is attempting the time trial. Where there is a perceived conflict of interest, the [General Secretary](#) may refer the matter to the AIR Board of Directors for resolution.

Track

The time trial must be held on a standard 111.12m track with each corner clearly marked with 5 or 7 track markers. The overseeing official will ensure that the track is checked to ensure the markers are correctly placed to ensure a 111.12m track prior to the commencement of any time trial attempt. The track should be checked to ensure that each end is on the same colour dots. The overseeing official should ensure that this is confirmed.

Start

The time trial must be commenced from a standing start and must be started by the sound of a gun or whistle. The starter does not need to be an official starter; however, the same starting commands must be used that are used in standard competition.

The starter may not perform the role of timekeeper.

Timing

The preferred method of timing will be electronic timing (Lynx). In the absence of electronic timing, the procedure outlined below must be adopted to obtain a final submission time. All timekeepers must be over the age of 18.

An athlete's nominated Coach, as submitted to the [General Secretary](#), must not participate in any official activity during the athlete's time trial.

If 4 handheld timers are used:

The slowest and fastest times are to be disregarded and the remaining two times added together, then divided by 2.

0.15 of a second will be added to resulting time. This will become the submission time for the purposes of Qualification.

If 3 handheld timers are used:

The fastest time is to be disregarded and the remaining two times added together, then divided by 2.

0.2 of a second will be added to the time. This will become the submission time for the purposes of Qualification.

All times and timekeeper details must be recorded in the Qualification Time Record Form – (Form 3)

No person shall perform more than one role during the conduct of a time trial.

Racing

Time trials may be conducted in a race format. Each skater time trialling for a time in such a race must have a minimum of three stopwatches recording their time. The same stopwatch should not be used to record two or more skaters in the same race (i.e. utilising the lap time function).

If Lynx electronic timing is utilised, then stopwatch times do not need to be recorded.

If a time trial is conducted in a race format with other athletes, all athletes that took part in the time trial must be recorded on the submitting athlete's Qualification Attempt Form.

Any physical assistance (pushing) by another athlete to the time trialling athlete will be considered as an unfair advantage and the overseeing official must declare the time trial as not having met the required standard.

A supporting athlete may enter the race part way during the race to offer assistance to the skater participating in the time trial, however there must be no interference or touching of the trialling athlete.

Time Submission

Every attempt, regardless of the result must be submitted to the [General Secretary](#) with 7 days of completion.

Failure to abide by this may result in future times not being accepted by AIR.

The submission of every time attempt is important to gauge the success of this format and to check the progression of AIR athletes.

Ratification

Once a time is submitted that meets the Qualification Standards and the [General Secretary](#) is satisfied that all protocols have been abided by they will notify the athlete that the time standard has been met. This will be done in a written form (email) within 7 days of submission.

Where there is doubt as to any protocol or guideline not having been followed or in doubt, the [General Secretary](#) will refer the matter to the full Board of AIR for ratification. The athlete will be advised if this is to take place and they will also be advised forthwith once a decision has been made.

No correspondence shall be entered into with any party not directly involved in the time trial for the purposes of conducting a review. The AIR Board decision on the validity of any time submission or the conduct of a time trial shall be final and no further correspondence shall be entered into once a decision is handed down.

Recording

The [General Secretary](#), or any other so appointed AIR officer as the case may be, will keep a detailed record of all athlete times and these may be recorded in the form that the AIR Board sees fit. These details may also be published on the results page of the AIR website at www.australianiceracing.org

Approved Officials

See AIR website - <https://australianiceracing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Qualified-Officials-20230619.pdf>

Form 1

ATHLETE NOMINATION FORM

I [Insert name]

Of [Insert address]

am nominating for the following AIR Selection Trials, Squad or Team (*please tick*):

SHORT TRACK

- World Cup Trials
- Four Continents Trials
- World Championship Trial
- World Junior Championship Trial
- World Cups
- Four Continents Championships
- World Championships
- World Junior Championships
- Elite Training Squad

By signing this document, I agree and acknowledge that:

1. I have been provided access to a copy of the Selection Policy, which I have read and understood.
2. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Selection Policy, the AIR Constitution and regulations/by-laws and the AIR Codes of Conduct.
3. If selected I will sign the AIR Team Agreement and will agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the AIR Team Agreement.
4. By signing this form, I warrant that I am eligible for selection in accordance with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy.
5. If I am selected to an AIR Squad/Team I understand I may not receive any individual funding from AIR.
6. I will advise AIR now, and at all times in the future, of any injury or illness that may affect my selection or impair, inhibit or prevent my performance at the requisite level or fulfilling the terms and conditions of this agreement or this Selection Policy and I agree to abide by all anti-doping policies of AIR, the ISU and Sport Integrity Australia and any other anti-doping agency empowered to monitor the sport of Ice Speed Skating.
7. If I am selected, I will make myself available to meet all requirements of the AIR Squad/Team coach. I will make myself available to train with the selected Australian Team at least 4 weeks prior to the competition or from the selection trial date to the competition date, whichever is the latest.



8. If I am selected to a representative team, I undertake to meet all team-training requirements as set by the Squad/Team coach whilst at any event. I accept that a failure to attend all training sessions may see me removed from future Teams.
9. Should I be successful in gaining a position on an AIR Team or Squad, I accept that I may be liable for meeting all associated costs of attending any of the listed events.

Name..... Date.....

Signature.....

If athlete is under 18 his/her parent or guardian must also sign below

Name..... Date.....

Signature.....

Please email to [General Secretary](#)

Form 2

ATHLETE CONTACT DETAILS

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
| NAME: As appears in Passport PARENT'S NAME: (If under 18) | | | |
| AGE as of the 1st July 2024 | | | |
| DOB: | | | |
| PASSPORT NO. | | | |
| ADDRESS: | | | |
| MOBILE: | | | |
| EMAIL ADDRESS: Parent's Email (If under 18) <small>A current email address must be submitted as the main mode of information is likely to be via email.</small> | | | |
| MAIN TRAINING VENUE: | | | |
| CURRENT COACH'S NAME | | | |
| CURRENT COACH'S EMAIL | | | |
| Best Times at time the of submitting form (relevant season as per policy) | Time | Date | Competition skated (or time trial) |
| 500m Time | | | |
| 1000m Time | | | |
| 1500m Time | | | |

Please email to [General Secretary](#)



Form 3

Australian Ice Racing Limited
Qualification Time Record Form

Name: Date:

Distance: 500m 1000m 1500m (circle one)

Venue:

Track checked prior to commencement? YES/NO

Referee/Official: Name:
 Signature:

Starter: Name:
 Signature:

Lynx Operator: Name:
 Signature:

Electronic Time:

Manual Times

Timekeeper 1: Actual Time:
Name:
Signature:

Timekeeper 2: Actual Time:
Name:
Signature:

Timekeeper 3: Actual Time:
Name:
Signature:

Timekeeper 4: Actual Time:
Name:
Signature:

Total Time (if 4 timekeepers are used, slowest and fastest times are to be disregarded, if 3 timekeepers are used, the fastest time is to be disregarded)

/ 2
+ 0.15 (if 4 timekeepers are used)
Or + 0.20 (if 3 timekeepers are used)
Official Time:

Signed by Athlete: Date:

This form must be submitted to the [General Secretary](#), or other AIR officer as directed, no later than seven (7) days after the attempt completion or the competition in which a time is skated



Amendment Certificate

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