

The Olympic Oval invites you to the:
**2016 Olympic Oval Grand Prix
Long Track Speed Skating Competition**

at the Olympic Oval, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
March 11, 12, 13, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENT

Program		
Thursday, March 10	19:00	Coaches meeting, Olympic Oval Lounge.
Friday, March 11	17:00*	500m Men and Ladies
Saturday, March 12	09:00*	500m – 1000m – 1500m Men and Ladies
Sunday, March 13	09:00*	1000m – 3000m Men and Ladies 5000m Men
		5000m Time Standard – 8:00 (Calgary) 8:20 – Other rinks See entry form for more information

*Start times may be moved if necessary

!NEW!

The fastest Junior, Senior and Master (Male&Female) competing in The Olympic Oval Grand Prix this year will have a chance to win a spot in the Oval Finale!!*

*Contest & eligibility rules:

- You can only win if you don't have the time-standards yet for Finale
- The winner will be based on the athletes' best 500m, 1000m and 1500m combined during the event
- You can win a spot in Finale, but are responsible for the covering the entry fee yourself

General Regulations

The 2016 Olympic Oval Grand Prix Speed Skating competition will be held in accordance with the 2014 International Skating Union Regulations and Speed Skating Canada Regulations.

The Track

The Olympic Oval is a standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap. The refrigerated ice track has a 5 meter wide warmup lane. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters respectively. The width of the racing track is 4 meters.

Entries

Any bonafide member of the International Skating Union may compete in the Olympic Oval Grand Prix Competition, provided that the member is properly registered with the Organizing Committee and approved by their member country.

Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and the current ISU Communication, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

Composition and the Starting Order of Pairs

The draw is conducted under the current SSC rules and ISU rules where applicable. The Coaches Meeting will be held at the Olympic Oval Lounge on Thursday, March 12, 2016. The Pairings for Day One will be available at this time.

Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119; the International Skating Union, Speed Skating Canada, Alberta Speed Skating Association, the Olympic Oval, and the University of Calgary assume no responsibility for, or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with the 2016 Oval Grand Prix Speed Skating Competition. **Each Skater is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.**

Transportation

Each skater is responsible for his/her own transportation. It is a 20 minute walk from the Village Park Inn.

Training Times

All skaters will be charged for their ice training prior to the competition. The day prior to the competition is free for training. For Training Times and costs please contact the Olympic Oval Front Office (ovalguestservices@ucalgary.ca) Phone – 1-403-220-7954

Official Hotels of the Olympic Oval (Please use the code L-OVAL when booking rooms.)

Best Western Village Park Inn 1804 Crowchild Trail NW Calgary, AB Phone: 1-403-289-0241 sara@villageparkinn.com	Hotel Alma 169 University Gate NW Calgary, AB Phone – 403-220-5443 stay@hotelalma.ca
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Athlete Check-In

Out of country skaters must check in at the Olympic Oval Front Desk by Thursday, March 10, 2016 to confirm their entry. All paperwork and entry fees must be completed by 12:00 on the day of the Coaches Meeting or skaters will not be included in the draw or allowed to compete. **This includes waiver forms.**

Anti-Doping

Tests may be made in accordance with Rule 139 and the current ISU Doping Communication.

Submission of Entries

Entries for the 2016 Olympic Oval Grand Prix Speed Skating Competition must be submitted to the address on the entry form or submitted electronically by the entry deadline. All entries must contain season best times skated in a Sanctioned Competition. The current season will be used for seeding in most cases.

Entry Fees

The entry fee is \$16 per race (CDN) (includes GST)

Note: There is no restriction for the number of races for each participant

Late Fee: **Double entry fee after March 3, 2016.**

Skaters must be at least Junior C. (Born before July 1, 2002.)

Entry Deadline: 16:00 p.m., March 3, 2016

Olympic Oval Waiver Form: Skaters in their first competition of the season in the Olympic Oval must fill out the Waiver Form.

Send entries to:

Olympic Oval Grand Prix Speed Skating Competition

The University of Calgary

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