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COMMUNICATION 011

Athlete Selection and Competition Entry Guidelines Short Track

Introduction

The Philippine Skating Union (PHSU) hereby establishes this Athlete Selection and Competition Entry Policy Guidelines for Short Track Speed Skating to ensure a transparent, objective, and merit-based system in the identification, qualification, and selection of athletes for training programs and competitive representation.

This Policy is grounded in the principles of fairness, accountability, and competitive excellence, and is aligned with the applicable rules, regulations, and standards prescribed by the Skating Union (ISU), the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and other relevant governing bodies.

It sets forth the mandatory eligibility requirements, qualifying standards, performance criteria, and selection procedures governing inclusion in the National Training Pool (NTP), National Developmental Pool (NDP), and Youth Developmental Pool (YDP), as well as entry into domestic and international competitions. The Policy is intended to ensure that athlete selection is based on verified performance, demonstrated readiness, and compliance with established technical and administrative requirements.

All athletes, coaches, officials, and stakeholders are required to adhere strictly to the provisions of this Policy. Participation in any PHSU authorized ISU sanctioned training program or competition shall constitute acceptance of, and compliance with these guidelines.

Scope:

This policy applies to Junior and Senior athletes seeking inclusion or retention in the National Training Pool, Developmental Training Pool, or Youth Developmental Pool. It also governs qualification and selection basis for training grants, international competitions, and major multi sports events.

Abbreviation of Terms:

- ISU – International Skating Union
- PHSU – Philippine Skating Union
- SEAGF – Southeast Asian Games Federation
- OCA – Olympic Council of Asia
- IOC – International Olympic Committee
- NTP – National Training Pool
- NDP – National Developmental Pool
- YDP – Youth Developmental Pool

Statement of Policies and Guidelines

- A. General Eligibility Requirements, Responsibilities, and Obligations
 - All athletes seeking inclusion in, or currently part of the PHSU Short Track NTP, NDP, and YDP shall be required to comply with the following:
 - 1. Athlete Responsibilities and Obligations
 - 1.1. Competition Participation
 - Athletes are required to participate in competitions that support their development and readiness for national and international representation. Participation in these competitions shall be used for eligibility, ranking, and performance evaluation, unless excused for valid and documented reasons.
 - 1.1.1. National Competition
 - Athletes must meet at least one (1) of the following:
 - a. Compete in the most recently concluded Philippine National Short Track Speed Skating competition; or
 - b. Participate in a PHSU-approved Time Trial

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1.1.2. International Competition

Athletes must compete in at least three (3) PHSU-approved Short Track Speed Skating International or Regional competitions where opportunities have been reasonably available. These events may include, but are not limited to the following:

- SEA Short Track Speed Skating Trophy
- Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy
- Open National Events
- ISU Junior World Cup
- ISU Junior World Championships
- ISU World Tour
- ISU World Championships
- Other ISU sanctioned or ISU member competitions as may be determined by PHSU

1.1.3. Participation in international or regional events not listed above must be formally requested in writing. The PHSU reserves the right to evaluate and determine the event's level, sanction, relevance, and determine whether it may be credited toward fulfilling this requirement.

1.1.4. Non-participation due to Valid Circumstances

In cases where an athlete is unable to participate in designated or assigned competition due to valid reasons (e.g. injury, illness, visa issues, or other justifiable circumstances), the athlete must submit appropriate supporting documentation. Such cases shall be reviewed by PHSU for eligibility and consideration for selection/participation in subsequent events and/or nomination or retention in the PHSU Short Track NTP, NDP, YDP for the season.

1.2. Training Commitment

Athletes are required to consistently participate in prescribed training programs and maintain the minimum training standards established by PHSU to ensure competitive readiness, including fitness, training attendance, ability, and safety to compete.

1.2.1. Qualified athletes must maintain a minimum of four (4) hours per week of on-ice short track speed skating training, which may include:

- a. Coach-supervised training sessions; and/or
- b. Independent training ice sessions approved by the PHSU.

1.2.2. On-ice training conducted outside the Philippines may be credited toward the requirements, subject to prior approval, proper documentation, and verification by PHSU.

1.2.3. Athletes seeking qualification for the first time are expected to have completed at least one (1) year of enrollment in the Short Track program. This is intended to ensure sufficient preparation, athlete safety, and competitive standard with currently qualified athletes.

This requirement may be waived by members of the PSHU board if the athlete has achieved applicable qualifying time standards set forth in this guideline.

1.3. Fitness and Medical Leave Eligibility

Athletes are obligated to promptly report any injury, illness, or condition that may affect training or competition readiness, supported by appropriate medical documentation, consistent with the established requirements.

1.3.1. Athletes must maintain a level of physical fitness consistent with elite sport participation, as required for national and international competition. Fitness status may be subject to periodic review by PHSU or its designated medical personnel.

1.3.2. Athletes who sustain an injury or illness that affects their ability to train or compete must promptly inform PHSU. Notification must be supported by appropriate medical documentation, such as medical certificate with relevant laboratory and/or diagnostic records, for review and consideration.

1.3.3. Athletes requesting leave from training or competition due to injury or illness must submit a medical endorsement issued by a duly licensed physician. The endorsement must clearly state the diagnosis, and include a prescribed treatment specifying the expected duration of recovery and recommended timeline for return to

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training and competition. Athletes granted approved medical leave shall retain their status and shall not be considered removed from the NTP, NDP, or YDP.

1.4. Performance and Conduct

Athletes shall uphold the highest standards of professionalism, discipline, and sportsmanship at all times, both on ice and off ice. Conduct that may bring disrepute to PHSU or the Philippines may be grounds for disciplinary action or disqualification.

1.5. Adherence to Anti-doping Regulations

Athletes shall comply fully with all applicable anti-doping rules and testing procedures, and must not engage in the use of prohibited substances and methods.

1.6. Documentation and Administrative Compliance

Athletes must ensure timely submission of all required documents, including but not limited to passports, visas, waivers, medical clearances, and competition entries, as may be required by PHSU and event organizers.

B. Citizenship and Age Eligibility

Athletes must meet the following:

Eligibility	National Training Pool		Developmental Training Pool		Youth Developmental Pool
	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Girls/Boys
Age	19yrs old +	15-18yrs old	19yrs old +	15-18yrs old	13-14 years old
Residency	Must be a Filipino Citizen with a valid Philippine Passport				

C. Qualifying Time Standards

To be eligible for nomination or retention in the PHSU Short Track NTP, NDP, and YDP, the athlete must meet the following:

1. Qualifying time standard* on 500m distance:

Age	National Training Pool		Developmental Training Pool		Youth Training Pool	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Boys	Girls
19yrs old +	46.27s	49.36s	49.25s	51.37s	13-14 years old	
15-18 yrs	46.27s	49.36s	51.27s	54.36s	53.27s	56.36s

*Qualifying time may change depending on the standard set for the season as provided in ISU Communication
NTP – Men & Women are based on the qualification of time of the ISU World JR Short Track Championships
NDP – Men & Women (19 y/o +) 5s slower than the 2026/2027 qualifying time for ISU World Short Track Championships
NDP – Men & Women (15-18 y/o) 5s slower than the 2026/2027 qualifying time for ISU World JR Short Track Championships
YDP – Men & Women (13-14 y/o) 6s slower than the 2025/2026 qualifying time for Jr World Cup

- 2. Registered qualifying time shall be valid for two (2) competition seasons provided it remains equal to or faster than the current published standard
- 3. Qualifying time must be achieved in ISU sanctioned competitions
- 4. In cases where no athletes meet the prescribed qualifying time during the selection for nomination, PHSU reserves the right to set specific benchmark time to rank the available athletes.

D. General Selection Principles

1. Conflict of Interest

Any member of the Selection Committee who has an actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest in relation to an athlete under consideration shall declare the conflict as soon as it becomes known and shall not participate in any discussion, evaluation, ranking, recommendation, or decision concerning that athlete.

2. Application of Selection Criteria

Selection decisions shall be based solely on the criteria published in this Policy and the applicable ISU and competition regulations.



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E. Selection Criteria for ISU Competitions and other International Events

1. ISU World Tour and ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships

Entry to Senior level ISU events such as ISU World Tour and ISU World Short Track Championships are subject to the entry quotas and ISU Qualifying Time per ISU Communication for the season.

- 1.1. Selection is limited to Senior athletes in the National Training Pool Senior team and must fulfill all General Eligibility requirements as stated in Section A.
- 1.2. Athletes must meet the entry quotas and ISU Qualifying time.
- 1.3. If more athletes than the entry quota has met the preceding requirements, PHSU shall conduct rankings of the athletes based on their registered time in preceding competitions and performance results in official time trials.

2. ISU Junior World Cup Short Track and ISU World Junior Short Track Championships

Entry to Junior level ISU events such as ISU Junior World Cup Short Track and ISU World Junior Short Track Championships are subject to the entry quotas and ISU Qualifying Time per ISU Communication for the season.

- 2.1. Selection is limited to Junior athletes in the National Training Pool and must fulfill all the General Eligibility requirements as stated in Section A.
- 2.2. Athletes must meet the entry quotas and ISU Qualifying time
- 2.3. Athletes must reach the age of 15 and have not reached the age of 19 before 1st of July preceding the Event
- 2.4. Where multiple athletes satisfy the qualification requirements than the available entry quota, athletes shall be ranked giving primary consideration to registered qualifying times, followed by recent competition performance, training consistency, athlete availability and demonstrated readiness.

3. Asian Winter Games, Winter Youth Olympic Games, and Olympic Winter Games

- 3.1. Entry of athletes for Asian Winter Games and Olympic Winter Games shall be selected from the Senior level of the National Training Pool, while entry for Winter Youth Olympic Games shall be selected from the Junior level of the National Training Pool.
- 3.2. To ensure that Philippines' entries are competitively aligned with other participating nations for this event must meet the qualifying time standards applicable to senior-level ISU competitions such as the ISU World Tour and ISU World Short Track Championships, and the standards set forth by the ISU & IOC for Winter Youth Olympic qualification.
- 3.3. These competitions are elite-level events and participation is subject to entry quotas as established by the ISU, IOC, and OCA.
- 3.4. Where athletes exceed the entry quotas, selection shall be based on the athlete's performance ranking in preceding competitions, official time trials and/ or competitive readiness.

4. Southeast Asian Games (SEAGAMES)

Entry to the SEAGAMES is subject to the rules as specified in the Games Technical Handbook/protocol issued by the country host in coordination with the OCA & SEAGF.

- 4.1. Athletes shall be selected primarily from the National Training Pool and Developmental Pool Senior team. Unless otherwise specified in the Games Technical Handbook/protocol, athletes who fall under the Junior team may also be considered for selection.
- 4.2. Athletes must meet the General Eligibility requirements as mentioned in A.1.
- 4.3. If more athletes than the entry quota has met the preceding requirements, PHSU shall conduct evaluation and ranking of the athletes based on the registered time in preceding competitions and performance results in official time trials.

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F. Compliance

Athletes shall comply with the requirements and obligations set forth in this Policy. Failure to comply may affect an athlete's eligibility, nomination, retention in the National Training Pool, Developmental Training Pool, or Youth Developmental Pool, and selection for competitions, as applicable.

Any disciplinary matters arising from misconduct or violations of the Philippine Skating Union's rules and regulations shall be governed by the Federation's applicable disciplinary policies and procedures.

G. Appeal Procedure

1. Grounds for Appeal

An athlete may request a review of a decision relating to nomination, selection, non-selection, or removal under these Selection Procedures only on the following grounds:

- a. the published Selection Procedures were not correctly applied; or
- b. a material procedural or administrative error occurred that may have affected the selection outcome.

Disagreement with the Selection Committee's technical assessment, evaluation, or exercise of discretion shall not constitute grounds for appeal.

2. Submission of Appeal

Any request for review must be submitted in writing to the Philippine Skating Union within five (5) calendar days from the publication of the selection decision, stating the grounds for the appeal and any supporting information and documentation. No additional information or documentation will be accepted after the submission deadline unless specifically requested by the Philippine Skating Union.

3. Review Process

The appeal shall be reviewed by a panel consisting of not fewer than three (3) individuals designated by the Philippine Skating Union who were not involved in the original selection decision. The review shall be limited to determining whether these Selection Procedures were properly applied. The submission of an appeal shall not suspend or delay the implementation of the selection decision or any applicable competition entry deadlines, unless otherwise determined by the Philippine Skating Union

4. Outcome

Following the review, the reviewer may:

- a. dismiss the appeal and uphold the original decision; or
- b. where a material procedural or administrative error is established, refer the matter back to the Selection Committee for reconsideration in accordance with these Procedures.
- c. communicate its decision to the athlete before the applicable competition entry deadline.

The reviewer shall not substitute their own technical assessment or selection judgment for that of the Selection Committee. The determination of the Appeal Panel shall be final within the internal processes of the Philippine Skating Union.

H. Notification of Selection Decisions

- 1. Selection decisions shall be communicated in writing to all affected athletes and, where applicable, their registered coach.
- 2. Final selection decisions shall also be published through the official communication channels of the Philippine Skating Union.
- 3. The date of publication or written notification shall constitute the official date of the selection decision for the purpose of calculating any applicable appeal period.

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I. Reserved Discretion

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the Philippine Skating Union reserves the right to exercise reasonable discretion in the selection of athletes where exceptional circumstances exist, including but not limited to changes in competition regulations, entry quotas, eligibility requirements, athlete availability, force majeure events, or other circumstances beyond the control of PHSU. Any exercise of such discretion shall be made in good faith, be consistent with the objectives of this Policy, and be in the best interests of the athlete, the sport, and the Philippines.

This discretion shall not be exercised in a manner inconsistent with the mandatory eligibility requirements or published qualifying standards except where required by ISU, IOC or applicable competition regulations.

J. Final Provisions

This Policy shall take effect upon approval by the Philippine Skating Union and shall remain in force unless amended or repealed by the Federation. PHSU reserves the right to interpret, modify, or supplement these guidelines as necessary to ensure alignment with evolving international standards and organizational objectives. Any matters not expressly provided for in this Policy shall be resolved by PHSU in accordance with applicable governing rules and in the best interest of the sport and the Philippines.

Strict adherence to this Policy is mandatory. All stakeholders are expected to comply fully with its provisions to uphold the integrity, fairness, transparency, credibility, and excellence of the athlete selection and competition entry process.

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