



The Olympic Oval invites you to the:
2016-2017 Western Elite Circuit #1 (Oktoberfest)

at the Olympic Oval, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

October 14-16, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENT

Western Elite Circuit #1 (Oktoberfest) 20%

Calgary, AB, October 14-15-16, 2016

Entry deadline: Thursday September 29th 2016

Program Proposal: Western Elite #1

Thursday,	Coaches meeting
Friday,	500m #1 & 1500m Qualifier and Quarter
Saturday,	500m #1 & 1500m Semi and Final
Sunday,	500m #2 + 3000m

*Program subject to change depending on the size of the entry, and preferences of the organizer

Eligibility

The Western Elite Circuit has a primary goal of providing quality racing opportunities for the developing Junior and Neo-Senior Short Track athlete. To be eligible participants have to be Junior C or up (born before July 1st 2003, Junior ISU).

This competition series has room for 60 male and 60 female skaters in every event, when the maximum is reached skaters will be ranked and selected for the competition based on the combination of their 500m & 1500m seed times.

The competition will run as one category for each gender. At the end of the competition, the ranking will be split in 2 different age categories:

- U17
- Open: Junior C and up

After each competition there will be a winner in the 2 categories for both female and male skaters.

Format: (Based on 60 athletes)

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500m

Qualifier	Quarter	Semi	Final
60 athletes 5 groups of 12 15 races	16 (4 races)	Top 8	A Final
			B Final
		Bottom 8	C Final
			D Final
	32 (4 races)	Top 8	E Final
			F Final
		Bottom 8	G Final
			H Final
	48 (4 races)	Top 8	I Final
			J Final
		Bottom 8	K Final
			L Final
60 (4 races)	Top 8	M Final	
		N Final	
	Bottom 4		

Qualifier: The TOP 12 best time will be racing together in groups of 4, based on serpentine seeding between them. Same serpentine seeding for the following groups of 12. 2nd groups will be 13-24, 3rd 25-36, 4th 37-48, and 5th 49-60. *Submitted times must be from an official competition and have to be skated in the previous (Aug 2015) or current season (2016-2017), times skated in practice will not be accepted.**

Quarter: Skaters will qualify for the quarter finals in groups of 16. The fastest 16 will go to the top group etc. with the following seeding:
A 1 8 9 16
B 2 7 10 15
C 3 6 11 14
D 4 5 12 13

Semi: The top 2 of every race will proceed to the top 8, the bottom half will go to the bottom 8.

Final: The top 2 of the Top Semis, will go to the A Final, the bottom 2 to the B final etc.

* Skaters are allowed to update their seedtime for the 2nd 500m when they skated a faster time in the 1st 500m



1500m

Qualifier	Semi	Final
60 athletes	Top 18 (3 races)	A Final
		B Final
		C Final
5 groups of 12 10 races	Sub 18 (3 races)	D Final
		E Final
		F Final
	Bottom 18 (3 races)	G Final
		H Final
		I Final

Qualifier: The TOP 12 best time will be racing together in groups of 6, based on serpentine seeding between them. Same serpentine seeding for the following groups of 18. 2nd groups will be 19-36, 3rd 37-55

Submitted times must be from an official competition and have to be skated in the previous (Aug 2014) or current season (2015-2016), times skated in practice will not be accepted.

Semi: Skaters will qualify for the Semi Finals in groups of 18. The fastest 18 will go to the top group etc. with a similar seeding as in the Quarter of the 500m.

Final: The top 2 of every race will proceed to the highest final in their group etc.

* Fourth Distance: TBD among the number of entry and time remaining on Sunday.

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3000m: Does not count for the overall ranking. The number of athletes on each Super Final will depend on the number of entries. There will be bonus points after 9 laps: 4096 points (5th place from ranking points)

Ranking Points:

1	10000	11	1935	21	675	31	235	41	82	51	29
2	8000	12	1741	22	607	32	212	42	74	52	26
3	6400	13	1567	23	546	33	191	43	66	53	23
4	5120	14	1411	24	492	34	171	44	60	54	21
5	4096	15	1269	25	443	35	154	45	54	55	19
6	3277	16	1143	26	398	36	139	46	48	56	17
7	2949	17	1028	27	359	37	125	47	44	57	15
8	2654	18	925	28	323	38	113	48	39	58	14
9	2389	19	833	29	290	39	101	49	35	59	12
10	2150	20	750	30	261	40	91	50	32	60	11

General Regulations

The 2016 Western Elite Circuit #1 will be held in accordance with the 2016 International Skating Union Regulations and is open to all skaters who belong to an ISU member country.

The Track

The Olympic Oval North Rink is an International size rink measuring at 30m by 60m. The Centurian ST-2000 safety mat system surrounds the north rink to reduce the chance and severity of injury.

Sanction

This competition is sanctioned by Speed Skating Canada and the Alberta Speed Skating Association.

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 Western Elite Circuit #1. Each Skater is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Transportation

Each skater is responsible for his/her own transportation.



Training Times

Please contact Maggie Dekking maggie.dekking@ucalgary.ca to require information about training opportunities.

Hotels Calgary:

<p><i>Best Western Village Park Inn</i> 1804 Crowchild Trail NW Calgary, AB Individual Bookings: Phone: 1-403-289-0241 Booking code: L-OVAL Group reservations: Phone: 403-220-1812 sara@villageparkinn.com</p>	<p><i>Hotel Alma</i> 169 University Gate NW Calgary, AB Bookings: Phone : 1-403-220-5443 Esinitsky@ucalgary.ca Booking code: OVAL</p>
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Entries

Entries for the 2016 Western Elite Circuit#1 must be submitted to the address on the entry form or submitted electronically.

Entry Fees

Western Elite Circuit Entry Fee: \$80 (CDN) per competition (includes GST)

Late Fee: **Double entry fee after Thursday September 29th, 2016***

***NOTE: We cannot guarantee a spot in the competition when signing up after the deadline.**

Entry Deadline: 16:00 p.m., THURSDAY, Sep.29, 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:

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