



The Olympic Oval invites you to the:  
**2016-2017 Western Elite Circuit #3 (Winterfest)**

at the Olympic Oval, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

February 17-19, 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Western Elite Circuit #3 (Winterfest) 40%**

**Program Proposal: Western Elite #3**

<b>Thursday, February 16</b>	Coaches meeting 19:00
<b>Friday, February 17</b>	Heats: 1500m, 500m, Quarter: 1500m, 500m
<b>Saturday, February 18</b>	1500m & 500m Semi and Final
<b>Sunday, February 19</b>	1000m Heats, Quarter, Semi, Final + Relay

\*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 1<sup>st</sup> 2003, Junior ISU).*

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Elite Circuit the following is in effect: *Priority will be given to the 45 top skaters from the ranking from the previous competition(s). The last 15 spots are open, if a maximum is reached those 15 skaters will be selected based on their combined 500m/1500m seed time.*

**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.

**General Regulations**

The 2016 - 2017 Western Elite Circuit #3 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 the Alberta Speed Skating Association and Speed Skating Canada.

**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 Western Elite Circuit #3. 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](mailto:maggie.dekking@ucalgary.ca) to require information about training opportunities.



**Format: (Based on 60 athletes)**

**Program: Western Elite Circuit #3**

**1500m**

Heats	Quarter	Semi	Final
60 athletes 10 races	Top 36 (5 races)	Top 18	Final A Final B Final C
		Bottom 18	Final D Final E Final F
	Bottom 24 (5 races)	Top 12	Final G Final H
		Bottom 12	Final I Final J

**Heats:** Skaters will be seeded from their submitted times, according to ISU rule 296-4. *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:** Formula for the quarter is 3+6  
**Semi:** Formula for the Semi is 2+0  
**Final:** Formula for the Final is 2+0

**500m&1000m**

Heats	Quarter	Semi	Final
60 athletes 15 races	Top 32 (8 races)	Top 16	Final A Final B Final C Final D Final E
		Bottom 16	Final F Final G Final H
	Bottom 28 (7 races)	Top 16	Final I Final J Final K Final L
		Bottom 12	Final M Final N Final O

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**Quarter:** Formula for the quarter is 2+8  
**Semi:** Formula for the Semi is 2+0  
**Final:** Formula for the Final is 2+0

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

**Western Elite Circuit #3:**

*Relay:* Team will be done by, Top 16 together, 17 – 32, 33 – 49, etc.

**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

#### 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: <b>L-OVAL</b> Group reservations: Phone: 403-220-1812 <a href="mailto:bchang@villageparkinn.com">bchang@villageparkinn.com</a> Rates: (includes breakfast) King or Double Queen = \$139 + tax</p>	<p><i>Hotel Alma</i> 169 University Gate NW Calgary, AB Bookings: Phone : 1-403-220-5443 <a href="mailto:Esinitsky@ucalgary.ca">Esinitsky@ucalgary.ca</a> Booking code: <b>OVAL</b> Rates: 20% off best available rate (Apartment style rooms available)</p>
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#### Entries

Entries for the 2017 Western Elite Circuit #3 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 February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017\***

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

**Entry Deadline: 16:00 p.m., THURSDAY, Feb.9, 2017**

**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, Western Elite Circuit #3 Short Track

The University of Calgary

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