



Announcement

The Fort St. John Elks Recreation and Speed Skating Club is pleased to invite you to take part in the international speed skating competition:

4th Masters' International CANADIAN OPEN Fort St. John/British Columbia/Canada February 4-5, 2012

The competition will be held according to the Constitutions and Regulations of the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) and the International Skating Union (ISU). The competition takes place at the Pomeroy Sport Centre, a covered 400m standard ice speed skating track at 680 m above sea level, 9324-96 Street, Fort St. John, B.C., Canada. This competition is a regular event on the International Masters' Calendar 2011/2012 of the IMSSC.

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1. Competitions

Ladies and Men: Age groups 20 and 25 (Senior)
Ages 30+ (Masters)

Ladies (age groups 20 – 60):	500 m, 1500 m/1000 m, 3000 m.
Ladies (age groups 65 and higher):	500 m, 1000 m/1500 m
Men (age groups 20 and higher):	500 m, 1500 m/1000 m, 3000 m.

Four, respectively three distances combinations. The number of competitors on the 3000m distance longest distances) will not be restricted. **No members of national teams or national selections allowed.**

There will also be exhibition races:
 100 m (qualifying and finals) and
 Team Pursuit for Ladies (6 laps) and Men (8 laps).
 Every registered skater is eligible to participate.

For more information see SSC Competitions Bulletin:
http://www.speedskating.ca/client/cmsUploads/speed_skating/File/Competitions/Bulletins/COMPETITION_BULLETIN_V01_2011-2012.pdf (pp. 17-19).

2. Age Groups

The age determination takes place according to IMSSC Rule 2, Masters Definition. The competitions take place in five year age groups (AG) as follows:

<u>AG</u>	<u>born</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>born</u>
20*	01.07.87 - 30.06.92	55	01.07.52 - 30.06.57
25*	01.07.82 - 30.06.87	60	01.07.47 - 30.06.52
30	01.07.77 - 30.06.82	65	01.07.42 - 30.06.47
35	01.07.72 - 30.06.77	70	01.07.37 - 30.06.42
40	01.07.67 - 30.06.72	75	01.07.32 - 30.06.37
45	01.07.62 - 30.06.67	80	01.07.27 - 30.06.32
50	01.07.57 - 30.06.62	85	01.07.22 - 30.06.27 etc.

AG = five year age group Masters Ladies and Men as high as necessary

* = Senior age groups

3. Schedule

3.1. Training Times (subject to change)

Thursday, Feb 2 18:00 – 21:00 h
 Friday, Feb 3 18:00 – 21:00 h

3.2. Registration

Friday, Feb 3 17:30 – 19:00 h Pomeroy Sport Centre

3.3. Drawing

Friday, Feb 3 19:00 h Pomeroy Sport Centre

3.4. Competition Start

Saturday, Feb 4 09:00 h Pomeroy Sport Centre
 Sunday, Feb 5 09:00 h Pomeroy Sport Centre

3.5. Medal Ceremony

Sunday, Feb 5, following the competitions, Pomeroy Sport Centre

4. Eligibility

To be eligible the skater must be member of a national ice speed skating federation recognized by the ISU and must have a license of this association.

5. Drawing / Classification

Adjacent 5 year age groups with a small number of participants may be combined for drawing and speed skating in the competition. In these combined groups the age group of each skater will always be mentioned behind his/her name in the protocol. The classification however will be separated in the listed age groups. The winner of the four distances competition in each one of the age groups is the skater who has completed all distances with the lowest total of points.

6. Recommendation to the Competitor

It is recommended that a competitor only overtakes another competitor in the speed skating competition on the outside if both are in the same track. This minimizes the danger of accidents. There is no ISU Rule stating that a skater who will be overtaken in a track must go to the outside of the track. Overtaking often takes in races with quartet starts.

7. Prizes

The top 3 skaters in each age class will receive a medal. All competitors, who succeed in the four respectively three distances competition will also receive a certificate and a protocol.

Results will be published during and after the competition and will be available on the Speed Skating Canada website www.speedskating.ca.

8. Doping control

Doping tests will be conducted according to ISU Rule 139 (2010 Constitution and General Regulations).

9. Entries

The precondition for admission in the competition is the entrance of the sent Electronic Entry Form on the website:

www.imssc.org/11-eef-fortstjohn.html

Please click on this web address to get the Electronic Entry Form, fill it out completely and send it off by clicking on the button "SUBMIT". You will receive the confirmation by email that your entry did arrive at the Organizer.

The skaters get informed only in the internet www.fsispeedskating.com whether they can take part in the competition (list of accepted competitors).

Deadline for Entries: Monday, 16 Jan 2012

10. Entrance Fee

The entrance fee will be **CAD 75,- per person**. This includes EUR 10, - fee for the costs of the IMSSC (for office 8 EUR, for anti-doping 2 EUR).

The entrance fee has to be paid before the drawing. Registered skaters who arrive after the drawing and who had their participation confirmed by fax or email in due time (12 hours before drawing at the latest) must pay their entrance fee at minimum of 3 hours before the announced starting time of the competition on the first competition day.

11. Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, the ISU, the IMSSC and the Fort St. John (Elks) Recreation and Speed Skating Club assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the 4th Masters' International CANADIAN OPEN 2012. Each skater or accompanying person is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

12. Accommodation

Competition Hotel(s) with Special Offer for Participants:

Hotel: Pomeroy Hotel
Prices: \$119/night and double room – includes continental breakfast
Address: 11308 Alaska Rd, Fort St John, BC V1J 5T5
Tel: +1-866-618-3233
Website: www.pomeroyhotel.com
Cue: Canadian Masters Open

Fort St. John, 29 September 2011.

Organizing Committee of the Fort St. John Elks Speed Skating Club

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