

# 2009 VICTORIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS SANCTION

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This Sanction document has been provided to all Clubs who have skaters nominating for the 2009 Victorian Open Speed Skating Championships. It is the responsibility of the Clubs to ensure all skaters nominating do so with full knowledge of the contents of this Sanction.

### 1.1 Dates, times and venues

DATE and TIMES	VENUE	EVENTS
Sat 28th Nov. 2009 Warm up 9.00am Racing starts 9.30am	Dandenong Indoor Netball Complex Greaves Reserve (off Bennet St) Melways Map 89 K7	TRACK
Sun 29th Nov. 2009 Warm up 9.00am Racing starts 9.30am	Dandenong Outdoor Netball Complex Greaves Reserve (off Bennet St) Melways Map 89 K7	ROAD
Sun 6th Dec. 2009 Start times tba.	Venue TBA	MARATHON

### 1.2 Rules

- 1.2.1 Race distances and events, where applicable, are generally as per the schedule for the 2009 Australian Championships, except for relevant variations as outlined in this Sanction.
- 1.2.2 All indoor races shall be conducted according to the Australian Speed Rule Book. All outdoor races shall be conducted according to the International Rule Book. Under these rules, jewelry may be worn providing in the opinion of the race referee the safety of other skaters is not put at risk and sports eye wear designed with wrap-around legs may be worn without straps. Standard eye wear must still be retained with straps.
- 1.2.3 If there are three (3) or less competitors in any event, the event may be run concurrently with another event of the same distance. This will be left to the discretion of the Chief Referee. The Chief Referee may also allow events to be run concurrently even if there are more than 3 competitors in any event, where the Chief Referee deems this as appropriate and safe.
- 1.2.4 The Chief Clerk will make available as relevant copies of all appropriate Rules and Regulations. Under no circumstances are they to be removed.
- 1.2.5 Skaters wishing to be considered for selection into the Australian teams as defined in the 2010 Australian Championship Speed Schedule must advise the selectors of their intention to do so, prior to the start of the 2009 Victorian Open Championships. Those skaters must then skate in the Junior A or Senior A divisions at the 2009 Victorian Open Championships. It should be noted that the Junior A and Senior A skaters skate the same distances for both males and females.
- 1.2.6 Masters division is for skaters aged 30 and over and there are two ability based categories, namely Masters A: Experienced, and Masters B: Less experienced, with skaters nominating which category they wish to compete in. If the Speed Branch Chairman or the Speed Branch Committee considers that a skater has not nominated for the appropriate category, they may direct that skater to change category.

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- 1.2.7 If a skater is “nominating up” in a higher age or ability division, then the skater must have demonstrated that they are of appropriate ability to compete in the higher division. If the Speed Branch Chairman or the Chief Referee considers that the skater is not of appropriate ability, then they may direct that the skater race in a more appropriate division.
- 1.2.8 No foreign substance may be introduced onto skating wheels or any skating surface without the prior approval of the Chief Referee.
- 1.2.9 Branch Chairs will consult with one another to try to ensure that there is no clash of events, where skaters are in more than one discipline. More than one discipline’s State Championships may be run concurrently, providing relevant Branch Chairs are advised of any potential clashes prior to the closing date for nominations of all relevant State Championships.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 2.1 2009 Victorian Championships

- 2.1.1 All competitors nominating must be currently registered Platinum, Gold or Competitive members of Skate Australia / Skate Victoria at the time of nominating. International skaters must be current financial members of their Federation and be able to provide written confirmation.
- 2.1.2 All competitors nominating must be members of a currently registered Skate Australia Club or be an unattached member of Skate Australia.
- 2.1.3 Nominations for Track events will only be accepted from skaters who have competed in at least two Track Grand Prix events during the 2009 calendar year. This requirement does not apply to interstate skaters.
- 2.1.4 Nominations for Road events will only be accepted from skaters who have competed in at least two Road Grand Prix events during the 2009 calendar year. This requirement does not apply to interstate skaters.

### 2.2 2010 Australian Championships

- 2.2.1 The selectors for the team to represent Victoria at the 2010 Australian Championships, to be held in January 2010, will be the Speed Branch Chairman, in conjunction with the Speed Branch Committee.
- 2.2.2 Selection for the Victorian team to compete in the 2010 Australian Championships shall be based on performance during all competitions, including the 2009 Victorian Open Championships, scheduled up to the closing date for nominations for the 2010 Australian Championships. The selectors may select fewer skaters than the maximum permitted for any or all track and/or road events if there are either insufficient skaters or, if in the opinion of the selectors, eligible skaters are below the required standard to be competitive at the 2010 Australian Championships.
- 2.2.3 The State Executive shall approve the Victorian Team selected to compete in the 2010 Australian Championships. To be eligible for selection a skater must have nominated and competed at the 2009 Victorian Open Championships in each event for which selected.

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- 2.2.4 Representation in the Victorian Team shall be as per the results of the Victorian Open Championships as defined in the Federal Constitution, Section B: Championship & Competition Regulations, or as detailed in this Sanction. This Sanction shall take precedence in the event of any conflict.

### 3 EXEMPTIONS

- 3.1 Any request to vary any requirement as outlined in this sanction must be lodged in writing to the Speed Branch Chairman for consideration.
- 3.2 Any skater seeking an exemption for any event(s) on medical or other special grounds should provide a written submission (with a doctor's certificate if health related) to the Speed Branch Chairman for consideration by the Speed Branch Committee **prior to commencement of the event(s) to be missed**. Should the skater concerned be unable to provide the submission in person, arrangements must be made for its delivery.
- 3.3 Any Skater wishing to compete in the 2009 Victorian Championships who has not fulfilled the eligibility criteria as set out in section 2.1 must apply in writing to the Speed Branch Chairman, for consideration, prior to nominating.
- 3.4 Any Skater wishing to be considered for selection into the Victorian State Team who is unable to compete at the Victorian Championships must submit an application in writing to the Speed Branch Chairman for consideration by the Speed Branch Committee, prior to the commencement of the Victorian Championships.
- 3.5 Any request received that is not in accordance with clauses 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 will only be considered by the Speed Branch Chairman and the Speed Branch Committee under exceptional circumstances.
- 3.6 All requests for exemption, whether on medical, compassionate or other grounds, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Any perceived precedents will not be considered.

### 4 NOMINATIONS, REGISTRATIONS AND CHARGES

#### 4.1 Nominations

- 4.1.1 Club members must nominate through their Club on the forms provided.
- 4.1.2 All fees should be paid to the Club at the same time and a receipt supplied.
- 4.1.3 Clubs must approve relay team nominations.
- 4.1.4 All nomination fees are outlined below and include GST:
- \$11.00 per skater per track event;
  - \$11.00 per skater per road event; and
  - Ceiling of \$77.00 per skater.

There will be no charge for any relay events, if held.

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- 4.1.5 Each club must complete the registration list and summary of fees. They must be forwarded, together with the nomination forms and club cheque only to cover all the required fees, to the Speed Branch Chairman by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2009**. Late nominations may be accepted where there are exceptional circumstances, as determined and agreed to by the Speed Branch Chairman. If a Late Nomination is accepted, there will be an additional \$20.00 Late Nomination Fee charged.

### 4.2 Registrations

- 4.2.1 All registration fees are outlined below and include GST:
- \$55.00 for 1st skater in family;
  - \$44.00 for 2nd skater in family;
  - \$33.00 for 3rd skater in family; and
  - \$22.00 each for any skater in family thereafter.
- 4.2.2 Families who have skaters entered in either the Artistic or Hockey State Championships should pay registrations for the 2009 Victorian Speed Championships based on second or subsequent skaters as appropriate.
- 4.2.3 Registration fees must be paid at the same time as nomination fees.
- 4.2.4 The registration fee entitles the entrant to a Victorian Open Championships program and entry to all sessions of the Victorian Open Championships.
- 4.2.5 Skaters who have a competitor pass for the 2009 Victorian Championships from a discipline other than Speed will be permitted to enter any 2009 Victorian Championships sessions for no charge.

### 4.3 Charges

- 4.3.1 No spectator entry fees will be charged at the 2009 Victorian Open Championships for any of the Track, Road or Marathon venues. Entry donations will, however, be gratefully accepted to assist in meeting the costs of holding the 2009 Victorian Open Championships.
- 4.3.2 Club Coaches and Team Managers may also enter at no charge.

## 5 AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

### 5.1 Awards

- 5.1.1 At the 2009 Victorian Open Championships, the Victorian Speed Branch will award medals for first, second and third place in all events irrespective of which State the skater is registered. There will be no overall track and no overall road trophies awarded at the 2009 Victorian Open Championships.
- 5.1.2 The Victorian Speed Branch will not award any medals for any Relay events (if held) as they will be demonstration events only.
- 5.1.3 The Victorian Speed Branch will award medals for first, second and third place in all open events irrespective of which State the skater is registered.
- 5.1.4 The Victorian Speed Branch will award medals for first, second and third place in all Marathon events irrespective of which State the skater is registered.

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- 5.1.5 All Clubs or individuals holding perpetual trophies must return these trophies to the Speed Branch Chairman by the closing date for nominations.
- 5.1.6 If an interstate competitor wins a perpetual trophy, it will remain in the custody of the Victorian Speed Branch Chairman.

### **5.2 Presentations**

- 5.2.1 Presentations will be held at various times throughout the track and road competition and following the marathon events.
- 5.2.2 Skaters receiving medals or trophies must be in approved skinsuits only and wearing skates unless instructed by the Championship Director.
- 5.2.3 Presentations shall take place in an area designated by the Championship Director. Such area need not be on the skating surface.

## **6 GENERAL**

### **6.1 Withdrawals**

- 6.1.1 Team Managers must give the Chief Clerk notice of any withdrawals as early as possible prior to the event to allow heats to be redrawn as appropriate.
- 6.1.2 The Championship Director, in conjunction with the Chief Referee, will decide if heats or semi-finals become semi-finals or finals because of withdrawals.
- 6.1.3 No nomination or registration fees will be refunded if entrants withdraw from any event(s) for any reason, unless there are exceptional circumstances as determined and agreed to by the Speed Branch Chairman.

### **6.2 Protests and Complaints**

- 6.2.1 All skaters and Team Managers should refer to the CSOC rulebook for lodging protests.
- 6.2.2 A Protest fee of \$66 (including GST) must accompany all protests. Protest fees will be refunded if the protest is upheld or at the discretion of the Championship Director.
- 6.2.3 All complaints should be made to the Championship Director by Team Managers only.

### **6.3 Draws**

- 6.3.1 The draw for starting positions will be determined by a random club draw conducted by the Chief Clerk, or nominated representative, prior to commencement of the 2009 Victorian Open Championships. A separate draw will be held for track and road.

### **6.4 Warm Ups**

- 6.4.1 Warm ups will be as designated in the program. However, the Championship Director has the right to alter these as necessary.

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- 6.4.2 The Championship Director will make an announcement if there are any alterations to the times as designated in the official program, and Team Managers will also be advised accordingly.

### **6.5 Marshalling**

- 6.5.1 All skaters are required to marshal to the Chief Clerk, or nominated representative, at the start of each day's racing, or as requested via Team Managers by the Championship Director.
- 6.5.2 Skaters must be at the relevant venue at least one hour prior to the published scheduled start time in the program.
- 6.5.3 Designated marshalling areas are to be kept clear. Competitors, accredited coaches and authorised persons only are permitted in that area.
- 6.5.4 While in the marshalling area, skaters will be under the direction of the Championship Director and marshals. No skater will leave the marshalling area without the permission of the marshal. Failure to comply by these rules may lead to disqualification.
- 6.5.5 Competitors must be ready to race three (3) events prior to their next event. Races will not be delayed for late or inappropriately dressed skaters.
- 6.5.6 Skaters must use the way indicated by the Marshall on duty to enter and leave the track.

### **6.6 Announcements**

- 6.6.1 Only the Championship Director, or nominated representative, will be permitted to make announcements.
- 6.6.2 Only the Championship Director, or nominated representative, is authorised to remove official notices and these remain the property of Skate Victoria.

### **6.7 Results**

- 6.7.1 Results will be announced by the Championship Director, or nominated representative, and posted on the notice board where appropriate.
- 6.7.2 The Chief Clerk, under no circumstances, is to be approached for verbal results. Any breach of this requirement will be addressed as per clause 6.10.2.
- 6.7.3 Only the Championship Director, or nominated representative, is authorised to remove official results and these remain the property of Skate Victoria.

### **6.8 Team Managers**

- 6.8.1 Each Club shall appoint and advise Skate Victoria, in writing, a Team Manager(s) for the duration of the 2009 Victorian Open Championships.
- 6.8.2 Team Managers shall be responsible for advising their competitors of any program changes and general information and ensuring the standard of behaviour of their club members is appropriate at all times.

### **6.9 Dress Code**

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- 6.9.1 Only approved club or registered sponsor skinsuits are to be worn at all times during racing.
- 6.9.2 Interstate tracksuits are not permitted unless worn by competitors from interstate registered clubs.
- 6.9.3 The maximum wheel diameter allowable during this competition is 110mm. However, frame and wheel restrictions apply to all Skate Victoria registered competitors, under the age of 14 years, as at the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009. Skaters are required to abide by the following restrictions in order to be eligible to compete at the 2009 Victorian Championships.

Skater Age as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	Maximum Wheel Size	Maximum Frame Length		Recommended Configurations
	(Diameter of wheel)	(Measured centre of front axle to centre of rear axle)		
	mm	in	cm	
Up to 7 yrs	84mm	10.25-in	26.04-cm	4x84   4x80
8-9 yrs	90mm	10.25-in	26.04-cm	3x90   4x84   or below
10-11 yrs	100mm	11.25-in	28.58-cm	3x100   4x90   or below
12-13 yrs	100mm	12.50-in	31.80-cm	4x100   4x90   or below
14+ yrs	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

### 6.10 Behaviour

- 6.10.1 Any skater, official, coach or spectator who behaves in a manner as to bring Skate Victoria and / or Skate Australia into disrepute may be disqualified from the competition and / or removed from the venue. Further action may also be taken in accordance with the Skate Australia By-Law covering Disciplinary Procedures.
- 6.10.2 Clubs will be held responsible for their members and be subject to disciplinary action as well as any member of their Club who behaves in an inappropriate manner.
- 6.10.3 Fines to a maximum of \$100.00, to either competitor or club, may be imposed. Any competitor who is fined and / or suspended will be ineligible to compete in any further events at the 2009 Victorian Open Championships.

### 6.11 Racing Numbers

- 6.11.1 Clubs should ensure that their skaters have a number to identify themselves. The numbers should generally be solid black in colour, legible and be a minimum of 8cm and a maximum of 10cm high. They should be on non-transparent white cloth generally measuring around 18cm across and 13cm down. (Skaters with numbers greater than 99 may need wider cloth). A number must be worn on the skater's back and on the outside of both legs.

### 6.12 Gloves and Helmets

- 6.12.1 Helmets must be worn at all times while on skates. Gloves must be worn at all times while on skates on the road surface. Skaters who do not obey this rule may be disqualified from their next event instantly. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

### 6.13 Relay Events and Teams

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- 6.13.1 Relay events may be organised as demonstration events, and the distances and team numbers and composition will be arranged in accordance with the level of interest by skaters.
- 6.13.2 The Teams can be single or mixed teams and do not have to be Club based.
- 6.13.3 All members of a relay team must wear the same clothing and must display numbers in accordance with clause 6.11.1.

### **6.14 Drugs**

- 6.14.1 It is the responsibility of individual skaters to familiarise themselves with the contents of the Skate Australia Anti-Doping Policy and what constitutes a prohibited substance.
- 6.14.2 Skaters may be subject to random drug testing at any time, both during and outside competition.
- 6.14.3 Any skater returning to the sport may only do so in accordance with the Skate Australia Anti-Doping Policy with regards to retirements and comebacks.

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### 2009 VICTORIAN SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS – TRACK AGE GROUPS AND EVENTS

#### AGE CATEGORY      TRACK EVENTS AND DISTANCES

Same Age Groupings and Distances for Males and Females.  Ages as at 1 Jan 2009	300m TT	500m	1000m	3000m	Junior Open 3000m (Open to all skaters under 14) <small>see note below</small>	Senior Open 5000m (Open to all skaters)  <small>see note below</small>	Masters 5000m  <small>see note below</small>
Juvenile – Under 12	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		
Junior – Under 14	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		
Intermediate – Under 16	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Advanced – Under 18	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Open Seniors – Open to all ages over 10	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Masters A – Over 30 (Ability based)	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes
Masters B – Over 30 (Ability based)	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes

#### NOTES REGARDING TRACK OPEN EVENTS

- Skaters aged under 14 may compete in either the Junior Open 3000m and /or the Senior Open 5000m subject to being of appropriate ability
- Skaters of all ages may compete in the Senior Open 5000m, subject to being of appropriate ability

#### PLEASE NOTE

- In the case of inclement weather, the road and track program may be rescheduled in order to complete all the events.
- The decision to cancel or delay any or all road events will be at the sole discretion of the Chief Referee.
- ALL SKATERS NEED TO BE PREPARED WITH THE CORRECT EQUIPMENT IN CASE OF A LATE SCHEDULE CHANGE.

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### 2009 VICTORIAN SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS – ROAD AGE GROUPS AND EVENTS

#### AGE CATEGORY      ROAD AND MARATHON EVENTS AND DISTANCES

Same Age Groupings and Distances for Males and Females. Ages as at 1 Jan 2009	200m TT	500m	1000m	3000m	5000m <small>see note below</small>	10,000m Points	Junior Marathon 42km <small>see note below</small>	Senior Marathon 42km <small>see note below</small>
Juvenile – Under 13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	
Junior – Under 16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	
Junior A – 12 but not yet 17	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	
Senior A – Over 17	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes
Masters A – Over 30 (Ability based)	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Masters B – Over 30 (Ability based)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes

#### NOTES REGARDING MARATHON EVENTS

- Skaters must be at least 12 years to compete in the Junior or Senior Marathon
- Skaters aged 17 and over must compete in the Senior Marathon

#### NOTES REGARDING MASTERS B 5000M EVENT

- This event is a points race.