

<u>Target Groups:</u> Top Athletes in divisions from ages 10 and up will comprise the National Team based on qualifications at Outdoor and Indoor National Championships.

<u>Aim:</u> To improve race strategy and skills to medal at the World Championships, Pan Am Games, International Events, and any Future Olympic berths.

<u>Outcome:</u> National Team will be able to participate in invitation only camps, clinics, and seminars to hone their skills to compete on the International level.

## **Requirements and Details:**

- US Citizenship is a requirement for all positions.
- Qualified skaters will be recognized for the upcoming calendar year.
- The Speed Committee has the authority to fluctuate members in.

## **Qualification Process:**

- 1. Junior & Senior Positions
  - Outdoor Qualifications:
    - Jr and Sr World Class: 40 Athletes
      - o Top 10 in each Division Male and Female
        - Top 4 Athletes in the Sprints including 100m, 200m TT, 500 D+, and 1 lap
        - Top 6 Athletes in the Mid and Long Distances 1000m, 10k pts, 15k elim, 10k pts/elim, 15k elim
  - Indoor Nationals Qualifications:
    - Sophomore, Jr, Sr, Classic, Grand Classic: 10 Athletes
      - Top 1 in each Division Male and Female
      - Should there be repeated athletes based on previous qualifications from Outdoor events the next non-Qualifying Athlete will be placed on National Team.
      - Current Points system utilized for overall placements
  - Future Marathon Events:
    - TBD

#### 2. Freshman & Senior Positions

- Outdoor Qualifications:
  - Freshman: 20 Athletes
    - o Top 10 in each Male and Female
- Indoor Nationals Qualifications:
  - Freshman: 2 Athletes
    - Top 1 in each Division Male and Female

- Should there be repeated athletes based on previous qualifications from Outdoor events the next non-Qualifying Athlete will be placed on National Team.
- Current Points system utilized for overall placements

# • Future Marathon Events

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# **Medical Exception:**

 If an athlete is prevented from participating at outdoor nationals due to an injury or medical condition, he/she may be named to the national team based his/her performance at pervious championships. To qualify for a medical exemption, A physician's note or medical documents are required for consideration.

# Benefits:

Athletes who qualify for the National Teams will receive the following benefits:

- Access to National Team Apparel
- Invitations to National Teams Camps, Clinics, and Seminars
- Invitations to compete in international events as part of the National Team
- Invitation to be demonstrator for Elite Camps, Clinics, and Seminars