



2026 Washington State Short Track Championship & Open

Saturday & Sunday, April 4-5, 2026

This is an International Event

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Sponsored by: Puget Sound Speedskating Club
Sanctioned by: US Speedskating
Hosted by: PS Ice Sports at Tacoma Twin Rinks

Puget Sound Speedskating Club is pleased to announce the *2026 Washington State Short Track Championship and the Washington State Short Track Open*. This 2-day US Speedskating sanctioned event will be raced on a 111m track on one of the rink's two 200' x 85' sheets of ice. Skaters 6 and under will race on an 85m track. On April 4 (Saturday), events 1 and 2 will each consist of both semifinal and final rounds. On April 5 (Sunday), event 3 will also consist of both semifinal and final rounds. Event 4 will consist of a final round only. Should there be a large number of participants, it will be divided into a B Final and an A Final. No relay races will be held. Racers will be heated according to ability determined by entry seed times. Skaters with less than one-year short track experience will race in Novice Groups. Event officials may reorganize heats in the interest of safety. Awards will be given according to points totals in each gender and age division.

LOCATION: (30 miles south of Seattle/Tacoma International Airport)
 Tacoma Twin Rinks
 2645 S 80th St
 Tacoma, WA 98409

SCHEDULE: *TIMES ARE TENTATIVE. SEE PSSC WEBSITE FOR EVENT UPDATES.

Friday, April 3, 2026 (Practice & Early Check-In Only)

Early Check-In	*4:00 pm	-	6:00 pm
Open Visitor Practice: (US\$10**)	*4:30 pm	-	5:05 pm
PSSC Practice: (Punch-Card Payment)	*5:10 pm	-	5:45 pm

*All times are tentative
 **Practice fees will be collected in-person at check-in only

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Check-In & Equipment Check***	*8:00 am	-	8:30 am
Warm Up	*9:00 am	-	9:30 am
Officials and Coaches Meeting	*9:30 am	-	9:45 am
Opening Ceremony & Races	*9:55 am	-	2:00 pm

***All skaters must be present at equipment check

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Warm Up	*9:00 am	-	9:30 am
Opening Ceremony & Races	*9:55 am	-	2:00 pm
Awards	*2:30 pm	-	3:15 pm

ENTRIES AND QUESTIONS:

Entry Deadline:	Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Meet Directors:	Mark "Loeb" Soldan
MarkSSoldan@gmail.com	(Preferred)
(510) 551-5087	(Emergency Only)

ELIGIBILITY:

Skaters of all abilities, ages, and from all countries are welcome. All skaters must be active members in good standing with US Speedskating or with their country's NGB (National Governing Body). A valid NGB member number must be entered on this entry form and will be verified. All skaters will automatically be entered into all eligible races. At least one seed time must be provided to organize safe and fair races. **Skaters that do not have a seed time will be placed in novice groups.**



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RACE/AWARD FORMAT:

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SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

To assure skater safety, comply with US and International rules, and to prepare skaters for higher levels of competition, PSSC has adopted rules regarding safety equipment that are based on US Speedskating's *Rules for Competition* and *ISU Communication 2636 Protection Equipment in Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating*. For detailed requirement for all PSSC hosted competitions and practices and exceptions for children 10 and under, see the *Requirements for Safety Equipment at PSSC Hosted Competitions and Practices* web page which can be found in the Resources section of our website: <https://pugetsoundspeedskating.com/requirements-for-safety-equipment-at-pssc-hosted-competitions-and-practices/>.

During equipment check, every skater will be required to show that they have the required safety equipment and that their front and rear skate tips are rounded to at least 1 cm.

AGE GROUPS	
The age of the skater will be the age the competitor is before July 1 preceding the competition.	
AGE GROUP	AGE
Junior H	3-4
Junior G	5-6
Junior F	7-8
Junior E	9-10
Junior D	11-12
Junior C	13-14
Junior B	15-16
Junior A	17-18
Senior	19-29
Master 30	30-39
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Master 70	70+

Novice Skaters: Skaters with less than one-year short track experience will race in Novice Groups.



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ENTRY FORM

(Submit one form for each participant)

The entry fee is US\$100 per skater, maximum of US\$250 per family. Spectators enter free. All entries must be received by **Wednesday, March 25, 2026** to avoid late fees. Late entries will incur an additional US\$40 late fee per entry. Please pay for Saturday practice at the rink when you check in. Email signed entry forms to **MarkSSoldan@gmail.com** and make *Venmo* payment to **@Mark-Soldan**, Zelle payment to **(510) 551-5087**, or PayPal payment to **Loebotomy@gmail.com**. Any transaction fees must be paid by the participant. Alternately, entry forms and checks made payable to "PSSC" may be mailed to:

Mark S. Soldan
2005 Overview Dr NE
Tacoma, WA 98422

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (Incomplete forms will not be accepted)

*THIS IS A **FILLABLE PDF** FORM THAT YOU CAN FILL AND EMAIL DIRECTLY FROM YOUR DEVICE. IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE WITH THIS FORM, TRY WITH THE FREE ADOBE ACROBAT READER.*

Skater's Name: _____ Gender: M F

Club: _____ DOB (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____ Age as of July 1, 2025: ____

Short Track Experience: ____ Years ____ Months

Skaters with less than one-year short track speedskating experience will race in Novice Groups.

Coach's Name: _____ Coach's Email: _____

NGB: US Canada Other: _____ NGB Member Number: _____

Seed Times (REQUIRED): Skaters new to short track can use long track times for their first short track competition only. If no seed time is provided, skaters will be placed with beginner skaters.

example: **1:03.210** No Time

255m (85m Track, 3 laps): _____

400m (100m Track, 4 laps): _____

500m (111m Track, 4.5 laps): _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province/Territory: _____ Code: _____

Email: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Provider: _____

Insurance Member Number: _____ Group/Policy Number: _____



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WAIVER & RELEASE

(Submit one form for each participant)

In consideration of my involvement in the sport and activities under the auspices of U.S. Speedskating and/or Puget Sound Speedskating Club, I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that: 1) I risk bodily injury, including paralysis, dismemberment, disability, and death and while particular rules of my sport, equipment, and persona training and discipline may reduce this risk this risk of injury does exist, as well as the risk of damage to or loss of property. 2) I knowingly and freely assume all such risks; both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the Releasees or others. 3) I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my presence or participation, I will bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and, 4) I, for myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, hereby release, hold harmless, and promise not to sue US Speedskating, Puget Sound Speedskating Club, Tacoma Twin Rinks, PS ICE SPORTS, The City of Tacoma, or other sponsoring or participating organizations, their officials, volunteers, staff, sponsors and/or agents ("Releasees") with respect to any and all injury and loss arising from my participation, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise. I have read this Release of Liability and Waiver Agreement and fully understand its terms. By submitting this form, I indicate that I agree to the terms herein.

By clicking the following checkbox, I indicate, in lieu of a signature, acceptance of the terms herein.

Participant's Name (Printed): _____ Date: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

(Under age 18 at the time of registration)

This is to certify that I/we as parent(s)/guardian(s) with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release, but also for myself/ourselves, and my/our heirs, assigns and next of kin to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all Liability incident to my/our minor child's involvement as stated above.

By clicking the following checkbox, I indicate, in lieu of a signature, acceptance of the terms herein.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (Printed): _____ Date: _____