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**2011 Rule Change Summary  
Short track speed skating**

Change From	Change To
<p>Section E – Rules of Competition, 1.f. There shall be no more than four (4) competitors on the track competing at the same time.</p>	<p>Section E – Rules of Competition, 1.f. The number of skaters at the start</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) For ice surfaces less than 30 meters by 60 meters. the maximum number of skaters on the start line is: four (4) for distances of 500 meters or less, five (5) for distances greater than 500 meters and less than 1000 meters and six (6) for distances 1000 meters and longer.</li> <li>2) For ice surfaces that are 30 meters by 60 meters or larger, the maximum number of skaters on the start line is: four (4) for distances of 500 meters or less, five (5) for distances greater than 500 meters and less than 777 meters and six (6) for distances 777 meters and longer.</li> <li>3) Modifications to number of skaters on line will be announced as required for race efficiency and/or safety by the race officials, at the Coaches meeting prior to the games.</li> </ol>
<p>Section E – Rules of Competition 1.g If there is a division of five (5) or greater, two (2) division heats will be raced. The competitor's order of start shall be determined by preliminary time rankings. Competitors shall be ranked by fastest to slowest time in their respective division. Heat #1 will be composed of competitors ranked 1, 3, 5, 7. Heat #2 will be composed of competitors ranked 2, 4, 6, 8.</p>	<p>Section E – Rules of Competition, 1.g. If a division consists of more skaters than the race distance allows on the line, then two (2) division semi final heats and 2 finals will be raced. The competitors order of start shall be determined by preliminary time rankings. Competitors shall be ranked by fastest to slowest time in their respective division preliminaries. Semi Final Heat #1 will be composed of competitors ranked 1, 4, 5, 8. Semi Final Heat #2 will be composed of competitors ranked 2, 3, 6, 7.</p> <p>Qualifications for the Finals will be determined by the number of finalists allowed by distance on the line. Example: In a race where 5 skaters are allowed in the final, the top two finishers plus the fastest 3rd from the semi final heats would advance to the "A" Final to determine 1st through 5th place. Skaters not advancing to the "A" Final would skate the "B" final which would determine the final placings beyond 5th place.</p>

**NOTE:** For full detail of Proposed Rule Changes (Accepted and Denied) please contact your Regional Sport Director. This list does not indicate those proposed changes that were not adopted by the Sports Rules Advisory Committee in 2010.