

MIDLAND YOUTH SPEEDSKATING FESTIVAL

DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2012

Midland Civic Arena

Midland, MI

MEET FORMAT INFORMATION

The MYSF is a uniquely designed competition that provides a venue for skaters to hone their racing skills. The meet will be run under the "speedway" format which allow skaters to work on different race strategies and techniques in a highly competitive environment yet without the pressure and consequence of failing to advance to further racing. Race entries will be limited to ensure that a large number of heats are completed by each skater.

The MYSF will be designed so that each skater will skate a minimum of 10 races. The skaters will be placed in varied heats with different competitors based upon seed times provided at the time of entry. The total number of entries will be limited to approximately 112 skaters to help ensure all events can be completed over the course of the competition. Participants are encouraged to register early!

The MYSF will ideally be subdivided into 2 divisions. The actual composition of the divisions may vary based on the actual entrants received at the discretion of the meet director with the goal of ensuring competitive heats. For example, the Gold Division could be subdivided into and A and B groups or more skaters moved to the Silver Division.

Contact Joe Rohraff for additional information at Smoknjoer@aol.com or 734-231-2670

GOLD DIVISION

The Gold Division will consist of the top seeded skaters in the event set up as follows:

- Goal is 36 women and 36 men divided into 3 groups of 12 skaters each.
- Distances skated: 1500m, 1000m and 500m.
- Each skater will skate 3 to 4 races in each distance.
- Skaters must provide both a 1000m and 500m seed times. Skaters who do not have both seed times will be placed into the Silver Division.
- Skaters must be 18 years of age or younger on July 1, 2011.
- Important Note: The distances skated and divisions may be adjusted based on the actual entries received. For example, if the top skaters are younger than expected a 777m may be substituted for the 1500m.

SILVER DIVISION

The Silver Division will be skaters who do not qualify for the Gold Division based on the seed times provided or have a 500m seed time equal or greater than 1:02.00 for women or 1:00.00 for men. The Silver Division will be set up as follows:

- Goal is 20 women and 20 men divided into 2 groups.
- Distances skated: 1000m, 777m, and 500m.
- Each skater will skate will skate 3 to 4 races in each distance.
- Skaters must be 16 years of age or younger on July 1, 2011.
- Important Note: The distances skated and divisions will be adjusted based on the actual entries received. For example, if qualifying skaters are younger in age, a 333 may be substituted for one of the distances.

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ENTRY: \$60.00 per skater (\$120.00 maximum fee per family).
Fee must accompany entry. Make checks payable to: Midland Speed Skating Club.
Provide date of birth and seed time from recent sanctioned event. **Entries without seed time will not be accepted. All seed times will be verified by the published protocol of the competition.**

SEND ENTRY TO: Joe Rohraff, 7887 Robin Meadows, Freeland 48623

EMAIL: smoknjoer@aol.com

AWARDS

Because of the speedway format, awards will be determined differently than in typical speedskating events.

ALL RACERS

All participants will receive an event T-shirt.

FASTEST CUMULATIVE RACE TIMES:

- Gold Division – Fastest women's and men's CUMULATIVE race time; calculated as the sum of the fastest 2 times in each distance skated. (Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.)
- Silver Division – Fastest women's and men's CUMULATIVE race time; calculated as the sum of the fastest 2 times in each distance skated. (Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.)
- Skaters disqualified (receiving a penalty) in a race may not count the time in their cumulative total.

PERSONAL BEST AWARDS

- Gold Division – One award for each women and man with the greatest percentage improvement over their seed times in the 1000m and 500m (one award for each distance). .
- Silver Division – One award for each women and man with the greatest percentage improvement over their seed times in 500m.

Tentative Meet Schedule:

Saturday, December 10:	Check-in:	6:00-6:45 AM
	Warm Up:	7:00-7:40 AM
	Racing:	8:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Sunday, December 11:	Warm Up:	7:00-7:40 AM
	Racing:	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Requirements

- Participants must wear approved safety equipment compliant with ISU Rule 291 consisting of protective head gear, gloves, neck protector, knee protection, shin guards, shirts with long sleeves, and long pants.

Directions to the Midland Civic Arena and Information on Lodging: go to www.msscevents.com for detailed maps, hotel, city, arena photos, and meet information.