



Lloydminster

Border Blades

Speed Skating Club

Fire on Ice XV

Saturday, November 25th, 2023

Greetings from the Lloydminster Border Blades Speed Skating Club!

We are writing to announce our upcoming **SSA sanctioned short track ability meet** scheduled for Saturday, November 25th, 2023 at the Servus Sports Centre, 5212 12th Street, Lloydminster, AB.

This will be an ability meet for all ages, cradles to masters. We will also be holding the Devin Racz Memorial Relay Race (please see attached information).

IceReg registration: <https://icereg.ca/#!/events/2138-fire-on-ice-2023>

You can also register by emailing borderblades@gmail.com

Entry Fees: \$50.00 per skater

\$10 active start (cradles)

ENTRY LIMITED TO FIRST 110 SKATERS

A block of rooms has been reserved at Best Western Plus Meridian Hotel. They are on a first come first serve basis. This hotel is beside the Servus Sports Center and has a skywalk for entry. Rooms will be released on Nov 3, 2023

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.61089.html?groupId=Z63CB0I0

Many other great hotels in Lloydminster. They are all a 5-10 min drive to the Servus Sports Center

Estimated Times

Coaches' Meeting 7:10 a.m.

Warm-ups 7:30-8:10 a.m.

Races start at 8:30 a.m.

Race Format / Distances - Draft-Subject to Change

Active Start (50m track)	50m Heat/Final; 100m Final; 200m Final
6-8 years old (100m track)	100m Heat/Final; 200m Heat/Final; 400m Heat/Final
9-10 years old (100m track)	200m Heat/Final; 400m Heat/Final; 800m SuperFinal
11-13 years old (100m track)	400 Heat/Final; 800m Heat/Final; 1000m Super Final
14+ years old (111m track)	1500m; 500m Heat/Final; 1000 Super Final

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Devin Racz Memorial Relay Race

Devin Racz was a long-time member of the Lloydminster Border Blades. During his speed skating career, Devin competed in three Alberta Winter Games, numerous Alberta Cup events, and was a member of the Alberta Development Team. After retiring from competitive skating, Devin continued to be active with the Border Blades as a coach and mentor for young skaters.

While speed skating is usually thought of as an individual sport, it has a very definite team element. Devin excelled at this element. He was always quick to encourage his teammates and push them to improve on their performances. Nowhere was this more evident than in relay racing. Devin was an outstanding relay skater, and anchored the bronze medal winning Zone 7 Senior Relay team at the 2004 Alberta Winter Games in Peace River.

Devin was killed in a motor vehicle collision east of Lloydminster on May 17, 2007. To honour Devin's memory, the Lloydminster Border Blades instituted the Devin Racz Memorial Relay Race. Criteria for teams entering shall be:

1. Teams shall consist of 3 or 4 skaters of any age or gender.
2. Teams may include skaters from different clubs.
3. Teams may designate a 5th skater as an alternate should an injury preclude participation by one of the team's regular skaters.
4. Teams may substitute a maximum of one skater from a team eliminated in the semi-final round, but only in the event of an injury to one of the team's regular skaters.
5. Deadline for entry of teams shall be 11 a.m. on the morning of the meet. There shall be a maximum of 12 teams entered in the competition.
6. For the safety of all competitors, it is strongly recommended that all skaters participating in the relay have a 500 m seed time of 63 seconds or less.

Competition:

1. The Devin Racz Memorial Relay will be a 3000 m short track relay that will run under standard ISU/SSC rules for relay on a 111m track.
2. In the event that 4 or fewer teams register for the race, the race will be held at the conclusion of the Fire on Ice Short Track Ability Meet.
3. In the event that greater than 4 teams register, the finalist teams will be selected with an advancement of 1 + times from a series of semi-final races. These semi-final races will take place immediately after the lunch break and shall be 2000m races. Team seeding will be at the discretion of the meet organizers. The 3000 m final will occur immediately at the conclusion of the Fire On Ice race program.



Awards:

1. The Lloydminster Border Blades Speed Skating Club has established a Devin Racz Memorial Relay plaque that shall be retained by the club. Names of the members of the winning team will be engraved on this plaque.
2. Each member of the top three teams, including the alternate skater (if one was designated) will be awarded a specially crafted medal.