

GUIDELINES FOR ISU EVENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Sport Specific Annex – Short Track Speed Skating

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SPORT SPECIFIC ANNEX – SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

MASKS

Skaters are exempted from wearing masks during:

- Training on-ice
- Last preparation/warm-up before race
- Competing on-ice
- The 3 medalists taking part in a Victory Ceremony on-ice

Referees and Starters are exempted from wearing masks/mouth-nose face protection when officiating.

ACCREDITATION

Only the following number of Team Officials can receive an accreditation:

For Teams entering 1 up to 6 Skaters

#	Function
1	Team Leader
1	Coach
1	Doctor
1	Physio
1	Equipment Technician

For Teams entering 7 up to 12 Skaters

#	Function
1	Team Leader
2	Coaches
1	Doctor
2	Physios
2	Equipment Technicians
1	Team Video Specialist

If a maximum number of persons allowed at the same time in the venue is set by the Public Health Authorities of the hosting ISU Member, the ISU Event Coordinator in agreement with the OC Covid-19 Responsible Manager will issue the necessary guidelines.

Event attendees may pick up their accreditation as per Article G of the ISU General Guidelines.

- The accreditation room and flow can be done as usual for Short Track events; however, keeping the required minimum distance between people and accreditation stations. The Organizing Committee shall make the flow clearly visible (stickers, signs, etc.) to have a one-way direction only, if possible. Every newly accredited person shall leave the area as quickly as possible after completion of all required steps.

At the entrance of the accreditation room, an access control needs to be set up to control the number of people inside the room and to stop people from entering the room if the permitted maximum number of allowed persons is

about to be transgressed.

Daily antigen tests for all participants, including coaches, event officials, ISU Officials, VIPs. Additional PCR tests, as an option, can take place in the middle of the event. In case of a positive antigen test – second antigen test and PCR test AND tracing of contacts (1) and close contacts (2) will be conducted.

A close contact is the one with whom the positively tested individual stayed for more than 15 minutes and **without** a mask, e.g., a roommate, a skating partner, an athlete in the same dressing room, on a bus, a person with whom the positively tested person had a dinner at the same table.

ACCREDITED PERSONS' CONDUCT

- All equipment brought by Skaters or Team or ISU Officials to the facility shall be packed together in one bag.
- Sharing of individual equipment (i.e. helmets, gloves, racing suits) is prohibited, in particular ensuring that water bottles and cups are not shared.
- If bikes are used by several athletes for warming up, the handlebars and the seat must be cleaned by the Skater with sanitizer after each use, it is also strongly recommended that Skaters are also cleaning handlebars and seat before warming-up. Wipes and sanitizer to be provided by the OC.
- VIP Guests accredited as Event attendees shall be restricted and will undergo daily rapid antigen testing the same way as all competition participants.

VENUE FACILITIES

Dressing rooms

- Social distancing must be respected in the dressing rooms.
- If possible and available, areas with temporary division walls shall be identified and installed to separate each single team.
- Each Skater shall clean his place when leaving the dressing room.

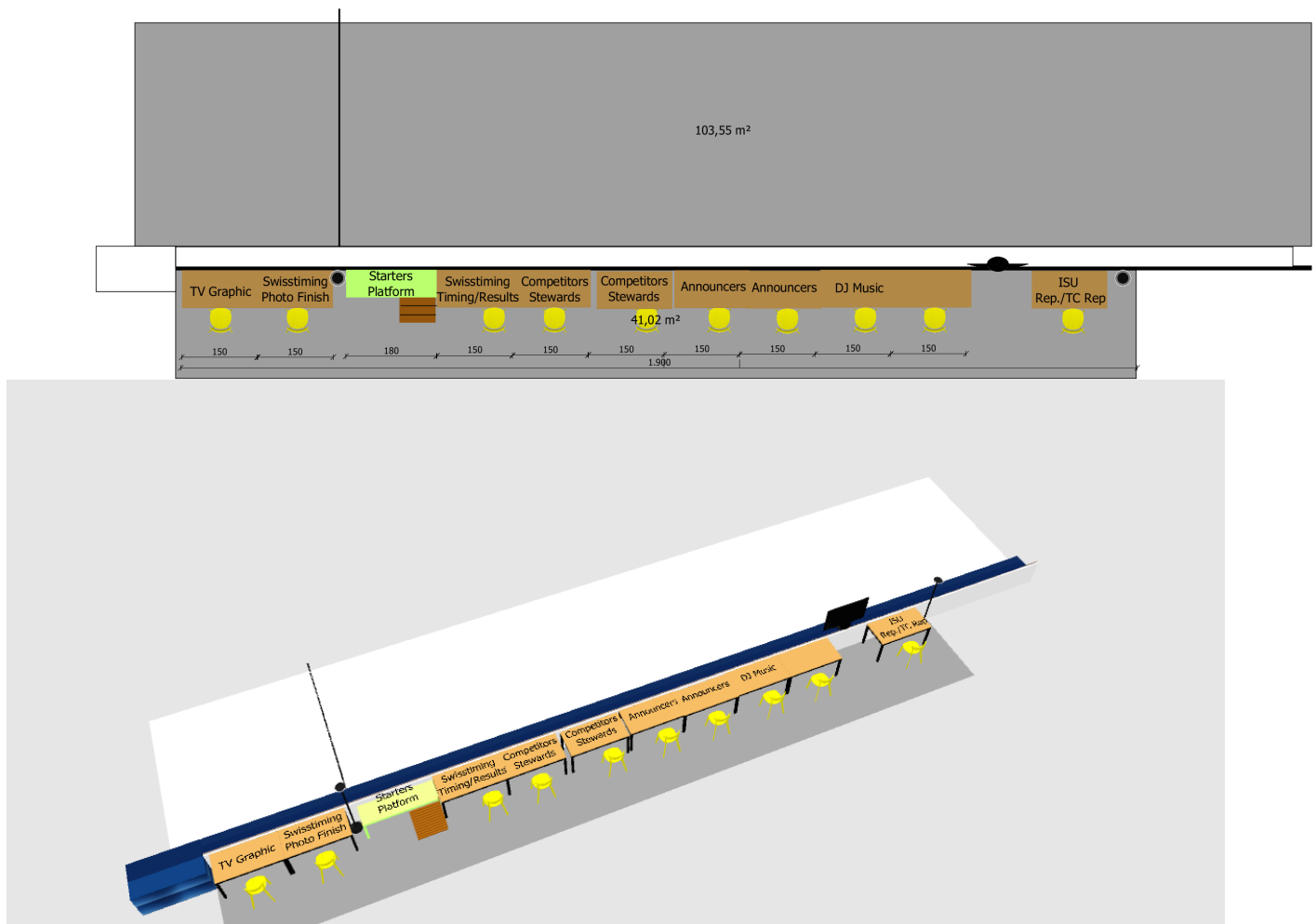
Function Room

Video Replay room

- Only the ISU Event Manager, TV operator and Assistant Video Referees are authorized in the room. All persons in the Video Replay room shall wear a face mask at all times.

Officials platform

- Table setups and working spaces shall have a physical distance of at least 1.5 meters. All details shall be defined with the ISU Event Manager.
- Access to the platform, other than those operating, is prohibited.
- If due to the social distancing on the platform the available space is not sufficient, some functional technical positions may be moved to another location in agreement with the ISU Event Manager and the service providers, or transparent division walls may be used
- Announcer/s is/are exempted from wearing masks/nose-face protection while announcing only if a plexiglass separation is in place.



Training

- For weight room training, if applicable, the maximum number of persons allowed at the same time shall respect the local laws and rules.

Warm-up Area

- OC to provide access control for warm-up area to avoid too many people at the same time.
- OC to provide volunteers for the constant disinfection of the stationary bikes and/or other equipment.

Track Stewards room

The access to and use of the dressing room shall be limited to the Track Stewards only.

Hospitality Lounges at ice rink (ISU/OC)

- There shall be NO ISU Lounge
- If the pandemic situation in the host country and local regulation allows, an OC Lounge may be organized under strict measures such as:
 - mask policy, keeping social distance, limited number of people, sanitizers
 - Access to the Lounge(s) will only be allowed for fully Covid-19 vaccinated and/or Covid-19 recovered guests; Accepted vaccines are those which are recognized in the respective host country.
 - NO Team Members, Officials (except ISU Representative) or Event Attendees, who are in contact with Teams and Officials, can have access to the Lounge(s).
 - The invitation to access the Lounge(s) shall be limited to ticket holders only, who have no access to the backstage area of the Event.
 - The time spent in the Lounge(s) must be kept to a minimum.

FIELD OF PLAY

Photographer's area

- On the photo stand, all available positions must be pre-marked based on the distance guidelines.

Media and TV

- In the Mixed Zone, the media representatives must always keep at least 1.5 meters distance from the Skaters and use different microphones, one for the journalist and one for the Skater. The Skater's microphone shall be cleaned and sanitized after each interview.
- Floor markings, plexi-glass dividers or fences must be placed.

Heat Box

- The location and setup of the heat box and the "Final A area" shall be defined together with the ISU Event Manager.
- Chairs or benches shall possibly allow a social distancing of at least 1 meter.
- Access to Team Officials is prohibited.
- A pre-heat box shall be defined in the case the Heat box is not big enough.
- Floor markings shall be placed to position the athletes before entering the ice keeping the social distancing of at least 1 meter without using the face mask.
- For the "Final A area" the same principles shall apply.
- In the case of the same entry and exit door a precise flow of the athletes shall be defined and coordinated by the Heat box steward and the volunteers.

Coaches Box

- **Coaches shall wear a face mask at all time when in the Coaches Box.**
- Floor markings must be placed respecting the distance guidelines.
- The setup and installation of the coaches' box shall be defined together with the ISU Event Manager.
- If possible one entry staircase and one exit staircase should be build.

Field of play volunteers

- Field of play volunteers shall remain in their dedicated area and not move during races.
- For padding pushers the physical distancing shall be respected as much as possible during set back of the padding.

Location/area for Team members filming races

- Pre-marked areas for each single team shall be identified.

MEETINGS

Team Leaders Meeting

- It is highly recommended to organize the Team Leaders' Meeting virtually, i.e. Zoom video conference, Microsoft Teams, etc. All details to be defined with the ISU Event Manager
- If a meeting room of adequate size is available in the hotel or at the ice rink, the room must be prepared with at least 1,5 meters between each seat and each row of seats.
- One (1) Team leader or Coach per ISU Member is allowed unless hosted virtually.

Technical and Medical Meetings (held before the start of the Event)

- It is highly recommended to organize these meetings virtually, i.e. Zoom video conference, Microsoft Teams, etc.
- The meeting room shall be of adequate size and prepared with at least 1.5 meters between each seat and each row of seats.

- Number of participants shall be restricted at a maximum.

Non-Event related Meeting

- Non-event related meetings should not be held at an ISU Speed Skating Event, including ISU Dinner, Officials Dinner and Closing Dinner/Closing Banquet.