

Communication No. 2580

ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2023/24

1. ISU World Cup Competitions

The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2023/24 will be presented under the title “ISU World Cup Short Track” and a specific logo. For the season 2023/24 the ISU has designated the following competitions as “World Cup Competitions”:

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>	
1	Montreal	CAN	October 20, 2023 October 21-22, 2023	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
2	Montreal	CAN	October 27, 2023 October 28-29, 2023	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
3	Beijing	CHN	December 8, 2023 December 9-10, 2023	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
4	Seoul	KOR	December 15, 2023 December 16-17, 2023	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
5	Dresden	GER	February 9, 2024 February 10-11, 2024	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
6	Gdansk	POL	February 16, 2024 February 17-18, 2024	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session

Organizers of these World Cup Competitions are required to observe the conditions of the 2022 ISU Regulations and the most recent edition of the Memorandum for hosting ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions.

All above ISU World Cup Short Track Events have been identified for the purpose of crowning Champions for the season 2023/24 who will be the winners of the ISU World Cup Short Track Crystal Globe Trophy.

2. Announcement

Each organizer of the above-mentioned World Cup Competitions shall submit an Announcement to the ISU Secretariat for publication on the ISU Website (see Rule 110).

3. Conditions

- All World Cup Competitions are held according to Rule 286.
- The competitions will have a single distance character and are held in separate sessions. The first day (Day 0) is dedicated to the Qualifying Session with qualifying rounds only. On the two following days (Day 1 and Day 2) there will be World Cup Sessions preceded by Repechage Sessions for

the same individual distances as in the World Cup session on that day. The Semi-Finals for the Mixed Team Relay will be skated at the end of the Repechage Session of Day 1. Competitors who did not qualify for the Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters or for the Semi-Finals for 1500 meters during the Qualifying Session, can enter the Repechage Session for the distance concerned, except those who were given a sanction (Rule 297, paragraph 7), or who did not start in the Qualifying Session. Skaters that were declared "Did not Finish" are eligible to move on to next rounds including the Repechage races. The maximum number of Competitors to enter the Repechage Session is forty (40) for the 500 and 1000m and forty-two (42) for the 1500m, based on the intermediary Distance Classifications.

- c) On the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters and on the Relay distances there will be A and B Finals. Skaters / Teams qualify for A and B Finals only through the Semi-Final.

B-Finals with only one (1) Skater / Team will not be skated, and for the purpose of the distance ranking the qualified Skater / Team will then be assigned the first finish position for the race. The number of Qualifying Rounds, the number of Races per Round and the number of Skaters to qualify for the next round, for both the Qualifying Session and the Repechage Session, are specified by the ISU Short Track Technical Committee.

- d) Planned number of Skaters/Teams per Race:

<u>Maximum planned number of Competitors</u>	500	1000	1500	Relay
Preliminaries (Qualifying Session)	5	6	8	
Heats or Quarter-Finals (Qualifying Session)	5	5	7	5
Repechage Session	5	6	8	
Quarter-Finals (World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)		
Semi-Finals (World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4
Finals (World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4 *)

*) See Rule 295, paragraph 2.e)

- e) Payments to Officials must be in accordance with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 137, paragraph 6.b) and ISU Communication No. 2096.
- f) Anti-Doping tests will be carried out at each Competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications Nos. 2344 and 2366 or any further update of these Communications).
- g) At each Competition an ISU Technical Committee Representative will be assigned (Rule 288).

4. Distances and program

- a) The distribution of distances at the World Cup Competitions and the respective World Cup sessions will be as follows:

World Cup	Individual Distances for Women and Men		Relays (Day 1 and Day 2)
	Day 1	Day 2	
1	1000 m (1), 1500m	500 m, 1000 m (2)*	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000 m for Mixed Team
2	500 m, 1500m (1)	1000 m, 1500m (2)*	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000 m for Mixed Team
3	500 m (1), 1500m	1000 m, 500 m (2)*	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000 m for Mixed Team
4	1000 m, 1500m (1)	500 m, 1500 m (2)*	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000 m for Mixed Team
5	1000 m (1), 1500 m	500 m, 1000 m (2)*	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000 m for Mixed Team
6	500m (1), 1500m	1000 m, 500 (2)*	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000m for Mixed Team

* These distances are designated as Prime distances and carry bonus World Cup points

The order of distances listed in the table above is referring to the sequence of starts and rounds. It remains indicative and may be subject to changes.

- b) The program for each World Cup Competition is set as follows:

- Day -4 - Official Training at Teams' cost
 Day -3 - Official Training at Teams' cost
 Day -2 - Official Training at Teams' cost
 Day -1 - Official Training free of charge for all Teams
 - Official Team Leaders' Meeting
 Day 0 - Qualifying Session (all individual and Relay distances)
 Day 1 - Repechage Session (individual distances that will be skated in the WORLD CUP Session)
 - Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals
 - WORLD CUP Session
 Day 2 - Repechage Session (individual distances that will be skated in the WORLD CUP Session)
 - Relay Final B
 - WORLD CUP Session

- c) The program of the Qualifying Session (Day 0) and of the Repechage Sessions will be made by the Competitors' Steward based on the number of entries. For all individual distances and Relays the Qualifying Session will include all qualifying rounds necessary to qualify Skaters or Teams for the World Cup Sessions (Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters, Semi-Finals for 1500 meters and for all Relay distances).
- d) The program for each day of the World Cup Sessions will follow a standardized schedule
- Quarter-Finals individual distances
 - Resurface
 - Semi-Finals individual distances
 - Resurface
 - Finals B and A individual distances
 - Finals Mixed Team Relay (Day 1)
 - Resurface
 - Semi-Finals / Final A Women's and Men's Relay

The program of the World Cup Session is subject to changes based on local circumstances and/or TV agreements.

- e) There will not be any warm-up sessions.
- f) No other Short Track Speed Skating events are allowed in the same facility during the ISU World Cup Competitions.

5. Entries

- a) In accordance with Rule 286, the entries at a World Cup Competition shall be restricted to a maximum of six (6) Competitors per category (Women, Men) for each ISU Member¹, covering both individual and Relay distances.
- b) Individual entries for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters:
 Maximum three (3) Competitors per ISU Member per distance per category. For each distance any three (3) of the maximum six (6) Competitors entered may skate the distance.
 During the Qualifying Session (on Day 0) a Competitor may participate in a maximum of two (2) distances (one of the 2 distances scheduled for the World Cup Session of Day 1 and one of the 2 distances scheduled for the World Cup Session of Day 2). The number of Competitors actually entered from each ISU Member must for each day be divided as indicated in the table below.

<i>ISU Member</i>	<i>Distance 1 (Day 1)</i>	<i>Distance 2 (Day 1)</i>	<i>Distance 3 (Day 2)</i>	<i>Distance 4 (Day 2)</i>
A - 6 Competitors	3	3	3	3
B - 5 Competitors	2 or 3	3 or 2	2 or 3	3 or 2
C - 4 Competitors	1 or 2 or 3	3 or 2 or 1	1 or 2 or 3	3 or 2 or 1
D - 3 Competitors	1 or 2	2 or 1	1 or 2	2 or 1
E - 2 Competitors	0 or 1 or 2	2 or 1 or 0	0 or 1 or 2	2 or 1 or 0

- c) Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member per category, consisting of minimum four (4), maximum six (6) Competitors.

- d) Mixed Team Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member, consisting of minimum two (2) Women and two (2) Men, and maximum four (4) Women and four (4) Men. ISU Members entering this event, accept to forfeit Rule 295, paragraph 2.l).
- e) Entries must be made in accordance with Rule 295 paragraph 4.
- f) By making an entry for a Relay event at a World Cup Competition the ISU Member confirms that, if qualified, the ISU Member will participate in the Relay competition concerned at relevant ISU Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2023-2024. The ISU Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU Secretariat immediately after the World Cup Competition preceding the relevant Championships.

¹ Reference is made to ISU Communication No. 2469, paragraph 2.a) according to which and until further notice, no individual belonging to the Russian Skating Union and Skating Union of Belarus shall be invited, entered and allowed to participate in International Competitions, ISU Championships and other ISU Events.

6. World Cup entries by Host ISU Member

According to Rule 295, paragraph 2.k) the Host ISU Member may enter one (1) Skater in each of the individual distances in each category in the World Cup Session. These special entries must meet the following additional criteria:

- a) The Host ISU Member must specify for each of the distances whether they want to enter a Skater directly to the World Cup Session, and specify the name and all relevant information for this selected Skater. This documentation, for all Skaters and distances concerned, must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat at the latest ten (10) days before the Competition (See Rule 286, paragraph 6).
- b) A selected Skater for the World Cup session should be the highest ranked Skater of the Host ISU Member in the World Ranking List over the distance concerned.
- c) If the Skater is not the highest ranked Skater of the Host ISU Member in the World Ranking List, the selected Skater must be the best Skater of the Host ISU Member as proven by the results in International or national Competitions after July 1, 2022. The entry of such a Skater for the World Cup session must be approved by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee.

7. Required Qualifying Times

- a) All Skaters entered for a World Cup Competition must have achieved an ISU qualifying time over the distance of 500 meters. The ISU Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined qualifying times required for participation in the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2022/23 as follows:

Every ISU Member can enter one (1) Skater per category that has achieved the following qualifying time:

Women 500 meters: 48,87(18% slower than world record prior to the season)

Men 500 meters: 46,62 (18% slower than world record prior to the season)

If an ISU Member enters more than one (1) Skater in individual distances, the qualifying times required for all Skaters (including all Relay Skaters) entered, are:

Women 500 meters: 47,21(14% slower than world record prior to the season)

Men 500 meters: 45,04 (14% slower than world record prior to the season)

- b) The result must have been achieved at the latest fourteen (14) days before the respective ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating in one of the following Competitions:
 - ISU Championships
 - ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions
 - ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions
 - International Short Track Speed Skating Competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication published by the ISU
 - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned
 - Other Short Track Speed Skating Competitions sanctioned by the ISU

- c) The Competition must have been held on an official ISU track as defined in Rule 280, paragraph 1.
- d) Photo finish and/or electronic timing must have been used, proved by original outputs of the equipment. If no Photo finish and/or electronic timing are available 0,2 seconds must be added to the time skated.
- e) A Referee and Starter, listed under item 2 of ISU Communication No. 2571 must have been officiating.
- f) A Protocol and a Program of the competition must be available.
- g) For a Skater to be qualified for participation in the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2023/24, only results achieved after July 1, 2021, will be considered.

8. Drawing and progression

- a) The make-up of the first Qualifying Round of each distance shall be based on the current World Ranking List over the distance following the principles of Rule 296 of the 2022 ISU Regulations. Progression to subsequent Qualifying Rounds shall be according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.
- b) From the Qualifying Sessions for 500 and 1000 meters a number of Skaters (see Qualifying Tables to be published separately) will qualify for the Quarter-Finals during the World Cup Session. If the Host ISU Member does not use its right to enter one (1) Skater to these Quarter-Finals, then the number of Skaters to qualify for the Quarter-Finals over 500 and 1000 meters will be adjusted.
- c) Similarly, the number of Skaters to qualify for the 1500 meters Semi-Finals is specified in the Qualifying Tables.
- d) From the Repechage Session the winners of the Semi-Finals will qualify for the World Cup Session.

9. Classifications at each World Cup Competition

The Distance Classifications over the Individual Distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters and the Relay distances will follow the Rules for Distance Classifications (see Rule 295),

- First to be listed will be Competitors who have qualified for the World Cup Session in accordance with Rule 295, using the results of the World Cup Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session.
- Then the remaining Competitors who have participated in the Repechage Session will be ranked in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 7, using the results of the Repechage Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session.
- Any remaining Competitor will be ranked in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 7, using the results in the Qualifying Session.

10. World Cup Points & World Cup Classifications

For each of the Individual Distances, the following point system will be used for the World Cup Classification.

Only Skaters with a result on the distance classification in the Main Sessions will receive World Cup Points. Skaters without World Cup points will nevertheless also have a ranking based on the distance classification.

For the Relay Races, the same point system will be used and all Relay Teams participating will get World Cup points.

Classification	Points	Classification	Points
1	100	13	18
2	80	14	16
3	70	15	14
4	60	16	12
5	50	17	10
6	44	18	8
7	40	19	6
8	36	20	5
9	32	21	4
10	28	22	3
11	24	23	2
12	20	24	1

For the distances identified as the Prime Distance, specified in paragraph 4 a): Extra Bonus Points as listed below will be awarded to the top 10 Skaters of the Final Distance Classification:

Classification	Points
1	50
2	45
3	40
4	35
5	30
6	25
7	20
8	15
9	10
10	5

- For each individual distance, the Skater's best six (6) World Cup points scores from ISU World Cup Competitions will be considered for the World Cup classification.
- For each of the Relay distances, the best four (4) results from the Distance Classifications at ISU World Cup Competitions will be considered for the World Cup classification.

11. Classification for the Season's Overall Champions and winner of the ISU World Cup Short Track Crystal Globe Trophy 2023-2024

At the end of the season the **Overall World Classification** will correspond to the total of the points cumulated for the World Cup Distance Classifications in the three individual distances.

The Overall World Classification will include a maximum of 12 results for each Skater.

It is not mandatory for Skaters to participate in all 3 distances to be ranked in the Overall World Classification. However, for each individual distance (500m, 1000m and 1500m), a maximum of 6 results from the Distance Classifications at ISU World Cup Competitions are considered for the Overall World Classification. Skaters will have the possibility to race a distance up to 8 times during the World Cup season, but only a maximum of 6 results for one distance will be kept.

Examples: Skaters can decide to race 4 X 500m, 4 X 1000m and 4 X 1500m, or they can decide to race 6 X 1000m and 6 X 1500m to get to their 12 counting results. Skaters racing 8 X 500m and 4 X another distance would have only 10 results counting since the maximum number of results counting for the same distance is 6.

Tie Breaker

In case of a Tie in the Overall World Classification Points, the Winner will be the Skater with the most 1st place finishes.

In case a Tie persist, the winner will be the Skater with the most 2nd place finishes, then the most 3rd places.

If Skaters are tied because they have exactly the same results (in World Cup points) for their 12 counting results, no further tie will be broken, and they will both be declared Season Champions and Winners of the ISU World Cup Short Track Crystal Globe.

Award Ceremony

At the end of every World Cup Competition, an updated version of the Overall World Classification will be published and promoted. There will be updates and promotions of the best ranked Skaters in the Overall World Classification during all World Cup competitions of the season.

A special Award Ceremony to crown the winners will take place at the conclusion of the last World Cup of the season in Gdansk, POL on February 16-18, 2024.

12. World Ranking

- a) To establish the World Ranking for each distance (for the purpose of seeding the Skaters or Teams) the points scoring at ISU World Cup Competitions is as follows:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	10000	24	299	47	27
2	8500	25	269	48	24
3	7225	26	242	49	21
4	6141	27	218	50	19
5	5220	28	196	51	18
6	4437	29	177	52	17
7	3771	30	159	53	16
8	3206	31	143	54	15
9	2725	32	129	55	14
10	2316	33	116	56	13
11	1969	34	104	57	12
12	1673	35	94	58	11
13	1422	36	84	59	10
14	1209	37	76	60	9
15	1028	38	68	61	8
16	874	39	62	62	7
17	743	40	55	63	6
18	631	41	50	64	5
19	536	42	45	65	4
20	456	43	40	66	3
21	410	44	36	67	2
22	369	45	33	68*	1
23	332	46	29		

* Skaters ranked 68th and beyond in the distance classification will also receive 1 point

- b) Points are awarded only if the Skater is ranked on the respective classification of that Competition.
- c) In the case of a tie, the higher number of ranking points shall be awarded to both Skaters / Teams, for example in the case of a tie for second places the points will be 10000, 8500, 8500, 6141, etc.

- d) For the individual distances: If a distance is raced eight (8) times during the season, the best six (6) results will be used for the World Ranking at the beginning of season 2024-2025. During the season 2023-2024, all results from season 2022-2023 will count until the distance has been raced five (5) times at which point the results of 2022-2023 will start to be removed and one by one (starting with the oldest) replaced by the new results from the ongoing season. For season 2024-2025, if all World Cup Competitions scheduled for the season 2023-2024 did take place, only the results from season 2023-2024 will be kept (see table below). However, when a distance is raced 2 times during the same Event, the same Ranking shall be used for the Seeding both times.
- For the Relay distances: If a distance is raced six (6) times, the World Ranking 2024-2025 for the Relay will be made using the best four (4) results. During season 2023-2024, with every new result being added, the oldest result from 2022-2023 will be removed (see table below).

Calculation of World Ranking for Individual distances:

Season 2022/23								Season 2023/24								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									sum of best 6 from 8 results
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								sum of best 6 from 8 results
		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							sum of best 6 from 8 results
			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						sum of best 6 from 8 results
				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					sum of best 6 from 8 results
					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				sum of best 6 from 8 results
						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			sum of best 6 from 8 results
							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		sum of best 6 from 8 results
								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	sum of best 6 from 8 results for 24-25

Calculation of World Ranking for Relays:

Season 2022/23						Season 2023/24						
1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	
X	X	X	X	X	X							sum of best 4 from 6 results
	X	X	X	X	X	X						sum of best 4 from 6 results
		X	X	X	X	X	X					sum of best 4 from 6 results
			X	X	X	X	X	X				sum of best 4 from 6 results
				X	X	X	X	X	X			sum of best 4 from 6 results
					X	X	X	X	X	X		sum of best 4 from 6 results
						X	X	X	X	X	X	sum of best 4 from 6 results for 24-25

13. Inspection of Skaters' equipment and racing uniforms

As per ISU Communication No. 2400 (or any further update of this Communication), ISU Members must provide documents that confirm the requirements of the Cut resistant fabric to be used in the racing uniforms. The ISU may carry out controls on the use of the required cut resistant competition clothing/uniforms and other protective equipment at ISU Events.

During World Cup 1 & 2, all Skaters will be required to bring on Thursday their racing suits, gloves and helmet to an inspection table located at the ice rink, either right before or right after their training session. Teams are expected to have the tag specifying the level of cut resistance visible inside of the racing suits. Helmets are also expected to show the seal of conformity.

The ISU will also do random checks after races and inspect the equipment of Skaters at other ISU Events during the season.

14. Prize Money

Prize Money will be awarded only based on the Final World Cup Classifications after all the World Cup Competitions of the season have been concluded. The Prize Money amounts for the World Cup Classifications are as follows:

Individual distances												
	500 m				1000 m				1500 m			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
1 st place	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000
2 nd place	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000
3 rd place	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000
4 th place	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000
5 th place	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000
6 th place	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500
7 th place	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000
8 th place	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500
9 th place	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000
10 th place	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000

Team competitions						
	Relay				Mixed Team Relay	
	Men		Women			
1 st place	US\$	12'000	US\$	12'000	US\$	8'000
2 nd place	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	6'000
3 rd place	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000
4 th place	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000
5 th place	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000

Prize Money Overall World Classification 2023/24					
Season's Champion rankings & Crystal Globe winners					
	Men			Women	
1 st place	USD	20'000		USD	20'000
2 nd place	USD	13'000		USD	13'000
3 rd place	USD	9'000		USD	9'000
4 th place	USD	6'000		USD	6'000
5 th place	USD	4'000		USD	4'000
Total	USD	52'000		USD	52'000

Total Prize Money	US\$	489'000
--------------------------	-------------	----------------

Seoul,
July 19, 2023
Lausanne,

JaeYoul Kim, President
Fredi Schmid, Director General