

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 2039

ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2016/17, including International Competitions for "neo-seniors"

1. General Conditions

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup will be organized as a series of International Competitions subject to regulations given in this ISU Communication. The ISU Junior World Cup is an ISU Event, financially supported through the ISU Development Program. Relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations apply, in particular Rules 105, 106 and 136. Rule 223, paragraph 1 c) and 1 d) regarding national team uniforms will apply with the adjustments as mentioned in 2c) below.
As per Rule 105, paragraph 1 a), the national (domestic) TV rights and advertising rights for each Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup 2016/17 belong to the organizing ISU Member. Before concluding any commercial agreements the organizers should, however, consult the ISU Director General in order to prevent conflicts with ISU contracts. The international TV rights belong to the ISU. If a TV production is available then the organizers shall provide the international TV signal at no cost, to the ISU and its designated TV companies.
- b) Each Competition of the ISU Junior World Cup 2016/17 will include races for juniors (as defined in Rule 108 and paragraph 2e) below) and for "neo-seniors" (defined as Skaters that are under the age of 23 years by July 1, 2016), organised in two separate divisions with separate list of results and rankings. Both divisions, to be named "Juniors" and "Neo-seniors", are considered to be part of the same ISU Event, and are governed by the same rules and regulations, if not otherwise specified in this Communication.
- c) An ISU Memorandum specifying obligations and guidelines for the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2016/17 will be available to the hosting ISU Members and the Organizing Committees.
- d) For each Competition in the ISU Junior World Speed Skating 2016/17 the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee assigns a Representative, who shall observe that the competitions are conducted in accordance with this Communication, ISU statutes and the ISU Memorandum.
- e) In this Communication the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2016/17 is sometimes referred to with the shorter term "ISU Junior World Cup" and the abbreviation "JWC". The terms "Juniors" and "Neo-seniors" will refer to the races and rankings of the two respective divisions.

2. Basic competition rules

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup consists of a series of Competitions for the following distances/events:
Ladies, individual events: 500, 1000, 1500, 3000m and Mass start races (10 laps)
Ladies, team events: Team Pursuit (6 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps);
Men, individual events: 500, 1000, 1500, 3000m and Mass start races (10 laps),
Men, team events: Team Pursuit (8 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps),
- b) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2016/17 ranking for each distance/event is determined by the accumulated points for each Skater or (for Team Pursuit and Team Sprint) national team over the season.
- c) The competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members, subject to entry quotas and required qualifying times. Participating competitors need to wear racing uniforms clearly identifying the ISU Member concerned.
- d) Participation in the Juniors division is open to Junior A and Junior B Skaters as per ISU Rule 108; this means Skaters born in the period 1 July 1997 – 30 June 2001, and also to Junior C Skaters (born between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002) who have reached the qualifying times required to be entered for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2017. Participation in the Neo-seniors division is open to Skaters born in the period 1 July 1993 – 30 June 1997, on the condition that the Skater has not yet participated in ISU World Cup Competitions during the season 2016/17.

- e) In each division the Competitors who currently have the highest rank on the distance concerned will skate in the last pair of the distance; the Competitors currently ranked 3rd and 4th will skate in the second last pair, etc. The same principle applies for the Team events. For Mass start the start list and the line-up at the start for JWC-1 will be determined by lot and for next events will be organized according to the current ranking of the division.
- f) Prize money as determined by the ISU, and a special trophy for the winner and diplomas for 2nd and 3rd place, will be awarded for the overall classification of each distance/event of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2016/17. A special trophy for the winner and diplomas for 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for the overall classification of each distance/event of the Neo-senior division.

3. ISU Junior World Cup Competitions 2016/17

<i>JWC</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Program</i>
<i>JWC-1</i>	November 26 – 27, 2016	Minsk, (BLR)	Day 1: 1000, 3000, Team Sprint Day 2: 500, 1500, Mass start
<i>JWC-2</i>	January 21 – 22, 2017	Collalbo (ITA)	Day 1: 1000, 3000, Team Sprint Day 2: 500, 1500, Mass start
<i>JWC-3 (Final)</i>	February 11 – 12, 2017	Erfurt (GER)	Day 1: 500, 1500, Team Pursuit Day 2: 1000, 3000, Mass start

4. Entry Rules

4.1. Qualifying times

Entered Skaters must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances (for Mass start or team events any of the listed qualifying time limits apply):

	<i>Juniors Ladies</i>	<i>Juniors Men</i>	<i>Neo-seniors Ladies</i>	<i>Neo-seniors Men</i>
500 m	45,00	41,00	42,00	37,00
1000 m	1.30,00	1.22,00	1.24,00	1.14,00
1500 m	2.20,00	2.07,00	2.10,00	1.55,00
3000 m	5.00,00	4.25,00	4.40,00	4.05,00

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2015 and the entry deadline for the ISU Junior World Cup Competition concerned. Documentation (specifying date and venue of the competition) of the achieved time must be submitted together with the entries. Exceptionally, the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee may grant, upon evaluation at its discretion, an ISU Member the right to enter maximum one Skater per gender who has not achieved an applicable qualifying time. For the hosting ISU Member such an exception may be granted also for Junior C Skaters.

4.2. Entry quotas

- a) For the first two ISU Junior World Cup Competitions 2016/17 (*JWC-1*, *JWC-2*) an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 20 Competitors (10 Ladies, 10 Men). An ISU Member may enter not more than 5 Neo-seniors per gender.
- A maximum of 5 Competitors may be entered for each individual event (distance), both divisions counted together.
 - For the Team Sprint event an ISU Member may enter maximum one team per gender-in each division. A Junior Skater may take part in a team event in the Neo-senior division, but not vice versa.
- b) For the last Competition (*JWC Final*) an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 14 Competitors (7 Ladies, 7 Men). An ISU Member may not enter more than 5 Juniors and not more than 4 Neo-seniors per gender.
- For each division a maximum of 3 Competitors may be entered for each individual event, except for the Mass Start event, where an ISU Member may enter a maximum of only 2 Competitors.
 - For each division an ISU Member may enter maximum one team for each of the Team Pursuit events.
 - Only Skaters who have scored JWC points in the Juniors division during the season 2016/17, or Skaters who have been entered for the ISU World Junior Championships 2017, may be entered for the Juniors division in the ISU Junior World Cup final 2016/17.

- Only Skaters who have scored JWC points in the Neo-seniors division during the season 2016/17, may be entered for the Neo-senior division in the ISU Junior World Cup final 2016/17.

4.3. Entries of Competitors

ISU Members must submit their entries using the *ISU Online entry system*. The entries must indicate the event(s) to be skated by each entered Competitor, including maximum one substitute per event, and entries for team events. An entered Competitor may be replaced by an entered substitute not later than at the Team leaders' meeting preceding the draw for the distance. No substitutions will be accepted at the draw meeting. See also paragraph 6.1.

Replacement of a Competitor by an entered substitute *after the draw* may exceptionally be accepted, but only if the Referee has been duly informed **at least two hours before the start of the first race of the distance**.

5. Competition formats and rules

5.1. Individual distances

- For each individual distance all entered Skaters compete together (in one division per age-gender category).
- Quartet starts should be used for the 3000m. Quartet may be used for the 1500m.

5.2. Mass start races

Mass start races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 253, paragraph 4 b) and ISU Communication No. 2038, with the following specific rules (further details and adjustments may be issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee).

5.2.1 Racing rules for Mass start

- Distances are 10 laps for Ladies and Men, in both divisions. The warm-up lane is considered as part of the racing track.
- Start in the middle of the finishing straight (at the 1000m finishing line, rows of 6 Skaters each), finish at the end of the finishing straight.
- The first lap must be skated "in one group" without fast accelerations. Before the 500m finishing line, after this first lap, a second shot or a bell signal will be given. From this moment on it is allowed to accelerate to gain a better position in the pack.
- Competitors overtaken (with one full lap) by the current leader must abandon the race immediately.
- Severe obstruction of other Competitors will lead to disqualification.
- For safety purposes Competitors are obliged to use helmet, cut-resistant racing-suit or underwear, knee-shin guards, cut resistant ankle and neck protection, cut resistant or leather gloves. The back part and tip of the blades must be rounded off, with an indicative radius of 1 cm. Other specially announced safety measures may apply. See ISU Communication No. 2038 and Rule 223, paragraph 1 a)
- Race format:
 - During the race there will be one intermediate sprint, which will be concluded at the finishing line after 5 laps. A bell signal will be given one lap before the sprint; that means when the lap counter shows 6 laps left. Another bell signal will be given when the lap counter shows 1 lap left, signalling the final sprint.
 - Sprint points are awarded as follows:
 - Intermediate sprint: first three (3) Skaters will gain 5 – 3 – 1 points
 - Final sprint: first three (3) Skaters will gain 30 – 20 – 10 points
- The result (final ranking) of the race will be determined by the accumulated sprint points gained at the intermediate sprint and at the final sprint. The Competitors who are the first three to cross the finishing line at the final sprint will then also end up as the top three ranked Competitors.
 - For Competitors that do not finish the race in a regular manner, points awarded from the intermediate sprint will not be considered for their final ranking. Such intermediate sprint points will not be reallocated to other Competitors.
 - For Competitors with the same total of sprint points, the order of finish in the last sprint will break the tie.
 - Competitors without sprint points will be ranked according to their position at the finish.

- Competitors not finishing the race may be ranked by their number of completed laps before abandoning the race.

5.2.2. Entry rules and quota allocation for Mass start

- Maximum 28 Competitors will be admitted in each race.
- If the number of entered Skaters will exceed 28, quota places will be allocated as follows:
 - for JWC-1 and JWC-2: Each Member will have the right to compete with at least one entered Skater, and the maximum number of entries for a Member will be limited to 3 Skaters. If further limitations are necessary, then the maximum number of entries per Member will be limited to 2 Skaters.
 - for the JWC Final, based on the current JWC ranking, within a maximum entry quota of 2 Skaters per Member.
- In case of limitations of the overall number of Competitors, as per item b) above, the Team leaders will have to indicate at the Team leaders' meeting the priority order of their entered Competitors.

5.3. Team events

- Team Pursuit competitions will be with national teams of 3 Skaters. Distances are 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.
- Team Sprint competitions over a total distance of 3 laps will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 261, paragraph 3, and Rule 265, paragraph 8, with national teams consisting of 3 Skaters. The following specific rules apply (further details and adjustments may be issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee).
 - The starting procedure is the same as for Team Pursuit, with two teams starting opposite of each other at the middle of the straights.
 - Each Skater in the team must be assigned a position, No. 1, 2 or 3.
 - Skaters shall wear differently colored armbands for easy identification as follows: Skater No. 1 in the team: No armband, Skater No. 2: White armband, Skater No. 3: Red armband. Skater No. 3 should wear transponders to facilitate the timekeeping.
 - The first lap is skated with the Skater assigned as No. 1 leading the team, with Skaters No. 2 and 3 following. After one lap, Skater No. 1 has to *leave to the outer part of the track* and Skater No. 2 has to lead the team until the second lap is completed. After this lap, Skater No. 2 leaves to the outer part of the track and Skater No. 3 skates the last lap alone and finishes the race for the team.
 - Changeover to the next assigned Skater in the team must take place after the beginning of the finishing straight for the team and before the entry to the curve. The beginning and end of the changeover area will be suitably marked (e.g. by cones).
 - Teams will not be allowed on the warm-up lane while other teams are racing.
 - No coaching from the ice and no team officials in the infield.
- The deadline for entry of names of the Skaters that may compete in the Team (possibly more than 3 names) will be announced by the Referee at the Team leaders' meeting the day before the Team event. A maximum of 1 Junior skater can be entered to Neo-senior team.
- The final composition of the team shall be declared by the Team leader not later than 30 minutes before the start of the Team event concerned.
- At the first JWC Competition in each Team event, the entered Teams in the Juniors division will be seeded according to the respective Team event ranking at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2016. Teams in the Neo-seniors division will be seeded by lot.
- At the next Competition the entered Teams will be seeded according to the respective Team event ranking from the preceding JWC Competition. Unranked teams will be seeded thereafter, by lot.
- The starting order will be opposite to the ranking order of the participating Teams: The two best ranked (seeded) Teams will start in the last heat.

5.4. Demonstration events

Subject to the consent of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, the organizer of an ISU Junior World Cup Competition may add demonstration events to the program. Entry rules and conditions for demonstrations events should be included in the announcement.

6. Drawing, composition of pairs and starting order

6.1. Draw meeting and Team leaders' meeting

- a) A Team leaders' meeting shall take place before each day of the Competition, with the purpose to confirm the final entries and to present race schedules and other logistic information.
- b) Each participating ISU Member is obliged to attend the Team leaders' meeting, but participation is restricted to one person (the officially entered Team leader or another person authorized by the Team leader).
- c) Before the first day of a Competition there will be an opening draw meeting to draw or to announce the composition and starting order of pairs. For the second day the start lists will be determined by the Referee based on the confirmed entries and the rules given below.

6.2. Drawing at the first Competition for the event

- a) Individual distances (both divisions): The entered Competitors are distributed in groups of 10 Skaters each based on their achieved qualifying times. Pairs are drawn within each group, and the group with the highest ranked Competitors shall be drawn last. In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair (from the first drawn group) will consist of a single Skater. Skaters from the same country (ISU Member) should not compete in the same pair.
- b) Mass start event: The position of Competitors at the start line is determined by lot.
- c) Team events: See paragraph 5.3 above.

6.3. Pairing and drawing at the following Competitions

- a) Competitors in each division shall be paired or (for Mass start) lined up at the start according to their ISU Junior World Cup rank, as follows:
 - Competitors or teams with JWC points will be ranked first, according to their current rank.
 - Competitors without JWC points will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved JWC result (time) 2016/17. For Mass start this further ranking will be determined by lot.
 - Competitors without results from JWC Competitions 2016/17 will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved qualifying time for the distance concerned.The starting order shall be opposite to the ranking order of the Competitors, so that the Competitors with the lowest rank start in the first pair, etc. The better ranked Competitor in a pair shall start in the inner lane.
- b) If a pair that is formed based on the JWC ranking will consist of two Skaters from the same ISU Member, the lowest ranked Skater in this pair will be moved to the earlier pair, and be replaced by the highest ranked Skater in that pair.
- c) In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair shall consist of a single Skater.
- d) In quartet starts the four Competitors with the best JWC ranking shall form the last quartet, and only the first quartet may be incomplete.
- e) In case of withdrawals after the draw meeting, pairs shall be rearranged according to ISU Rule 245, paragraph 2. Substitutes shall be placed in the pair corresponding to their individual JWC rank, and necessary rearrangements must be made accordingly. However, for withdrawals announced later than two hours before the start of the distance, adjustment of pairs may be made according to Rule 245, paragraph 3.

7. ISU Junior World Cup ranking system

7.1. Competitions counting

The following number of competitions count for the JWC rankings for the respective events in each division (as per the competition schedule listed in paragraph 3):

500 m	Ladies and Men	3 Competitions
1000 m	Ladies and Men	3 Competitions
1500 m	Ladies and Men	3 Competitions
3000 m	Ladies and Men	3 Competitions
Mass Start	Ladies (10 laps) and Men (10 laps)	3 Competitions
Team Sprint *	Ladies (3 laps) and Men (3 laps)	2 Competitions
Team Pursuit *	Ladies (6 laps) and Men (8 laps)	1 Competitions

*For the team events the results from the Team Sprint Competitions and the Team Pursuit Competition are combined into one ISU Junior World Cup team events ranking.

7.2. Awarding of ISU Junior World Cup points (in each division)

<i>Rank</i>	<i>JWC-1 and JWC-2</i>	<i>JWC final</i>
1	100	150
2	80	120
3	70	105
4	60	90
5	50	75
6	44	67
7	40	60
8	36	54
9	32	48
10	28	42
11	24	36
12	20	31
13	18	27
14	16	24
15	14	21
16	12	18
17	10	15
18	8	12
19	6	9
20	5	6
21	4	4
22	3	3
23	2	2
24	1	1

7.3. Points for tied ranks

If two or more Skaters (or teams) have obtained the same rank in an event, each Skater (or team) will receive the full points scored for this tied rank.

7.4. ISU Junior World Cup ranking rules

The JWC rankings for each event (distance) is determined by the number of points the Skaters (or Teams) accumulate during the season. In the final JWC rankings, as well as in the intermediate ranking during the season, a tie between Skaters/Teams with the same total of JWC points will be resolved according to the following criteria (in order of priority) for determining the better ranked Skater/Team:

- i) the Skater/Team with the higher number of JWC victories;
- ii) the Skater/Team with the higher score of points in one single Competition;
- iii) the Skater/Team with the higher score of points in the latest Competition held.

If neither of the above criteria resolves the tie, the Skaters/Teams will have the same JWC rank.

8. Prizes

8.1. Prize money

In the Juniors division prize money will be awarded for the 3 best Skaters or Teams in the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking for each individual event (distance) and for the Team events:

Rank	Individual distances, incl. mass start	Team events – combined ranking (per Team)
1	CHF 800,-	CHF 2400,-
2	CHF 400,-	CHF 1500,-
3	CHF 250,-	CHF 1200,-

In case of ties, the prize money amount awarded will be the average amounts for the applicable ranks. The prize money is transferred by the ISU to the respective ISU Members on the conditions that apply for ISU Championships (see ISU Communication No. 1976 or later updates).

8.2. Other prizes

For each division a special trophy for the winner and diplomas for the 2nd and 3rd place in each event will be presented by the ISU based on the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking for the season 2016/17.

9. Cancellations

9.1. Cancellation of a Competition

If an organizing ISU Member considers it impossible to hold the ISU Junior World Cup Competition it has been allotted according to the schedule given in paragraph 3, it must urgently give the reasons in writing to the ISU Secretariat to permit the ISU to authorize the cancellation. If circumstances during a Competition would make it impossible to complete the scheduled race, the Referee in consultation with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee representative is authorized to cancel distances or races. The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee decides if cancelled distances or races shall be re-scheduled for another date and/or another venue.

9.2. Cancellation of status as an ISU Junior World Cup Competition

For each division, a Competition will retain its status as an ISU Junior World Cup Competition only if at least two ISU Members are represented with Competitors. JWC points will also not be awarded for events (distances) with Competitors from only one ISU Member.

10. Requirements for the organization of ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions

A Memorandum will be issued by the ISU containing details on the obligations of the organizers and guidelines for the organization of an ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competition. A summary is given below:

- a) The organizer is responsible for publishing the announcement for the Competition, in accordance with Rule 110 and guidelines given in the Memorandum. The draft announcement shall be submitted to the ISU Secretariat for approval by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, not later than two months before the Competition is to be held. The announcement must be published on the ISU Website not later than 45 days before the Competition together with other relevant information.
- b) For each Competition, one or two Referees, one or two Assistant Referees and three Starters are appointed by the ISU President. The appointed Referee(s) must be an ISU Referee for the season 2016/17, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2021. At least one of the appointed officials should belong to ISU Member(s) other than the hosting Member. The organizers must provide the Referee with adequate secretariat assistance and computer support for the preparation and conduct of the draws (see also Rule 210, paragraph 1k).
- c) Automatic time-keeping (preferably transponder system) and the use of a photo-finish system is mandatory for the Mass start event. The connection to a scoreboard should be available if possible.
- d) Anti-doping tests shall be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications 1871, 1872, 1922 & 1970 or later updates).
- e) The organizer is responsible that appropriate accommodation is available for participants and Team leaders. For the participating teams the organizer is obliged to announce a set of guaranteed (maximum) board and lodging rates at available hotels (“official hotels”) as follows:
 - Hotel room rates for single and double rooms (without meals or only incl. breakfast)
 - Rates for full board and lodging (three meals per day).
- f) The organizer is obliged to pay or reimburse board and lodging expenses from dinner the evening before to breakfast (included) on the morning after the Competition for (up to) 3 Skaters or for two Skaters and one Team leader from each participating ISU Member. Reimbursement shall be based on the announced room rates for the applicable hotels, and calculated based on the expenses of up to 1 double and 1 single room.
- g) The organizer is responsible for covering expenses for travel, board and lodging for the ISU appointed Officials (Referees and Starters), and for board and lodging for the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative.
- h) The organizer must provide a transportation service between the ice rink and the official hotel(s) during the period of the competitions and the announced training sessions. If possible, also the

transportation of the teams should be arranged by the organizer from the nearest international airport. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the Competition.

- i) The organizer must provide ice-training possibilities for at least 3 hours during the last day prior to the JWC Competition, and this period is restricted only to Skaters entered for the JWC Competition concerned. Trial starts must be organized preferably in both training sessions (in the morning and afternoon).
- j) Adequate safety protection must be in place at the rink during the official training and competition periods, as per guidelines given in the Memorandum and the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules.
- k) The organizer is obliged to forward to the ISU complete results of all races and **classifications** in appropriate digital form. The organizer is responsible that results are forwarded to international press and news service agencies.

11. Distribution of results

The organizer of a Competition must immediately send complete results for the races (ranking lists with finishing times and results by pairs) by electronic mail to:

- ISU Secretariat prahin@isu.ch
- ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair kibalko@yahoo.com

The organizer should ensure that results are posted continuously during the Competition at an announced Internet website. The official protocol of results, in appropriate digital format, must be sent without delay to the ISU Secretariat in Lausanne.

12. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Coordination

Any questions concerning rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2016/17 should be addressed to:

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