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Nagoya, Japan

Short Track's World Cup series moves to Nagoya as Olympic qualification hots up

After a dizzying, high-octane start to the season in Beijing, the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating series moves on to Nagoya, Japan from 28-31 October, the second installment of an Asian double-header of races.

As in Beijing, the action at the Nippon Gaishi Arena will be all-important as it represents the chance to rack up valuable points in the quest for Olympic Winter Games qualification. Men's and Women's places are on the line in the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, and the Relays – 3000m for Women, and 5000m for Men, and the Mixed Team Relay. The full rules of the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications are [here](#).

In a shorter ISU World Cup season than usual – there are four events rather than the standard six, with Debrecen (HUN) and Dordrecht (NED) to follow in November – skaters' minds will be focused on booking their tickets for Beijing 2022.

Already feeling satisfied with her week's work will be Women's World Champion [Suzanne Schulting](#) (NED). She maintained her near-unbreakable grip on the 1000m in Beijing, winning with apparent ease, and also helped her Women's side break the Relay world record in the semifinals. More of the same will be the order of the day in Japan.

Also traveling to Nagoya brimming with confidence will be [Natalia Maliszewska](#) (POL). The lightning-fast 26-year-old resumed the dominance she had shown of the 500m in 2018-19, beating a class field, and will want to reaffirm her rule of the sprint as the Olympics come into view.

Less satisfied will be Schulting's key rival [Choi Min Jeong](#) (KOR). The Korean three-time World Champion looked like she was going to coast to victory in the 1500m – the distance in which she is Olympic gold medalist – but collided with her teammate [Kim Jiyoo](#) (KOR) on the final corner. [Lee Yubin](#) (KOR) took advantage to win her second-ever individual ISU World Cup gold.

An injury then ruled Choi out of the 1000m; she will seek instant redemption in Nagoya.

In the Men's event, [Hwang Daeheon](#) (KOR) already looks like a brilliant Korea squad's best male prospect for the season. He won the 1000m in Beijing in a powerful fashion reminiscent of his hero [Victor An](#) (RUS).

[Semen Elistratov](#) (RUS), meanwhile, will seek to extend a perfect start to the term. The race-savvy Russian prevailed in a chaotic 1500m final in Beijing, and pocketed silver in the 1000m.

Men's world champion [Shaoang Liu](#) (HUN) should also approach Nagoya with confidence. He looked sharp all weekend but fell prey to poor luck and penalties – while his elder brother [Shaolin Sandor Liu](#) took the 500m gold with a devastating turn of speed.

Other racers who can feel optimistic going into the weekend include [Courtney Lee Sarault](#) (CAN), [Kristen Santos](#) (USA) and [Pascal Dion](#) (CAN), who led a North American charge in Beijing, the evergreen [Arianna Fontana](#) (ITA), and the improving [Adil Galiakhmetov](#) (KAZ).

Aiming to improve on a slow start will be the Chinese racers – although they did combine magnificently to win the Mixed Relay on home ice last weekend.

As for a local hope? Japan have historically been a distant third to their Asian rivals Republic of Korea and China in this sport, but [Kazuki Yoshinaga](#) (JPN) will provide grounds for optimism in the Nippon Gaishi Arena.

The Nagoya-born and bred racer has shown that he can beat the very best on his day, and will be hoping that coincides with a visit home.

World Cup Classification - Men

[Men 500m](#)

[Men 1000m](#)

[Men 1500m](#)

[Men 5000m Relay](#)

World Cup Classification - Women

[Women 500m](#)

[Women 1000m](#)

[Women 1500m](#)

[Women 3000m Relay](#)

World Cup Classification – Mixed Relay

[Mixed Relay](#)

Where to watch and follow the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2021/22?

Viewers will be able to watch the Saturday and Sunday afternoon (local time) World Cup sessions via their national broadcaster/channel. For countries where there are no broadcasters and for the qualification and repechage races, the ISU will offer a live stream on the [Skating ISU YouTube Channel](#). You will find the full list in the Where to watch news [here](#).

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ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Series events 2021:

[Beijing, CHN October 21 – 24, 2021](#)
[Nagoya, JPN - October 28 – 31, 2021](#)
[Debrecen, HUN - November 18 – 21, 2021](#)
[Dordrecht, NED - November 25 – 28, 2021](#)

About ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Series

The World Cup series consists of nine distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters for Women and Men, Women 3000 meters Team Relay, Men 5000 meters Team Relay and a Mixed Gender Relay over 2000 meters.

The competitions have a single distance character and are held in separate sessions over four days. Day 1 and 2 are dedicated to all Qualifying Rounds. Days 3 and 4 the last Qualifying Rounds (if necessary) take place, followed by the World Cup sessions.

For the Mixed Gender Relay Teams (2 Women & 2 Men), the Women 3000 meters Relay races and Men 5000 meters Relay races a maximum of four Skaters shall compete and must belong to the same ISU Member.

During the Olympic season there are four ISU World Cup Short Track events that also serve at the Olympic qualifying events.