

# European Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2018/19

## 1. General Conditions

- a) Based on decisions made during 2018 European Speed Skating Conference in Innsbruck the European Cup Speed Skating Competitions will be organized as a series of International Competitions subject to regulations given in this Communication.
- b) In this Communication the European Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2018/19 is sometimes referred to with the shorter term "European Cup Competitions" and the abbreviation "ECup". The terms "Juniors", "Neo-seniors" and "Seniors" will refer to the races and rankings of the three respective divisions.

Each Competition of The European Cup will include races for Juniors (as defined in Rule 108 and paragraph 2d) below) and for "Neo-seniors" (as defined in paragraph 2d below), and Senior skaters organized in three separate divisions. The divisions, to be named "Juniors", "Neo-seniors" and "Seniors", are considered to be part of the same Event, and are governed by the same rules and regulations, if not otherwise specified in this Communication.

## 2. Basic competition rules

- a) The European Cup Competitions consists of a series of Competitions for the following distances/competitions:

**Junior Ladies and Men, individual races and allround:** 500, 1000, 1500, 3000m and Mass start races (10 laps)

**Neo-seniors Ladies and Men, individual races and allround:** 500, 1000, 1500, 5000m and Mass start races (10 laps),

**Seniors Ladies and Men, individual races and allround:** 500, 1500, 3000, 5000m and Mass start races (16 laps)

- b) The European Cup ranking for each distance/competitions is determined by the accumulated points for each Skater/Team over the season.
- c) The competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members and its affiliated Clubs, subject to entry quotas and required qualifying times. Participating competitors need to wear racing uniforms clearly identifying the ISU Member concerned or its affiliated Club.
- d) As per ISU Rule 108, participation in the **Juniors division** is open to:
  - **Juniors A and B** born in the period 1 July 1999 – 30 June 2003;
- e) Participation in the **Neo-seniors division** is open to:
  - **Skaters** born in the period 1 July 1995 – 30 June 1999;
- f) Participation in the **Seniors division** is open to:
  - **Skaters** born on 1 July 1995 and earlier;
- g) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will skate in the second to last pair, etc. For Mass Start the position at the start will be determined by lot.
- h) A special trophy will be presented for the first three skaters in allround competitions and special medals for first three skaters on individual distances will be awarded after each competitions in each division of the European Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2018/19.

## 3. European Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2018/19

#	Dates	Place	Program
1	17 – 18 November, 2018	Minsk (BLR)	Day 1: 500, 1500, 3000, MS (10 and 16 laps) Day 2: 1000, 1500, 3000, 5000, Mix Gender Relay (8 laps)
2	19 – 20 January, 2019	Innsbruck (AUT)	Day 1: 500, 1500, 3000, MS (10 and 16 laps) Day 2: 1000, 1500, 3000, 5000
3	16 – 17 February, 2019	Inzell (GER)	Day 1: 500, 1500, 3000, MS (10 and 16 laps) Day 2: 1000, 1500, 3000, 5000

## 4. Entry Rules

### 4.1. Entries of Competitors

ISU Members or its affiliated Clubs must send their entries to [akhatylev@gmail.com](mailto:akhatylev@gmail.com) in the following format:

#### Juniors A and B division (born in the period 1 July 1999 – 30 June 2003)

Last and First name	Gender	Date of Birth	ISU Member Country	Club Name	500m	1500m	Mass start 10 laps	1000m	3000m	Allround
Smith, John	Male	11.11.2001	ESP	Real Madrid	40,00	2.00,00	Yes or no	1.20,00	4.20,00	Yes or no

#### Neo-seniors division (born in the period 1 July 1995 – 30 June 1999)

Last and First name	Gender	Date of Birth	ISU Member Country	Club Name	500m	1500m	Mass start 10 laps	1000m	5000m	Allround
Damon, Mate	Male	01.01.1997	GBR	Arsenal	40,00	2.00,00	Yes or no	1.20,00	7.20,00	Yes or no

#### Seniors division (born on 1 July 1995 and earlier)

Last and First name	Gender	Date of Birth	ISU Member Country	Club Name	500m	3000m	Mass start 16 laps	1500m	5000m	Allround
Kidmann, Nicole	Female	11.11.1994	ITA	Inter, Milan	40,00	4.40,00	Yes or no	2.00,00	7.20,00	Yes or no

The entries must indicate the best time on the distance(s) to be skated by each entered Competitor as well as intention to participate in Mass Start and/or allround classification.

### 4.2. Entry quotas

a) Counting three divisions an ISU Member or its affiliated Club may enter a maximum of:

- 20 Competitors (10 Ladies, 10 Men);
- 1 team for each team competitions (Mixed Gender Team Relay over 8 laps) in each division. A Junior Skater may take part in a team competitions in the Neo-senior or Senior division, but not vice versa. A Neo-senior Skater may take part in a team competitions in the Senior division, but not vice versa. Each Team consists of 4 skaters (2 Ladies and 2 Men Skaters).

b) There is no maximum number of Competitors/Teams from each ISU Member or its affiliated Club per Event/Distance.

### 4.3. Qualifying times

Entered Skaters must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances:

	Division "Juniors"			
	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m
Ladies	47,00	1.34,00	2.26,00	5.12,00
Men	43,00	1.26,00	2.13,00	4.37,00
	Division "Neo-seniors"			
	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m or 5000m
Ladies	44,50	1.29,00	2.17,50	4.55,00 or 8.25,00
Men	39,50	1.19,00	2.02,50	4.20,00 or 7.40,00
	Division "Seniors"			
	500m	1500m	3000m	5000m
Ladies	42,50	1.25,00	2.11,50	4.43,00 or 8.05,00
Men	37,50	1.15,00	1.56,50,50	4.08,00 or 7.20,00
For allround competition Skater must achieve any of 2 listed qualifying time limits				
For Mass start any of the listed qualifying time limits apply				
For Team competitions any of the listed qualifying time limits apply				

For a result to be a valid as a qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2017 and the entry deadline for the European Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2018/19 concerned. Documentation (specifying date and venue of the competition) of the achieved time must be submitted together with the entries.

## **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 and 5000m. Quartet may be used for the 1000m and 1500m.

### **5.2. Mass Start races**

Distances are 10 laps for Ladies and Men, in both Juniors and Neo-seniors divisions. Distances are 16 laps for Ladies and Men, in Senior division. The warm-up lane is considered as part of the racing track (if not otherwise decided by Referee. Mass Start races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rules 253, paragraph 4 b) and 265, paragraph 6 and ISU Communication No. 2195 or later updates.

#### ***5.2.1. Entry rules and quota allocation for Mass Start***

- a) Maximum 30 Competitors will be admitted in each race.
- b) In case of limitations of the overall number of Competitors, as per item a) above, the Team leaders will have to indicate at the Team leaders' meeting the priority order of their entered Competitors.

### **5.3. Mixed Gender Team Competitions**

- a) The competitions will consist of national teams or Club teams of 4 Skaters (2 Ladies and 2 Men). Distances are 8 laps for every division.
- b) The deadline for entry of names of the Skaters that may compete in the Team (possibly more than 4 names) will be announced by the Referee at the Team leaders' meeting the day before the first competition day.
- c) The final composition of the team shall be declared by the Team leader not later than 60 minutes before the start of the Team event concerned.
- d) The drawing of the Team Competition will be done by lot.
- e) The Relay Area shall be marked with cones by Referee. Every Skater from the Team has to take the Relay at least once per race and cover at least 2 (two) laps.
- f) Only Racing lanes must be used for this Competition. The Warm-up lane shall be used for the skaters who are not in the race.

## **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 first day of the Competition, with the purpose to confirm the final entries and to present race schedules and other logistical information.
- b) Each participating ISU Member or its affiliated club is obliged to attend the Team leaders' meeting.
- 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.
- d) For the second day the start lists will be determined by the Referee based on the confirmed final entries and the rules given below. The final entries have to be confirmed by submitting the Final Entry Confirmation Forms at latest 15 minutes after the end of Day 1.

### **6.2. Drawing at the Competition**

- a) Individual distances (all divisions): The entered Competitors are distributed in groups according to the Referee's decision 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.
- b) Mass Start: The position of Competitors at the start line is determined by lot.
- c) Team events: See paragraph 5.3 above.

## 7. European Cup ranking system

### 7.1. Competitions counting

All competitions count for the ECup rankings for the respective events in each division.

### 7.2. Awarding of European Cup points (in each division)

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

### 7.3. Points for tied ranks

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

### 7.4. European Cup ranking rules

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

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

If none of the above criteria resolves the tie, the Skaters will have the same ECup rank.

## 8. Prizes

### 8.1. Prizes, Cups and Medals

The Organizing Committee of every Competition of the 2018/19 season is encouraged to establish the Prizes for its Competitions concerned. It is expected that every Organized will receive identical Cups (for allround classification at every competition in every division) and Medals (for individual distances at every competition in every division).

### 8.2. Other prizes

For each division a special trophy for the winner and diplomas for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each distance competitions will be presented by the Organisers or Sponsors, based on the final European Cup ranking for the season 2018/19.

## 9. Cancellations

### 9.1. Cancellation of a Competition

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

### 9.2. Cancellation of status as an European Cup Competition

For each division, a Competition will retain its status as an European Cup Competition only if at least two ISU Members are represented with Competitors. ECup points will also not be awarded for distances competitions with Competitors from only one ISU Member.

## 10. Requirements for the organization of European Cup Speed Skating Competitions

There is no Memorandum issued containing details on the obligations of the organizers and guidelines for the organization of an European 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. The draft announcement shall be submitted to the representatives of the European Speed Skating Conference for approval, 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, the Organizing Member is responsible to appoint one or two Referees, one or two Assistant Referees and one or two Starters to conduct the Competitions. Referee(s) must be an International Referee for the season 2018/19, as listed in the annual ISU Communication. 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 must be available: optical and transponder system, and the use of a photo-finish system is preferable for the Mass Start. The connection to a scoreboard should be available if possible.
- d) Anti-doping tests are not obligatory for these Competitions but in the case of being held the 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 Communication Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922, 2056, 2100 or later updates).
- e) The organizer may establish an Entry Fee for each competition. The exact amount of Entry Fee shall be indicated in the Announcement.
- f) The organizer is responsible that appropriate accommodation is available for participants and Team officials. 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).
- g) The organizer shall provide ice-training possibilities for at least 3 hours during the last day prior to the ECup Competition. This period is restricted only to Skaters entered for the ECup Competition concerned. Trial starts must be organized preferably in both training sessions (in the morning and afternoon).
- h) Adequate safety protection must be in place at the rink during the official training and competition periods, as per guidelines given in the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules.
- i) The organizer is obliged to forward to the representatives of the European Speed Skating Conference complete results of all races in .pdf format and current **European Cup classifications** in .xls format. 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:

Representatives of the European Speed Skating Conference:

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## 12. European Cup Speed Skating Coordination

Any questions concerning rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organization of the European Cup Speed Skating 2018/19 should be addressed to:

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