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ISU Speed Skating Championships 2022 Qualification process, quotas and entry procedures

This Communication contains detailed information on the qualification process, quotas and entry procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships for the season 2021/22

1. Calendar and distribution of distances/competitions

Event	Place	Date	Program
ISU European Speed Skating Championships (Single distances and team competitions)	Heerenveen, NED	07.01.2022	TS-W, TP-M, 3000-W, 1000-M
		08.01.2022	TS-M, 500-W, 5000-M, 1500-W
		09.01.2022	TP-W, 1500-M, 1000-W, 500-M, MS-W, MS-M
ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (Single distances and team competitions)	Calgary, CAN	15.12.2021	500-W, 500-M, 3000-W, 5000-M, TS-W, TS-M
		16.12.2021	1500-W, 1500-M, MS-W, MS-M
		17.12.2021	1000-W, 1000-M, TP-W, TP-M
ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships	Innsbruck, AUT	28.01.2022	500-W, 500-M, 1500-W, 1500-M, Semi Finals: MS-W, MS-M
		29.01.2022	1000-W, 1000-M, 3000-W, 5000-M
		30.01.2022	TP-W, TP-M, TS-W, TS-M, Finals: MS-W, MS-M
ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Sprint and Allround combinations and Team Sprint competitions)	Hamar, NOR	03.03.2022	500-W(s), 500 M(s), 1000-W(s), 1000-M(s)
		04.03.2022	500-W(s), 500 M(s), 1000-W(s), 1000-M(s),
		05.03.2022	500-W, 500-M, 3000-W, 5000-M, TS-W, TS-M
		06.03.2022	1500-W, 1500-M, 5000-W, 10 000-M

TS: Team Sprint, TP: Team Pursuit, MS: Mass Start

2. Qualifying events

ISU Championships will be held in accordance with relevant parts of the 2021 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating, respective Council decisions, ISU Communications No. 2425 ISU World Cup Speed Skating and Guidelines for ISU Events during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ISU World Cup Competitions held in Tomaszów-Mazowiecki, POL, Nov. 12-14, 2021, Stavanger, NOR, Nov. 19-21, 2021, Salt Lake City, USA, Dec. 3-5, 2021 and Calgary, CAN, Dec. 10-12, 2021 count as Qualifying events for the ISU European and the ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2022.

ISU World Cup Competitions held in Tomaszów-Mazowiecki, POL, Nov. 12-14, 2021, Stavanger, NOR, Nov. 19-21, 2021 and Salt Lake City, USA, Dec. 3-5, 2021 count as Qualifying events for the ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2022.

For the ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2022 (allround and sprint combinations) also the respective ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2020 count as qualifying events.

3. Entry quotas and qualification process

3.1. The ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2022 and ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2022

3.1.1. Entry quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4 (European) and 2.5 (Four Continents) of the 2021 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, and as announced in ISU Communication No. 2425, paragraph 2.2.1, the entry quotas (per gender) for a European ISU Member at the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2022 and for a Four Continents ISU Member at the ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2022 will be determined as follows:

- a) Maximum total number of participants for each of the following events:
 - 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men) - 20 Skaters;
 - 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men) - 16 Skaters;
 - Mass Start (Women and Men) - 24 Skaters;
 - Team competitions (Women and Men) - 6 teams
- b) Maximum number of Skaters/Teams per Member per distances/competitions are:
 - 3 Skaters for each of the events: 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men), 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men);
 - 2 Skaters for each of the events: Mass Start (Women and Men);
 - 1 team for each of the Team competitions.
- c) The actual entry quotas for each event will be determined by the respective Special Qualification Ranking Lists (SQRL) as defined in Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2, based on the results from World Cup Competitions to be held during November and December 2021 of Skaters representing Members eligible to compete in the continental Championships concerned. For all SQRLs the top ranked positions will be based on the World Cup points ranking and the remaining positions based on World Cup times ranking, as follows:

Women	Men	"SQRL points ranking"	"SQRL times ranking"
500, 1000, 1500m	500, 1000, 1500m	14	6
3000m	5000m	12	4
Mass Start	Mass Start	24	-
Team Pursuit	Team Pursuit	5	1
Team Sprint	Team Sprint	5	1

- d) Maximum one (1) substitute can be entered for each event. Each ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Women and 10 Men (substitutes included).

3.1.2. Reserve List

Lists of 6 reserve quota places for each of the individual competitions and 3 reserve quota places for each of the Team competitions will be established based on the special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater or Team in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place for the competition concerned, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

3.2. The ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2022

3.2.1. Entry quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.6., the entry quotas (per gender) for an ISU Member at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2022 will be limited to maximum 5 Skaters in total. Below summary table of entry quotas for an ISU Member per distance/competition.

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	Mass Start	Team competitions
Women	5	4	4	4	---	2	1 team of 3 Skaters
Men	5	4	4	---	4	2	1 team of 3 Skaters

Competitors entered for all the four individual distances, are eligible to compete in the Allround competitions.

For each distance/competition only 1 substitute may be entered.

3.2.2. Mass Start competition rules

The Mass Start competition will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 243 paragraph 4 and 257, paragraph 2.1. In case of semi-finals, qualification to the Final will be in accordance with Rule 241, paragraph 5.b). Final classification will be determined according to Rule 265, paragraph 6.

3.3. The ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2022 (Sprint combination)

3.3.1. Entry quotas

In accordance with Rule 208 paragraph 2.3., the maximum number of Competitors is **28 Women and 28 Men**;

Table below include ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places according to their number of Skaters placed among the 16 best in the ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2020.

ISU Member	Women	Men
Austria	1 competitor	---
Belarus	---	1 competitor
Belgium	---	1 competitor
Canada	2 competitors	1 competitor
China	2 competitors	1 competitor
Germany	---	2 competitors
Japan	2 competitors	2 competitors
Korea	---	2 competitors
Netherlands	2 competitors	2 competitors
Norway	1 competitor*	1 competitor
Poland	1 competitor	1 competitor
Russia	2 competitors	---
USA	2 competitors	---
Total	15 competitors	14 competitors

* as hosting ISU Member

Remaining quota places, **13 Women and 14 Men**, will be allocated according to a special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.3., based on the combined results (one best 500m and one best 1000m) of the same Skaters from any of the Qualifying events. Total points for two distances will be calculated according to Rule 265, paragraph 3;

Maximum 3 best Competitors from each ISU Member will count in the ranking;

However, an ISU Member will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places according to table above. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 28 best in the SQRL compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned.

3.3.2. Reserve List

When 28 quota places thus have been allocated, a reserve list of 6 quota places will be established based on the further SQRL ranking order. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

3.4. The ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2022 (Allround combination)

3.4.1. Entry quotas

In accordance with Rule 208 paragraph 2.2., the maximum number of Competitors is **24 Women** and **24 Men**;

Table below include ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places according to their number of Skaters placed among the 12 best in the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2020.

ISU Member	Women	Men
Belgium	---	1 competitor
Canada	1 competitor	2 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	---
Italy	1 competitor	---
Japan	2 competitors	2 competitors
Netherlands	2 competitors	2 competitors
Norway	1 competitor*	2 competitors
Russia	2 competitor	1 competitors
Total	11 competitors	10 competitors

* as hosting ISU Member

Remaining quota places, **13 Women and 14 Men**, will be allocated according to a special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.2., based on the combined results (one best 1500 and one best 3000m for Women and one best 1500 and one best 5000m for Men) of the same Skaters from any of the Qualifying events. Total points for two distances will be calculated according to Rule 265, paragraph 3; Maximum 3 best Competitors from each ISU Member will count in the ranking;

However, an ISU Member will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places according to table above. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 24 best in the SQRL compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned.

3.4.2. Reserve List

When 24 quota places thus have been allocated, a reserve list of 6 quota places will be established based on the further SQRL ranking order. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

3.5. The ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2022 (Team Sprint competitions)

3.5.1. Entry quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.1. of the 2021 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating maximum number of participating teams is 8 (per gender).

Quota places for ISU Members will be allocated according to a special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1, based on the rankings and results achieved in World Cup #2.

The first 6 SQRL positions are based on the points ranking from WC2. The next SQRL positions are based on a time ranking of results from WC2.

3.5.2. Reserve List

Lists of 3 reserve quota places will be established based on the SQRL. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places. However, if the hosting ISU Member has its Team in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

4. Qualifying times

To qualify for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships, Skaters must have achieved certain Qualifying times (Rule 208, paragraph 1.2.) Results achieved under the same conditions as required for valid Qualifying times will be used also for seeding purposes and to determine the grouping of Skaters for the drawing of pairs for distances where no specific qualifying time limit applies (Rules 240, 242 and 243).

4.1. Conditions for valid Qualifying times

- a) The result must have been achieved since July 1, 2020 and before the last date of entry for the Championship concerned in one of the following Competitions:
 - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned;
 - ISU Championships;
 - ISU World Cup Competitions or ISU Junior World Cup Competitions;

- International Speed Skating Competitions listed in ISU Communication No. 2414 (or, when applicable, in ISU Communication No. 2340 for the season 2020/21);
- b) Automatic timekeeping (Rule 251) must have been used in the Competition concerned.
- c) Only qualifying times achieved since July 1, 2021 will be considered for the grouping of Skaters for the drawing of distances. However, for the ISU World Junior Championships results achieved since July 1, 2020 will be considered for the grouping.

4.2. Required Qualifying times

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined Qualifying times required for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships 2022. For all ISU Championships, except for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, two alternative sets of Qualifying times have been defined. The slower Qualifying time, listed in (brackets), applies for results achieved outside the high-altitude ice rinks in Calgary (Olympic Oval), Salt Lake City (Utah Olympic Oval) and Ürümqi (Xinjiang Ice Sports Center). The following Qualifying time limits apply:

4.2.1. ISU European and ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships:

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following Qualifying times indicated for the competition concerned:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m
<i>Women</i>	40,00 (40,50)	1.20,00 (1.21,00)	2.03,00 (2.05,00)	4.24,00 (4.28,00)	
<i>Men</i>	36,20 (36,60)	1.11,90 (1.12,80)	1.51,00 (1.52,50)	----	6.48,00 (6.52,00)
For the Mass Start and Team competitions: any one of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:					
<i>Women</i>		2.10,00			
<i>Men</i>		1.57.50			

4.2.2. ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying time indicated for the Single Distance Championship competition concerned:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	For the Allround Championships
<i>Women</i>	42,50	1.25,00	2.12,00	4.45,00	----	a Skater must have achieved the listed qualifying time for all the Single Distances.
<i>Men</i>	38,50	1.16,00	1.58,00	----	7.05,00 or 4.05,00 at 3000m	
For the Mass Start and Team competitions: any one of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member the following Qualifying times may apply:						
<i>Women</i>			2.17,00			
<i>Men</i>			2.03,00			

4.2.3. ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Sprint combination):

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following Qualifying times:

Women: 500m: 40.00 (40,50) or 1000m: 1.20,00 (1.21,00)
 Men: 500m: 36,20 (36,60) or 1000m: 1.11,90 (1.12,80)

4.2.4. ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Team Sprint competitions):

To be entered a Skater must have achieved any of the qualifying times mentioned in paragraph 4.2.3. above. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, per gender, the following Qualifying times may apply:

Women: 1500m: 2.00,50 (2.02,00)
 Men: 1500m: 1.49,00 (1.50,50)

4.2.5. ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Allround combination):

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following qualifying time:

Women: 3000m only: 4.24,00 (4.28,00)
 Men: 5000m only: 6.48,00 (6.52,00)

5. Entries

The ISU online entry system must be used both for preliminary entries and for final entries. For final entries relevant requirements in the ISU Regulations must be observed. See also ISU Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 on Declaration forms.

5.1. Preliminary entries

The preliminary entry shall give realistic information of the number of Competitors, with provisional names, that the ISU Member intends to enter for the Championships, with indication (when relevant) of participation in the respective distances/competitions of the Championships.

5.2. Final entries

Based on the entry quotas as determined according to Paragraph 3 above (except for quotas allocated according to Paragraph 3.1.3), the final entries of Competitors, including maximum one substitute per distance/competition, are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member. However, all entered Competitors must have achieved the respective Qualifying time limits set by the ISU, as specified in Paragraph 4 above. A maximum of one substitute may be entered for each Championship or each Championship distance/competition (except Junior World Championships, where substitutes for each distance/competition must be amongst the maximum 5 Skaters (per gender) entered for the Championships).

5.2.1. ISU European Speed Skating Championships, ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships, ISU World Speed Skating Championships

Information on allocation of quota places will be issued separately by the ISU.

The final entries cannot exceed the number of allocated quota places, including reserve quota places, for the respective Championship or competitions.

ISU Members intending not to use all their allocated quota places are requested to inform the ISU Secretariat as soon as possible, and preferably well before the deadline for final entries.

5.2.2. ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

Information on the date of birth for the entered Competitors must be included in the final entries. The Referee or Representative of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee may request verification of the identity and the date of birth of any entered Competitor, as a condition for accepting the entry.

ISU Members must indicate in the final entries if they will take part in the Team Pursuit and/or the Team Sprint competitions. The final entries of the team participants will have to be confirmed at the Team Leaders' meeting prior to the event.

6. Other conditions

6.1. National team uniforms

ISU Members are responsible for ensuring that the entered Competitors wear racing suits and other team uniforms with identical design, as approved by the ISU, according to Rule 223, paragraph 1.b) and c). This applies both for individual distances and for Team competitions (Team Pursuit and Team Sprint).

ISU Members are also responsible for ensuring that requirements concerning team uniform design, use of trademarks, advertising, etc. stated in Rule 102, paragraph 6 and ISU Communication Nos. 2055, 2195 and 2221 (or any further updates of these Communications) are respected.

6.2. Citizenship/Residence requirements and clearance procedures

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030 (or any further update of this Communication), all Competitors who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such a nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

6.3. Expenses

Expenses as mentioned in Rule 137, paragraph 10 f) and g) will be paid only for one Team leader and for Skaters competing in the Championships, not for substitutes who do not compete.

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