

Communication No. 2199

ISU Speed Skating Championships 2019

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 2018/19.

1. Calendar and distribution of distances / races

Event	Place	Date	Program
ISU European Speed Skating Championships (Allround and Sprint combinations)	Collalbo ITA	11.01.19, Friday 12.01.19, Saturday 13.01.19, Sunday	500L, 500M(s), 3000L, 1000M(s) 1500L, 500M(s), 500L(s), 500M, 5000L, 1000L(s), 1000M(s), 5000M 500L(s), 1500M, 1000L(s), 10 000M
ISU Single Distances Speed Skating Championships	Inzell GER	07.02.19, Thursday 08.02.19, Friday 09.02.19, Saturday 10.02.19, Sunday	TS-L, TS-M, 3000 L, 5000 M, 500 L, 500 M, TP-L, TP-M 5000 L, 1000 M, 1000 L, 10 000 M 1500 M, 1500 L, MS-M, MS-L
ISU Junior Speed Skating Championships	Baselga di Pine ITA	15.02.19, Friday 16.02.19, Saturday 17.02.19, Sunday	500 L, 500 M, 1500 L, 1500 M, 1000 L, 1000 M, 3000 L, 5000 M TP-L, TP-M, TS-L, TS-M, MS-L, MS-M
ISU Sprint Speed Skating Championships	Heerenveen NED	23.02.19, Saturday 24.02.19, Sunday	500 L, 500 M, 1000 L, 1000 M 500 L, 500 M, 1000 L, 1000 M
ISU Allround Speed Skating Championships	Calgary CAN	02.03.19, Saturday 03.03.19, Sunday	500 L, 500 M, 3000 L, 5000 M 1500 L, 1500 M, 5 000 L, 10 000 M

* (s) sprint combination, TP: Team Pursuit, TS: Team Sprint, MS: Mass Start

2. Qualifying events

In accordance with relevant parts of the 2018 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2192 ISU World Cup Speed Skating, Competitions held in November-December 2018 will serve as Qualifying events for all ISU Speed Skating Championships, except for the World Junior Championships.

3. Entry quotas and qualification process

3.1. The ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2019

3.1.1. Competition in Sprint Combination:

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4, the number of Competitors in the ISU European Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2019 is **16 Ladies and 20 Men**.

European ISU Members qualify quota places 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 the two distances will be calculated according to Rule 265, paragraph 3.

3.1.2. Competition in Allround Combination

In accordance with Rule 208 paragraph 2.4, the number of Competitors in the ISU European Allround Speed Skating Championships 2019 is **16 Ladies and 20 Men**.

European ISU Members qualify quota places based on the combined results (one best 1500m and one best 3000m for Ladies and one best 1500m 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.

3.1.3. Reserve List

List of 6 reserve quota places for each Competition will be established based on the special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.2.2 and 2.3.2. 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 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 Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2019

Quota places for ISU Members will be allocated for each distance/competition according to a special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1., based on the rankings and results of their Skaters achieved in Qualifying events.

Maximum number of Skater per Member per distances/competitions are:

- 3 Skaters for each of the: 500, 1000, 1500 (Ladies and Men), 3000 (Ladies) & 5000 (Men);
- 2 Skaters for each of the: 5000 (Ladies), 10000 (Men), Mass start (Ladies and Men);
- 1 team for each of the Team competitions.

3.2.1. 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 SQRL. 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 for the distance/competition concerned. 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, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

3.3. The ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2019

In accordance with Rule 208 paragraph 2.3., the maximum number of Competitors is **28 Ladies 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 2018.

ISU Member	Ladies	Men
Australia	-	1 competitor
Canada	-	1 competitor
China	2 competitors	-
Finland	1 competitor	1 competitor
Germany	1 competitor	1 competitor
Japan	1 competitor	1 competitor
Netherlands	2 competitors	2 competitors
Norway	2 competitors	2 competitors
Poland	-	2 competitors
Republic of Korea	1 competitor	1 competitor
Russia	2 competitors	2 competitors
USA	2 competitors	1 competitor
Total	14 competitors	15 competitors

Remaining quota places 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.

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 2019

In accordance with Rule 208 paragraph 2.2., the maximum number of Competitors is **24 Ladies 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 2018.

ISU Member	Ladies	Men
Belgium	-	1 competitor
Canada	1 competitor	1 competitor*
Czech Republic	2 competitors	-
Italy	1 competitor	1 competitor
Japan	2 competitors	-
Latvia	-	1 competitor
Netherlands	2 competitors	2 competitors
Norway	1 competitor	2 competitors
Poland	1 competitor	-
Russia	1 competitor	2 competitors
Sweden	-	1 competitor
Total	11 competitors	11 competitors

* as hosting ISU Member

Remaining quota places 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 Ladies 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;

ISU Members will in any case keep their 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;

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 Junior Speed Skating Championships 2019

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.6. of the 2018 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for an ISU Member at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2019 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
Ladies	5	4	4	4	---	2	1 team of 4 Skaters
Men	5	4	4	---	4	2	1 team of 4 Skaters

For the Allround competitions only Skaters who have been entered for all the four Single Distances may be entered.

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 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. 2177 (or, when applicable, in ISU Communication No. 2107 for the season 2017/18);
- b) Automatic timekeeping (Rule 251) must have been used in the Competition concerned.
- c) For a Skater to be qualified for participation in ISU Championships with required qualifying times as listed in paragraph 4.2 below, results achieved since July 1, 2017 may be considered.
- d) Only qualifying times achieved since July 1, 2018 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, 2017 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 2019. 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 World Sprint Speed Skating Championships:

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

Ladies:	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)

4.2.2. ISU European and ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships:

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

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

4.2.3. ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships

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

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10 000m
Ladies	40,00 (40,50)	1.20,00 (1.21,00)	2.03,00 (2.05,00)	4.24,00 (4.28,00)	7.25,00 (7.32,00) or 4.15,00 (4.20,00) at 3000m	13.40,00 (13.50,00) or 6.35,00 (6.40,00) at 5000m
Men	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 of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:						
Ladies	----		2.10,00	----		
Men	----		1.57,50	----		

4.2.4. 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 Championship
Ladies	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.
Men	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:						
Ladies			2.17,00			
Men			2.03,00			

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, 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.

5.2.1. ISU European Speed Skating Championships, ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships and ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships

Information on allocation of quota places will be issued by the ISU following the conclusion of the qualification process as described in Paragraph 3 above.

The final entries cannot exceed the number of allocated quota places, including reserve quota places, for the respective Championship or (for the ISU European Championships) 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.

A Skater will be considered as entered for the Allround Championship competition only if the Skater is entered for all the four single distances which constitute the Allround competition.

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 only 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 and 2195 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) will be paid only for Competitors participating in the Championships, not for substitutes who do not compete.

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