

## Communication No. 2261

### ISU WORLD STANDINGS FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING ISU SEASON'S WORLD RANKING (Replaces ISU Communication 1630)

This Communication clarifies the differences between World Standings and World Rankings and establishes their application in the Draws for Starting Order of the Short Program at the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships and the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships. Rule 970.

- The “**ISU World Standings**,” which takes into account results of the preceding two seasons and the current season, will become the basis for the draws at ISU Championships and could be used as criteria for the selection of teams for competitions and the base for starting orders for other competitions as designated by the Council.
- The “**ISU Season’s World Ranking**,” which is based on the results of the current ongoing season only, reflects the current competitive performances of Teams giving the public and media an indication of current actual competitiveness.

#### A. ISU WORLD STANDINGS FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

##### 1. OBJECTIVES

To present an objective and accountable standings system for all Teams in Synchronized Skating during a particular season, taking into account the results of the preceding two (2) seasons ensuring that Teams who were unable to compete for a certain period of time remain in the World Standings and are considered according to their true basic competitiveness.

##### 2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 Based on results of the preceding two seasons and the current season, weighted with a different percentage (factor) see paragraph C. 2.3.
- 2.2 The amount of points to score for each Team depends on:
  - a) the final placement;
  - b) the total amount of points designated for that particular event.
- 2.3 ISU World Standings order will be updated after each event mentioned as per C.1.
- 2.4 There will be separate standings for Senior and Junior Synchronized Skating Teams.
- 2.5 Only eligible Teams will be considered in the ISU World Standings.

2.6 Within the preceding two (2) seasons and the current season, the following events will be considered for the ISU World Standings order, season's factors as per C.1.:

a) **Seniors**

- i) **ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships:** The best result by points per season; the best two (2) results by points over a period not longer than two (2) completed seasons plus the current season;
- ii) **International Competitions Senior including Challenger Series Competitions (Senior):** The two (2) best results by points per season; the best four (4) results by points over a period not longer than two (2) completed seasons plus the current season.

After the current season's World Synchronized Skating Championships, the longest standing results (i.e. those from three (3) seasons before the current season), will be deleted.

b) **Juniors**

- i) **ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships:** The best result by points per season; the best two (2) results by points over a period not longer than two (2) completed seasons plus the current season;
- ii) **International Competitions Junior including Challenger Series Competitions (Junior):** The two (2) best results by points per season; the best four (4) results by points over a period not longer than two (2) completed seasons plus the current season.

After the current season's World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, the longest standing results (i.e. those from three (3) seasons before the current season), will be deleted

## **B. ISU SEASON'S WORLD RANKING FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING**

### **1. OBJECTIVES**

To present to the public at large and the media, an acceptable and accountable ranking system of all Teams in Synchronized Skating **for the current season giving an indication of the actual competitiveness of the Teams.**

As this ranking system does not protect Teams who were unable to participate in events during the previous season(s), only the World Standings System, as defined in paragraph A. of this Communication, shall be used as the basis for the draws at ISU Championships and could be used as criteria for the selection of teams for competitions and the base for starting orders for other competitions as designated by the Council.

### **2. PRINCIPLES**

2.1 Based on results of the current season.

2.2 The amount of points to score for each Team depends on:

- a) the final placement;
- b) the total amount of points designated for that particular event.

2.3 There will be a separate ranking for Senior and Junior Synchronized Skating Teams.

- 2.4 Only eligible Teams will be considered in the ISU Season's World Ranking.
- 2.5 ISU Season's World Ranking order will be updated after each event mentioned in paragraph C.1.
- 2.6 Within the period indicated above, the following events will be considered for the ranking order:
- a) Seniors**
- i) **ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships:** The result by points of the current season;
  - ii) **International Competitions Senior including Challenger Series Competitions:** The two (2) best results by points of the current season.
- b) Juniors**
- i) **ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships:** The result by points of the current season;
  - ii) **International Competitions Junior including Challenger Series Competitions:** The two (2) best results by points of the current season.

## **C. ELIGIBLE EVENTS / COMPETITIONS AND POINT SYSTEM**

### **1. ELIGIBLE EVENTS / COMPETITIONS AND CONDITIONS**

- 1.1 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships;
- 1.2 ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships;
- 1.3 International Competitions of the Challenger Series Senior in Synchronized Skating provided there is a minimum of five (5) teams with four (4) different ISU Members;
- 1.4 International Competitions of the Challenger Series Junior in Synchronized Skating provided there is a minimum of five (5) teams with four (4) different ISU Members;
- 1.5 International Competitions Senior in Synchronized Skating provided there is a minimum of five (5) teams from three (3) different ISU Members;
- 1.6 International Competitions Junior in Synchronized Skating provided there is a minimum of five (5) teams from three (3) different ISU Members;
- 1.7 Requirements for the Composition of the Technical Panel and Panel of Judges
- 1.7.1 For Challenger Series Competitions mentioned under paragraph 1.3 and 1.4, the Technical Panel members (Technical Controller and the two (2) Technical Specialists) must be from three (3) different ISU Member. The Technical Panel members must have the qualification of "ISU", however one of the three members may have the qualification "International".
- The Referee must have at least the qualification "International" and can be of the same ISU Member as one of the Technical Panel.
- The Data Operator and the Replay Operator must have the qualification of at least "International".
- The panel of Judges must include at least 7 Judges, all from different ISU Members and must have at least the qualification "International".

- 1.7.2 For other International Competitions mentioned under 1.5 and 1.6, the Technical Panel members (Technical Controller and the two (2) Technical Specialists) must be from three (3) different ISU Members. The Technical Panel members must have at least the qualification "International".

The Referee must have at least the qualification "International" and can be of the same ISU Member as one of the Technical Panel.

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator must have the qualification of at least "International".

The panel of Judges must include at least 5 Judges, all from different ISU Members and must have at least the qualification "International".

- 1.8 Regional International Competition or competitions which are open only for special groups of Teams (e.g. Universiade, events with invitations only to designated ISU Members, etc.), will not count for the World Standings and World Rankings. International Competitions falling into this category will be identified in the Event Calendar published on the ISU website [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org).

## **2. PLACES CONSIDERED FOR POINTS / FACTORS PER YEAR**

### 2.1 ISU Championships:

- a) ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, places 1-28
- b) ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, places 1-28

### 2.2 International Competitions of the Challenger Series:

- a) International Competitions of the Challenger Series Senior with restrictions defined in C1.3, C.1.7 and C.1.8 places 1-10
- b) International Competitions of the Challenger Series Junior with restrictions defined in C1.4, C.1.7 and C.1.8 places 1-10

### 2.3 International Calendar Competitions:

- a) International Competitions Senior with restrictions defined in C 1.5, C.1.7 and C.1.8 places 1-8
- b) International Competitions Juniors with restrictions defined in C1.6, C.1.7 and C.1.8 places 1-8

### 2.4 Weight (Factor) per season

- a) Current and intermediate season's earned points will count 100 %
- b) Previous season's earned points will count 70 %

## **3. POINTS AVAILABLE**

- 3.1 World Synchronized Skating Championships maximum available points: 7959
- 3.2 World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships maximum available points: 5685
- 3.3 International Competitions Challenger Series Senior maximum available points: 2736
- 3.4 International Competitions Senior maximum available points: 1425
- 3.5 International Competitions Challenger Series Junior maximum available points: 1953
- 3.6 International Competitions Junior maximum available points: 1139

#### 4. DISTRIBUTION OF POINTS

Place	Championships		International Competitions			
	WC	WJC	CS Sen.	IC Sen.	CS Jun.	IC Jun.
1	840	600	420	250	300	200
2	756	540	378	225	270	180
3	680	486	340	203	243	162
4	612	437	306	182	219	146
5	551	394	276	164	197	131
6	496	354	248	148	177	118
7	446	319	223	133	159	106
8	402	287	201	120	143	96
9	362	258	181		129	
10	325	232	163		116	
11	293	209				
12	264	188				
13	237	169				
14	214	153				
15	192	137				
16	173	124				
17	156	111				
18	140	100				
19	126	90				
20	113	81				
21	102	73				
22	92	66				
23	83	59				
24	74	53				
25	67	48				
26	60	43				
27	54	39				
28	49	35				
<b>Event</b>	<b>7959</b>	<b>5685</b>	<b>2736</b>	<b>1425</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1139</b>

WC = World Championships  
WJC = World Junior Championships  
CS Sen. = Challenger Series Senior  
IC Sen. = International Competition Senior  
CS Jun. = Challenger Series Junior  
IC Jun. = International Competition Junior

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