

Communication No. 2285

ISU Speed Skating Championships 2020 Qualification process, quotas and entry procedures

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This Communication contains detailed information on the qualification process, quotas and entry procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships for the season 2019/20.

1. Calendar and distribution of distances / races

Event	Place	Date	Program
ISU European Speed Skating Championships (Single distances and team events)	Heerenveen NED	10.01.2020	1500L, 1500M, TS-L, TS-M
		11.01.2020	500L, 500M, 3000L, 5000M
		12.01.2020	TP-L, TP-M, 1000L, 1000M, MS-L, MS-M
ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (Single distances and team events)	Milwaukee USA	31.01.2020	500L, 500M, 3000L, 5000M, TS-L, TS-M
		01.02.2020	1500L, 1500M, MS-L, MS-M
		02.02.2020	1000L, 1000M, TP-L, TP-M
ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships	Salt Lake City USA	13.02.2020	3000 L, 5000 M, TS-L, TS-M
		14.02.2020	500 L, 500 M, TP-L, 10 000 M
		15.02.2020	5000 L, 1000 M, 1000 L, TP-M
		16.02.2020	1500 L, 1500 M, MS-L, MS-M
ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships	Tomaszów Mazowiecki POL	21.02.2020	500 L, 500 M, 1500 L, 1500 M,
		22.02.2020	1000 L, 1000 M, 3000 L, 5000 M
		23.02.2020	TP-L, TP-M, TS-L, TS-M, MS-L, MS-M
ISU World Allround and Sprint Speed Skating Championships	Hamar NOR	28.02.2020	500 L(s), 500 M(s), 1000 L, 1000 M
		29.02.2020	500 L(s), 500 M(s), 500 L, 500 M, 1000 L, 1000 M, 3000 L, 5000 M
		01.03.2020	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. 2278 ISU World Cup Speed Skating, Competitions held in November-December 2019 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 2020 and ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2020

3.1.1. Entry quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4 (European) and 2.5 (Four Continents) of the 2018 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for a European ISU Member at the ISU European Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2020 and for a Four Continents ISU Member at the ISU Four Continents Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2020 will be as follows:

Maximum total number of participants for each of the following events:

- 500, 1000, 1500 (Ladies and Men) - 20 Skaters;
3000 (Ladies) & 5000 (Men) - 16 Skaters;
Mass Start (Ladies and Men) - 24 Skaters;
- Team competitions (Ladies and Men) - 6 teams (5 teams qualified based on SQRL points ranking and 1 team qualified based on SQRL time ranking).

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: Mass Start (Ladies and Men);
- 1 team for each of the Team competitions.

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.1 and ISU Communication No. 2279, paragraph 2.2.1 the actual entry quotas for each event will be determined by the results from World Cup Competitions to be held during November and December 2019.

Maximum one (1) substitute can be entered for each event. Each ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Ladies 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 Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2020

3.2.1. Entry quotas

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.

3.2.2. 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 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 2020

3.3.1. Entry quotas

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 2019.

ISU Member	Ladies	Men
Austria	1 competitor	---
Belarus	---	1 competitor
Canada	2 competitors	1 competitor
China	2 competitors	---
Germany	---	2 competitors
Japan	2 competitors	2 competitors
Kazakhstan	1 competitor	---
Netherlands	2 competitors	2 competitors
Norway	1 competitor*	1 competitor
Poland	---	2 competitors
Russia	2 competitors	2 competitors
USA	1 competitor	---
Total	14 competitors	13 competitors

* as hosting ISU Member

Remaining quota places **14 Ladies and 15 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 2020

3.4.1. Entry quotas

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 2019.

ISU Member	Ladies	Men
Belgium	---	1 competitor
Belarus	1 competitor	---
Canada	2 competitors	1 competitor
Czech Republic	1 competitor	---
Japan	2 competitors	1 competitor
Latvia	---	1 competitor
Netherlands	2 competitors	2 competitors
Norway	1 competitor	2 competitors
Russia	2 competitor	1 competitors
Switzerland	---	1 competitor
Total	11 competitors	10 competitors

Remaining quota places **13 Ladies 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 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.

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 Junior Speed Skating Championships 2020

3.5.1. Entry quotas

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 2020 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. 2272 (or, when applicable, in ISU Communication No. 2189 for the season 2018/19);
- 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, 2018 may be considered.
- d) Only qualifying times achieved since July 1, 2019 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, 2018 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 2020. 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
Ladies	40,00 (40,50)	1.20,00 (1.21,00)	2.03,00 (2.05,00)	4.24,00 (4.28,00)	
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 one 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			

4.2.2. 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				

4.2.3. 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)

4.2.4. 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)

4.2.5. 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
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 and Four Continents Speed Skating Championships, ISU World Sprint and 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 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 4 (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 2221 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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