

Communication No. 2425

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ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2021/22

1. General Conditions

- The ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2021/22 will be organized as a series of International Competitions subject to regulations given in this ISU Communication. The World Cup series is an ISU Event. Relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations apply, in particular Rules 105, 106 and 136.
- International TV rights and advertising rights for the ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2021/22 belong to the ISU. Organizers of Competitions are obliged to respect commercial and TV contracts entered into by the ISU. Before concluding any commercial agreements, the organizers should consult the ISU Director General in order to prevent competition conflicts with ISU contracts.
- An ISU Memorandum, specifying contractual obligations and guidelines for the organization of ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions, will be made available to organizing ISU Members and Organizing Committees.
- For each World Cup Competition, the ISU assigns an ISU Representative and a Representative from the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, who shall observe that the Competition is conducted in accordance with regulations in this Communication, ISU Statutes and ISU Memorandum.

2. ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2021/22

2.1. Competition calendar and distribution of distances / races

If not otherwise decided, distances in Division A will be skated according to the following programs regarding the order of distances:

WC	Place	Date	Program
1	Tomaszow Mazowiecki POL	12 November 2021, Friday 13 November 2021, Saturday 14 November 2021, Sunday	500-W(1), 500-M(1), 3000-W, 5000-M 500-W(2), 1500-M, 1000-W, MS-M, TP-W 500-M(2), 1500-W, 1000-M, MS-W, TP-M
2	Stavanger NOR	19 November 2021, Friday 20 November 2021, Saturday 21 November 2021, Sunday	1000-W, 1000-M, 5000-W, 500-W(1), 500-M(1), 10000-M, TS-M, TS-W 500-M(2), 500-W(2), 1500-M, 1500-W
3	Salt Lake City USA	3 December 2021, Friday 4 December 2021, Saturday 5 December 2021, Sunday	500-W(1), 500-M(1), 3000-W, 5000-M 500-W(2), 1500-M, 1000-W, MS-M, TP-W 500-M(2), 1500-W, 1000-M, MS-W, TP-M
4	Calgary CAN	10 December 2021, Friday 11 December 2021, Saturday 12 December 2021, Sunday	500-W(1), 500-M(1), 3000-W, 5000-M 500-W(2), 1500-M, 1000-W, MS-M, TP-W 500-M(2), 1500-W, 1000-M, MS-W, TP-M
5 <i>Final</i>	Heerenveen NED	12 March 2022, Saturday 13 March 2022, Sunday	500-W(1), 500-M(1), 1500-W, 1000-M, 5000-M 500-W(2), 500-M(2), 3000-W, 1500-M, 1000-W, MS-M, MS-W

W – Women's races, M – Men's races, MS – Mass Start races, TP – Team Pursuit races, TS – Team Sprint races

2.2. ISU World Cup Competitions serving as Qualifying events for ISU Speed Skating Championships 2022 and for Olympic Winter Games 2022

2.2.1. World Cups №1 to №4 are qualifying events for:

- the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2022 (single distances and team events format);
- the ISU 4 Continents Speed Skating Championships 2022 (single distances and team events format);
- the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022;
- the ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2022 (allround and sprint combination format and team sprint).

The qualification process for the above ISU Championships 2022 is described in Rule 208, with details given in an ISU Communication that will be issued during September 2021. Details of the qualification process for the Olympic Winter Games 2022 are given in Rule 209, in ISU Communication No. 2405 and in a dedicated document issued by the International Olympic Committee and ISU on November 18, 2020.

3. Competition Rules

- a) The ISU World Cup Speed Skating is organized in the following competitions for the season 2021/22:
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| Women, individual competitions: | 500, 1000, 1500, 3000 / 5000m, Mass Start races (16 laps) |
| Women, team competitions: | Team Pursuit (6 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps) |
| Men, individual competitions: | 500, 1000, 1500, 5000 / 10000m, Mass Start races (16 laps) |
| Men, Team competitions: | Team Pursuit (8 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps) |
- b) The World Cup ranking for each competition category is determined by the accumulated World Cup points for each Skater or national team (for the Team competitions) over the season.
- c) Individual competitions are organized in a format where Skaters compete in two divisions, A and B. The Skaters with the currently best World Cup ranking in the category compete in Division A. Each competition day has a core session of Division A races for all the competitions skated that day.
- d) The Competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members. Entry quotas are based on the final World Cup rankings 2019/20, 2020/21 and for the World Cup Final on the World Cup rankings 2021/22.
- e) Prize money, as determined by the ISU, will be awarded for each Competition and for the final World Cup ranking in each competition category.

3.1. Entry rules

3.1.1. Entries of Competitors

ISU Members must submit their entries using the *ISU Online entry system at <http://www.isu.events>*. The entries must indicate the distance(s) to be skated by each entered Competitor, including maximum one substitute per distance, and entries for team competitions. An entered Competitor may be replaced by an entered substitute *not later than at the Team Leaders' meeting preceding the draw* for the distance or at a specifically announced deadline. Replacement of a Competitor by an entered substitute *after the draw* may **exceptionally** be accepted, but only if the Referee has been duly informed **at least two hours** before the start of the first race (Division A or Division B) of the distance.

3.1.2. Qualifying times

Entered Skaters must have achieved qualifying times for the respective distances, as follows:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10 000m
Women	39,50 (40,00)	1.19,00 (1.20,00)	2.00,50 (2.02,00)	4.19,00 (4.22,00)	7.23,00 (7.33,00) or 4.11,00 (4.14,00) at 3000m	----
Men	35,70 (36,20)	1.11,00 (1.12,00)	1.49,00 (1.50,50)	----	6.40,00 (6.45,00)	13.30,00 (13.40,00) or 6.28,00 (6.33,00) at 5000m
For the Mass Start and Team competitions: any of the above qualifying times apply.						

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).

- a) For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in ISU or International Events and National Championships in the period between *July 1, 2019* and the entry deadline for the ISU World Cup Competition concerned.
- b) For Mass Start and for Team competitions any of the above listed qualifying times apply. However, for each ISU World Cup an ISU Member may enter for these competitions maximum one Skater (per gender) who has not achieved any of the qualifying times for the distances. The required 1500m qualifying time limit for such an entry will be: for Women: 2.11,50; for Men: 1.59,00.
- c) *For the Qualification World Cups (WC-1 to WC-4), a Skater having achieved the qualifying time for only one of the two distances counting in the qualification of quota places for the ISU World Championships (for the Allround combination: 1500 and 3000m for Women, 1500 and 5000m for Men; for the Sprint combination: 500 and 1000m), may be entered also for the other distance. However, in each World Cup Competition an ISU Member may enter for each category (Allround and Sprint) maximum one such Skater (per gender) without the required qualifying time for the other distance counting for the quota qualification. In any case the allotted World Cup quota for the distance concerned cannot be exceeded.*

3.1.3. Entry quotas for World Cups №1 to №4

- a) Entry quotas for individual competitions are based on the final World Cup rankings 2019/20 and 2020/21 for the respective competition categories, with a maximum entry quota of 5 for each individual competition. However, for the Mass Start competition the maximum entry quota per ISU Member will be 2 (subject to qualifying times).
- b) For each of the Team competitions an ISU Member may enter only one team per gender (Women and Men).
- c) The organizing ISU Member of an ISU World Cup Competition (except for the World Cup Final) will be granted maximum entry quotas for all distances at the Competition.
- d) For the ISU World Cup Final, entries are based on World Cup 2021/22 results and rankings. See paragraph 3.1.4.
- e) Entry quotas for the individual distances are determined as follows:

Number of Skaters in Top 40 (max 5 Skaters per Member counted) in the final World Cup ranking 2019/20 or final World Cup ranking 2020/21 of the distance	None (0)	1	2	3-4	5 or more
Entry quotas for the distance in season 2021/22	1	2	3	4	5

Summary table of entry quotas for ISU World Cup Competitions 2021/22 prior to the ISU World Cup Final

#	ISU Member	WOMEN				ISU Member	MEN				ISU Member
		500	1000	1500	3000 5000		500	1000	1500	5000 10000	
1.	ARG	2	1	1	1	ARG	1	1	1	1	ARG
2.	AUT	2	2	1	2	AUT	1	2	2	2	AUT
3.	BEL	3	2	2	2	BEL	1	2	3	2	BEL
4.	BLR	3	3	3	4	BLR	3	3	2	2	BLR
5.	CAN	4	4	5	4	CAN	4	5	4	4	CAN
6.	CHN	5	4	4	4	CHN	3	2	3	1	CHN
7.	DEN	1	1	1	1	DEN	1	1	1	3	DEN
8.	TPE	2	2	1	1	TPE	1	1	1	1	TPE
9.	CZE	2	2	3	3	CZE	1	1	1	1	CZE
10.	EST	1	1	1	2	EST	2	2	1	1	EST
11.	FIN	1	1	1	1	FIN	1	2	2	1	FIN
12.	FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	1	2	FRA
13.	GBR	1	2	1	2	GBR	1	2	2	1	GBR
14.	GER	3	4	3	4	GER	4	4	2	4	GER
15.	HUN	1	1	1	1	HUN	1	2	2	1	HUN
16.	ITA	1	1	3	3	ITA	4	2	4	4	ITA
17.	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN
18.	KAZ	2	2	3	2	KAZ	3	4	4	4	KAZ
19.	LAT	1	1	1	1	LAT	1	1	2	2	LAT
20.	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	NED
21.	NOR	3	3	4	4	NOR	4	5	5	4	NOR
22.	NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	2	3	NZL
23.	POL	4	5	4	4	POL	4	3	3	3	POL
24.	KOR	3	4	1	2	KOR	4	4	4	3	KOR
25.	ROU	2	2	1	1	ROU	1	1	1	1	ROU
26.	RUS	5	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	5	RUS
27.	ESP	1	1	1	1	ESP	2	2	1	1	ESP
28.	SUI	1	2	1	3	SUI	2	2	2	2	SUI
29.	SWE	1	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	1	2	SWE
30.	USA	4	4	4	2	USA	1	3	4	3	USA

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance.

3.1.4. Entry quotas and selection of Skaters and Teams for the ISU World Cup Final

The entry quotas given in paragraph 3.1.3 apply as maximum entry quotas.

- a) For each competition only the following maximum Skaters may be entered:
 - 18 for 500m, 16 for 1000 and 1500m, 12 for 3000m Women and 5000m Men. Only Skaters placed among the 24 best in the current World Cup ranking for the distance/category concerned will be allowed to compete.
 - for the Mass Start competition: Skaters placed among the 30 best in the current World Cup ranking, but maximum 24 Skaters will be allowed to compete.

- b) If the actual number of entries will exceed the allowed maximum of competitors for the competition concerned, then the entered Skaters with the lowest World Cup ranking will not be admitted. However, the best ranked Skater entered from the host ISU Member will in any case be admitted if the Skater meets the criteria as listed in subparagraph a) above.

4. Competition Formats

4.1.1. Individual competitions skated in separate Divisions

For each individual competition the entered Skaters compete in two separate divisions with the currently best ranked Skaters competing in Division A, the remaining Skaters in Division B. However, all Skaters compete together in Division A in the following cases:

- a) When the number of entered Skaters does not exceed a certain limit, as indicated in paragraph 4.1.2.
b) For all competitions in the last World Cup Competition of the season (World Cup Final).

4.1.2. Number of Competitors/Teams in Division A

- a) For *500, 1000 and 1500m, Women and Men*:

- If 28 or less Skaters have been entered (according to final entries), all compete in Division A;
- If more than 28 Skaters have been entered (according to final entries), Division A shall consist of 20 Competitors.

- b) For *3000m Women and 5000m Men*:

- If less than 20 Skaters have been entered, all compete in Division A;
- If the number of entered Skaters is between 21 and 24, Division A shall consist of 12 Competitors;
- If more than 24 Skaters have been entered, Division A shall consist of 16 Competitors.

- c) For *5000m Women and 10000m Men*:

- The number of Competitors in Division A shall be (maximum) 12.

- d) For *Mass Start, Women and Men*:

- If 24 or less Skaters have been entered, all Skaters will compete in Division A (No Semifinals will be held in such case);
- If more than 24 Skaters have been entered, races will be organized with Semifinals and a Final. In this case Semifinals cannot be canceled even if the total number of Skaters after the draw will be 24 or less in total:
 - Each of the two Semifinals shall then be set up with at least 12 Competitors and with the same number of Skaters, unless there is an odd number of Skaters entered or less than 24 total Skaters are entered after the draw;
 - The entered Skaters are placed in the Semifinals according to their seeding (see Section 5.6), according to the following procedure:
 - Top seeded Skater: Semifinal 1
 - 2nd and 3rd seeded Skater: Semifinal 2
 - 4th and 5th seeded Skater: Semifinal 1, etc.
 - Not more than 1 Skater from the same ISU Member may compete in the same Semifinal. Therefore, the procedure described above for the distribution of Skaters in the two Semifinals may have to be adjusted accordingly. The Final shall consist of the 8 best ranked Skaters from each Semifinal. In the case of a withdrawal of a Skater qualified for the Final, this Skater will be replaced in the Final by the next ranked Skater from the Semifinal concerned.

- e) For *Team Pursuit, Women and Men*:

- If not more than 8 Teams for Men and not more than 10 Teams for Women have been entered, all Teams compete in the respective Division A;
- If the number of entered Teams for Men are 9 or 10, Division A (for Men) shall consist of 6 Teams;
- If more than 10 Teams have been entered, Division A shall consist of 8 Teams.

In the case of many late withdrawals for a distance (event), the ISU Technical Committee Representative and the ISU Representative may exceptionally determine a different number of participants in Division A than specified above (and summarized in the table below), based on the approved Time schedule for the World Cup Competition.

Summary table regarding number of Competitors for Division A:

Number of entries	Number of Competitors in Division A or in Final of the MS				
	WC № 1-4				WC Final
	Up to 20	Up to 24	25-28	>28	
500 / 1000 / 1500	all	all	all	20	18/16/16
3000L / 5000M	all	12	16	16	12
5000L / 10000M	12	12	12	12	n. a.
Team Sprint	all	all	all	all	n. a.
Mass Start	all	all	16	16	24
Number of entries	Up to 8	Up to 10	>10	-	-
Team Pursuit Men	all	6	8	-	n. a.
Team Pursuit Women	all	all	8	-	n. a.

4.1.3. Selection of Skaters/Teams for Division A (for Mass Start see 4.1.1 d) above)

- a) In the *first Competition* the composition of Division A for the individual distances is determined by the final World Cup 2019/20 ranking for the competition category concerned and by the time ranking of the entered Competitors based on qualification times as described in paragraph 3.1.2.a). Only skaters ranked top 40 for 500/1000/1500m or top 30 for 3000/5000m in this time ranking will be allowed to compete in Division A for the distance concerned. The 2019/20 World Cup ranking determines the number of quota places for the ISU Member in Division A (subject to the entry quotas listed in paragraph 3.1.3, and to the maximum limit of 2 Skaters from the same ISU Member for Mass Start). However, an ISU Member may lose their quota place(s) in Division A for the distance concerned if entered skater(s) will be ranked lower than 40/30 respectively as stated above.
- Moreover, Members with one or more Skaters ranked in the top 8 final World Cup ranking 2020/21 for 500, 1000, 1500m and in the top 6 for long distances will get at least this number of quota places for Division A for the distance concerned, if necessary replacing the last quota places determined by the final World Cup 2019/20 ranking.
- Same principle for Team Events: Teams ranked in the top 3 final World Cup ranking 2020/21 will get quota places for Division A, if necessary replacing the last quota places determined by the final World Cup 2019/20 ranking.
- b) In *all other Competitions* (also for the first competition over 5000m Women and 10000m Men) the selection for Division A shall be based on the current World Cup ranks of the entered Skaters. When 500m are skated with two races in the same World Cup Competition, each race is considered a separate competition regarding the selection of Skaters for Division A.
- c) However, the following entered Skaters/Teams shall compete in Division A (this rule does not apply for the first World Cup (WC-1) or the World Cup Final):
- Competitors/Teams placed among the 3 best (ties included) in Division A in the preceding Competition;
 - The winner of Division B from the preceding Competition when Division A will consist of only 12 Skaters (5000m Women and 10000m Men);
 - Competitors who finished among the 3 best (ties included) in Division B in the preceding Competition when Division A will consist of more than 12 Skaters;
 - The winning Team from Division B in the preceding Competition;
 - Competitor/Team with a "Wild Card":
 - A "Wild Card" for Division A may be used only the first time the Skater/Team competes in the competition (category) concerned in the World Cup 2021/22.
 - A "Wild Card" may be granted to a Skater placed among the top 8 in the final World Cup ranking 2019/20 or 2020/21, or among the top 6 in the ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2020 and 2021 (single distances format).
 - A "Wild Card" may be granted to a Team placed among the 3 best in the final World Cup ranking 2019/20 or 2020/21, or in the ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2020 and 2021.

4.1.4. Scheduling of Division A races

- a) For each day of an ISU World Cup Competition the races of Division A for all competitions shall be scheduled as one block of races. The starting time for the block of Division A races shall be stated in the announcement.
- b) Quartet starts shall not be used in Division A.

4.1.5. Scheduling of Division B races

- a) The races of Division B should be skated on the same day as the races of Division A for the competition concerned, before or after the Division A block. The time schedule for the races of Division B shall be announced at the Team Leaders' meeting.
- b) Quartet starts can be used for Division B.

4.2. Competition format for Team competitions

4.2.1. Team Pursuit races

Team Pursuit races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 256, paragraph 1, with National teams of 3 Skaters. Distances are 6 laps for Women and 8 laps for Men, and the race format is with two teams starting simultaneously on each side of the track.

4.2.2. Team Sprint races

Team Sprint races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 256, paragraph 2, with National teams of 3 Skaters. Distances are 3 laps for Women and 3 laps for Men, and the race format is with two teams starting simultaneously on each side of the track.

4.2.3. General rules for the Team competitions

- a) The Competitors must wear National Team racing uniforms of the ISU Member concerned, as approved by the ISU. All Skaters belonging to the same National Team (entered by the same ISU Member) must wear identical racing uniforms;
- b) The deadline for entry of names of the Skaters that may compete in the team (up to 4 names) will be announced by the Referee during the Team Leaders' meeting;
- c) The final composition of the team shall be declared by the Team Leader and submitted to the Sport Expert or Referee not later than 60 minutes before the start of the Team competition concerned;
- d) For the first ISU World Cup Competition of the season the teams shall be seeded according to the final 2019/20 World Cup Team competition ranking. For the following Competitions the teams shall be seeded according to the current World Cup Team competition ranking;
- e) Depending on the number of entries, higher ranked teams for Team Pursuit will be selected for Division A (see 4.1.1 e). The sequence of races of the Team competitions is determined by seeding or ranking of the teams, with the two best ranked teams competing in the last race in Division A. However, the winning Team of Division B from the preceding World Cup Competition shall be placed in Division A, (see paragraph 4.1.2.c) above).

4.2.4. Safety measures

Details on the safety measures of the Team competitions are given in ISU Communication No. 2195 or any further updates.

4.3. Format for Mass Start competitions

Mass Start races will be organized based on the relevant ISU Technical Rules and a special ISU Communication or other documents issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee.

5. Pairing, Drawing and Starting Order, Issuing of Start Lists

5.1. Team Leaders' meeting and draw meetings

- a) An Online Team Leaders' meeting shall take place before the first day of the Competition, with the purpose to confirm the final entries and to present race schedules and other logistical information. On subsequent days the Online Team Leaders' meeting will be replaced by a procedure where Team Leaders submit this information by a given deadline, and information on race schedules etc. for the following day will be distributed to the Team Leaders by other means.
- b) Before the first day of an ISU World Cup Competition there will be an Online Opening Draw meeting to announce the composition and starting order of pairs for the first competition day. On subsequent days the start lists for the following day will be determined by the Referee based on the entries confirmed at the Team Leaders' meeting or procedure as indicated above in para 5.1. a) and the rules given below in para 5.2.
- c) Each participating ISU Member is obliged to attend the Online Team Leaders' meetings, but participation is restricted to one person (the officially entered Team Leader or another person authorized by the Team Leader).

5.2. Pairing and drawing at the first ISU World Cup Competition for individual distances

- a) Before noon (12:00) on the day of the *Online Opening Draw meeting* for the Competition, the Team Leaders must confirm to the Sport Expert/Referee their entered Competitors, for all distances to be skated in the Competition. The Referee then places the entered Competitors based on their individual ranking in the time ranking list described in 4.1.2 above, in accordance with the ranking positions of Skaters from the respective ISU Members in the final World Cup ranking 2019/20 in the distance concerned, respecting the entry quotas specified in paragraph 3.1.3 above.
- b) For the short distances (500, 1000 and 1500m) Division A shall consist of the Competitors placed in the top 20; for the long distances (3000/5000m) Division A shall consist of the Competitors placed in the top 16. Division B shall consist of the remaining Competitors. Adjustments will be made in case of an exceptional number of Competitors in Division A as per paragraph 4.1.
- c) In each division Competitors will be ranked according to their best achieved qualifying time. The starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the Competitors so that the Competitors with the lowest ranks will start in the first pair, and so on. The better ranked Competitor in a pair shall start in the inner lane. However, the last 3 pairs (top 6 ranked Competitors) in Division A are to be drawn. In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair will consist of a single Skater.

5.3. Pairing and drawing after the first ISU World Cup Competition

- a) Competitors, both in Division A and in Division B, shall be paired according to their individual World Cup rank. An extended World Cup ranking is established by ranking Competitors with no World Cup points according to their best achieved time in World Cup races during the season 2021/22. Competitors with no results from World Cup races held during the season shall be ranked thereafter, based on their best achieved qualifying time. The starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the Competitors so that the Competitors with the lowest ranks will start in the first pair, and so on. The better ranked Competitor in a pair shall start in the inner lane. However, the last 3 pairs (top 6 ranked Competitors) in Division A are to be drawn. The better ranked Team in a pair shall start in the finishing straight. The Teams from the four best ranked ISU Members shall be drawn to form the two last races.
- b) The above procedure applies also for the first (and only) competition in 5000m Women and 10000m Men, with the drawing based on the current extended World Cup ranking in the long distances.

5.4. Rearrangements

- a) In case of withdrawals after the draw, rearrangements of pairs will be done according to rule 245.1.
- b) After rearrangement in Division A as described in rule 245.1, the best ranked Competitor(s) from Division B will be promoted to Division A and be placed in the vacant spot(s) before rearrangement in Division B.
- c) In any case if a Substitute(s) is entered, the substitute can only be placed in the vacant spot open in Division B.
- d) Rule 245.3 must be respected.

5.5. Composition of quartets

In the case of quartet starts, the four Competitors with the best World Cup ranking shall form the last quartet, and only the first quartet may be incomplete.

5.6. Mass Start: starting orders and composition of semifinals

5.6.1. The first ISU World Cup Competition of the season

- a) If the competition is skated with one race (all Skaters in the Final) only, the seeding of the entered Skaters will be determined by the final World Cup 2020/21 ranking and will determine the starting order (lineup). Skaters not ranked by the final World Cup 2020/21 ranking will be ranked according to their best achieved qualifying time for the 1500m.
- b) If the competition is skated with Semifinals, the same seeding will be used to determine the composition of the Semifinals according to the procedure described in 4.1.1 d) above. The starting order in the Semifinals will then be determined by the seeding of the Skaters in the race. In the Final, the starting order will be determined by giving the winner of Semifinal 1 starting order no. 1, the winner of Semifinal 2 starting order no. 2, the second ranked Skater in Semifinal 1 starting order no. 3, etc.

5.6.2. After the first ISU World Cup Competition

- If the competition is skated with one race (all Skaters in the Final) only, the current World Cup ranking of the entered Skaters will determine the starting order. Skaters without World Cup points will be ranked according to their best achieved qualifying time for the 1500m.
- If the competition is skated with Semifinals and a Final, the current World Cup ranking (with extended ranking as defined above) of the entered Skaters will be used for the composition of Semifinals according to the procedure described in 4.1.2 d). This ranking will also be used for the starting order in each Semifinal and in the Final.

5.7. Team competitions

The composition and sequence of races will be determined according to paragraph 4.2.3 above.

6. Points and Ranking System for World Cup Rankings

6.1. Points scoring table

Based on the results of Division A and Division B, World Cup points are awarded according to the points tables below.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
500/1000/1500 Division A	60	54	48	43	40	38	36	34	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21
Division B*	20*	19*	18*	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
3000/5000/MS(semi-finals) Division A	60	54	48	43	40	38	36	34	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24*	23*	22*	21
Division B*	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
5000 /10000 Division A	60	54	48	43	40	38	36	34	32	31	30	29	28*	27*	26*	25	24	23	22	21
Division B*	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
WC final, MS finals** and Team Sprint races	120	108	96	86	80	76	72	68	64	62	60	58	56	54	52	50	48	46	44	42
	40	38	36	34																
Team Pursuit races	120	108	96	86	80	76	72	68	64*	62*	60*	58	56	54	52	50	48	46	44	42
Division B*	40	38	36	34																
Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

* Place 1-2-3 in the Division B will be awarded with extra 8-5-3 points respectively

** Place 1-2-3 in the World Cup Final Mass Start races will be awarded with extra 60-54-48 points respectively.

In the situation when Division B is cancelled and more than 20/16 Skaters are in Division A, points for the additional Skaters will be awarded according to respective Division B points chart.

6.2. Points for tied ranks

If two or more Skaters (or Teams) have obtained the same rank in the classification, each Skater (or Team) will receive the full points for this tied rank.

7. ISU World Cup Speed Skating Ranking Rules

7.1. World Cup ranking for each competition category

The World Cup ranking for each competition category is determined by the number of points the Skaters (or National Teams) accumulate during the season. In the final World Cup ranking, as well as in the intermediate ranking during the season, a tie between Skaters/Teams with the same total of World Cup points will be resolved according to the following criteria, (in order of priority), for determining the better ranked Skater/Team:

- The Skater/Team with the higher number of World Cup victories;
- The Skater/Team with the higher score of points in one single competition (race);
- The Skater/Team with the best time achieved in the World Cup for the distance/competition concerned.

7.2. Prizes

For each distance (category) prize money will be awarded for each individual competition and for the final classification at the end of the season. For each competition, prize money is awarded to the top 3 Skaters of Division A and the top 3 Teams in the Team competitions. For the final World Cup ranking, prize money is awarded to the top 10 Skaters in each of the individual distance categories (including Mass Start competitions), and to the top 5 ranked Teams in the Team Pursuit competitions.

Prize money for final ranking				Prize money for each Competition		
Place	Amount (for each individual distance category)	Place	Amount (for Team Pursuit)	Place	Full amount for a distance	Half* amount for a distance
1.	US \$ 15.000,-	1.	US \$ 5.000,-	1.	US \$ 1.500,-	US \$ 750,-
2.	US \$ 10.000,-	2.	US \$ 3.000,-	2.	US \$ 1.000,-	US \$ 500,-
3.	US \$ 7.000,-	3.	US \$ 2.500,-	3.	US \$ 800,-	US \$ 400,-
4.	US \$ 5.000,-	4.	US \$ 2.000,-	Prize money for World Cup Final		
5.	US \$ 4.000,-	5.	US \$ 1.500,-	1.	US \$ 5.000,-	US \$ 2.500,-
6.	US \$ 3.500,-			2.	US \$ 3.000,-	US \$ 1.500,-
7.	US \$ 3.000,-			3.	US \$ 1.800,-	US \$ 900,-
8.	US \$ 2.500,-			Prize money for Team competitions		
9.	US \$ 2.000,-			1 st team	US \$ 2.100,-	
10.	US \$ 1.500,-			2 nd team	US \$ 1.500,-	
				3 rd team	US \$ 1.200,-	

* These amounts apply for each 500m race in Competitions where the distance is skated twice.

In case of ties, the prize money will be the average amount for the applicable ranking positions. The prize money for the final rankings is transferred from the ISU to the respective ISU Members on the same conditions that apply for ISU Championships (see ISU Communication No. 2368 or later updates). Payment of prize money for each individual competition is handled by the organizing ISU Member. During World Cup #4 there will be a special award ceremony for the top 3 places in Team Pursuit based on the ISU World Cup ranking for the season, where a special trophy will be presented by the ISU to the winners. During the World Cup Final there will be a special award ceremony for the top 3 places in each individual competition (category) based on the final ISU World Cup ranking for the season, where a special trophy will be presented by the ISU to the winners.

8. Cancellation of Competitions

If an organizing ISU Member considers it impossible to hold the ISU World Cup Competition it has been allotted according to the schedule given in paragraph 2 above, it must urgently give the reasons in writing to the ISU Secretariat to authorize the cancellation. If circumstances during a Competition would make it impossible to complete some scheduled races, the Referee in consultation with the ISU Representative and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative are authorized to cancel distances or races. The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee decides if cancelled distances or races shall be rescheduled for another date and/or another venue.

9. Requirements for the Organization of ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions

A Memorandum issued by the ISU gives detailed requirements and guidelines for the organization of an ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competition. The official protocol, in appropriate digital format, must be sent without delay to ISU Secretariat: prahin@isu.ch. Due to the COVID-19 situation special conditions may apply for the World Cups 2021-22, and information on this will be distributed in a timely manner to participating ISU Members.

10. World Cup Speed Skating Coordination

Any questions concerning the rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organization of ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2021/22 should be addressed to:

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