

Communication No. 2506

ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2022/23

1. ISU World Cup Competitions

The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2022/23 will be presented under the title “ISU World Cup Short Track” and a specific logo. For the season 2022/23 the ISU has designated the following competitions as “World Cup Competitions”:

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>	
1	Montreal	CAN	October 28, 2022 October 29-30, 2022	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
2	Salt Lake City	USA	November 4, 2022 November 5-6, 2022	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
3	Almaty	KAZ	December 9, 2022 December 10-11, 2022	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
4	Almaty	KAZ	December 16, 2022 December 17-18, 2022	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
5	Dresden	GER	February 3, 2023 February 4-5, 2023	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
6	<i>Dordrecht</i>	<i>NED (TBC)</i>	February 10, 2023 February 11-12, 2023	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session

Organizers of these World Cup Competitions are required to observe the conditions of the 2022 ISU Regulations and the most recent edition of the Memorandum for hosting ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions.

2. Announcement

Each organizer of the above-mentioned World Cup Competitions shall submit an Announcement to the ISU Secretariat for publication on the ISU Website (see Rule 110).

3. Conditions

- a) All World Cup Competitions are held according to Rule 286.
- b) The competitions will have a single distance character and are held in separate sessions. The first day (Day 0) is dedicated to the Qualifying Session with qualifying rounds only. On the two following days (Day 1 and Day 2) there will be World Cup Sessions preceded by Repechage Sessions for the same individual distances as in the World Cup session on that day. The Semi-Finals for the Mixed Team Relay will be skated at the end of the Repechage session of Day 1. Competitors who did not qualify for the Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters or for the Semi-Finals for 1500 meters during the Qualifying Session, can enter the Repechage Session for the distance concerned, except those who were given a sanction (Rule 297, paragraph 7, or who did not start in the Qualifying Session. Skaters that were declared “Did not Finish” are eligible to move on to

next rounds including the Repechage Races. The maximum number of Competitors to enter the Repechage Session is forty (40) for the 500 and 1000m and forty-two (42) for the 1500m, based on the intermediary Distance Classifications.

- c) On the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters and on the Relay distances there will be A and B Finals. Skaters / Teams qualify for A and B Finals only through the Semi-Final.

B-Finals with only one (1) Skater / Team will not be skated, and for the purpose of the distance ranking the qualified Skater / Team will then be assigned the first finish position for the race. The number of Qualifying Rounds, the number of Races per Round and the number of Skaters to qualify for the next round, for both the Qualifying Session and the Repechage Session, are specified by the ISU Short Track Technical Committee.

- d) Planned number of Skaters/Teams per Race:

Maximum planned number of Competitors	500	1000	1500	Relay
Preliminaries (Qualifying Session)	5	6	8	
Heats or Quarter-Finals (Qualifying Session)	5	5	7	5
Repechage Session	5	6	8	
Quarter-Finals (World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)		
Semi-Finals (World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4
Finals (World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4 *)

*) See Rule 295, paragraph 2.e)

- e) Payments to Officials must be in accordance with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 137, paragraph 6.b) and ISU Communication No. 2096.
- f) Anti-Doping tests will be carried out at each Competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications Nos. 2344 and 2366 or any further update of these Communications).
- g) At each Competition an ISU Technical Committee Representative will be assigned (Rule 288).

4. Distances and program

- a) The distribution of distances at the World Cup Competitions and the respective World Cup sessions will be as follows:

World Cup	Individual Distances for Women and Men		Relays (Day 1 and Day 2)
	Day 1	Day 2	
1	1000 m (1), 1500 m	500 m, 1000 m (2)	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000 m for Mixed Team
2	500 m (1), 1500 m	500 m (2), 1000 m	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000 m for Mixed Team
3	1000 m, 1500 m (1)	500 m, 1500 m (2)	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000 m for Mixed Team
4	500 m (1), 1500 m	500 m (2), 1000 m	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000 m for Mixed Team
5	1000 m, 1500 m (1)	500 m, 1500 m (2)	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000 m for Mixed Team
6	1000 m (1), 1500 m	500 m, 1000 m (2)	3000 m for Women, 5000 m for Men, 2000m for Mixed Team

The order of distances listed in the table above is only indicative.

- b) The program for each World Cup Competition is set as follows:
- Day -1 - Official Training
 - Official Opening
 - Day 0 - Qualifying Session (all individual and Relay distances)
 - Day 1 - Repechage Session (individual distances that will be skated in the WORLD CUP Session)
 - Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals
 - WORLD CUP Session
 - Day 2 - Repechage Session (individual distances that will be skated in the WORLD CUP Session)
 - Relay Final B
 - WORLD CUP Session

- c) The program of the Qualifying Session (Day 0) and of the Repechage Sessions will be made by the Competitors' Steward based on the number of entries. For all individual distances and Relays the Qualifying Session will include all qualifying rounds necessary to qualify Skaters or Teams for the World Cup sessions (Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters, Semi-Finals for 1500 meters and for all Relay distances).
- d) The program for each day of the World Cup sessions will follow a standardized schedule
- Quarter-Finals individual distances
 - Resurface
 - Semi-Finals individual distances
 - Resurface
 - Finals B and A individual distances
 - Finals Mixed Team Relay (Day 1)
 - Resurface
 - Semi-Finals / Final A Women's and Men's Relay

The program of the World Cup Session is subject to changes based on local circumstances and/or TV agreements.

- e) On Day 0 (Friday) and for the Repechage sessions on Day 1 and 2, there will be no Warm-up sessions. Warm-up sessions will be scheduled before the beginning of each Main program (World Cup session), with two (2) groups per category and limited to 10 minutes per warm-up session.
- f) No other Short Track Speed Skating events are allowed in the same facility during the ISU World Cup Competitions.

5. Entries

- a) In accordance with Rule 286, the entries at a World Cup Competition shall be restricted to a maximum of six (6) Competitors per category (Women, Men) for each ISU Member¹, covering both individual and Relay distances.
- b) Individual entries for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters:
Maximum three (3) Competitors per ISU Member per distance per category. For each distance any three (3) of the maximum six (6) Competitors entered may skate the distance.
During the Qualifying Session (on Day 0) a Competitor may participate in a maximum of two (2) distances (one of the 2 distances scheduled for the World Cup Session of Day 1 and one of the 2 distances scheduled for the World Cup Session of Day 2). The number of Competitors actually entered from each ISU Member must for each day be divided as equally as possible over the distances on that day (as indicated in table below).

<i>ISU Member</i>	<i>Distance 1 (Day 1)</i>	<i>Distance 2 (Day 1)</i>	<i>Distance 3 (Day 2)</i>	<i>Distance 4 (Day 2)</i>
A 6 Competitors	3	3	3	3
B 5 Competitors	2 or 3	3 or 2	2 or 3	3 or 2
C 4 Competitors	2	2	2	2
D 3 Competitors	1 or 2	2 or 1	1 or 2	2 or 1
E 2 Competitors	1	1	1	1

- c) Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member per category, consisting of minimum four (4), maximum six (6) Competitors.
- d) Mixed Team Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member, consisting of minimum two (2) Women and two (2) Men, and maximum four (4) Women and four (4) Men. ISU Members entering this event, accept to forfeit Rule 295, paragraph 2.I).
- e) Entries must be made in accordance with Rule 295 paragraph 4.
- f) By making an entry for a Relay event at a World Cup Competition the ISU Member confirms that, if qualified, the ISU Member will participate in the Relay competition concerned at relevant ISU Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022-2023. The ISU Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU Secretariat immediately after the World Cup Competition preceding the relevant Championships.

¹ Reference is made to ISU Communication No. 2469, paragraph 2.a) according to which and until further notice, no individual belonging to the Russian Skating Union and Skating Union of Belarus shall be invited, entered and allowed to participate in International Competitions, ISU Championships and other ISU Events.

6. World Cup entries by Host ISU Member

According to Rule 295, paragraph 2.k) the Host ISU Member may enter one (1) Skater in each of the individual distances in each category in the World Cup Session. These special entries must meet the following additional criteria:

- a) The Host ISU Member must specify for each of the distances whether they want to enter a Skater directly to the World Cup Session, and specify the name and all relevant information for this selected Skater. This documentation, for all Skaters and distances concerned, must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat at the latest ten (10) days before the Competition (See Rule 286, paragraph 6).
- b) A selected Skater for the World Cup session should be the highest ranked Skater of the Host ISU Member in the World Ranking List over the distance concerned.
- c) If the Skater is not the highest ranked Skater of the Host ISU Member in the World Ranking List, the selected Skater must be the best Skater of the Host ISU Member as proven by the results in International or national Competitions after July 1, 2021. The entry of such a Skater for the World Cup session must be approved by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee.

7. Required Qualifying Times

- a) All Skaters entered for a World Cup Competition must have achieved an ISU qualifying time over the distance of 500 meters. The ISU Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined qualifying times required for participation in the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2022/23 as follows:

Every ISU Member can enter one (1) Skater per category that has achieved the following qualifying time:

Women 500 meters: 49,48 (18% slower than world record prior to the season)

Men 500 meters: 46,62 (18% slower than world record prior to the season)

If an ISU Member enters more than one (1) Skater in individual distances, the qualifying times required for all Skaters (including all Relay Skaters) entered, are:

Women 500 meters: 47,81 (14% slower than world record prior to the season)

Men 500 meters: 45,04 (14% slower than world record prior to the season)

- b) The result must have been achieved at the latest fourteen (14) days before the respective ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating in one of the following Competitions:
 - ISU Championships
 - ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions
 - International Short Track Speed Skating Competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication published by the ISU
 - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned
 - Other Short Track Speed Skating Competitions sanctioned by the ISU
- c) The Competition must have been held on an official ISU track as defined in Rule 280, paragraph 1.
- d) Photo finish and/or electronic timing must have been used, proved by original outputs of the equipment. If no Photo finish and/or electronic timing are available 0,2 seconds must be added to the time skated.
- e) A Referee and a Starter, listed in the ISU Communication "List of Referees, Starters and Competitors Stewards for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating" for the respective season, must have been officiating.
- f) A Protocol and a Program of the competition must be available.
- g) For a Skater to be qualified for participation in the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2022/23, only results achieved after July 1, 2020, will be considered.

8. Drawing and progression

- a) The make-up of the first Qualifying Round of each distance shall be based on the current World Ranking List over the distance following the principles of Rule 296 of the 2022 ISU Regulations. Progression to subsequent Qualifying Rounds shall be according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.
- b) From the Qualifying Sessions for 500 and 1000 meters a number of Skaters (see Qualifying Tables to be published separately) will qualify for the Quarter-Finals during the World Cup Session. If the Host ISU Member does not use its right to enter one (1) Skater to these Quarter-Finals then the number of Skaters to qualify for the Quarter-Finals over 500 and 1000 meters will be adjusted.
- c) Similarly, the number of Skaters to qualify for the 1500 meters Semi-Finals is specified in the Qualifying Tables.
- d) From the Repechage Session the winners of the Semi-Finals will qualify for the World Cup Session.

9. Classifications at each World Cup Competition

The Distance Classifications over the Individual Distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters and the Relay distances will follow the Rules for Distance Classifications (see Rule 295),

- First to be listed will be Competitors who have qualified for the World Cup Session in accordance with Rule 295, using the results of the World Cup Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session.
- Then the remaining Competitors who have participated in the Repechage Session will be ranked in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 7, using the results of the Repechage Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session.
- Any remaining Competitor will be ranked in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 7, using the results in the Qualifying Session.

10. World Cup Points & Classifications

For each of the Individual Distances, the following point system will be used for the World Cup Classification.

Only Skaters with a result on the distance classification in the Main Sessions will receive World Cup Points. Skaters without World Cup points will nevertheless also have a ranking based on the distance classification.

For the Relay Races, the same point system will be used and all Relay Teams participating will get World Cup points.

Classification	Points	Classification	Points
1	100	13	18
2	80	14	16
3	70	15	14
4	60	16	12
5	50	17	10
6	44	18	8
7	40	19	6
8	36	20	5
9	32	21	4
10	28	22	3
11	24	23	2
12	20	24	1

- a) For each individual distance, the Skater's best six (6) results from the Distance Classifications at ISU World Cup Competitions will be considered for the World Cup classification.
- b) For each of the Relay distances, the best four (4) results from the Distance Classifications at ISU World Cup Competitions will be considered for the World Cup classification.
- c) For all details relating to the new Season's Overall Champions 2022-2023, a separate ISU Communication will be issued.

11. World Ranking

- a) To establish the World Ranking for each distance (for the purpose of seeding the Skaters or Teams) the points scoring at ISU World Cup Competitions is as follows:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	10000	16	352	31	14
2	8000	17	281	32	13
3	6400	18	225	33	12
4	5120	19	180	34	11
5	4096	20	144	35	10
6	3277	21	115	36	9
7	2621	22	92	37	8
8	2097	23	74	38	7
9	1678	24	59	39	6
10	1342	25	47	40	5
11	1074	26	38	41	4
12	859	27	30	42	3
13	687	28	24	43	2
14	550	29	19	44	1
15	440	30	15	45*	1

* Skaters ranked 46th and beyond in the distance classification will also receive 1 point

- b) Points are awarded only if the Skater is ranked on the respective classification of that Competition.
- c) In the case of a tie, the higher number of ranking points shall be awarded to both Skaters / Teams, for example in the case of a tie for second places the points will be 10000, 8000, 8000, 5120, etc.
- d) For the individual distances: If a distance is raced eight (8) times during the season, the best six (6) results will be used for the World Ranking at the beginning of season 2023-2024. During the season 2022-2023, all results from season 2021-2022 will count until the distance has been raced five (5) times at which point the results of 2021-2022 will start to be removed and one by one (starting with the oldest) replaced by the new results from the ongoing season. For season 2023-2024, if all World Cup Competitions scheduled did take place, only the results from season 2022-2023 will be kept (see table below). However, when a distance is raced 2 times during the same Event, the same Ranking is used for the Seeding both times.
- For the Relay distances: If a distance is raced six (6) times, the World Ranking 2023-2024 for the Relay will be made using the best four (4) results. During season 2022-2023, with every new result being added, the oldest result from 2021-2022 will be removed (see table below).

Calculation of World Ranking for Individual distances:

Season 2021/22				Season 2022/23								
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
X	X	X	X									sum of best 3 from 4 results
X	X	X	X	X								sum of best 4 from 5 results
X	X	X	X	X	X							sum of best 5 from 6 results
X	X	X	X	X	X	X						sum of best 6 from 7 results
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					sum of best 6 from 8 results
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				sum of best 6 from 8 results
		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			sum of best 6 from 8 results
			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		sum of best 6 from 8 results
				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	sum of best 6 from 8 results for 23-24

Calculation of World Ranking for Relays:

Season 2021/22				Season 2022/23						
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	
X	X	X	X							sum of best 3 from 4 results
X	X	X	X	X						sum of best 4 from 5 results
X	X	X	X	X	X					sum of best 4 from 6 results
	X	X	X	X	X	X				sum of best 4 from 6 results
		X	X	X	X	X	X			sum of best 4 from 6 results
			X	X	X	X	X	X		sum of best 4 from 6 results
				X	X	X	X	X	X	sum of best 4 from 6 results for 23-24

12. Testing of new rules for the Start procedure (Rule 298)

The ISU Congress 2022 in Phuket, THA, approved a technical rule change to move into a starting procedure with zero (0) False Starts upon positive evaluation after a testing period to be performed during the season 2022/23.

The testing period will start with World Cup 1 and last until World Cup 4 of season 2022/23. It means that the World Cup Competitions taking place in Montréal, Salt Lake City and Almaty (2x) will be conducted with the “0 False Starts rule”.

All details and relevant information will be published in a separate ISU Communication. Once the testing period is completed and results have been reviewed, the ISU Council will decide which Rules for the starting procedure will be applied for the remaining two (2) World Cup Competitions of season 2022/23. The ISU Council decision will be communicated in due time after World Cup 4.

13. Inspection of Skaters’ equipment and racing uniforms

As per Communication 2400, ISU Members must provide documents that confirm the requirements of the Cut resistant fabric to be used in the racing uniforms. The ISU may carry out controls on the use of the required cut resistant competition clothing/uniforms and other protective equipment at ISU Events.

During World Cup 1 & 2, all Skaters will be required to bring on Thursday their racing suits, gloves and helmet to an inspection table located at the ice rink, either right before or right after their training session. Teams are expected to have the tag specifying the level of cut resistance visible inside of the racing suits. Helmets are also expected to show the seal of conformity.

The ISU will also do random checks after races and inspect the equipment of Skaters at other ISU Events during the season.

14. Prize Money

Prize Money will be awarded only based on the Final World Cup Classifications after all the World Cup Competitions of the season have been concluded. The Prize Money amounts for the World Cup Classifications are as follows:

Individual distances												
	500 m				1000 m				1500 m			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
1 st place	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000
2 nd place	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000
3 rd place	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000
4 th place	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000
5 th place	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000
6 th place	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500
7 th place	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000
8 th place	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500
9 th place	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000
10 th place	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000

Team competitions						
	Relay				Mixed Team Relay	
	Men		Women			
1 st place	US\$	12'000	US\$	12'000	US\$	8'000
2 nd place	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	6'000
3 rd place	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000
4 th place	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000
5 th place	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000

Total Prize Money	US\$	385'000
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Results at the World Cup Competitions will also count in the rankings determining the overall "Season's Champion", which will have its own Prize Money awards as specified in a separate ISU Communication.

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