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17 th	Vienna	1931	47 th	Stockholm	1998
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19 th	Stockholm	1935	49 th	Kyoto	2002
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21 st	Amsterdam	1939	51 st	Budapest	2006
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23 rd	Paris	1949	53 rd	Barcelona	2010
24 th	Copenhagen	1951	54 th	Kuala Lumpur	2012
25 th	Stresa	1953	55 th	Dublin	2014
26 th	Lausanne	1955	56 th	Dubrovnik	2016
27 th	Salzburg	1957	57 th	Seville	2018
28 th	Tours	1959		Online voting	2020
29 th	Bergen	1961		Online voting	2021
30 th	Helsinki	1963	<u>58th</u>	<u>Phuket</u>	<u>2022</u>

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I. SPECIAL REGULATIONS SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

A. Tracks and Venues

Rule 280

Track Layout, Facilities and Safety

1. a) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games the track shall be an oval of 111.12 m in a covered, enclosed and heated ice rink with minimum measurements of 60 x 30 m (see diagram in the Technical Rules).
 - b) The width of the straight shall not be less than 7 m.
 - c) The measurements from the apex block of the bends to the barrier shall not be less than 4 m.
 - d) Curves and turns should be made symmetrically, there should be a symmetrical curve from the end of one straight to the point where the next straight begins.
 - e) Besides the standard track there will be four or six other tracks laid out which are symmetrical to the standard track but moved in the direction of the straight with equal intermediate distances of up to 0.7 m when seven tracks are used, up to 1 m when five tracks are used to preserve good ice conditions. For all tracks one finish line will be used. For the starting lines see diagram in Technical Rules.
 - f) In Semi-Finals and Finals of 500 m, the outside tracks (1 and 5 when there are five tracks and 1 and 7 when there are seven tracks) will not be used. Only the middle tracks as marked on the diagram shall be used.
 - g) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games: in the straight, a line will be drawn between the last block of the curve and the first block of the next curve.
2. a) The starting lines and finish line are to be denoted by lines (colored) drawn at right angles to the straight and not more than 2 cm wide.
 - b) Starting lines are drawn from the barrier and will have a length equivalent to the actual width of the straight. The finish line is drawn from the barrier and will have a length of the actual width of the straight plus 1.5 m.
 - c) Only for 500 and 1000 m: Starting at 50 cm from the inner side of the track, dots 2 cm diameter shall mark five starting positions every 1.3 m in order to define the starting positions.
 - d) If the inner surface of the track is colored differently from the surface of the track for esthetic purposes, then this inner surface shall be

symmetrical to the layout of the track, and start exactly at the end of the finish line (see diagram in the Technical Rules).

3. For International Competitions on ice rinks of less than 30 m in width the track that may be used is shown in the diagram in the respective Announcement.

Track markers

4. Track marking blocks of an approved design by the ISU Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall be used and seven must be used in each curve.

Rink Board Padding

5. a) Protective mats must be installed around the ice surface. All measures must be taken in order to improve the safety of the Skaters. Mats must be covered with a water-resistant, not necessarily cut-resistant, material. Mats must be attached to each other, standing with their weight on the ice.
- b) All Padding systems must comply to the minimum specifications laid out in the respective ISU Communication.
- c) The following types of systems are defined:
 - Basic and Traditional rink board Padding System: the pads are placed against the boarding surrounding the ice surface. The details are laid down in an ISU Communication;
 - Hybrid Padding system: the boarding is partially removed, especially on the exit of the curves and in the skating direction up to about 10 m ahead of the starting and finishing line. The mats are self-standing and connected to each other, so that sufficient movement of the mats is possible in order to slow down falling Skater(s). Traditional mats are placed against the boarding in the other areas;
 - Moveable Padding system: there are no boards around the ice surface and the mats are self-standing, connected to each other, so that sufficient movement of the mats is possible to slow down falling Skater(s).
- d) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games, a feasibility plan with all the technical descriptions of the material properties and drawing of the construction of the mats must be submitted with the initial application.
- e) For the Olympic Winter Games, a Moveable Padding system is mandatory. The Padding must comply with the specifications laid out in the respective ISU Communication. The selection of the Padding must also take into account the requirements for the final setup and logistical change-over issues, when sharing a venue with Figure Skating.

- f) For ISU Events and Winter Youth Olympic Games a Moveable Padding system or a Hybrid Padding system must be used as a minimum.
- g) For International Senior and for International Junior Competitions age categories A & B, as a minimum a Traditional rink board Padding system must be used.
- h) For International Junior Competitions age categories C & D, as a minimum a Basic Padding System must be used.

Facilities at rink

- 6. a) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games, electronic equipment capable of producing an image of the finish and the times of the competitors shall be used. Times shall be produced in thousands of a second. These results shall be considered Official Results.
- b) For ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games (OWG) and Winter Youth Olympic Games (WYOG), an Instant Video Replay System (IVR) and Race Reporting System (RRS) approved by the ISU shall be used.
- c) For International Competitions a manual procedure explained in Rule 290, paragraphs 13 and 14 may be used, if the above equipment is not available.
- d) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games, only computer software approved by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall be used to document the results of races, prepare the make-up of the next round of races, and produce the final results and Protocol of the competition.
- e) For International Competitions the procedure outlined in Rule 296 can also be done manually.
- f) All technical equipment shall be located in areas restricted to public access.

B. World Championships

Rule 281

Distances and program

- 1. a) The distances will be: 500, 1000 and 1500 m individual, 3000 m Relay for Women, 5000 m Relay for Men and 2000 m Relay for Mixed Relay Teams.
- b) For all individual distances there will be two Finals, A and B. The qualification for the Finals will be through Qualifying rounds, according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

- c) On the Relay Distances there will be two Finals, A and B. The qualification for the Finals will be through Qualifying rounds, according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.)
- d) Based upon the number of entries the Competitors' Steward confirms the qualifying schedule in accordance with the qualifying tables published by the Technical Committee.
- e) The World Championships are planned to be held over 3 days.
- f) The A-Finals of the Relays will be held after the conclusion of the individual races of the day. Qualifying rounds of the Relays may be held on each day of the Championships.
- g) Skaters not having qualified for the Main Program on the respective distance qualify for participation in Repechage Races based on their results. The number of Skaters in the Repechage Races may be limited in accordance with the respective ISU Communication.
- h) The standard program will be:

First day	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	1500 m Women/Men
	Preliminaries	500 m Women/Men
	Heats	500 m Women/Men
	Preliminaries	1000 m Women/Men
	Heats	1000 m Women/Men
	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	<u>Mixed Team Relay</u>
	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>

Second day	<u>Repechage</u>	1500 m Women/Men
	<u>Repechage</u>	500 m Women/Men

<u>Second day</u> Main Program	Semi-Finals	1500 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	1500 m Women/Men
	Quarter-Finals	500 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	500 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	500 m Women/Men
	<u>Semi-Finals</u>	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>

Third day	<u>Repechage</u>	1000 m Women/Men
	<u>Final B</u>	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>

<u>Third day</u> Main Program	Quarter-Finals	1000 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	1000 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	1000 m Women/Men
	<u>Semi-Finals</u>	<u>Mixed Team Relay</u>
	<u>Finals B, A</u>	<u>Mixed Team Relay</u>
	<u>Final A</u>	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>

- i) The Program is subject to change based on the number of entries and local circumstances. Qualifying Rounds may be added or removed in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 2.d, and Qualifying Rounds may be moved to other days of the Championships.
- j) The starting times on each day may be determined by the organizing committee in consultation with the ISU. The program of the last two days is divided in two parts. The rounds of the Main Program must be in one part and not separated. When each part (session) starts, it will be held without any intermission or breaks other than to resurface the ice or give the Skaters the rest time according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.l).

Entries

2. a) Each ISU Member, with the right of participation, is entitled to enter at least one Competitor in each category of each distance.
More entries are possible based on the distance classification of the same preceding Championships.
An ISU Member may enter two Competitors if the ISU Member had one or more Skaters amongst the best thirty-two Competitors on the distance at the preceding Championships.
An ISU Member may enter three Competitors if it had two or more Skaters amongst the best sixteen Competitors on the distance at the preceding Championships.
For every distance for which the Host ISU Member has not qualified three Skaters, it may choose to enter three Skaters. However, only the original number of qualified Skaters count as the maximum number of Skaters to qualify for the same following Championships.
The total number of Competitors per category that may be entered for the Championships is:
- One or;
 - Two, if the ISU Member has qualified only two Skaters on one of the distances;
 - Three, if the ISU Member has qualified two on more than one of the distances;
 - Four, if the ISU Member has qualified three on any of the distances;
 - Three in both categories, if the ISU Member has qualified a Mixed Relay Team;
 - Or the number of Skaters in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 3 a), if the ISU Member has qualified a Relay Team.
- In deviation from the above, the following shall apply for the season 2022/23:
Each ISU Member, with the right of participation, is entitled to enter at least one Competitor in each category on all distances.

More entries are possible based on the overall classification of the same preceding Championships.

An ISU Member may enter two Competitors on each distance if the ISU Member had one or more Skaters amongst the best thirty-two Competitors on the Overall Classification of the preceding season.

An ISU Member may enter three Competitors on each distance if the ISU Member had two or more Skaters amongst the best sixteen Competitors on the Overall Classification of the preceding season.

The total number of Competitors per category that may be entered for the Championships is:

- Three, if the ISU Member has qualified two Skaters;
- Four, if the ISU Member has qualified three Skaters;
- ISU Members having qualified a Mixed Relay Team can have three Skaters per gender;
- Or the number of Skaters in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 3 a), if the ISU Member has qualified a Relay Team.

Each ISU Member may enter different Skaters in each distance within the maximum number of Skaters (see Rule 295, paragraph 4).

- b) ISU Members who qualify amongst the best twelve Relay Teams from the World Cup Relay Classification Women/Men and Mixed Team Relay Classification (see Rule 286, paragraph 8) may enter a Team in the respective Relay competition. If the host country is not ranked amongst the top twelve Teams of the World Cup Relay Classification or World Cup Mixed Team Relay Classification, they will replace the lowest ranked Team. ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum number of five Skaters which will include all Skaters for both competitions: individual and Relay.

Drawing and seeding procedure

3. See Rule 296.

Conditions of contest

4. For each of the distances a classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraph 7.

Winner(s)

5. a) The winner of the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 500/1000/1500m is the Skater being declared winner of the Final A of the distance concerned. The second and third placed Skaters of the

Championships are the Skaters ranked accordingly in the Final A. Medals will be awarded to these Skaters in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.

- b) The winning Team of the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships for each of the Relay competitions is the Team which has been declared winner of the Final A. The second and third placed Teams of the Championships are the teams ranked accordingly in the Final A. Medals will be awarded to these Teams in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.
- c) For titles see Rule 133.

Rule 282 is reserved.

C. World Junior Championships

Rule 283

Distances and Program

- 1. a) The distances will be: 500, 1000 and 1500 m individual. Relay races will go over 3000 m. Each Relay Team shall consist of four Skaters per ISU Member.
As of the season 2023/24: Mixed Team Relay races will go over 2000 m. Each Mixed Relay Team shall consist of minimum 2 Women and 2 Men. If an ISU Member participates with more Skaters in the Championships, a Mixed Relay Team can consist of maximum 3 Women and 3 Men.
- b) For all individual distances there will be two Finals, A and B. The qualification for the Finals will be through Qualifying rounds according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.
- c) On the Relay Distances there will be two Finals, A and B. The qualification for the Finals will be through Qualifying rounds according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.
- d) Based upon the number of entries the Competitors' Steward confirms the qualifying schedule in accordance with the qualifying tables published by the Technical Committee.
- e) The Championships are planned to be held over 4 days but may be held over 3 days depending on the expected number of entries.
- f) Skaters not having qualified for the Main Program on the respective distance qualify for participation in Repechage Races based on their results. The number of Skaters in the Repechage Races may be limited. See the respective ISU Communication.

g) The standard program will be:

First day	Heats	1500 m Women/Men
	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	<u>1500 m Women/Men</u>
	Preliminaries	500 m Women/Men
	<u>Heats</u>	<u>500 m Women/Men</u>
	<u>Heats</u>	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>

Second day	<u>Preliminaries</u>	<u>1000 m Women/Men</u>
	<u>Heats</u>	<u>1000 m Women/Men</u>
	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	<u>Mixed Team Relay</u>
	<u>Semi-Finals</u>	<u>Mixed Team Relay</u>
	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>

Third day	<u>Repechage</u>	<u>1500 m Women/Men</u>
	<u>Repechage</u>	<u>500 m Women/Men</u>

<u>Third day Main Program</u>	Semi-Finals	1500 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	1500 m Women/Men
	Quarter-Finals	500 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	500 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	500 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>

<u>Fourth day</u>	<u>Repechage</u>	<u>1000 m Women/Men</u>
	<u>Final B</u>	<u>3000 m Relay Women</u>
	<u>Final B</u>	<u>3000 m Relay Men</u>

<u>Fourth day Main Program</u>	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	<u>1000 m Women/Men</u>
	<u>Semi-Finals</u>	<u>1000 m Women/Men</u>
	<u>Finals B, A</u>	<u>1000 m Women/Men</u>
	<u>Finals B, A</u>	<u>Mixed Team Relay</u>
	<u>Final A</u>	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>

h) The Program is subject to change based on the number of entries and local circumstances. Qualifying Rounds may be added or removed in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 2.d), and Qualifying Rounds may be moved to other days of the Championships.

i) The starting times on each day may be determined by the organizing committee in consultation with the ISU. The program of the last two days is divided in two parts. The rounds of the Main Program must be in one part and not separate. When each part (session) starts it will be held

without any intermission or breaks other than to resurface the ice or give the Skaters the rest time according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.1).

Entries

2. a) Each ISU Member has the right to enter three Competitors in each category. ISU Members entering a Relay Team may enter a maximum of four Competitors in the respective category.
- b) Each ISU Member has the right to enter two Competitors in each category for each individual distance.
If an ISU Member had two or more Skaters amongst the best thirty-two Competitors in the final classification of a distance in the preceding Championships, that ISU Member may enter a maximum of three Competitors on that distance. Each ISU Member may select different Skaters for each distance among its three or four Competitors entered for the Championships.
- c) If the Host ISU Member has not qualified three Skaters in a distance, then the Host ISU Member may nevertheless choose to still enter three Skaters for that distance. However, if the Host ISU Member chooses to enter three Skaters in the distance, then this Member cannot enter more than two Skaters for the same distance in the following Championship.

Drawing and seeding procedure

3. See Rule 296.

Conditions of contest

4. For each of the distances a classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraph 7.

Winner

5. a) The winner of the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 500/1000/1500m is the Skater being declared winner of the Final A of the distance concerned. The second and third placed Skaters of the Championships are the Skaters ranked accordingly in the Final A. Medals will be awarded to these Skaters in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.
- b) The winning Team of the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships for the Relay competition is the Team which has been declared winner of the Final A. The second and third placed Teams of the Championships are the Teams ranked accordingly in the Final A.

Medals will be awarded to these Teams in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.

- c) For Titles see Rule 133.

D. Olympic Winter Games

Rule 284

Distances

1. According to Rule 107, paragraph 2 the Olympic Winter Games (OWG) are the exclusive property of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The following Rules for the OWG are subject to an agreement to be achieved by the ISU Council with the IOC for each edition of the OWG. The details will be laid down in an ISU Communication for each edition of the OWG.
2. a) For Olympic Winter Games the competitions are:
 - Individual Races
 - Relay Races
 - Mixed Team Relay Races
- b) The distances for Individual Races are:
 - 500, 1000 and 1500 m individual distances for Women and Men;
- c) The distances for Relay Races are:
 - 3000 m Relay for Women;
 - 5000 m Relay for Men.
 - 2000 m Mixed Team Relay
- d) On each of the distances there may be Qualifying Rounds, depending on the number of entries, in which the Skaters/Teams qualify for the Final according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

Entry quotas

3. a) For each edition of the Olympic Winter Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) stipulates an overall maximum number of Skaters to be entered into Short Track Speed Skating competitions (IOC Quota), with a target number for each gender. If for either Women or Men the respective IOC quota would not be reached according to the Qualifying System described in the ISU Regulations, the respective unused number of quota places would be credited and added to the quota of the other gender.
- b) The total overall number of entered Short Track Speed Skaters per ISU Member, respectively National Olympic Committee (NOC quota) will be maximum ten Skaters; maximum five Women, respectively five Men (for

ISU Members/NOC qualified for the Relay competition) and maximum three Women, respectively three Men (for ISU Member/NOC not qualified for the Relay competition).

Qualification system

4. General

The quota place/s is/are allocated to the NOC.

Quota places per gender are earned by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the National ISU Members (NFs) from the four Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) per gender and from the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) of the Mixed Team Relay.

Each SOQC is based on three best results out of four results over the respective distance achieved at the four ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions designated by the ISU that will be held between September and December preceding the respective edition of the Olympic Winter Games.

The four SOQC for men will be for the Men's 500 m, Men's 1000 m, Men's 1500 m and Men's 5000 m Relay.

The four SOQC for women will be for Women's 500 m, Women's 1000 m, Women's 1500 m and Women's 3000 m Relay.

There will be one SOQC for the Mixed Team Relay.

These SOQCs will be calculated following the same Rules and principles as the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating classifications, i.e. using the World Cup points earned at the designated World Cup Competitions (for details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications). In the case of a tie in the SOQC, the following tie-breaking system will be used:

- i) Best place on the distance in one of the designated World Cups;
- ii) Best time on the distance;
- iii) Second (or if needed third, fourth, etc.) best times on the distance.

Two out of four World Cups shall preferably be held on the same continent as the Olympic Winter Games.

As per ISU Regulations, only ISU Members are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions.

Upon confirmation by the ISU of the quota places earned by the ISU Members/NOCs, the subsequent entries by name to the Olympic Winter Games to be made within the applicable deadlines, are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member/NOC subject to the entered Skaters being eligible according to ISU and IOC rules.

Process of confirmation of places

5. After the designated ISU World Cup Competitions will be completed and based on the resulting SOQC, the ISU will inform the ISU Members/NOCs of their respective total number of quota places and the number of Skaters each ISU Member/NOC can enter per individual distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm to the ISU the use of quota places within a specific deadline to be announced through an ISU Communication.

Reallocation of unused quota positions

6. Unused quota places will be redistributed to ISU Members/NOCs based on the different SOQCs. NOCs will be requested to confirm within 3 days whether they accept the offered reallocation of quota places, but at the latest within the deadline to be announced through an ISU Communication.
Unused Relay quota places will be replaced with the next best placed Team based on the results of the relay SOQC.

Qualifying Timeline

7. Qualifying procedures for the Olympic Winter Games will be defined and communicated through a specific ISU Communication at the latest by October 1st in the pre-Olympic season.

Medal assignments at Olympic Winter Games

8.
 - a) For the Olympic Winter Games only, Finals A and B will take place for the 500, 1000 and 1500 m individual final races, and for the Women 3000 m Relay, Men's 5000 m Relay and Mixed Team 2000 m Relay final races.
 - b) The Finals A and B are created so that, to the extent possible, the three IOC medals with accompanying diplomas and the five additional IOC diplomas (together referred to as the "IOC Awards") available for each race are actually awarded to eight Skaters or eight Relay Teams.
 - c) The eight IOC Awards are conferred on Skaters or Teams in the order of finish (from first to last), starting with the Final A, and thereafter, as necessary to fill the IOC Award positions, continuing with Skaters or Teams (from first to last) finishing the Final B.
 - d) The IOC Awards will be distributed to the top eight Skaters and Relay Teams based on the Distance Classification as per Rule 295, paragraphs 5 and 7.

E. European Championships and Four Continents Championships

Rule 285

Distances and program

1. a) The distances will be: 500, 1000 and 1500 m individual, 3000 m Relay for Women and 5000 m Relay for Men and 2000 m Relay for Mixed Relay Teams.
- b) For all individual distances there will be two Finals, A and B. The qualification for the Finals will be through Qualifying rounds, according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.
- c) On the Relay Distances there will be two Finals, A and B. The qualification for the Finals will be through Qualifying rounds according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.
- d) Based upon the number of entries the Competitors' Steward confirms the qualifying schedule in accordance with the qualifying tables published by the Technical Committee.
- e) The Championships are planned to be held over three days.
- f) Skaters not having qualified for the Main Program on the respective distance qualify for participation in Repechage Races based on their results. The number of Skaters in the Repechage Races may be limited in accordance with the respective ISU Communication.
- g) The A-Finals of the Relays will be held after the conclusion of the individual races of the day. Qualifying rounds of the Relays may be held on each day of the Championships.
- h) The standard program will be:

First day	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	1500 m Women/Men
	Preliminaries	500 m Women/Men
	Heats	500 m Women/Men
	Preliminaries	1000 m Women/Men
	Heats	1000 m Women/Men
	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	<u>Mixed Team Relay</u>
	<u>Quarter-Finals</u>	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>
Second day	<u>Repechage</u>	1500 m Women/Men
	<u>Repechage</u>	500 m Women/Men
Second day Main Program	Semi-Finals	1500 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	1500 m Women/Men
	Quarter-Finals	500 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	500 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	500 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>

Third day	<u>Repechage</u> Final B	1000 m Women/Men <u>Relay Women/Men</u>
<u>Third day</u> Main Program	Quarter-Finals Semi-Finals Finals B, A <u>Semi-Finals</u> <u>Finals B, A</u> Final A	1000 m Women/Men 1000 m Women/Men 1000 m Women/Men <u>Mixed Team Relay</u> <u>Mixed Team Relay</u> <u>Relay Women/Men</u>

- i) The Program is subject to change based on the number of entries and local circumstances. Qualifying Rounds may be added or removed in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 2.d), and Qualifying Rounds may be moved to other days of the Championships.
- j) The starting times on each day may be determined by the organizing committee in consultation with the ISU. The program of the last two days is divided in two parts. The rounds of the Main Program must be in one part and not separate. When each part (session) starts it will be held without any intermission or breaks other than to resurface the ice or give the Skaters the rest time according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.l).

Entries

2. a) Each ISU Member, with the right of participation, is entitled to enter two Competitors in each category for each distance.
More entries are possible based on the distance classification of the same preceding Championships.
An ISU Member may enter three Competitors if it had two or more Skaters amongst the best sixteen Competitors on the distance at the preceding Championships.
For every distance for which the Host ISU Member has not qualified three Skaters, it may choose to enter three Skaters. However, only the original number of qualified Skaters count as the maximum number of Skaters to qualify for the same following Championships.
The total number of Competitors per category that may be entered in the Championships is:
 - Three, if the ISU Member has qualified two on more than one of the distances;
 - Four, if the ISU Member has qualified three on any of the distances;
 - Three in both categories, if the ISU Member has qualified a Mixed Relay Team;
 - Or the number of Skaters in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 3 a), if the ISU Member has qualified a Relay Team.

In deviation from the above, the following shall apply for the season 2022/23:

Each ISU Member, with the right of participation, is entitled to enter two Competitors in each category on all distances.

More entries are possible based on the overall classification of the same preceding Championships.

An ISU Member may enter three Competitors on each distance if the ISU Member had two or more Skaters amongst the best sixteen Competitors on the Overall Classification of the preceding season.

The total number of Competitors per category that may be entered for the Championships is:

- Three, if the ISU Member has qualified two Skaters;
- Four, if the ISU Member has qualified three Skaters;
- ISU Members having qualified a Mixed Relay Team can have three Skaters per gender;
- Or the number of Skaters in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 3 a), if the ISU Member has qualified a Relay Team.

Each ISU Member may enter different Skaters in each distance within the maximum number of Skaters (see Rule 295, paragraph 4).

For the European Championships:

- b) Only the twelve highest ranked European ISU Members in the Special Relay Classification (see Rule 286, paragraph 4.d) made immediately before the Championships can enter a Relay Team Women/Men/Mixed in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the Host ISU Member is not qualified through that Special Relay Classification, it will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a European ISU Member forfeits its right to participate, the next ranked European ISU Member will be invited to participate.

For the Four Continents Championships:

- c) Only the eight highest ranked Four Continents ISU Members in the Special Relay Classification (see Rule 286, paragraph 4.d) made immediately before the Championships can enter a Relay Team Women/Men/Mixed in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the Host ISU Member is not qualified through that Special Relay Classification, it will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a Four Continents ISU Member forfeits its right to participate then the next ranked Four Continents ISU Member will be invited to participate.

- For the European as well as for the Four Continents Championships:
- d) If a European or Four Continents ISU Member forfeits its right to participate in any Relay, it must inform the ISU immediately after the last World Cup before the Championship. The next ranked ISU Member for the concerned Championship will be invited to participate.

Drawing and seeding procedure

- 3. See Rule 296.

Conditions of contest

- 4. For each of the distances a classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraphs 7.

Winner(s)

- 5. a) The winner of the European / Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships 500/1000/1500m is the Skater being declared winner of the Final A of the distance concerned. The second and third placed Skaters of the Championships are the Skaters ranked accordingly in the Final A. Medals will be awarded to these Skaters in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.
- b) The winning Team of the European / Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships for each of the Relay competitions is the Team which has been declared winner of the Final A. The second and third placed Teams of the Championships are the Teams ranked accordingly in the Final A. Medals will be awarded to these Teams in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.
- c) For titles see Rule 133.

E. World Cup Competitions

Rule 286

Conditions of contest

- 1. A World Cup for Women and Men will be organized as an ISU Event under the responsibility of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee. Additional rules and details are published each season in an ISU Communication.

2. a) During a season a number of World Cup Competitions are scheduled.
b) The World Cup Competitions designated for Olympic Qualification may have a different competition format.
3. The World Cup is a series of International Competitions held each season, open to ISU Members, with the following criteria:
Entries from at least four ISU Members;
 - The Competitions must follow the rules in the appropriate Communication. The Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee may if needed modify the World Cup Communication after the second and fourth World Cup Competition in a season;
 - Each ISU Member may enter a number of Skaters, in accordance with the World Cup Communication, which will include all Skaters for all Individual, Relay and Mixed Team Relay competitions;
 - All Officials appointed by the ISU must be ISU Officials;
 - All Assistant Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards must be at least on the List of International Officials with a mark "W" for World Cups;For World Cups designated for Olympic qualification, all Assistant Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards must be on the List of ISU Officials;
 - At least three qualified Officials from other ISU Members shall be included amongst those appointed.
4. a) The World Cup Relay Classification determines the entries for the Relay at the World Championships according to Rule 281, paragraph 2.b).
b) The Special Relay Classification referred to in Rule 285, paragraph 2.b) and paragraph 2.c), determines the entries for the Relay at the European and the Four Continents Championships.
c) By making an entry for a World Cup Competition, the ISU Member confirms that, if qualified, the ISU Member will participate in the Relay Competition at the respective Championships. The ISU Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU Secretariat immediately after the last World Cup Competition before the Championships.
d) The Special Relay Classification for qualification for the European and Four Continents Championships will follow the Rules and Procedures of the World Cup Relay Classification. For this purpose, the most recent World Ranking List will be taken, and points will be only awarded to relevant ISU Members.
5. The program of each World Cup Competition can include the following items:
Single distances for individuals:
 - 500, 1000, 1500 m. One of these distances may be skated twice.

Relay:

- 3000 m for Women
- 5000 m for Men.
- 2000 m Mixed Team Relay

Other distances, Team competitions and Race formats may also be introduced.

6. Entries must be made by the ISU Members in accordance with criteria confirmed in the appropriate ISU Communication.
7. Classifications at each World Cup Competition:
 - a) At each World Cup Competition, the following Classifications (see Rule 295, paragraph 7) will be made:
 - Distance Classification 500 m Women / Men;
 - Distance Classification 1000 m Women / Men;
 - Distance Classification 1500 m Women / Men;
 - Distance Classification Relay Women / Men / Mixed Team;
 - b) The Distance Classifications over the distances 500, 1000, 1500 m and Relays will follow the Rules for Distance Classifications (see Rule 295, paragraph 7).
8. World Cup Classifications:

World Cup Classifications will be established at the end of each season, for the individual distances, Relay, and Mixed Team Relay.

In order to establish those Overall World Cup Classifications, a number of best Results over the respective distance / competition in the season will be taken into consideration. All related details (classification, ranking, points system, tie breaking rules, etc.) will be provided in the World Cup Communication to be issued before the season concerned.
9. These current World Cup Classifications shall be circulated upon the conclusion of each World Cup Competition. The World Cup Classifications commence with the first World Cup Competition each season and are maintained throughout the series of World Cup Competitions. The Classifications will be concluded with final standings after the last World Cup Competition.
10. World Ranking Lists:
 - a) For the purpose of seeding the Skaters, i.e. spreading the top Skaters into all races of the first Qualifying Round at any ISU Event, except the World Junior Championships, the following World Ranking Lists are made using results from multiple events over individual and Relay Distances:
 - World Ranking List 500 m Women / Men;

- World Ranking List 1000 m Women / Men;
- World Ranking List 1500 m Women / Men;
- World Ranking List Relay Women / Men / Mixed Team.

- b) For the first World Cup of a season the World Ranking List of the preceding World Cup season is used for the seeding. If a season, or part of a season, has been cancelled, the next preceding season or a part of it might be considered.

As the season progresses, the results of competitions over a distance at the World Cup Competitions replace one by one the results at World Cup Competitions of the preceding season for the calculation of the World Ranking. The number of competitions that will be taken into account, all related details (classifications, ranking point system, tie breaking rules, etc) for this calculation and the number of poorest results that will be excluded from the addition will be announced in the World Cup Communication before the start of the season.

- c) In the case of a tie in a World Ranking List the most recent result in any of the above-mentioned results will decide the final order of ranking. If the tie persists, subsequent results will be used to determine the order of ranking. If the tie further persists, the best time from the specified results (paragraph 9.b) will be taken.

11. An Overall World Classification based on an accumulation of the points from all individual distances will be established for the purpose of determining the Combined Season Ranking and crown the season Champions. A determined number of results per distance (500, 1000 and 1500 m) from the ISU Events will be taken into consideration. All related details (name, number of results counting, classification, ranking, points system, tie breaking rules, etc.) will be provided in an ISU Communication to be issued before the season concerned.

G. Competitions

Rule 287

Competitions

1. In addition to the distances 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 2000 m Mixed Team Relay, 3000 m Relay and 5000 m Relay, International Competitions may also include races held over shorter or longer distances and possibly with a different number of participants per race. In Short Track Speed Skating, the following races and/or competitions can be held additionally:
- Mixed Team competition
 - Team competition
 - Points races

- Elimination races
 - Combined Points races
 - Pursuit races
 - Team Madison Relay races
 - Nations Trophy Short Track Speed Skating
 - Win & Out races.
2. For details see the respective ISU Communication.
 3. The Global Club Competition can be organized biannually under the responsibility of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee. Basic principle of the Competition is one overall club classification so that only a club can win this Competition. Every club affiliated to an ISU Member is eligible to participate. Conditions of contest, entries, additional rules and details are published in the Announcement.
 4. Novelty formats at International Competitions
For modifications of a technical nature and new methods/systems with respect to the Special Regulations and Technical Rules, the provisions of Rule 104, paragraph 11.b) apply.

H. Officials

Rule 288

Representative of the Technical Committee

1. The Representative of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee will be present at the ISU Event and check all technical matters concerning the condition, adequacy and scheduling for use of all skating facilities used in connection with the ISU Event. The Representative of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee will closely observe the work of the Officials without interfering with their duties under these rules, and be in charge of a daily Review Meeting with the Officials. In addition, as necessary, he will act as a liaison between the Referee and the organizers.
2. The Representative of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee must not be an Official or member of the ISU Member organizing the particular ISU Event.

3. The Representative of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall not also serve as a Referee, Assistant Referee, Starter or Competitors' Steward in the same ISU Event except in an emergency.
4. The Representative of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee or his Assistant must be present from the beginning of the official training for all Competitors.
5. The Representative of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall conduct inquiries during a competition regarding any omissions or failure to observe the regulations with the Officials and/or organizers concerned.
6. The Representative of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall submit a written report to the Technical Committee regarding his observations.
7. The Chair of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall conduct inquiries regarding any reported omissions or failure to observe the regulations.

Rule 289

Nomination and Appointment of Officials

Nomination of Officials

1. a) Every ISU Member may submit applications of named individuals within their Association qualified to serve as Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards at International Competitions to the ISU Director General.
 - b) These completed applications may be made at any time during the year.
 - c) Once an individual is approved by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and placed on the International List, that individual shall remain on the list and does not require re-nomination annually.
 - d) To qualify as an International Official the individual shall have at least the following experience at competitions and courses conducted in accordance with ISU Regulations. The ISU Member is responsible to check the following requirements and must confirm in writing to the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee:
 - Served at two National Championships in the position being nominated for;
 - Attended at least one Officials Course conducted by the ISU Member within the past 36 months;

- Served as an Apprentice or Official at an International Competition in the past 36 months.
 - e) To be reconsidered as Official the individual shall provide proof of activity as an Official in Short Track Speed Skating Competitions.
 - f) Removal from the List of International Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards shall occur only if:
 - a written resignation, signed by the individual concerned, is received from the ISU Member announcing the individual's retirement, or
 - the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee removes the individual from the List as the result of an imposed penalty, or
 - a written request, with reasoning, is received from the ISU Member concerned, or
 - the official has not officiated and/or not participated in any seminar or workshop, or had not had any other activities within the past 36 months.
2. These Officials should in general have the nationality of the country of the ISU Member nominating them.
 3. If an Official is of a foreign nationality, he can be accepted only with the approval of the ISU Member of the country of which he is a national. The name of this Official is to be entered in the list of the nominating ISU Member. An official so nominated is counted in the quota of the nominating ISU Member.
 4. ISU Members should exercise the utmost care to nominate as Referees, Starters, and Competitors' Stewards only fully experienced, reliable and entirely impartial individuals who possess a thorough knowledge of the appropriate ISU Rules and fluent ability in the English language.
 5.
 - a) Among the nominated International Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards, for each season, the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall recognize a maximum of thirty-five individuals who shall officiate as Referees or Assistant Referees, a maximum of twenty individuals who shall officiate as Starters and a maximum of twenty individuals who shall act as Competitors' Stewards in ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games.
 - b) The Technical Committee will record all activities of these Officials and maintain a Database of Officials.
 - c) The Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee may mark individuals on the List of ISU Officials with an "A" indicating that they may only officiate in an assisting capacity at ISU Events.
 - d) The Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee may mark individuals on the List of ISU Referees with a "V" indicating that they are specialized on Video Replay.

- e) The Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee may mark individuals on the List of International Officials with a "W" indicating that they may officiate at World Cups also.
6. a) To be considered as ISU Referees, ISU Starters and ISU Competitors' Stewards, those individuals on the International List shall have at least fulfilled the following requirements:
- Served in his nominated category at least twice at International Competitions during the past 36 months and (when applicable) have satisfactory reports from the Referees at these Competitions;
 - Attended an ISU course and/or official ISU webinar for ISU/International Officials within the past 36 months;
 - For Referees and Competitors' Stewards: have successfully passed an English conversational test;
 - For Referees: have passed the appropriate examination during the past 36 months;
 - Must have been listed on the respective List of International Officials for at least 2 consecutive years with a "W" indication, immediately prior to a promotion to the List of ISU Officials.
- b) To be reconsidered as an ISU Official the individual shall maintain the following qualifications:
- Attend the ISU course for Officials conducted by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee if the course will be held following a Congress. The date and venue of such a course shall be communicated 6 months in advance;
 - Submit a report to the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee each time the individual serves as a Referee;
 - Successfully completed the appropriate examination(s) within the past 24 months.
 - For Referees and Competitors' Stewards: have successfully passed an English conversational test and maintain this standard.
- c) No person who has reached the age of 70 years shall after the following July 1st be eligible to be a Referee, Starter or Competitors' Steward in ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games. As of season 2026-2027: No person who has reached the age of 65 years shall after the following July 1st be eligible to be a Referee or a Starter in ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games and no person who has reached the age of 70 years shall after the following July 1st be eligible to be a Competitors' Steward in ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games. ISU Officials (Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards) who have reached this age will be listed as International Referee, Starter or Competitors' Steward with a "S" indicating they have a Senior status.

Officials with a Senior Status may be assigned by the Technical Committee as Mentor for young Officials.

- d) The full List of ISU Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards recognized by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee in accordance with Rule 289, paragraph 5.a) and the List of International Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards approved by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall be communicated to the ISU Members by the ISU Director General by August 1st every year.

Appointment of Officials

7. a) The Officials are appointed in accordance with Rule 126, paragraphs 9 and 10 for the Olympic Winter Games and in accordance with Rule 129, paragraph 4 for the ISU Championships. The Referee, the Assistant Referees, Video, at least one but possibly all Assistant Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards for each World Cup Competition shall be appointed by the President.
- b) Appointed Officials must be invited by the organizing ISU Member not less than 60 days before the start of the respective Competition.
- c) At least three qualified Officials, from other ISU Members than the ISU Member of the country in which the Competition is held, shall be among those appointed.
- d) During ISU Events the maximum number of Officials (Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards) per ISU Member that can officiate at the same time is four. In each category not more than half of the Officials can be of the same ISU Member.
- e) For ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games all Officials required (other than the Representative of Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and the Technical Delegate), not appointed by the President, shall be appointed by the ISU Member in the country where the Competition is held.
- f) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games all Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards must be selected from the current List of ISU Officials.
8. All activities of Officials shall be observed by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee. In case of failure to comply with or observe a rule the Official will be subjected to a system for recommendation of sanctions and penalties. See the respective ISU Communication.

Rule 290

Officials necessary

1. a) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games where ISU approved Video Replay services are available the following Officials are appointed by the President, subject to Rule 289 paragraph 7:
Referee and four Assistant Referees. Two Assistant Referees will be assigned to the Video Replay System. An Assistant Referee Video may be assigned as First Assistant Referee;
Two Starters (one per Category);
Two Competitors' Stewards.
The following Officials are appointed by the Organizers: Heat Box Steward, Photo Finish Judge, Lap Scorer, Lap Recorder, Announcer and Track Stewards. However for ISU Events, the Heat Box Steward and the Announcer must be approved by the Representative of the ISU Technical Committee and for the Olympic Winter Games by the ISU Technical Delegates.
- b) For ISU Events where ISU approved Video Replay services are not available the following officials are appointed by the President, subject to Rule 289 paragraph 7: Referee, four Assistant Referees, Starter per Category, two Competitors' Stewards. The following Officials are appointed by the Organizers: Heat Box Steward, Photo Finish Judge, Lap Scorer, Lap Recorder, Announcer and Track Stewards.
- c) For International Competitions with Photo Finish Equipment the following Officials are appointed by the Organizers: Referee, four Assistant Referees, Starter(s), Competitors' Steward(s), Heat Box Steward, Photo Finish Judge, Lap Scorer, Lap Recorder, Announcer and Track Stewards.
- d) For International Competitions without Photo Finish Equipment the following Officials are appointed by the Organizers: Referee, four Assistant Referees, Starter(s), Competitors' Steward(s), Heat Box Steward, Chief Finish Line Judge, Finish Line Judges, Chief Timekeeper, Timekeepers, Lap Scorer, Lap Recorder, Announcer and Track Stewards.

Medical

2. A Medical Doctor and First Aid attendants must be in attendance.

Referee

3. The Referee shall be the chief executive officer, and shall decide all points of dispute and infringements of rules, which can result in sanctions. His decision shall be final (see Rules 123 and 124 about protests and appeals).
4. The Referee is responsible for:
 - a) Except for ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games: Deciding the program and qualifying procedure in consultation with the Competitors' Steward;
 - b) Seeing that all applicable rules be observed for the competition he is conducting;
 - c) Giving information as to the preparation of the ice;
 - d) Reporting within 30 days to the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee on the officiating at the Competition using the Report for ISU Events or the Report for International Competitions;
 - e) Conducting a Competition review meeting with all major Officials to evaluate all decisions and activities.
5. The Referee is empowered to:
 - a) Introduce alteration in the program, if applicable in agreement with the ISU Representative, the ISU Event Director and the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative, in so far as these do not conflict with the Regulations;
 - b) Decide whether the conditions of the rink permits the holding of the Competition;
 - c) Accept, in agreement with the organizing ISU Member or affiliated club, another rink for the holding of the Competition;
 - d) If necessary, to exclude Skaters, coaches, Team leaders and other Team officials from the competition;
 - e) Remove the Starter, Competitors' Steward or other Officials;
 - f) Suspend skating until order is restored when the public interrupts the competition or interferes with its orderly conduct;
 - g) Delegate tasks to other Officials in order to assist him to carry his duties. In the case of Relay Races the Referee may assign other attending Officials listed on the List of International Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards to also assist him;
 - h) Add a Skater/Team to the next round, if he considers that the Skater/Team was prevented from qualifying due to any reason not resulting from any direct or indirect action of the Skater/Team concerned. The Referee makes these advancements solely at his discretion;
 - i) The Referee, at his discretion or when called upon by the Assistant Referees Video, before a decision is made, may view the Video Replay

System at full speed, slow motion or still picture, with the exception of matters concerning the detection of false starts. When the Referee decides to view the Video Replay system due to a possible infringement and a penalty is awarded, then the video footage concerning the infringement will also be shown on the screen in the stadium.

j) Except in a Final, after the last race of a qualifying round, the Referee may review a race situation that has not yet been reviewed. Such a review may result in an advancement of a Skater/Team only (Rule 290, paragraph 5.h).

6. The Referee decides upon:

- a) All protests made, and other matters in dispute, except those concerning the start (Rule 298), the make-up of races (Rule 296) and the order of finish (paragraphs 12 and 13). Protests must be made to the Referee. All discussions concerning a protest will be held in private. All applicable paragraphs of Rule 123 shall apply;
- b) All matters concerning any breaches of the Constitution and Regulations of the ISU, even though no protest has been made;
- c) The Referee shall decide when a touch has been "obvious" in Relay racing and should observe all relaying for this particular purpose, with the assistance of the Assistant Referees.

Assistant Referee

- 7. a) The Assistant Referee appointed by the President as First Assistant will substitute in case the Referee is no longer able to do his job due to illness or injury.
- b) The Assistant Referee(s) shall perform all duties and tasks as assigned by the Referee
- c) The Assistant Referee(s) must record their observations either electronically (Race Report System) or in written form. In the case of the written form the observations must be reported verbally after each race and the written documentation must be submitted to the Referee after each Round.

Assistant Referees Video

- 8. a) Shall perform all duties and tasks as assigned by the Referee;
- b) Shall observe the Video Replay System during all races and report the observations to the Referee;
- c) Must record the observations.

Starter

9. a) For ISU Championships, Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games a Starter shall be assigned per category. Changes can only be made by the Referee in consultation with the Representative of the Technical Committee or Technical Delegate.
- b) The Starters are in control of the starting procedure. The Starter assigned to the respective category gives the verbal commands of the starts and announces the decisions in English. Both Starters have the authority to recall a start. The Starters will agree on how to call infringements of the Starting rule.
- c) The Starter shall take his position, so that he has a clear view of all Skaters starting in the race.
- d) In the Relay race, the Starter having been warned by the lap scorer, will fire the Starting Gun signifying the last three laps.
- e) The Starter may designate another Starter to call the Skaters back in case of a false start.

Competitors' Steward

10. a) The Competitors' Steward is responsible for the coordination of all administrative matters and shall observe Rule 296 completely.
- b) The Competitors' Steward shall check the eligibility of Skaters.
- c) Based on the results of the races the Competitors' Steward shall, according to the official program, determine the Skaters taking part in the next Qualifying Round.
- d) The Competitors' Steward shall make-up the races for each Qualifying Round and draw the order of the races.
- e) The Competitors' Steward shall inform those Skaters of their qualification and the race in which they shall start.

Heat Box Steward

11. a) The Heat Box Steward shall work in a designated staging area called heat box.
- b) The Heat Box Steward shall observe all requirements of Rule 298, paragraph 1.
- c) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games the Heat Box Steward must be listed on the ISU List of Referees for International Competitions or on any of the Lists of Officials for Championships.
- d) The Heat Box Steward is responsible for checking that the Skaters for the upcoming race are on the ice before closing the entrance to the ice. Any omissions are to be reported to the Referee before the race.

Photo Finish Judge

12. a) The Photo Finish Judge shall read the photo finish. He shall report the order of finish and times of each Competitor to the Competitors' Steward or electronic equipment recording the results of each race. The results shall be considered official.
- This official may be the person operating the photo finish equipment described in Rule 280, paragraph 6.
- b) For International Competitions photo finish equipment may be used in determining the order of finish of all Skaters.
- c) The term photo finish equipment denotes a system that records the order of finish in such a way that it can be reproduced immediately after the race concerned. The equipment must be able to reproduce a clear and undistorted photo of the finish of each race.
- d) If the photo finish equipment is able to produce a time scale on the finish photo, the times read of this scale be taken as official times.
- e) If it is not possible to record times with the photo finish equipment then electronic time keeping equipment, according to Rule 251, may be used to record the times of all Skaters.

Chief Finish Line Judge and Finish Line Judges

13. For International Competitions without photo finish equipment:
- a) The official order of finish is determined by the Chief Finish Line Judge.
- b) The order of all finishers shall be recorded.
- c) The Chief Line Judge shall assign finish positions to the Finish Line Judges. The Chief Finish Line Judge shall pick first place only.
- d) There shall be four Finish Line Judges: Judge No. 1 picks Skaters 1st and 2nd; Judge No. 2 picks Skaters 2nd and 3rd; Judge No. 3 picks Skaters 3rd and 4th; and Judge No. 4 picks Skaters 4th and 5th.
- e) In case of six or more Skaters, the Starter or his Assistant shall act as Judge No. 5 and pick 6th place only.
- f) In the Relay races the Finish Line Judges will be assigned to a Skater or Team and record the number of laps skated and the place on the finish.

Chief Timekeeper and Timekeepers

14. For International Competitions without photo-finish equipment:
- a) The Chief Timekeeper is responsible for the recording of times and shall comply with all sections of Rules 247 and 250 that apply to Short Track Speed Skating.

- b) The Chief Timekeeper will ensure that he and the timekeepers are positioned off the ice and adjacent to the finish line necessary to record the accurate time of the Skaters.
- c) When digital watches are used, the times will be recorded in hundredths of a second;
- d) The Chief Timekeeper must read each watch, record the results, and declare the official time. He will warn the timekeepers not to clear their watches until he has ordered them to do so.
- e) A minimum of two Timekeepers plus one reserve on first and second place and one timekeeper on third position is required.
- f) They will also pretest their watches in accordance with standard procedures.
- g) The Timekeepers must not clear their watches until such time as they have been instructed by the Chief Timekeeper.
- h) Timekeepers should not call out their times but if requested by the chief timekeeper show their watch.

Lap Scorer

- 15. a) The Lap Scorer shall visibly show the number of laps still to be skated by the leading Skater at all times and he will turn the lap-board each time the leading Skater passes.
- b) The Lap Scorer will ring the bell to signify the last lap of each race.
- c) In Relay races the Lap Scorer will advise the Starter that the last three laps are coming up.
- d) In Relay races a Lap Scorer shall be assigned to each Team.

Lap Recorder

- 16. a) The Lap Recorder shall complete a lap by lap record in writing of the lap times of the leading Skater with an accuracy of one second or less and keep check on the Lap Scorer at all times.
- b) The Lap Recorder shall be positioned off the ice but near the Lap Scorer.

Announcer

- 17. The Announcer will keep the spectators fully informed throughout the competition. In addition, if requested by the Referee, he will announce sanctions specifying where and how the Skater(s) concerned made an infringement and whether there is an advancement. The Announcer shall also ensure that all Officials, Team leaders, Coaches and Skaters are kept fully informed by public announcements regarding competition details.

All announcements are in English. If applicable the same announcements may be made in a second language.

Track Stewards

18. A minimum of two Track Stewards shall work at each end of the track. The Track Stewards must be experienced Skaters and have knowledge of the English language and have an understanding of the Short Track Speed Skating Rules. If possible the Track Steward should be positioned so that he will not interfere with the Skaters and Officials but can readily replace missing blocks.

On-ice Officials

19. a) Only the Referee, Assistant Referee(s) and Track Stewards may be on the ice during the running of the race.
- b) On-ice Officials should be appropriately dressed and must wear speed skates and may wear approved safety helmets.
- c) Only with the permission of the Referee other Officials may be on the ice during a race, i. e. to operate equipment if necessary.
- d) At ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games the Referee and his Assistants shall use radio equipment and the ISU Race Report System (RRS) to communicate their observations provided this equipment is protected against third party intrusion.

Rule 291

Equipment of Skaters

1. In ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games, all Skaters must be and in International Competitions should be equipped with:
 - a) Safety type helmet that is in compliance with the current ASTM standard (American Society for Testing and Materials) or other standard approved helmets by the ISU for Short Track Speed Skating. The helmets must have a regular shape and may not have protrusions.
 - b) Cut resistant gloves or mitts. For ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Youth Olympic Winter Games the gloves or mitts must be predominantly white.
 - c) Shin protection.
 - d) Long sleeved and long legged clothing outlined in the current ISU Communication or any update of this Communication.
 - e) Padded or padded hard shell knee protection.

- f) All speed skates must have the tubes closed and the blade ends must be rounded off, with a minimum radius of 10 mm. Blades must be fixed to the boot at a minimum of two points with no moveable parts.
 - g) Neck protection of cut-resistant nature, fully covering the neck.
2. Each Skater is solely responsible that his personal equipment meets the highest safety criteria in order to obtain the utmost safety of the Skaters. In case of a non-compulsory personal equipment/item (not listed in paragraph 1) is lost on-ice, causing a disadvantage to a Skater/Team, the Skater/Team who lost their belongings shall be sanctioned with a penalty.
 3. Further specification concerning the equipment described in paragraph 1, which may include enforcement of a world-wide accepted industry standard, may be issued by the ISU and shall then be announced in an ISU Communication or ISU Circular Letter. All safety criteria included in the relevant ISU Communication for the level of the Skaters must be respected.
 4. The Heat Box Steward in the heat box shall determine whether a Skater has respected the safety conditions, so that they can start a race. Skaters whose equipment is not in compliance with these rules shall be excluded from participation in the race. The results of the race will show Did Not Start.
 5. A Skater who removes his equipment before the end of the race shall receive a penalty. The loss of compulsory or recommended safety equipment beyond the control of the Skater, i.e. due to a fall, will not result in a penalty.
 6. While competing, the Skater is not allowed to wear any technical communication equipment for the purpose of having contact with or receive information from other persons or sources. In case of violation the Skater shall receive a penalty.
 7. Only with the approval of the ISU a system using signals from a transmitter or similar equipment, worn by the Skaters may be used at ISU Events to record information for the public, media and officials. The equipment must be worn as instructed. Failure to do so will result in a penalty.

Rule 292

World Records

1. a) World Records will be registered by the ISU. The ISU Council will only recognize as World Records times skated in ISU Events (ISU Championships, ISU World Cup Competitions and other Events specifically designated "ISU" by the ISU as well as the Olympic Winter Games for the following distances and under the following conditions:
 - For Women over distances of 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 m;
 - For Men over distances of 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 m;
 - For Junior Women over distances of 500, 1000 and 1500 m;
 - For Junior Men over distances of 500, 1000 and 1500 m;
 - For Women Teams over distances of 3000 m Relay;
 - For Men Teams over distances of 5000 m Relay;
 - For Junior Women Teams over distances of 3000 m Relay;
 - For Junior Men Teams over distances of 3000 m Relay.
 - For Mixed Teams over the distance of 2000 m Relay.

As of the season 2023/24: For Junior Mixed Teams over the distance of 2000 m Relay.
- b) World Records will be considered in thousandths of seconds provided such times have been established:
 - on an official ISU track as listed in Rule 280, paragraph 1;
 - that photo finish and/or electronic timing has been used, proved by original outputs of the respective equipment;
 - an ISU Referee and Starter are officiating;
 - that lap times were duly recorded for distance of 1500 m or over;
 - that the distances skated and the starting times were in accordance with the announcement;
 - that the original official ISU Protocol of the competition, together with certificates regarding the watches and track and a program of the competition are available.
- c) Junior World Records can only be accepted provided these times have been established in a competition open only to Juniors.
- d) If the existing World Record is broken more than once on the same distance in a competition, only the best time obtained shall be considered as a World Record.
- e) For individual distances the Skater who achieves a World Record result, must have been selected for doping control on the day of the race and have tested negative in order for the World Record to be ratified.
- f) For Team/Relay competitions a minimum of two Skaters per team must have been selected for doping control on the day of the race and have tested negative in order for the World Record to be ratified.

- g) If the existing World Record is broken more than once on the same day in Competitions at the same venue, the top two Skaters or top two Teams achieving a World Record result must have been selected for doping control on the day of the race.
- h) Any Competitor who equals an existing World Record shall have his name entered in the list of records.
- i) For each record obtained, or the equaling of any record, the ISU shall issue a diploma to the Skater.
- j) All respective documents must be submitted by the organizing committee to the ISU Director General within 30 days following the competition.

Rule 293 is reserved.

II. TECHNICAL RULES SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

A. Races

Rule 294

Type of races

1. Short Track Speed Skating competitions consist of races with mass start:
 - a) Individual races;
 - b) Relay races;
 - c) Team races. Relay races and Team races may be organized as Mixed Gender Competitions.
2. Other format of races such as Pursuit and Team Pursuit are also possible.
3. For World Cup Competitions and International Competitions, a selected number of Skaters/Relay Teams may be prequalified for the Main Program based on their World Ranking.
4. For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games progression on each distance from first round to the Finals will be by elimination.
5. For Ranking Finals and for International Competitions, an All Finals system may be used, in which all Skaters qualify for final races in different levels. Ranking finals can also consist of one single round to provide a more precise classification amongst eliminated Skaters.
6. Repechage Races can be used as part of qualifying rounds.

B. Definitions

Rule 295

General conditions/Definitions

1. a) Race: See ISU Constitution Article 39;
- b) Qualifying Rounds: See ISU Constitution Article 39;
- c) Ranking Finals: One Round to determine the Ranking of Skaters/Teams excluded in the elimination process;
- d) Repechage: One or more Qualifying Rounds to determine which of the initially eliminated Skaters/Teams, or Skaters/Teams not prequalified, will qualify for the subsequent qualification round of the Competition program.

In the case of prequalified Skaters or Teams, the first round of a competition can be considered as repechage races.

- e) Competition: See ISU Constitution Article 39;
- f) Coach/Team leader/Support staff: Eligible persons appointed by the respective ISU Member to support and represent the Skater/Team of the ISU Member;
- g) The "Field of Play" during Short Track Speed Skating competitions are the ice surface, the immediate surroundings, Heat Box, Coaches Box, Officials restricted area and any other so designated areas;
- h) During each Qualifying Round and Finals there shall be allowed only one person per participating Skater or Relay Team in the designated coaching area. When needed a Team Official (technician) may enter the Coaches Box to repair equipment of a Skater.

Program

- 2. a) Individual races are held over 500, 1000 and 1500 m. Mixed Team Relay races are held over 2000 m. Relay Races for Women are held over 3000 m. Relay Races for Men are held over 3000 m (Juniors) and 5000 m.
- b) At International Competitions, Individual, Mixed Team Relay and Relay Races may also be held over other distances.
- c) At ISU Events, races may be held over other distances with the approval of the Council and after published in an ISU Communication.
- d) Names of the Qualifying Rounds depend on the number of rounds and will be:
 - 1: Final(s);
 - 2: Semi-Finals, Final(s);
 - 3: Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Final(s);
 - 4: Heats, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Final(s);
 - 5: Preliminaries, Heats, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Final(s);
 - 6: Pre-preliminaries, Preliminaries, Heats, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Final(s);
 - 7: Pre-preliminaries, Preliminaries, Heats, Eight-finals, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Final(s).
- e) The number of Skaters per race at ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games is limited and must be scheduled as follows:

	500 m	1000 m	1500 m
Quarter-Finals	5	5	
Semi-Finals	5	5	7
Finals	5	5	7

- f) Exceptions:
 - See Rule 290, paragraph 5.h);
 - For competitions held according to Rule 287 other numbers of

Skaters per Race may be used;

- If the Quarter Finals or Semi Finals are the first round of the competition, then different numbers of Skaters per race may be used.
- g) - Race winners in the races will qualify to move forward to the next round.
 - Additional finish places will qualify to move directly forward to the next round as specified on the Qualification table for the Distance.
 - Skaters who were impeded, for which another Skater received a penalty, a yellow card or a red card, and at the moment of the infringement were in first or second position, will be advanced to the next round. In Semi-Finals, Skaters in a qualifying position to access the Final B will be advanced to the Final B.
 - In the case that the directly qualified Skaters and advanced Skaters, if any, do not fill up the scheduled number of Skaters in the next round, the fastest Skaters in the next finishing positions may be added to the next round or final (First with all the Skaters in the next direct finishing position, then subsequent if needed).
- h) Skaters/Relay Teams/Mixed Relay Teams may also qualify through a repechage process.
- i) For the Finals A and B, Skaters qualify from the Semi-Finals according to paragraph 2.g).
- j) For ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games a Final B with only one Skater/Relay Team will not be skated and the qualified Skater/Relay Team will be assigned the corresponding rank and points.
- k) During World Cup Competitions the Host Country may enter one Skater, subject to approval by the Technical Committee, on each of the individual distances in each category in the World Cup session, except during World Cup Competitions designated for Olympic Qualification.
- l) Competitors shall be allowed a minimum rest of 15 minutes between races.
- m) If the track markers are not placed on corresponding tracks, the times from the respective race shall not be recorded, and if Skaters can qualify by time to the next round, the Skater(s) concerned shall be advanced without removing a place for another Skater qualified by time.

Announcement

3. a) For the Announcement of ISU Events see Rule 129, for International Competitions see Rule 110 and for Olympic Winter Games see Rule 126. The announcement should also contain supplementary items, see Rule 112.
- b) The conditions of contest shall be set out in the published program.

Entries

4. a) Entries for ISU Events can be made only through the respective ISU Members.
- b) Each ISU Member may enter a number of competitors in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2, Rule 283, paragraph 2 and Rule 285, paragraph 2. This maximum number of competitors is confirmed in an ISU Communication. Besides that, the ISU Member may enter the same number of alternate names.
- c) ENTRIES: The number of Skaters, Coaches and Team leaders shall be entered at least 6 weeks before the first day of the Competition. The number of other personnel travelling with the Team shall also be communicated separately at least 6 weeks before the ISU Event concerned. ISU Members are seriously requested to enter only the number of Skaters they actually intend to send to the ISU Event concerned.
- d) Any financial requirements imposed by the Organizing Committee for making on-site arrangements shall be communicated in the Announcement.
- e) FINAL ENTRIES: At the latest on the 10th day before the start of the first race of the Competition the following information must be communicated to the organizing committee:
 - Names of the Skaters and a list of alternate names, as per subparagraph b) above, per category with their International Registration Numbers.
 - Only the Skaters listed on the Final Entry, with a maximum number equal to the number of allowed entries can attend and be accredited for the Event;
 - Names of the Skaters and their personal best time recorded during the period of eligibility for all distances they might participate in for each of the competitions over the individual distances, if applicable;
 - Names of the Skaters for each of the competitions over the individual distances, if applicable.
 - Confirmation of participation in all the competitions of the Relay, if applicable;
- f) The date and time of arrival and departure of Skaters and those accompanying them shall be included when sending in the Final Entries.
- g) For post entries Rule 115, paragraph 4 of the General Regulations applies.
- h) CONFIRMED DISTANCE ENTRIES: The names of the Skaters for each of the respective individual distances, if applicable, shall be communicated to the Competitors' Steward at the latest at 18:00 h in the evening 2 days before the start of the first race of the Competition.

- i) Skaters must be present at the site of the ISU Event at 18:00 h on the day before the start of the first race of the competition, or the Organizing Committee must confirm their arrival in the city of the ISU Event concerned.
- j) The Seeding list of Participants (See Rule 296) in order of their Ranking, fastest Time or Results of a Draw shall be published at the latest at 15:00 h on the day before the start of the first race of the Competition.
- k) Any comments regarding the Seeding list of Participants, Qualifying Schedule and other distributed official documents can be addressed to the Competitors' Steward up to 18:00 h on the day before the start of the first race of the Competition.
- l) The Make-up of the Races will be published 3 hours before the start of the first race of the respective distance/category.
- m) If a Skater is not able to start in the races of the first qualifying round of an individual distance due to illness after the names have been officially communicated to the Competitors' Steward in accordance with subparagraph h) above, this Skater may be replaced by another entered Skater on the Final Entry of the ISU Member concerned until 15 minutes before the start of the first race of a qualifying round for the distance concerned. The Competitors' Steward may change the make-up of the races according to the seeding procedure, Rule 296.
- n) For all Skaters, minimum qualifying times are required for entry in an ISU Event. The required qualifying times, the qualifying period, the category of competitions and other conditions under which the times must have been achieved, are decided by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and will be announced in an ISU Communication.
- o) ISU Members entering participants must provide the documentation requested in this ISU Communication of the qualifying times achieved by each Competitor. This documentation must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat with the Final Entry. The Representative of the Technical Committee will decide if the qualifying criteria has been respected and if the entry can be accepted.

Final classification of Skaters/Team in a Race:

- 5. At the end of each race, the order of the Skaters will be as follows:
 - First all the Skaters/Relay Teams who finished the race in the order of finishing
 - Skaters/Relay Teams who Did Not Finish (DNF)
 - Skaters/Relay Teams who got a Penalty (PEN)
 - Skaters/Relay Teams who Did Not Start (DNS).

Points and classifications

6. For International Competitions:
- a) Final Points will be awarded in the Finals A and B only. The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order following the distance classification.
 - b) In the case of a tie, all Skaters involved in a tie will receive the points awarded for that finish position (e.g. tie on both Skaters will receive 21 points). If two Skaters are involved in a tie, the points for the following finish place will not be awarded, in the case of three Skaters involved, the following two finish places will not be awarded.
7. For each distance a classification will be made in which the participants are ranked:
- a) on the results of the Final A in accordance with paragraph 5 above, disregarding all results in previous qualifying rounds;
 - b) on the results of the Final B in accordance with paragraph 5 above, disregarding all results in previous qualifying rounds;
 - c) All other Skaters/Relay Teams not having qualified for the Final A or Final B will be ranked following the Qualification Schedule, including Repechage races and Ranking Finals when applicable:
 - First all the Skaters/Relay Teams who finished the race, in the order of finishing and then ties would be broken as per subparagraph d) below;
 - Then the Skaters/Relay Teams without a finishing order will be listed in the following order (virtual rank within the block) and then ties would be broken as per subparagraph d) below;
 - All Skaters/Relay Teams who Did Not Finish (DNF);
 - All Skaters/Relay Teams who got a Penalty (PEN);
 - All Skaters/Relay Teams who Did Not Start (DNS).
 - d) In the case of a tie the Skaters/Relay Teams are ranked:
 - by finish-order within the subsequent previous Qualifying Rounds; following the Qualification Schedule where any direct qualification is ranked before any qualification by Repechage;
 - by best time skated in any race over the distance;
 - further ties will not be broken.
 - e) A Skater/Relay Team that has qualified for, or has been advanced to, the qualifying round but cannot start due to medical reasons, will be recorded as Did Not Start (DNS) for the purpose of determining the Distance Classification. Even if the Competitors' Stewards made or re-made the make-up of the races without the Skater/Relay Team concerned the position in the Distance Classification will be considered as DNS within the respective qualifying round.

- f) Skaters or Relay Teams who did not finish in the first qualifying round, will be ranked next with the same ranking.
- g) Skaters or Relay Teams who received a penalty in the first qualifying round, will be ranked next with the same ranking.
- h) Skaters or Relay Teams who received a Yellow Card in any round, will be ranked next.
- i) Skaters or Relay Teams who received a Red Card or did not start in the first qualifying round, will not be ranked but listed as participants at the bottom of the Classification in the above order.
- j) For any intermediate Distance Classifications:
 - in the case of equal times over the distance, a draw will take place to establish the order;
 - in the case where there are no time(s) available, a draw will take place for the respective Skaters/Teams to determine their rank in comparison to the others with the same position (finish place).

8. For International Competitions:

For the Final Classification (and any intermediate overall classification) the Skaters are ranked:

- by total number of Final Points;
- by combined ranking over all Distance Classifications;
- by the highest ranking achieved in one of the distances and subsequent other best rankings;
- by best time over the longest distance on the program.

Skaters or Relay Teams who on any distance:

- received a Red Card,
- did not start in the first qualifying round, will not be ranked, but listed as participants at the bottom of the Classification in the above order.

9. For the purpose of making up the first Qualifying Round at any ISU Event, World Ranking Lists shall be maintained over all individual distances, Relay distances and Mixed Team Relay distances. See Rule 286, paragraph 8.

10. a) During any Relay race in a competition, four Skaters shall compete. Entries of Teams with less than four Skaters shall not be accepted. However, for World Junior Championships, if a Team has qualified for a next round and one of the members of the Team has to withdraw due to medical reasons, the Team can start the next round with only three Skaters.

Before the start of any Relay race the names of those competing must be submitted to the Competitors' Steward. In the case of a restart or rerun of the Relay race, a substitution within the team can be made provided

the Team is allowed to enter more than four Skaters. See Rule 297, paragraph 3.a).

- b) All Skaters of a Team must belong to one and the same ISU Member. At specified competitions, Teams may be composed by Skaters from different ISU Members with the approval of the ISU.

Uniforms

- 11. During ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games all Skaters, members of the same national Team (Individual and Relay) must wear identical uniforms. The racing uniforms shall show on the external part of both lower legs the name of the country or the official abbreviation. The size of the characters must not be smaller than 7 cm high. The racing uniforms and the warming-up uniforms may show the name of the Skater. See the respective ISU Communication.

Helmet Numbers and Helmet-Covers

- 12. a) For ISU Events (except World Junior Championships) and Olympic Winter Games each Skater is assigned a helmet number before the start of the season and keeps the same number throughout the season. The number must be displayed on the left and right hand side of the helmet. For all details about helmet numbers please refer to the ISU Communication released annually.
- b) Helmet-covers, supplied by the ISU or, upon approval by the ISU, by the Organizers, must be worn at ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships and Winter Youth Olympic Games. The helmet-covers must display the Skater's number in contrasting colors and must be approved by the ISU Technical Committee Representative or ISU Technical Delegate. Currently the ISU does not make use of its right to supply helmet-covers for obligatory use at other ISU Events.
- c) When no helmet-covers are provided, Skaters may display artistic design on their helmets respecting requirements specified in an ISU Communication. For advertising markings and manufacturer trademarks on helmets, please refer to Rule 102, paragraph 6.b).

Rule 296

Drawing and seeding procedures

1. A draw shall take place to establish the starting order of each race.
2. For ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games the composition of the first Qualifying Round of all distances, both Individual and Relay, is made up by the Competitors' Steward in consultation with the Referee and the Representative of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee in accordance with the respective World Ranking List (see Rule 286), with the exception of the World Junior Championships and the Relay at the European Championships and Four Continents Championships.
3. a) The composition of the races in each Qualifying Round is based on a Seeding List of all Skaters.
b) For each distance, the current World Ranking List will be used as Seeding List for the first Qualifying Round.
c) Skaters without a World Ranking will be placed on the Seeding List after the Skater with a World Ranking: The qualifying times over the distances submitted in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 4.o) will be used to determine a ranking for the make-up of the first round of each of the related distances.
The Skaters who have not submitted times or whose times have been rejected will be given a ranking by means of a draw, conducted by the Competitors' Steward.
d) For all other Qualifying Rounds, the current distance classification will be used as Seeding List.
e) For World Junior Championships the seeding list for the individual distances will be established solely based on the individual best time for each distance.

The seeding list for the Relay distances will be based on the results of the two preceding World Championships.

For each of the two preceding World Championships, the following points will be given to the Teams based on the Distance Classification. In case of a tie the results of the most recent championships will be the tie breaker.

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

4. The composition of the races in each Qualifying Round shall be made by the Competitors' Steward by placing the Skaters in the races by means of the Skaters current ranking in the Seeding List, e.g. the number one ranked Skater will be placed in the first race, the number two ranked Skater will be placed in the second race etc., filling the races from the first race to the last race in the first instance. The second row, i.e. the second Skater in each race, will be filled from the last race to the first race. The next rows will be filled alternating from the first race to the last race, and from the last race to the first race until all Skaters have been placed.
5. a) Except for Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals: If any Skater is to be placed in a race which contains a Skater from the same country, that Skater will be moved to the next available race, unless the Skater would be placed in a race on the next row. In that case the Skater will be exchanged with the previously placed Skater, or with his predecessors on the same row, if necessary to avoid placement of Skaters of the same country in a race. If there are no more races available to move a Skater to, then the Competitors' Steward, with the approval of the Referee, may reverse Skaters on a previous line, but only within that line, commencing with the lowest ranked, to solve the matter. Reversing Skaters between lines is not allowed. If the matter cannot be solved then the Skater will be placed in the originally designated race.
b) For International Competitions: If the Quarter Finals or Semi-Finals are the first round of the competition, Skaters from the same ISU Member will be separated whenever possible following the procedure outlined in subparagraph a) above.
6. The Competitors' Steward will draw the starting order for all races immediately after the make-up of the round is completed.
7. The composition of the Ranking Finals over each distance is made by the Competitors' Stewards by placing the Skaters in the Ranking Finals in the order of the distance classification. The number of Skaters per race is according to the Qualifying Tables published by the Technical Committee.
The highest ranked Skaters will be in the last Ranking Final, the next highest ranked Skaters will be in the second last Ranking Final, etc. Ranking Finals with only one Skater will not be skated.
8. The lane positions of the first Qualifying Round of all distances at ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games, are decided by the Seeding List of Competitors as specified in paragraph 3 above.

For International Competitions the lane positions of the first Qualifying Round of a distance will be drawn by the Competitors' Steward
For each subsequent round the lane positions will not be drawn but be decided by the times skated in the preceding Qualifying Round. The Skaters/Relay Teams will be assigned the lane positions from the inside of the track to the outside in the order of their times commencing with the fastest time, in the following order:

- a) In the case that no time in the previous round is available for a Skater/Relay Team due to failure of technical equipment or incorrect placement of blocks, then the best time in any race in this competition over the distance concerned will be taken to determine the lane position in accordance with subparagraph c) below;
- b) If no times are available at all then a draw for lane positions shall take place first for any Skaters/Relay Teams without a time;
- c) Following the Skaters/Relay Teams with a time will be assigned their position according to the times;
- d) In the case that no time in the previous round is available due to being declared finished without a time, the Skater/Relay Team concerned will be assigned a starting position after the preceding Skaters/Relay Teams;
- e) After determining the start positions of the above Skaters, any Skater qualified through a wild card will be placed next;
- f) Skaters who qualified through a Repechage will be assigned a starting position after the preceding Skaters/Relay Teams;
- g) In the case that two or more Skaters/Relay Teams have the same time, then the best time in any race in this competition over the distance concerned will be taken to determine the order in which the respective Skaters/Relay Teams will be assigned a lane position.
- h) In the case that Skaters/Teams are prequalified for a qualifying round, the start position for these Skaters/Teams will be in order of their World Ranking and they will be assigned the inside lane positions before the other Skaters/Teams that qualify regularly.

C. Racing Rules

Rule 297

Individual Racing Rules

1. a) Races are run counter-clockwise, that is to say the inner side of the track is on the left-hand side of the Skater/Relay Team.

- b) Overtaking is allowed at all times, but until the Skaters/Relay Teams are besides each other the responsibility for any obstruction or collision shall be upon the Skater/Relay Team overtaking, provided the Skater/Relay Team being overtaken does not act improperly.
- c) Any Skater/Relay Team who is bound to be lapped, either for the first time or other time, must move to the outside and may not interfere with the Skater(s)/Relay Team(s) overtaking him/them. Violation with interference will result in a Yellow or Red Card.
- d) If a Skater/Relay Team is lapped twice, that Skater/Relay Team shall leave the race unless there are one or more other Skaters/Relay Teams very close to his current race position. Skaters/Relay Teams who have left the race on basis of this rule shall be recorded as not finished. If the Referee, at his discretion, feels that the Skater/Relay Team was prevented from finishing due to reasons beyond the Skaters/Relay Teams control, then the Referee may declare the Skater/Relay Team having reached the finish but no time shall be recorded.
- e) A Skater/Relay Team has completed the distance when the Skater has reached the finish line with the leading tip of the skate blade.

Infringements

- 2. a) The general racing rule is that the Skaters/Relay Teams by their way of skating shall contribute to the honest sporting and safe progress of the race in order to determine the result of the race on its merits.
- b) Breaches of the racing rules are considered as follows:
 - OFF-TRACK: skating with one or both skates on the left side of the curve, marked by track marking blocks;
 - IMPEDING: Impeding, blocking, charging, or pushing another Skater with any part of the body. Interfere with another Skater by crossing his/her course thereby causing contact;
 - ASSISTANCE: Each Skater shall compete as an individual. Any assistance from other Skaters will be cause for sanctions of all Skaters/Relay Teams involved. This will not apply to the push the Skater receives from their Team-mate in a Relay race;
 - KICKING OUT: Kicking out of any skate during any part of a race thereby causing danger including at the finish line or throwing the body across the finish line is forbidden.

Relay Racing Rules

- 3. a) Teams may consist of of the following maximum number of Competitors:

World Championships	5
World Junior Championships	4
European Championships	5

Four Continents Championships	5
World Cup Competitions	see World Cup Communication
All other Competitions	<u>see Announcement</u>

Mixed Team Relay:

ISU Championships 3 per gender

Olympic Winter Games 3 per gender

World Cup Competitions 4 per gender.

- b) All members of a Team shall be equally dressed. Teams which do not comply with this shall be excluded from participation in the respective race. For Competitions where Skaters from different nations form a team, a simple and easy identification system will be sufficient.
- c) A Skater will be in the race and be responsible for the Team until that Skater is relayed by a Team member. Relaying will be by touch, that is to say a Skater will not be in the race until that Skater has been touched by, or has touched the Skater he is relieving.
- d) A Skater may be relayed at any time except during the last two laps. These laps must be skated by one Skater. A warning shot will be fired to indicate the start of the last three laps.
- e) In the case of a fall during the last two laps, the Skater may be relayed.
- f) A Skater from a Team can only come on the track to make an exchange. Skaters entering before an exchange and skaters exiting after an exchange are also subjected to the applicable racing rules.
- g) The non-racing members of each Team must stay out of the path of the racing Skaters and in an area that is clearly inside curves, marked by track marking blocks and a painted or virtual line between the last block and the first block of the curves. Only to make an exchange, a Skater may leave this area.
- h) Exchanges are to be made without interference to other Teams. During exchanges, changing the lane is not allowed and exchanges are to be made straight forward, directly in front of the Skater who is pushing, and the skates have to be kept out of blocking.
- i) Interference inside the track with Skaters coming in to take an exchange may also be considered an infringement.

Mixed Team Relay Racing Rules

- j) The Individual Racing Rules, paragraphs 1 and 2, and the Relay Racing Rules, paragraphs 3 and 4 above, shall apply to Mixed Team Relay Races, that means for all members of the Team, both participating and relayed Team members.

- k) Unless otherwise specified, Mixed Relay Teams consist of a minimum of two and a maximum of four Women and a minimum of two and a maximum of four Men.
- l) For each race any two of the four named Women and any two of the four named Men must take part in the race.
- m) Races will be over 2000 m (18 laps).
- n) The members of the Team have to relay following a fixed schedule: first, 4 x 2,5 laps, then 4 x 2 laps, and always in the following order of exchanges: Woman-Woman-Man-Man. The racing order per Gender is left to the Team.
- o) In case of a fall, only a Skater from the same gender can cover the relay for the Team, except in the very last corner before a scheduled exchange to the other gender, a Skater from opposite gender can take the relay and keep on going.
- p) In exceptional cases when a Team cannot make an exchange because of actions from other Teams, the exchanges can be made half a lap later.
- q) In the last two laps of the race, if there is a fall any Team member can take the relay.

Relay infringements

- 4. a) The individual racing rules, paragraphs 1 and 2 above, shall apply to Relay races, that is to say for all members of the Team, both participating and relayed Team members.
- b) Breaches of the Relay racing rules are considered as follows:
 - RELAYING NON TOUCH: The relay has taken place without a touch or that the touch has not been obvious, clearly shown, and seen by the Referee or Assistant Referees;
 - RELAYING DURING THE LAST TWO LAPS: The last relay has not been clearly started before the commencement of the final two laps.
 - In Mixed Team Relay: The relaying order and planned schedule as described in paragraph 3 above has not been followed.

Team Racing Rules

- 5. a) A Team consists of a minimum of two Skaters.
- b) The finish position and time recorded by the last Skater of the Team finishing determines the result of the Team.
- c) The Skaters shall compete as a Team and may assist each other.
- d) A Skater may push a member of the same Team as long as this does not impede any Skater from another Team.

Team Racing Infringements

6. The Individual Racing Rules (paragraphs 1 and 2 above) shall apply to Team Racing Rules, unless otherwise specified.

Sanctions for Infringements of the Racing Rules and/or the ISU Code of Ethics

7. a) The term “disqualification” as used in Rule 123 paragraph 4.B. shall be understood to describe the various sanctions mentioned in this Rule including without limitation the following type of sanctions:
- Penalty;
- for an infringement of the Racing Rules.
- Yellow Card;
- for an unsafe, harmful or hazardous offence;
 - for more than one infringement of the Racing Rule “Impeding” and/or “Kicking Out” independent of each other resulting in a penalty, made in one race;
 - for other actions explicitly so specified in these rules.
- Red Card:
- for an infringement of the Racing Rules which is deemed to be dangerous or grossly negligent;
 - in the case a Skater is shown two Yellow Cards in the same Event;
 - for other actions explicitly so specified in these rules;
 - for a violation of the ISU Code of Ethics, which happens in the period between the appearance of a Skater at the Heat Box In and leaving the Heat Box Out after a race;
 - for any action and behavior, either on or off ice during the competition period, i.e. the beginning and the end of a competition as established by the ruling body of the competition, and which action is considered by the Referee as a non-compliance with instructions of an official in charge, or a violation of the ISU Code of Ethics.
- b) The Skater/Relay Team who received a Penalty will be disqualified in the relevant race in which the infringement occurred, and will be excluded from participating in the next round of the distance/competition concerned. See Rule 295, paragraphs 5 and 7 for details on the final classifications of Skaters/Teams that receive a Penalty.
- c) The Skater/Relay Team who was been given a Yellow Card will be disqualified in the relevant race in which the infringement occurred and excluded from participating in the next round of the distance/competition concerned. The Skater/Relay Team will forfeit prior points/results accrued in all races over the distance/competition concerned and will be ranked at the bottom of the classification following Rule 295, paragraph 7. The right of the Skater to participate in other distances/competitions,

or the results achieved in previous or next other distances/competitions are not affected.

- d) If a Yellow Card to a Relay Team is directly given because of the action of one Skater or is the result of two cumulative Penalties to the same Skater, that Yellow Card becomes cumulative for that particular Skater, and only that Skater. If a Yellow Card is given for a cumulative of two Penalties given to two different Skaters from a team, the Yellow Card is not cumulative.
- e) The Skater who was given a Red Card will not be allowed anymore to participate in any race of the Event, both Individual and Relay, and will not be ranked in the final individual classification, if applicable. The results of other individual distances which have been concluded by the same Skater with a Final are not affected.
- f) The Relay Team who was given a Red Card will be disqualified in the relevant race and will not be ranked in the final Relay classification. The respective Skater of the team who was given a Red Card will not be allowed anymore to participate in any race, both Individual and Relay, and will not be ranked in the final classification of individual distances not yet concluded. The results of individual distances which have been concluded prior to the Relay race will not be affected.
- g) Any Official or other participant in an ISU activity witnessing a violation of the Code of Ethics during the competition period needs to verbally report to the Referee. The Referee shall file a written report with the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee concerning any Skater who is shown a Red Card. The Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall forward this information to the Sports Technical Director who will inform the Council.
- h) The Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall create a database of all Red Cards issued during a skating season.
- i) Irrespective of the Red Card decision of the Referee, any Skater falls under the disciplinary authority of the Disciplinary Commission at any given moment and is subject to a sanction imposed by the DC.
- j) If a Skater has accumulated two Red Cards within 12 months, that Skater shall be automatically suspended from participation in all ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games, the Youth Olympic Winter Games, and International Competitions for at least two months or three applicable Competitions whichever is the longer period.
- k) The Referee's decision that: there was an infringement of the Racing Rules or a violation of the ISU Code of Ethics or decisions approving the announcement of the results showing that there was no infringement are final and no protests against such decisions are allowed (See Rule 123 paragraph 4.B).
- l) If, during a race, any irregularity that may affect the result does take place, the Referee may stop the race and order a re-start of the race. As

a principle, this re-start shall take place immediately. In exceptional cases the Referee may postpone the restart to a later point on the competition program following Rule 290 paragraph 5.a).

If the distance has been completed the Referee may order a re-run of the race considering the rest time according to Rule 295 paragraph 2.I).

- m) If any of the Skaters/Relay Teams have been sanctioned under this Rule for conduct occurring before the race is stopped, such Skater(s), and the Skater's Relay Team (if the race is a Relay race), will not take part in the re-run;
- n) In the case of a re-start of a Relay race substitution within each team is allowed.
- o) Any Skater, for whom the race has been stopped (to preserve the Skater's well-being), will not be allowed to take part in the re-start, unless the Skater was unable to continue due to reasons beyond his control. This does not apply to the starting procedure. The results of Skater(s) excluded for this reason from a re-start will show 'Did not finish' (Record as DNF). This also applies to Relay Teams.

If the Skater is injured resulting from an action by another Skater for which a penalty is given, the Referee may advance the injured Skater or let the Skater participate in the re-start or re-run.

- p) Sanctions imposed by the Referee under this Rule are communicated and recorded at the end of each race. The recorded decision is the final decision and cannot be changed unless there is a recording, technical, data or communication error. The corrections have to be made before the next qualifying round. Any correction must be officially announced and documented.

Sanctions are announced at the end of each race before the announcement of the official results, to the Skater(s) / Team Coach or Team leader, and over the public address system for the benefit of the spectators, specifying where and how the Skater(s)/Relay Team concerned made an infringement and whether there is an advancement. The Announcer must inform the spectators immediately of the decision(s) that has/have been taken. With approval of the Technical Committee the Referee may also announce the decision over the public address system. If the public address system can be understood loud and clear at the Coaches Box, or the information is immediately available on a screen or any other communication device, there is no need for any On Ice Official to go to the Coaches Box to announce the decision(s).

In the case of a violation of the ISU Code of Ethics, either on or off the ice, within the competition period, the sanction may be announced also at a later stage and the consequences as indicated above will apply.

Sanctions for Coaches, Team leaders and Support staff

8. Coaches, Team leaders and Support staff are subject to the conditions of the General Regulations. Failure to observe these Rules and/or misconduct as per above can result in the following sanctions:
Yellow Card: suspension from the Field of Play for the day;
Red Card: suspension from the Event/Competition with removal of the accreditation.

Rule 298

Heat Box

1. a) The Heat Box is a designated area where the Skaters must report when called and stay before their Race. Depending on the Qualifying Round this designated area may be different.
- b) Prior to each start, the names of those about to compete are to be clearly called at the Heat Box.
- c) Skaters who do not report to the Heat Box will be recorded as “Did not Start”.
- For international Competitions: If these Skaters are entered for other distances on the program of the Event, they must confirm their participation on these distances to the Competitors’ Steward at the latest 30 min before the next distance.
- d) The Heat Box Steward will check that the Skaters are wearing their racing numbers and correct equipment.
- e) Skaters with defective equipment (e.g. broken Skate blade) will not be allowed to start. The results of the race will show DNS (Did not start). The conditions of Rule 291, paragraph 4 apply.
After a race is stopped, Skaters with defective equipment, which cannot be repaired in due time, will not be allowed to re-start. The results of such Skater will be shown as “Did Not Finish” and the Skater will be ranked according to Rule 295, paragraph 5.
- f) Skaters have to go on the ice through the Heat Box only. Skaters who do not go through the Heat Box will receive a penalty and are excluded from participating in the race.

Starting equipment

2. Instead of an ordinary start revolver an electronic starting device may be used as Starting gun. In this case the following conditions should be observed:
- a) The starting device should have a firm trigger point;

- b) The synthetic sound at the “firing of the gun” should be loud and distinct, and similar to the sound of the shot from an ordinary starting gun;
- c) The smoke fire must be replaced with a visual flash, which must be distinctly different from a photoflash.

Lane Positions

3. If more than five Skaters are starting in a race, the starting dots will not be used, and the Starter will direct the Skaters in the respective order of their position to the starting line.
If due to the number of Skaters in a race a second row is required at the start then the Skaters at this line will be positioned as far as possible to the outside of the track in the order of the lane positions.

Starting procedure

4. The Starting procedure is described in the following paragraphs. It includes a description of an alternative procedure which will be subject to Testing at ISU Events during the season 2022/23.
- a) During the season 2022/23 an alternative Starting Procedure, with amendments as specified in paragraph 16 below, will be applied at several ISU Events. Subject to at least four successful Tests at ISU World Cup Competitions during the season 2022/23, by decision of the ISU Council upon report on the Tests and their evaluation by the ISU Short Track Technical Committee, this alternative procedure will thereafter be in effect for all ISU Events. It may then be used also in other International Competitions, on the condition that information is given in the Announcement of the Competition.
 - b) The ISU Events designated for testing the alternative Starting Procedure, the details of the rules for this procedure and the criteria to evaluate the Tests will be published in an ISU Communication. In the testing period the alternative procedure may be applied at other International Competitions if this has been announced in the Announcement of the respective Competition.
 - c) In case of unsuccessful Tests at more than two ISU Events, the Starting rules described in the paragraphs 5 through 15 remain in force for the rest of the season 2022/23 and the season 2023/24. The decision of the ISU Council on the outcome of the Tests will be announced in an ISU Communication once the decision has been taken. If the Tests are successful, this ISU Communication shall include a complete description of the Rules on Starting procedure that shall apply for upcoming ISU Events.

5. Once the Referee is satisfied that all necessary arrangements for the race to come have been taken, he will inform the Starter who will then initiate the Starting procedure.
 - a) The Starter will blow the whistle.
 - b) From this moment the Skaters have a limited time to come to the start line. This time may be displayed using technical equipment. Also starting from this moment, the Announcer will ask for silence, if necessary.
 - c) The set time to go to the start line will be decided annually by the Technical Committee and announced at the Opening Meeting the day prior the start of each Event.
 - d) Any Skater who arrives at the start line after the limited time will be warned by the Starter of a False Start. The announcement should be:
 - The lane position of the Skater who made the offence;
 - "False Start";
 - "Delaying the start".
 - e) Any warnings of a False Start for "delaying the start" do not affect the other Skaters coming to the start line.
 - f) In the case that a second warning of False Start for "delaying the start" is given to the same Skater, the Starter shall tell the Skater that he gets a penalty and is excluded from the race.

6.
 - a) The Skaters will line up a short distance away from the start line.
 - b) In the case of a Semi-Final or Final Race where the Skaters are being introduced individually by the Announcer, they will position themselves a little further away from the start line and when introduced by the Announcer they will move forward closer to the start line.
 - c) Prior to the start of a Final over an individual distance and Relay Races, the participants are introduced by the Announcer stating their full name, country, and other information for the interest of the public. The same procedure may be applied also for the Semi-Finals. The introduction of the Skaters/ Relay Teams can also be done before the Skaters/ Relay Teams get on the ice.

7.
 - a) The Starter will command:
 - "Go to the Start".
 - b) On this command the Skaters move forward to the start line and place themselves at their respective dot at the start line. The Skaters stand up straight and stand still.
 - c) Until the Skater has finalized his still position, touching the Start line is not an offence.
 - d) Putting the tip of the blade in the ice is an offence and a false start will be given to the Skater concerned.
 - e) The announcement of the Starter should then be:
 - The lane position of the Skater who made the offence;

- "False Start";
 - "Wrong Blade Position".
8. a) The Starter will command:
- "Ready".
- b) The Skaters will go down and take their final starting positions immediately with the center of the body over the respective dot and keep this position.
- c) It is a False Start when the Skater:
- Places one or both skates on or over the start line;
 - Places one or both hands on the ice;
 - Does not have both skates on the ice, i.e. full contact over the length of the blades;
 - Takes his starting position before the command "Ready";
 - Takes his starting position too slow after the command "Ready".
9. a) When all Skaters are positioned in their final starting position and stand still, i.e. there is no more movement, the Starter will wait a defined period of time and then fire the gun.
- b) It is a False Start when the Skater:
- Moves before the gun is fired;
 - Slides on or over the line before the gun is fired;
 - Moves forward on the tip of his blades.
- c) In the case of a False Start the Starter will fire the gun again and/or uses the whistle to call the Skaters back.
- d) The Skaters must return to the start line without delay. Any Skater who does not return directly to the start line will receive a warning of a False Start for delaying the start.
- e) If more than one Skater is responsible for a False Start, the concerned Skaters shall all be assessed a False Start.
- f) If one of the Skaters breaks from his marks, thereby causing another Skater to follow him, only the Skater at fault shall be assessed a False Start.
- g) If a Skater makes noise, e.g. with his skates on the ice, thereby causing another Skater to move, the Skater shall be assessed a False Start.
- h) Commands given by the Starter will include:
- The lane position of the Skater who made the offence;
 - "False Start";
- And if necessary any statement reasoning the false start, e.g.:
- Moving;
 - Wrong blade position;
 - Crossing the line.
- i) If more than one Skater made an offence, the statements above will be given for each Skater concerned.

- j) If there are multiple offences of the Starting Rule then these will be announced in the order they occurred.
10. If a False Start was made by a Skater who had already received a warning of False Start for “delaying the start”, this Skater will receive a penalty and is excluded from the race.
11. a) After a False Start of a race and before resuming the starting procedure described in paragraphs 7-10 above, the Starter will warn all Skaters:
- “This race has one False Start”.
b) In the case of a False Start by any of the Skaters in the next start, the Skater(s) concerned will be given a penalty and is/are excluded from the race.
12. a) Before a start, the equipment of the Skater may be fixed, without going beyond the Padding. At “Go to the Start” the Skaters must be fully prepared with all equipment in order. Any omission will result in a warning of a False Start for “delaying the start” to the Skater concerned (see subparagraph 5 above).
b) If the Skater:
- Already received a warning for “delaying the start”, or
- the race has a False Start, or
- a repeated offence is made,
the Skater at fault will be given a Penalty and is excluded from the race.
13. a) The announcement of an exclusion from the race will include:
- The lane position of the Skater who made the offence leading to a penalty;
- “Penalty”.
b) On direction of the Referee the Skater may be sent off the ice.
14. If a Skater is interfered with before the last block of the first curve after the starting line, the Skaters shall be called back to start again. The decision whether the interference is an offence according to the Racing Rules is a decision of the Referee.
15. At ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games, the Starter after recalling a start can consult with an Assistant Referee Video before making his decision. For this purpose a monitor to show a video recording of the start may be installed on the Starters’ platform.
16. The alternative Starting Procedure to be tested at ISU Events during the season 2022/23 (and which, depending on the outcome of the Tests, may

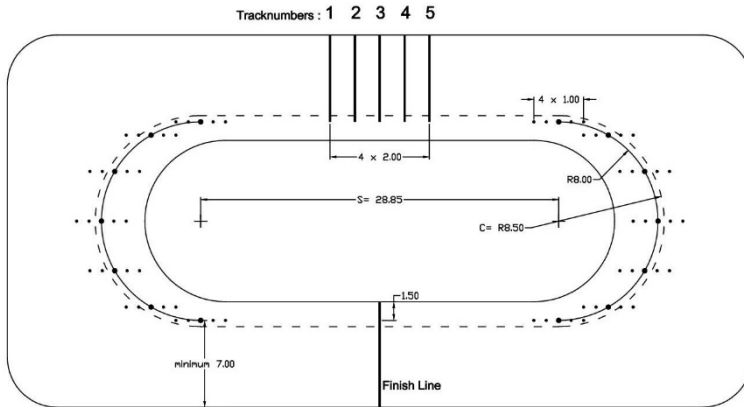
be implemented for future ISU Events) referred to in paragraph 4 above, is based on the same steps of the Starting procedure as described in paragraphs 5 through 15 above. However, once a Skater has made an offence assessed as a False Start, this Skater will get a penalty and be excluded from the race (“zero False Starts”). This means that all paragraphs above will apply with the following adjustments and exceptions:

- a) In all situations when a “False Start” is assessed, the Starter will also announce exclusion of the race by giving the command “Penalty”, see paragraph 13 a).
- b) Paragraph 5 f) is not applicable, since a Penalty will be given for a first False Start.
- c) Paragraph 10 is not applicable, since a Penalty will already have been given for such Skater.
- d) Paragraph 11 will be applied as follows:
After a False Start of a race and before resuming the starting procedure described in paragraphs 7-10 above, the Starter will announce the False Start(s) and exclusion(s) from the race (Penalty) in accordance with paragraph 9 h) and paragraph 13 above.
- e) Paragraph 12 b) is not applicable, since a Penalty shall be given for an offence as described in paragraph 12 a).

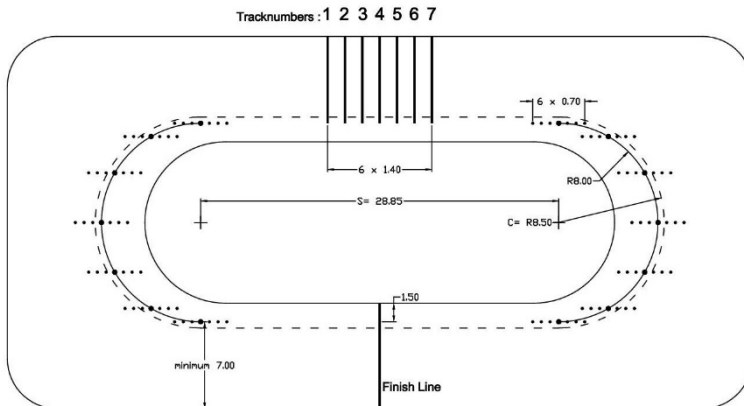
End of Race

17. The end of the race is declared by the Referee. Different means can be used to communicate that information to the Skaters and all Officials. Except for Finals: Any Skater who has not yet finished will be declared finished by the Referee, but no time will be assigned.

Rule 299 is reserved.



Track 2, 3 and 4 to be used for semi-finals and finals over 500 meters.



Track 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to be used for semi-finals and finals over 500 meters.

Tolerance for all measurements +/- 0.01 m

111.12 meters Track	
2 x S	57.71 meters
2 x C x pi	53.41 meters
One Lap	111.12 meters

Laps in different distances:	500 m	=	4½	laps
	1000 m	=	9	laps
	1500 m	=	13½	laps
	2000 m	=	18	laps
	3000 m	=	27	laps
	5000 m	=	45	laps

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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ISU MEMBERS

AND	Andorra	Federacio Andorrana d'Esports de Gel (Figure)
ARG	Argentina	Argentine Ice Speed Skaters Union (UVEPA) (Speed) Federacion Argentina de Patinaje Sobre Hielo (Figure)
ARM	Armenia	Figure Skating Federation of Armenia (Figure)
AUS	Australia	Australian Ice Racing Inc. (Speed) Ice Skating Australia Incorporated (Figure)
AUT	Austria	Österreichischer Eisschnelllauf Verband (Speed) Österreichischer Eiskunstlauf Verband (Figure)
AZE	Azerbaijan	The Skating Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (Figure)
BEL	Belgium	Fédération Royale Belge de Patinage de Vitesse (Speed) Fédération Royale Belge de Patinage Artistique (Figure)
BIH	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Skating Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
BLR	Belarus	Skating Union of Belarus
BRA	Brazil	Brazilian Ice Sports Federation
BUL	Bulgaria	Bulgarian Skating Federation
CAM	Cambodia	Cambodia Ice Skating Federation (Provisional Member Figure)
CAN	Canada	Speed Skating Canada (Speed) Skate Canada (Figure)
CHI	Chile	Chilean National Figure Skating Federation (Provisional Member Figure)
CHN	China	Chinese Skating Association (Speed) Chinese Figure Skating Association (Figure)
COL	Colombia	Federacion Colombiana de Patinaje (Provisional Member Speed)
CRO	Croatia	Croatian Skating Federation
CYP	Cyprus	Cyprus Skating Federation (Figure)
CZE	Czech Republic	Czech Speed Skating Federation (Speed) Czech Figure Skating Association (Figure)
DEN	Denmark	Dansk Skøjte Union
ECU	Ecuador	Ecuadorian Skating Federation (Provisional Member Figure)
EGY	<u>Egypt</u>	<u>Ice Skate Egypt (Provisional Member Figure)</u>
ESP	Spain	Federacion Española de Deportes de Hielo
EST	Estonia	The Estonian Skating Union

FIN	Finland	Suomen Luisteluliitto (Speed) Suomen Taitoluisteluliitto (Figure)
FRA	France	Fédération Française des Sports de Glace
GBR	Great Britain	British Ice Skating
GEO	Georgia	Georgian Figure Skating Federation (Figure)
GER	Germany	Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft (Speed) Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V. (Figure)
GRE	Greece	Hellenic Winter Sports Federation (Figure)
HKG	Hong Kong/ China	Hong Kong Skating Union Ltd
HUN	Hungary	Hungarian National Skating Federation
INA	Indonesia	Federasi Ice Skating Indonesia
IND	India	Ice Skating Association of India
IRL	Ireland	Ice Skating Association of Ireland
ISL	Iceland	Icelandic Skating Association (Figure)
ISR	Israel	Israel Ice Skating Federation
ITA	Italy	Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio
JPN	Japan	Japan Skating Federation
KAZ	Kazakhstan	National Skating Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan
KGZ	Kyrgyz Republic	Skating Federation of the Kyrgyz Republic (Figure)
KOR	Rep. of Korea	Korea Skating Union
KUW	Kuwait	<u>Kuwait Figure Skate Federation (Provisional Member Figure)</u>
LAT	Latvia	Latvian Skating Association
LIE	Liechtenstein	Liechtensteiner Eislauf Verband (Figure)
LTU	Lithuania	Lithuanian Speed Skating Association (Speed) Lithuanian Skating Federation (Figure)
LUX	Luxembourg	Union Luxembourgeoise de Patinage de Vitesse (Speed) Union Luxembourgeoise de Patinage (Figure)
MAR	Morocco	Association of Moroccan Ice Sports (Figure)
MAS	Malaysia	Ice Skating Association of Malaysia
MDA	Moldova	Figure Skating Federation of the Republic of Moldova (Figure)
MEX	Mexico	Federacion Mexicana de Patinaje Sobre Hielo y Deportes de Invierno, A. C. (Figure)
MGL	Mongolia	Skating Union of Mongolia
MKD	North Macedonia	Skating Federation of North Macedonia (Figure)
MON	Monaco	Fédération Monégasque de Patinage (Figure)
NED	Netherlands	Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond
NOR	Norway	Norges Skøyteforbund

NZL	New Zealand	Ice Speed Skating New Zealand Inc (Speed) New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Association (Inc) (Figure)
PER	Peru	Peruvian Ice Skating Federation
PHI	Philippines	Philippine Skating Union
POL	Poland	Polish Speed Skating Association (Speed) Polish Figure Skating Association (Figure)
POR	Portugal	Portuguese Winter Sports Federation (Provisional Member Speed & Figure)
PRK	D.P.R. Korea	Skating Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
QAT	Qatar	Qatar Skating Federation (Speed)
ROU	Romania	Romanian Skating Federation
RSA	South Africa	South African Speed Skating Association (Speed) South African Figure Skating Association (Figure)
RUS	Russia	Russian Skating Union (Speed) The Figure Skating Federation of Russia (Figure)
SGP	Singapore	Singapore Ice Skating Association
SLO	Slovenia	Slovene Skating Union
SRB	Serbia	Serbian Skating Association
SUI	Switzerland	Schweizer Eislauf-Verband Internationaler Schlittschuh-Club Davos (Club Member)
SVK	Slovak Republic	Slovak Speed Skating Union (Speed) Slovak Figure Skating Association (Figure)
SWE	Sweden	Swe-Sports - Svenska Skridsko-, k�lk-och Rullidrottsf�rbundet (Speed) Svenska Konstakningsf�rbundet (Figure) Stockholms Allm�nna Skridskoklubb (Club Member)
THA	Thailand	Figure and Speed Skating Association of Thailand
TKM	Turkmenistan	National Center of Turkmenistan for Winter Sport (Provisional Member Figure)
TPE	Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei Skating Union
TUR	T�rkiye	Turkish Ice Skating Federation
UAE	United Arab Emirates	UAE Ice Sports Federation (Figure)
UKR	Ukraine	Ukrainian Speed Skating Federation (Speed) Ukrainian Figure Skating Federation (Figure)
USA	United States of America	US Speedskating (Speed) The United States Figure Skating Association (Figure)
UZB	Uzbekistan	Winter Sports Association of Uzbekistan
VIE	Vietnam	Skating Federation of Vietnam (Figure & Provisional Member Speed)

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Jacques Favart Trophy:

established 1981

Year of award

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Ludmila † & Oleg Protopopov	Switzerland	1998

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Victor Blinov †	U.S.S.R.	1990
Andrea Ehrig	G.D.R.	1990
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Milan Duchon	Czechoslovakia	1992
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George Howie†	USA	1993
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Jurjen Osinga	Netherlands	1994
Ivan Mauer †	Slovak Republic	1995
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Valentin Piseev	Russia	2002

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established 2004

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Robert Horen	USA	2017
Joseph Inman	USA	2017
Christa Elisabeth Krick	Germany	2017
Erik Ømundset	Norway	2017
Kenneth Pendrey	Great Britain	2017
Gale Tanger	USA	2017
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Susan Heffernan	Canada	2019
Joanne Shaw	Canada	2019
Sally Rehorick	Canada	2019
Knut Ludahl	Norway	2019
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