

Communication No. 2591

ISU Speed Skating Championships 2024 Qualification process, quotas and entry procedures

This Communication contains detailed information on the qualification process, quotas and entry procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships for the season 2023/24

1. Calendar and Distribution of Distances/Competitions

Event	Place	Date	Program
ISU European Speed Skating Championships (Single distances and team competitions)	Heerenveen, NED	05.01.2024	TS-W, TP-M, 3000-W, 1000-M
		06.01.2024	TS-M, 500-W, 5000-M, 1500-W
		07.01.2024	TP-W, 1500-M, 1000-W, 500-M, MS-W, MS-M
ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (Single distances and team competitions)	Salt Lake City, USA	19.01.2024	TS-W, TS-M, 1500-W, 1500-M
		20.01.2024	500-W, 500-M, 3.000-W, 5.000-M
		21.01.2024	TP-W, TP-M, 1000-W, 1000-M, MS-W, MS-M
ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships	Hachinohe, JPN	09.02.2024	500-W, 500-M, 1500-W, 1500-M, Semi Finals: MS-W, MS-M
		10.02.2024	1000-W, 1000-M, 3000-W, 5000-M
		11.02.2024	TP-W, TP-M, TS-W, TS-M, Finals: MS-W, MS-M
ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Single Distances and Team Competitions)	Calgary, CAN	15.02.2024	3000-W, 5000-M, TS-W, TS-M
		16.02.2024	TP-W, TP-M, 500-W, 500-M
		17.02.2024	Semi Finals: MS-W, MS-M, 1000-W, 1000-M, Finals: MS-W, MS-M
		18.02.2024	5000-W, 10 000-M, 1500-W, 1500-M
ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Sprint and Around Combinations) (s = Sprint, a = Around)	Inzell, GER	07.03.2024	500-W(s), 500-M(s), 1000-W (s), 1000-M (s)
		08.03.2024	500-W(s), 500-M(s), 1000-W (s), 1000-M (s)
		09.03.2024	500 W (a), 500 M (a), 3000 W (a), 5000 M (a)
		10.03.2024	1500-W(a), 1500-M(a), 5000-W(a), 10 000-M(a)

TS: Team Sprint, TP: Team Pursuit, MS: Mass Start

2. Qualifying Events

ISU Championships will be held in accordance with relevant parts of the 2022 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating, respective Council decisions, and ISU Communication No. 2587 ISU World Cup Speed Skating.

For the **ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2024 (Single Distances and Team Competitions)**, the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 4 to be held during November – December 2023

For the **ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2024 (Single Distances and Team Competitions)**, the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to #4 to be held in November – December 2023

For the **ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024 (Single Distances and Team Competitions)** the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 6 to be held during season 2023/24

For the **ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024 (Allround and Sprint Combinations)**, the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2022 (counting for pre-allocated quota places)
- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 6 to be held during season 2023/24

3. Entry Quotas and Qualification Process

3.1. The ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2024

3.1.1 Entry Quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.5 of the 2022 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for a Four Continents ISU Member at the ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2024 will be as follows:

- Maximum total number of participants for each of the following events:
 - 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men) - 20 Skaters
 - 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men) - 16 Skaters
 - Mass Start (Women and Men) - 20 Skaters
 - Team competitions (Women and Men) - 6 Teams
- Maximum number of Skaters/Teams per Member per distances/competitions are:
 - 3 Skaters for each of the events: 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men), 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men)
 - 2 Skaters for the Mass Start events: Women and Men
 - 1 Team for each of the Team competitions
- Each ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Women and 10 Men (substitutes included). Maximum one (1) substitute can be entered for each individual distance/event. For the Team Pursuit and Team Sprint competitions (6) six Skaters are eligible to compete, if they meet the qualifying time, and the final (4) four Skaters will be confirmed at the Team Leader's Meeting the day before the event with the (3) three competing Skaters confirmed at least one hour before the event.
- The allocation of entry quotas will be determined based on the SQRL for World Cup points and season's best time ranking from the ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to #4 held during November – December 2023:

Women	Men		Total entry quotas
500, 1000, 1500m	500, 1000, 1500m		20
3000m	5000m		16
Mass Start	Mass Start		20
Team Pursuit	Team Pursuit		6
Team Sprint	Team Sprint		6

3.1.2 Reserve List

Lists of 10 reserve quota places for each of the individual competitions and 6 reserve quota places for each of the Team competitions will be established based on the special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater or Team in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place for the competition concerned, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

If after the final entries are submitted, the number of competing Skaters does not meet the maximum number of Skaters allowed per distance, the ISU may at its discretion, allow additional Skaters to compete. The accepted Skater(s) may not exceed the allowed ISU Member quota allocation. The Skater(s) may be qualified to compete without the qualifying time, but the best ranked Skater(s) based on their season best time will be ranked higher.

3.2. The ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2024 (Single Distances and Team Competitions)

3.2.1. Entry Quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4 of the 2022 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for a European ISU Member at the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2024 will be as follows:

- a) Maximum total number of participants for each of the following events:
 - 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men) - 20 Skaters
 - 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men) - 16 Skaters
 - Mass Start (Women and Men) - 20 Skaters
 - Team competitions (Women and Men) - 6 Teams
- b) Maximum number of Skaters/Teams per Member per distances/competitions are:
 - 3 Skaters for each of the events: 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men), 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men)
 - 2 Skaters for the Mass Start events: Women and Men
 - 1 Team for each of the Team competitions
- c) Each ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Women and 10 Men (substitutes included). Maximum one (1) substitute can be entered for each individual distance/event. For the Team Pursuit and Team Sprint competitions (6) six Skaters are eligible to compete, if they meet the qualifying time, and the final (4) four Skaters will be confirmed at the Team Leader's Meeting the day before the event with the (3) three competing Skaters confirmed at least one hour before the event.
- d) The allocation of entry quotas will be determined based on the SQRL for World Cup points and season's best time ranking from the ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to #4 held during November – December 2023:

Women	Men	Total entry quotas
500, 1000, 1500m	500, 1000, 1500m	20
3000m	5000m	16
Mass Start	Mass Start	20
Team Pursuit	Team Pursuit	6
Team Sprint	Team Sprint	6

3.2.2. Reserve List

Lists of 10 reserve quota places for each of the individual competitions and 6 reserve quota places for each of the Team competitions will be established based on the special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater or Team in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place for the competition concerned, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

If after the final entries are submitted, the number of competing Skaters does not meet the maximum number of Skaters allowed per distance, the ISU may at its discretion, allow additional Skater(s) to compete. The accepted Skater(s) may not exceed the allowed ISU Member quota allocation. The Skater(s) may be qualified to compete without the qualifying time, but the best ranked Skater(s) based on their season best time will be ranked higher.

3.3. The ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024 (Single Distances and Team Competitions)

3.3.1. Entry Quotas

Quota places for ISU Members¹ will be allocated for each distance/competition according to a Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1, based on the rankings and results of their Skaters achieved in Qualifying events listed in paragraph 2 above.

Maximum number of Skater per Member per distances/competitions are:

- 3 Skaters for each of the: 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men), 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men);
- 2 Skaters for each of the: 5000 (Women), 10000 (Men), Mass Start (Women and Men);
- 1 team for each of the Team competitions.

3.3.2. Reserve List

Lists of 10 reserve quota places for each of the individual competitions and 6 reserve quota places for each of the Team competitions will be established based on the special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater or Team in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place for the competition concerned, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

If after the final entries are submitted, the number of competing Skaters does not meet the maximum number of Skaters allowed per distance, the ISU may at its discretion, allow additional Skater(s) to compete. The accepted Skater(s) may not exceed the allowed ISU Member quota allocation. The Skater(s) may be qualified to compete without the qualifying time, but the best ranked Skater(s) based on their season best time will be ranked higher.

3.4. The ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024 (Sprint and Allround Combinations)

3.4.1. Entry Quotas for Competitions in the Sprint Combination:

- a) In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.3 of the 2022 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for an ISU Member at the ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2024 are set to a maximum of 28 Women and 28 Men.
- b) The table below includes ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places (but maximum 2 quota places per ISU Member) according to their number of Skaters placed among the 16 best in the ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2022:

ISU Member	Women	Men
AUT	1	--
CAN	2	--
GBR	1	--
GER	1*	2
ITA	--	2
JPN	2	2
NED	2	2
NOR	2	2
POL	2	2
USA	1	2
Total	14 Competitors	14 Competitors

* as hosting ISU Member

- c) Remaining quota places will be allocated according to a special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.3.2., based on the combined results (one best 500m and one best 1000m) of the same Skaters from any of the ISU qualifying events during the 2023/2024 season. Total points for the two distances will be calculated according to Rule 265, paragraph 3.
- d) In the SQRL a maximum of 3 best Skaters from each ISU Member will count in the ranking.
- e) To gain additional quota places, an ISU Member must have more Skaters among the 20 best in the SQRL than their pre-allocated quota places. However, an ISU Member, will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places according to the table above. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 20 best in the SQRL compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota place(s) will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned.

3.4.2. Entry Quotas for Competitions in the Allround Combination:

- a) In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.2, of the 2022 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for an ISU Member at the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2024 are set to a maximum of 24 Women and 24 Men.
- b) The table below includes ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places (but maximum 2 quota places per ISU Member) according to their number of Skaters placed among the 12 best in the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2022

ISU Member	Women	Men
BEL	--	1
CAN	2	--
CZE	1	--
GER	1*	1*
ITA	--	1
JPN	2	2
KAZ	1	--
NED	2	2
NOR	1	2
SWE	--	1
USA	1	2
Total	11 Competitors	12 Competitors

* as hosting ISU Member

- c) Remaining quota places will be allocated according to a special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.2.2, based on the combined results (one best 1500m and one best 3000m for Women and one best for 1500m and one best for 5000m Men) of the same Skaters from any of the ISU qualifying events during the season 2023/2024. Total points for the two distances will be calculated according to Rule 265, paragraph 3.
- d) In the SQRL a maximum of 3 best Skaters from each ISU Member will count in the ranking.
- e) To gain additional quota places, an ISU Member must have more Skaters among the 20 best in the SQRL than their pre-allocated quota places. However, an ISU Member, will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places according to the table above. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 20 best in the SQRL, compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota place(s) will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned.

3.4.3. Reserve List

Lists of 10 reserve quota places for each of the Competitions will be established based on the SQRL. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place for the distance/competition concerned.

However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater or Team in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

If after the final entries are submitted, the number of competing Skaters does not meet the maximum number of Skaters allowed per distance/combination event, the ISU may at its discretion, allow additional Skaters to compete. The accepted Skater(s) may not exceed the allowed ISU Member quota allocation. The Skater(s) may be qualified to compete without one of the qualifying times for the Sprint or Allround Combinations, but the best ranked Skater(s) based on their season best times will be ranked higher.

3.5. The ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2024

3.5.1. Entry Quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.6., the entry quotas for an ISU Member at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2024 will be limited to a maximum of 5 Skaters per gender in total. Below is the summary table of entry quotas for an ISU Member per distance/competition.

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	Mass Start	Team competitions
Women	5	4	4	4	---	2	1 team of 3 Skaters
Men	5	4	4	---	4	2	1 team of 3 Skaters

Competitors entered for all four individual distances, meeting the applicable qualifying times for each distance, are eligible to compete in the Allround competition.

- e) For each individual distance/competition only 1 substitute may be entered. For the Team Pursuit and Team Sprint competitions (5) five Skaters are eligible to compete, if they meet a qualifying time. The final (4) four Skaters will be confirmed at the Team Leader's Meeting the day before the event with the (3) three competing Skaters confirmed for Team Pursuit and Team Sprint at least one hour before the event.

3.5.2. Mass Start Competition Rules

The Mass Start competition will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 243, paragraph 4 and 257, paragraph 2.1. In the case of semi-finals, qualification to the Final will be in accordance with Rule 241, paragraph 5.b). Final classification will be determined according to Rule 265, paragraph 6.

4. Qualifying Times

To qualify for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships, Skaters must have achieved Qualifying times (Rule 208, paragraph 1.2).

4.1. Conditions for Valid Qualifying Times

- The qualifying time must have been achieved since July 1, 2022, and before the last date of entry for the Championship concerned in one of the following Competitions:
 - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned
 - ISU Championships
 - ISU World Cup Competitions or ISU Junior World Cup Competitions
 - International Speed Skating Competitions listed in ISU Communication No. 2582.
- Automatic timekeeping (Rule 251) must have been used in the Competition concerned.
- Only season best times achieved since July 1, 2023, will be considered for the grouping of Skaters to determine the start lists.

4.2. Required Qualifying Times

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined Qualifying Times required for participation in the ISU Speed Skating Championships 2024. For all ISU Championships, except for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, two alternative sets of Qualifying times have been defined. The slower Qualifying time, listed in (brackets), applies for results achieved outside the high-altitude ice rinks in Calgary (Olympic Oval), Salt Lake City (Utah Olympic Oval) and Ürümqi (Xinjiang Ice Sports Center). The following Qualifying time limits apply:

4.2.1. ISU Speed Skating Championships:

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following Qualifying times indicated for the competition concerned (for possible exceptions, see paragraphs 3.1.2, 3.2.2, 3.3.2 and 3.4.3 above):

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10 000m
Women	40,00 (40,50)	1.20,00 (1.21,00)	2.03,00 (2.05,00)	4.24,00 (4.28,00)	7.25,00 (7.32,00) or 4.15,00 (4.20,00) at 3000m	----
Men	36,20 (36,60)	1.11,90 (1.12,80)	1.51,00 (1.52,50)	----	6.48,00 (6.52,00)	13.40,00 (13.50,00) or 6.35,00 (6.40,00) at 5000m
<i>For the Mass Start and Team Pursuit: any of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:</i>						
Women	----		2.10,00	----		
Men			1.57,50			
<i>For the Team Sprint: any of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:</i>						
Women	1.24,00					
Men	1.16,00					

For Allround Combination: an entered Skater must have achieved one of the following Qualifying times:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10 000m
Women			2.03,00 (2.05,00)	4.24,00 (4.28,00)		
Men			1.51,00 (1.52,50)		6.48,00 (6.52,00)	

For Sprint Combination: an entered Skater must have achieved one of the following Qualifying times:

Women	40,00 (40,50)	1.20,00 (1.21,00)		
Men	36,20 (36,60)	1.11,90 (1.12,80)		

4.2.2. ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying time indicated for the Single Distance Championship competition concerned:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	For the Allround Championships
Women	42,50	1.25,00	2.12,00	4.45,00	----	a Skater must have achieved the listed qualifying time for all the Single Distances.
Men	38,50	1.16,00	1.58,00	----	7.05,00 or 4.05,00 at 3000m	

For the Mass Start and Team Pursuit: any one of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:

Women		2.17,00	
Men		2.03,00	

For the Team Sprint: any of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:

Women	1.28,00		
Men	1.19,00		

5. Entries

The ISU online entry system must be used both for preliminary entries and for final entries. For final entries relevant requirements in the ISU Regulations must be observed. See also ISU Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 and Declaration forms.

5.1. Preliminary entries

The preliminary entry shall provide the number of Competitors, with provisional names, that the ISU Member intends to enter for the Championships, indicating which distances the skater or team will participate in.

5.2. Final Entries

Based on the entry quotas as determined according to Paragraph 3 above (except for quotas allocated according to Paragraph 3.1.2, 3.2.2, 3.3.2 and 3.4.3), the final entries of Competitors, including maximum one substitute per individual distance/competition, are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member. However, all entered Competitors must have achieved the respective Qualifying time limits set by the ISU, as specified in Paragraph 4 above. A maximum of one substitute may be entered for each Championship or each Championship distance/competition (except Junior World Championships, where substitutes for each distance/competition must be amongst the maximum 5 Skaters (per gender) entered for the Championships).

5.2.1. ISU European Speed Skating Championships, ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships, ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Single Distances and Allround/Sprint Combinations)

Information on allocation of quota places will be issued separately by the ISU.

The final entries cannot exceed the number of allocated quota places, including reserve quota places, for the respective Championship or competitions.

ISU Members intending not to use all their allocated quota places are requested to inform the ISU Secretariat as soon as possible, and preferably well before the deadline for final entries.

5.2.2. ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

Information on the date of birth for the entered Competitors must be included in the final entries. The Referee or the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative may request verification of the identity and the date of birth of any entered Competitor, as a condition for accepting the entry.

ISU Members must indicate in the final entries if they will take part in the Team Pursuit and/or the Team Sprint competitions. For the Team Pursuit and Team Sprint competitions (5) five Skaters are eligible to compete, if they meet the qualifying time, and the final (4) four Skaters will be confirmed at the Team Leader's Meeting the day before the event with the (3) three competing Skaters confirmed at least one hour before the event.

6. Other Conditions

6.1. National Team Uniforms

ISU Members are responsible for ensuring that the entered Competitors wear racing suits and other team uniforms with identical design, as approved by the ISU, according to Rule 224, paragraph 1.b) and c). This applies both for individual distances and for Team competitions (Team Pursuit and Team Sprint).

ISU Members are also responsible for ensuring that requirements concerning team uniform design, use of trademarks, advertising, etc. stated in Rule 102, paragraph 6, and ISU Communication No. 2508 (or any further updates of this Communication) are respected.

6.2. Citizenship/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedures

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2526 (or any further update of this Communication), all Competitors who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such a nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

6.3. Expenses

Expenses as mentioned in Rule 137, paragraph 10 f) and g) will be paid only for one Team leader and for Skaters competing in the Championships, not for substitutes who do not compete.

Seoul,
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