

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2017/18, including International Competitions for "Neo-seniors"

1. General Conditions

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup will be organized as a series of International Competitions subject to regulations given in this ISU Communication. The ISU Junior World Cup is an ISU Event, financially supported through the ISU Development Program. Relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations apply, in particular Rules 105, 106 and 136. Rule 223, paragraph 1.b) and 1.c) regarding national team uniforms will apply with the adjustments as mentioned in 2c) below.
As per Rule 105, paragraph 1.a), the national (domestic) TV rights and advertising rights for each Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup 2017/18 belong to the organizing ISU Member. Before concluding any commercial agreements the organizers should, however, consult the ISU Director General in order to prevent conflicts with ISU contracts. The international TV rights belong to the ISU. If a TV production is available then the organizers shall provide the international TV signal at no cost to the ISU and its designated TV companies.
- b) Each Competition of the ISU Junior World Cup 2017/18 will include races for juniors (as defined in Rule 108 and paragraph 2.d) below) and for "neo-seniors" (as defined in paragraph 2.d) below), organised in two separate divisions with separate list of results and rankings. Both divisions, to be named "Juniors" and "Neo-seniors", are considered to be part of the same ISU Event, and are governed by the same rules and regulations, if not otherwise specified in this Communication.
- c) An ISU Memorandum specifying obligations and guidelines for the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2017/18 will be available to the hosting ISU Members and the Organizing Committees.
- d) For each Competition in the ISU Junior World Speed Skating 2017/18 the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee assigns a Representative, who shall observe that the competitions are conducted in accordance with this Communication, ISU statutes and the ISU Memorandum.
- e) In this Communication the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2017/18 is sometimes referred to with the shorter term "ISU Junior World Cup" and the abbreviation "JWC". The terms "Juniors" and "Neo-seniors" will refer to the races and rankings of the two respective divisions.

2. Basic competition rules

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup consists of a series of Competitions for the following distances/events:

<u>Ladies, individual events:</u>	500, 1000, 1500, 3000m and Mass start races (10 laps)
<u>Ladies, team events:</u>	Team Pursuit (6 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps);
<u>Men, individual events:</u>	500, 1000, 1500, 3000m and Mass start races (10 laps),
<u>Men, team events:</u>	Team Pursuit (8 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps),
- b) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2017/18 ranking for each distance/event is determined by the accumulated points for each Skater or national team (for Team Pursuit and Team Sprint) over the season.
- c) The competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members, subject to entry quotas and required qualifying times. Participating Competitors need to wear racing uniforms clearly identifying the ISU Member concerned.
- d) Participation in the Juniors division is open to Junior A and Junior B Skaters as per ISU Rule 108; this means Skaters born in the period 1 July 1998 – 30 June 2002, and also to Junior C Skaters (born between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003) who have reached the qualifying times required to be entered for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2018. Participation in the Neo-seniors division is open to Skaters born in the period 1 July 1994 – 30 June 1998.
- e) In each division the Competitors who currently have the highest rank on the distance concerned will skate in the last pair of the distance; the Competitors currently ranked 3rd and 4th will skate in the

second to last pair, etc. The same principle applies for the Team events. For Mass start, the start list and the line-up at the start for JWC-1 will be determined by lot and for the next events will be organized according to the current ranking of the division.

- f) Prize money as determined by the ISU and a special trophy for the winner and diplomas for 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for the overall classification of each distance/event of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2017/18. A special trophy for the winner and diplomas for 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for the overall classification of each distance/event of the Neo-senior division.

3. ISU Junior World Cup Competitions 2017/18

JWC	Dates	Place	Program
JWC-1	November 25 – 26, 2017	Inzell (GER)	Day 1: 1000, 3000, Team Sprint Day 2: 500, 1500, Mass start
JWC-2	January 27 – 28, 2018	Innsbruck (AUT)	Day 1: 1000, 3000, Team Sprint Day 2: 500, 1500, Mass start
JWC-3 "Final"	March 2 – 4, 2018	Salt Lake City (USA)	Day 1: 500, 3000, Day 2: 1000, Team Pursuit Day 3: 1500, Mass start

4. Entry Rules

4.1. Entries of Competitors

ISU Members must submit their entries using the *ISU Online entry system* at <http://www.isu.events>. The entries must indicate the event(s) to be skated by each entered Competitor, including maximum one substitute per event, and entries for team events. An entered Competitor may be replaced by an entered substitute not later than at the Team leaders' meeting preceding the draw for the distance. No substitutions will be accepted at the draw meeting. See also paragraph 6.1.

Replacement of a Competitor by an entered substitute *after the draw* may exceptionally be accepted, but only if the Referee has been duly informed **at least two hours before the start of the first race of the distance**, see also 6.3.e) below.

4.2. Entry quotas

- For *JWC-1 and JWC-2* an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 20 Competitors (10 Ladies, 10 Men).
 - A maximum number of Competitors for each individual event (distance) is listed in the table below.
 - For the Team events (Team Sprint and Team Pursuit) an ISU Member may enter maximum one team per gender per event in each division. A Junior Skater may take part in a team event in the Neo-senior division, but not vice versa.
- For the *JWC-3 "Final"* an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 16 Competitors (8 Ladies, 8 Men).
 - Only Skaters who have scored JWC points in the Neo-seniors division during the season 2017/18, may be entered for the Neo-senior division in the ISU Junior World Cup final 2017/18.
 - A maximum number of Competitors for each individual event (distance) is listed in the table below.
- Summary table of entry quotas for an ISU Member per division/gender/distance-event/

	500m, 1000m	1500m, 3000m	Mass start	Team events
Division "Juniors"				
Ladies	4 (3*)	3	2	1 team
Men	4 (3*)	3	2	1 team
Division "Neo-seniors"				
Ladies	4 (3*)	3	2	1 team
Men	4 (3*)	3	2	1 team

* Quota for *JWC-3 Final*

4.3. Qualifying times

Entered Skaters must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances:

a) Division "Juniors"

	JWC 1-2				JWC 3 (final)			
	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m
Ladies	45,00	1.30,00	2.20,00	5.00,00	42,50	1.25,00	2.12,00	4.45,00
Men	41,00	1.22,00	2.07,00	4.25,00	38,50	1.16,00	1.58,00	4.15,00
For Mass start or Team events any of the listed qualifying time limits apply								
Ladies	*Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member the following Qualifying times may apply for Mass start at JWC 3:						2.17,00*	
Men							2.03,00*	

b) Division "Neo-seniors"

	JWC 1-3			
	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m
Ladies	42,50	1.25,00	2.11,50	4.43,00
Men	37,50	1.15,00	1.56,50	4.08,00
For Mass start or Team events any of the listed qualifying time limits apply				

For a result to be a valid as a qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2016 and the entry deadline for the ISU Junior World Cup Competition concerned. Documentation (specifying date and venue of the competition) of the achieved time must be submitted together with the entries. Exceptionally, the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee may grant, upon evaluation at its discretion, an ISU Member the right to enter maximum one Skater per gender who has not achieved an applicable qualifying time. For the hosting ISU Member such an exception may be granted also for Junior C Skaters.

5. Competition formats and rules

5.1. Individual distances

- For each individual distance all entered Skaters compete together (in one division per age-gender category).
- Quartet starts should be used for the 3000m. Quartet may be used for the 1000m and 1500m.

5.2. Mass start races

Distances are 10 laps for Ladies and Men, in both divisions. The warm-up lane is considered as part of the racing track (if not otherwise decided by Referee and Representative of the ISU Technical Committee). Mass start races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rules 253, paragraph 4 b) and 265, paragraph 6 a) and d) and ISU Communication No. 2038 or later updates.

5.2.1. Entry rules and quota allocation for Mass start

- a) Maximum 28 Competitors will be admitted in each race.
- b) If the number of entered Skaters will exceed 28, quota places will be allocated as follows:
 - for both divisions in JWC-1, JWC-2 and for division "Juniors" in the JWC final each ISU Member will have the right to compete with at least one entered Skater, and the maximum number of entries for an ISU Member will be limited to 2 Skaters as described in Rule 243, paragraph 4.a);
 - for division "Neo-seniors" in the JWC Final quota places will be based on the current JWC ranking, within a maximum entry quota of 2 Skaters per ISU Member.
- c) In case of limitations of the overall number of Competitors, as per item b) above, the Team leaders will have to indicate at the Team leaders' meeting the priority order of their entered Competitors.

5.3. Team events

- a) Team Pursuit competitions will consist of national teams of 3 Skaters. Distances are 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.
- b) Team Sprint competitions over a total distance of 3 laps will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 261, paragraph 3, and Rule 265, paragraph 7, with national teams consisting of 3

Skaters. The following specific rules apply (further details and adjustments may be issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee).

- i. Teams will not be allowed on the warm-up lane while other teams are racing.
 - ii. No coaching from the ice and no team officials in the infield.
- c) The deadline for entry of names of the Skaters that may compete in the Team (possibly more than 3 names) will be announced by the Referee at the Team leaders' meeting the day before the Team event. A maximum of 1 Junior Skater can be entered to a Neo-senior team.
 - d) The final composition of the team shall be declared by the Team leader not later than 60 minutes before the start of the Team event concerned.
 - e) At the first JWC Competition in each Team event, the entered Teams in the Juniors division will be seeded according to the respective Team event ranking at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2017. Teams in the Neo-seniors division will be seeded by lot.
 - f) At the next Competition the entered Teams will be seeded according to the respective Team event ranking from the preceding JWC Competition. Unranked teams will be seeded thereafter by lot.
 - g) The starting order will be opposite to the ranking order of the participating Teams. The two best ranked (seeded) Teams will start in the last heat.

5.4. Demonstration events

Subject to the consent of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, the organizer of an ISU Junior World Cup Competition may add demonstration events to the program. Entry rules and conditions for demonstration events should be included in the announcement.

6. Drawing, composition of pairs and starting order

6.1. Draw meeting and Team leaders' meeting

- a) A Team leaders' meeting shall take place before each day of the Competition, with the purpose to confirm the final entries and to present race schedules and other logistical information.
- b) Each participating ISU Member is obliged to attend the Team leaders' meeting, but participation is restricted to one person (the officially entered Team leader or another person authorized by the Team leader).
- c) Before the first day of a Competition there will be an opening draw meeting to draw or to announce the composition and starting order of pairs. For the second day the start lists will be determined by the Referee based on the confirmed entries and the rules given below.

6.2. Drawing at the first Competition for the event

- a) Individual distances (both divisions): The entered Competitors are distributed in groups of 10 Skaters each based on their achieved qualifying times. Pairs are drawn within each group, and the group with the highest ranked Competitors shall be drawn last. In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair (from the first drawn group) will consist of a single Skater. Skaters from the same country (ISU Member) should not compete in the same pair.
- b) Mass start event: The position of Competitors at the start line is determined by lot.
- c) Team events: See paragraph 5.3 above.

6.3. Pairing and drawing at the following Competitions

- a) Competitors in each division shall be paired or (for Mass start) lined up at the start according to their ISU Junior World Cup rank, as follows:
 - Competitors or teams with JWC points will be ranked first, according to their current rank.
 - Competitors without JWC points will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved JWC result (time) 2017/18. For Mass start this further ranking will be determined by lot.
 - Competitors without results from JWC Competitions 2017/18 will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved qualifying time for the distance concerned.The starting order shall be opposite to the ranking order of the Competitors, so that the Competitors with the lowest rank start in the first pair, etc. The better ranked Competitor in a pair shall start in the inner lane.
- b) If a pair that is formed based on the JWC ranking will consist of two Skaters from the same ISU Member, the lowest ranked Skater in this pair will be moved to the earlier pair, and be replaced by the highest ranked Skater in that pair.
- c) In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair shall consist of a single Skater.

- d) In quartet starts the four Competitors with the best JWC ranking shall form the last quartet, and only the first quartet may be incomplete.
- e) In case of withdrawals after the draw meeting, pairs shall be rearranged according to ISU Rule 245, paragraph 3.

7. ISU Junior World Cup ranking system

7.1. Competitions counting

All competitions count for the JWC rankings for the respective events in each division. For the Team events (Team Sprint and Team Pursuit) the results are combined into one ISU Junior World Cup team events ranking.

7.2. Awarding of ISU Junior World Cup points (in each division)

JWC-1, 2

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

JWC-3 "Final"

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Points	150	120	105	90	75	67	60	54	48	42	36	31
Rank	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Points	27	24	21	18	15	12	9	6	4	3	2	1

7.3. Points for tied ranks

If two or more Skaters (or teams) have obtained the same rank in an event, each Skater (or team) will receive the full points scored for this tied rank.

7.4. ISU Junior World Cup ranking rules

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

- i) the Skater/Team with the higher number of JWC victories;
- ii) the Skater/Team with the higher score of points in one single Competition;
- iii) the Skater/Team with the higher score of points in the latest Competition held.

If none of the above criteria resolves the tie, the Skaters/Teams will have the same JWC rank.

8. Prizes

8.1. Prize money

In the Juniors division prize money will be awarded for the 3 best Skaters or Teams in the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking for each individual event (distance) and for the Team events:

Rank	Individual distances, incl. mass start	Team events – combined ranking (per Team)
1	CHF 800,-	CHF 2400,-
2	CHF 400,-	CHF 1500,-
3	CHF 250,-	CHF 1200,-

In case of ties, the prize money amount awarded will be the average amounts for the applicable ranks. The prize money is transferred by the ISU to the respective ISU Members on the conditions that apply for ISU Championships (see ISU Communication No. 1976 or later updates).

8.2. Other prizes

For each division a special trophy for the winner and diplomas for the 2nd and 3rd place in each event will be presented by the ISU based on the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking for the season 2017/18.

9. Cancellations

9.1. Cancellation of a Competition

If an organizing ISU Member considers it impossible to hold the ISU Junior World Cup Competition it has been allotted according to the schedule given in paragraph 3, it must urgently give the reasons in writing to the ISU Secretariat to permit the ISU to authorize the cancellation. If circumstances during a Competition would make it impossible to complete the scheduled race, the Referee in consultation with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee representative is authorized to cancel distances or races. The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee decides if cancelled distances or races shall be re-scheduled for another date and/or another venue.

9.2. Cancellation of status as an ISU Junior World Cup Competition

For each division, a Competition will retain its status as an ISU Junior World Cup Competition only if at least two ISU Members are represented with Competitors. JWC points will also not be awarded for events (distances) with Competitors from only one ISU Member.

10. Requirements for the organization of ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions

A Memorandum will be issued by the ISU containing details on the obligations of the organizers and guidelines for the organization of an ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competition. A summary is given below:

- a) The organizer is responsible for publishing the announcement for the Competition, in accordance with Rule 110 and guidelines given in the Memorandum. The draft announcement shall be submitted to the ISU Secretariat for approval by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, not later than two months before the Competition is to be held. The announcement must be published on the ISU Website not later than 45 days before the Competition together with other relevant information.
- b) For each Competition, one or two Referees, one or two Assistant Referees and three Starters are appointed by the ISU President. The appointed Referee(s) must be an ISU Referee for the season 2017/18, as listed in the annual ISU Communication. At least one of the appointed officials should belong to ISU Member(s) other than the hosting ISU Member. The organizers must provide the Referee with adequate secretariat assistance and computer support for the preparation and conduct of the draws (see also Rule 210, paragraph 1k).
- c) Automatic time-keeping (preferably transponder system) and the use of a photo-finish system is mandatory for the Mass start event. The connection to a scoreboard should be available if possible.
- d) Anti-doping tests shall be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communication Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 2100 or later updates).
- e) The organizer is responsible that appropriate accommodation is available for participants and Team leaders. For the participating teams the organizer is obliged to announce a set of guaranteed (maximum) board and lodging rates at available hotels (“official hotels”) as follows:
 - Hotel room rates for single and double rooms (without meals or only incl. breakfast)
 - Rates for full board and lodging (three meals per day).
- f) The organizer is obliged to pay or reimburse board and lodging expenses from dinner the evening before the first day of the Competition to breakfast (included) on the morning after the Competition for (up to) 3 Skaters or for two Skaters and one Team leader from each participating ISU Member. Reimbursement shall be based on the announced room rates for the applicable hotels, and calculated based on the expenses of up to 1 double and 1 single room.
- g) The organizer is responsible for covering expenses for board and lodging for the ISU appointed Officials (Referees and Starters) and for board and lodging for the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative.

- h) The organizer must provide a transportation service between the ice rink and the official hotel(s) during the period of the competitions and the announced training sessions. If possible, also the transportation of the teams should be arranged by the organizer from the nearest international airport. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the Competition.
- i) The organizer must provide ice-training possibilities for at least 3 hours during the last day prior to the JWC Competition. This period is restricted only to Skaters entered for the JWC Competition concerned. Trial starts must be organized preferably in both training sessions (in the morning and afternoon).
- j) Adequate safety protection must be in place at the rink during the official training and competition periods, as per guidelines given in the Memorandum and the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules.
- k) The organizer is obliged to forward to the ISU complete results of all races and **classifications** in appropriate digital form. The organizer is responsible that results are forwarded to international press and news service agencies.
- l) The organizer must pay a financial remuneration to the appointed Referees, Assistant Referees and Starters in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2096.

11. Distribution of results

The organizer of a Competition must immediately send complete results for the races (ranking lists with finishing times and results by pairs) by electronic mail to:

- ISU Secretariat prahin@isu.ch
- ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair kibalko@yahoo.com

The organizer should ensure that results are posted continuously during the Competition at an announced Internet website. The official protocol of results, in appropriate digital format, must be sent without delay to the ISU Secretariat in Lausanne.

12. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Coordination

Any questions concerning rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2017/18 should be addressed to:

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