

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 2118

ISU Speed Skating Championships 2018

Qualification process, entry quotas and entry procedures

Further to ISU Communication No. 2103 (Entries ISU Championships 2018), this Communication contains detailed information on the qualification process and entry procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships for the season **2017/18**, in accordance with relevant parts of the 2016 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2112 (ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2017/18).

1. Entry quotas for ISU Members

1.1. ISU European Single Distances Speed Skating Championships

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 5 of the 2016 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for a European ISU Member *at the ISU European Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2018* will be as follows:

- Maximum 3 Skaters for each of the following events: 500, 1000, 1500 (Ladies and Men), 3000 (Ladies) & 5000 (Men);
- Maximum 2 Skaters for the Mass start (Ladies and Men);
- Maximum one team for each of the Team events

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraph 3.2.1 the actual entry quotas for each event will be determined by the results from World Cup Competitions to be held during November and December 2017.

Each European ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Ladies and 10 Men. Maximum one (1) substitute can be entered for each event.

1.2. ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 7 of the 2016 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for an ISU Member *at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2018* will be limited to maximum 5 Skaters in total.

Summary table of entry quotas for an ISU Member per distance/event

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	Mass start	Team events
Ladies	5	4	4	4	---	2	1 team (4 Skaters)
Men	5	4	4	---	4	2	1 team (4 Skaters)

For the Allround event only Skaters who have been entered for all the four Single Distance events may be entered.

1.3. ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships

Entry quotas for the *ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2018* are determined in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 6 of the 2016 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating.

A total of 28 quota places per gender will be allocated, with a maximum entry quota of 3 Competitors per ISU Member, according to a special qualification ranking list (SQRL) based on results at the ISU World Cup Competition to be held in Erfurt (GER) on January 19-21, 2018. However, an ISU Member will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places based on results at the ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2017, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2103. For Ladies 15 quota places have been pre-allocated and for Men 15 quota places have been pre-allocated.

1.4. ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships

Entry quotas for the *ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2018* are determined in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 4 of the 2016 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating.

A total of 24 quota places per gender will be allocated, with a maximum entry quota of 3 Competitors per ISU Member, according to a special qualification ranking list (SQRL) based on results at the ISU World Cup Competition to be held in Erfurt (GER) on January 19-21, 2018. However, an ISU Member will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places based on results at the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2017, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2103. For Ladies 10 quota places have been pre-allocated and for Men 11 quota places have been pre-allocated.

2. Qualifying times

To qualify for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships, Skaters must have achieved certain Qualifying times (Rule 208, paragraph 2). Results achieved under the same conditions as required for valid Qualifying times will be used also for seeding purposes and to determine the grouping of Skaters for the drawing of pairs for distances where no specific qualifying time limit applies (Rules 240, 242 and 243).

2.1. Required Qualifying times

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined Qualifying times required for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships 2018. 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 for ISU Speed Skating Championships 2018:

a) ISU European Single Distances Speed Skating Championships

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying time indicated for the event concerned:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m
<i>Ladies</i>	40,00 (40,50)	1.20,00 (1.21,00)	2.03,00 (2.05,00)	4.24,00 (4.28,00)	
<i>Men</i>	36,20 (36,60)	1.11,90 (1.12,80)	1.51,00 (1.52,50)	----	6.48,00 (6.52,00)
<i>For the Mass start and Team events: any one of the above distances Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:</i>					
<i>Ladies</i>		2.10,00			
<i>Men</i>		1.57,50			

b) ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships:

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following Qualifying times:

Ladies: 500m: 40.00 (40,50) or 1000m: 1.20,00 (1.21,00)
Men: 500m: 36,20 (36,60) or 1000m: 1.11,90 (1.12,80)

c) ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships:

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following qualifying time:

Ladies: 3000m only: 4.24,00 (4.28,00)
 Men: 5000m only: 6.48,00 (6.52,00)

d) ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

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

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	<i>For the Allround Championship event</i>
<i>Ladies</i>	42,50	1.25,00	2.12,00	4.45,00	----	a Skater must have achieved the listed qualifying time for all the Single Distance Championship events.
<i>Men</i>	38,50	1.16,00	1.58,00	----	7.05,00 or 4.05,00 over 3000m	
<i>For the Mass start and Team events: any one of the above distances Qualifying times apply.</i>						
Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member the following Qualifying times may apply:						
<i>Ladies</i>			2.17,00			
<i>Men</i>			2.03,00			

2.2. Conditions for valid qualifying times

- a) The result must have been achieved 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. 2107 (or, when applicable, in ISU Communication No. 2029 for the season 2016/17);
- b) Automatic timekeeping (Rule 251) must have been used in the Competition concerned.
- c) For a Skater to be qualified for participation in ISU Championships with required qualifying times as listed in paragraph 2.1 above, results achieved since July 1, 2016 may be considered.
- d) Only qualifying times achieved since July 1, 2017 will be considered for the grouping of Skaters for the drawing of distances. However, for the ISU World Junior Championships results achieved since July 1, 2016 will be considered for the grouping.

3. Qualification process for quota places

3.1. ISU European Single Distances Speed Skating Championships

- a) For each event, quota places will be determined by the results from the four ISU World Cup Competitions to be held during November and December 2017 (for detailed program and entry quotas of these Competitions, see ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraph 3). In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 3 of the 2016 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, a special ranking list (SQRL) will be established, partly based on the World Cup points and partly based on the times achieved by the Competitors at these World Cup Competitions.
- b) Quota places for each event will be allocated based on the SQRL, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 3 of the 2016 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating. A reserve list of 6 reserve quota places for each of the individual events and 3 reserve quota places for the Team Pursuit event will be established based on the SQRL. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for European ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place. However, if the hosting European ISU Member has its best ranked Skater or Team in the reserve list, then the hosting European ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place for the event, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

3.2. ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships

Quota places will be allocated based on results from the ISU World Cup Competition to be held in Erfurt (GER) on January 19-21, 2018 (for detailed program and entry quotas for this Competition, see ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraph 3), according to the following procedure:

- a) For each Competitor at this World Cup Competition total points for two distances will be calculated (according to Rule 265, paragraph 3) based on the fastest time of the Skater in the 500m and the fastest time of the Skater in the 1000m at the Competition;
- b) 28 quota places will then be allocated to the ISU Members based on this special points ranking list (SQRL) in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 6 of the 2016 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, as follows:
 - Maximum 3 Competitors (the three best) from each ISU Member will count in the ranking;
 - ISU Members will in any case keep their pre-allocated quota places according to ISU Communication No. 2103. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 28 best in the SQRL compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned;
 - When 28 quota places thus have been allocated, a reserve list of 6 quota places will be established based on the further SQRL ranking order. 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.

3.3. ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships

Quota places will be allocated based on results from the ISU World Cup Competition to be held in Erfurt (GER) on January 19-21, 2018 (for detailed program and entry quotas for this Competition, see ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraph 3), according to the following procedure:

- a) For each Competitor at this World Cup Competition total points for two distances will be calculated (according to Rule 265, paragraph 3), for Ladies based on the time of the Skater in the 1500m and in the 3000m, for Men based on the time of the Skater in the 1500m and the 5000m;
- b) 24 quota places will then be allocated to the ISU Members based on this special points ranking list (SQRL), in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 4 of the 2016 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, as follows:
 - Maximum 3 Competitors (the three best) from each ISU Member will count in the ranking;
 - ISU Members will in any case keep their pre-allocated quota places according to ISU Communication No. 2103. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 24 best in the SQRL compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned;
 - When 24 quota places thus have been allocated, a reserve list of 6 quota places will be established based on the further SQRL ranking order. 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.

4. Preliminary and final 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 on Declaration forms.

4.1. Preliminary entries

The preliminary entry shall give realistic information of the number of Competitors, with provisional names, that the ISU Member intends to enter for the Championships, with indication (when relevant) of participation in the respective events of the Championships.

4.2 Final entries

Based on the entry quotas as determined according to Sections 1 and 3 above, the final entries of Competitors, including maximum one substitute per event, are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member. However, all entered Competitors must have achieved the Qualifying time limits set by the ISU for the respective events, as specified in Section 2 above. A maximum of one substitute may be entered for each Championship or Championship event.

a) ISU European Single Distances Speed Skating Championships, ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships and ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships:

- Information on allocation of quota places will be issued by the ISU following the conclusion of the qualification process as described in Section 3 above.
- The final entries cannot exceed the number of allocated quota places, including reserve quota places, for the Championship or (for the ISU European Single Distances Championships) the event.
- 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.

b) 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 may request verification of the identity and the date of birth of any entered Competitor, as a condition for accepting the entry.
- A Skater will be considered as entered for the Allround Championship event if, and only if, the Skater is entered for all four individual Championship events which constitute the Allround event program.
- ISU Members must indicate in the Final entries if they will take part in the Team Pursuit event and/or the Team Sprint event. The final entries of the team participants will be confirmed only at the Team leaders' meeting prior to the event.

5. Other conditions

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 223, paragraph 1 c) and d). This applies both for individual distances and for Team events (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. 2055 are respected.

Citizenship/Residence requirements and clearance procedure: In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030 (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.

Expenses will be paid only for Competitors participating in the Championships, not for substitutes who do not compete (see Rule 137, paragraph 10 f)).

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