

GUIDELINES FOR ISU EVENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Sport Specific Annex – Speed Skating

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SPORT SPECIFIC ANNEX – SPEED SKATING

MASKS

- Skaters are exempted from wearing masks/mouth-nose face protection:
- Training on-ice
- Last preparation/warm-up before race infield
- Competing on-ice
- **The 3 medalists taking part in a Victory Ceremony on ice**
- Starters are exempted from wearing masks/mouth-nose face protection when officiating. Referees shall always wear masks/mouth-nose face protection when officiating infield.

ACCREDITATION

Only the following number of Team Officials can receive an accreditation:

Type	Number of accreditations per Competition
Team Leader	1 accreditation
Coaches, medical & technical staff	1 competitor* - 1 accreditation 2 to 3 competitors - 2 accreditations 4 to 6 competitors - 3 accreditations 7 to 9 competitors - 4 accreditations 10 to 11 competitors - 5 accreditations 12-13 competitors - 6 accreditations 14-15 competitors - 7 accreditations 16-17 competitors - 8 accreditations 18-19 competitors - 9 accreditations 20-21 competitors - 10 accreditations ..etc.

* Competitor = competing skater (substitutes excluded)

Event attendees may pick up their accreditation when in compliance with article G of the ISU General Guidelines

DAILY INFIELDPASS DISTRIBUTION

Type	Number of infield passes
Athletes	Equal to the number of competing skaters on respective day
Medical & technical staff	Only 1 medical and 1 technical team official allowed infield. Only a limited number of Coaches shall be allowed infield during Araces (number to be approved by ISU TC Representative and ISU Event Manager), other Coaches and other team staff must stay around the ice track behind the padding mats. Entrance to ice possible only from outside of the ice

It is strictly forbidden to exchange infield passes between different persons.

If a maximum number of persons allowed at the same time in the venue is set by the Public Health Authorities of the hosting ISU Member, the ISU Event Manager in agreement with the OC Covid-19 Responsible Manager will issue the necessary guidelines.

ACCREDITED PERSONS' CONDUCT

- Dry warm up/cooling down before/after ice training or competition inside the venue shall respect the time schedule published.
- All equipment brought to the facility by Skaters, Team Officials, ISU Officials should be packed together in one bag.
- Sharing of individual equipment is prohibited, in particular ensuring that water bottles, cups and helmets are not shared. If bikes are used by several athletes for warming up, the handlebars and the seat must be cleaned by the Skater with sanitizer after each use, it is also strongly recommended that Skaters are also cleaning handlebars and seat before warming-up. Wipes and sanitizer to be provided by the OC.
- When the mask is removed for training or competition, it must be stored in a separate bag (ziplock or similar) and not left on benches, chairs or on the floor.
- It is recommended for Skaters to bring their own armbands, red and white without any logos or trademarks, as well as blue and yellow for B Division Skaters and Team races.
- VIP Guests accredited as Event attendees shall be restricted and will undergo daily rapid antigen testing the same way as all competition participants.
- Infield presence shall be restricted to a minimum.

VENUE FACILITIES

Dressing rooms

- Social distancing must be respected in the dressing rooms.
- If possible and available, areas with temporary division walls shall be identified and installed to separate each single team.
- If large dressing rooms are available, it may be divided into two or more separate areas using temporary division walls.
- Each Skater shall clean his place when entering and leaving the dressing room.

Timing platform

- Table setups and working spaces shall respect social distancing. All details shall be defined with the ISU Event Manager.
- Access to the platform, other than those operating, is prohibited.

Training

- For weight room training, if applicable, the maximum number of persons allowed at the same time shall respect the local laws and rules.

Warm-up Area

- OC to provide access control for warm-up area to avoid too many people at the same time.
- OC to provide volunteers for the constant disinfection of the stationary bikes and/or other equipment.

FIELD OF PLAY Photographer's area

- On the photo stand, all available positions must be pre-marked based on the distance guidelines.

Media and TV

- In the Mixed Zone, the media representatives must always keep at least 1.5 meters distance from the Skaters and use different microphones, one for the journalist and one for the Skater. The Skater's microphone shall be cleaned and sanitized after each interview.

- Floor markings, plexi-glass dividers or fences must be placed.

Location/area for Team members filming races

- Pre-marked areas for each single team shall be identified.

Hospitality Lounges at ice rink (ISU/OC)

- There shall be NO ISU Lounge
- If the pandemic situation in the host country and local regulation allows, an OC Lounge may be organized under strict measures such as:
 - mask policy, keeping social distance, limited number of people, sanitizers
 - Access to the Lounge(s) will only be allowed for fully Covid-19 vaccinated and/or Covid-19 recovered guests; Accepted vaccines are those which are recognized in the respective host country.
 - NO Team Members, Officials (except ISU Representative) or Event Attendees, who are in contact with Teams and Officials, can have access to the Lounge(s).
 - The invitation to access the Lounge(s) shall be limited to ticket holders only, who have no access to the backstage area of the Event.
 - The time spent in the Lounge(s) must be kept to a minimum.

MEETINGS Team Leaders Meeting and Opening Draw

- It is highly recommended to organize these meetings virtually, i.e. Zoom video conference, Microsoft Teams, etc.
- If a meeting room of adequate size is available in the hotel or at the ice rink, the room must be prepared with at least 1.5 meters between each seat and each row of seats.
- One (1) Team leader or Coach per ISU Member is allowed.

Technical and Medical Meetings (held before the start of the Event)

- It is highly recommended to organize these meetings virtually, i.e. Zoom video conference, Microsoft Teams, etc.
- If a meeting room of adequate size is available in the hotel or at the ice rink, the room must be prepared with at least 1.5 meters between each seat and each row of seats.
- The number of participants shall be restricted at a maximum.

Non-Event related Meetings

- Non-event related meetings should not be held at an ISU Speed Skating Event, including ISU Dinner, Officials Dinner and Closing Dinner/Closing Banquet.