

Communication No. 2550

ISU WORLD STANDINGS and ISU SEASON'S WORLD RANKING FOR SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE

(Replaces ISU Communication 1629)

This Communication explains the principles of the ISU World Standings and The ISU World Rankings.

- the **“ISU World Standings”** which is taking into account results of the preceding two seasons and the current season and remains the basis for the draws at ISU Events or to establish the starting orders and part of the criteria for the selection of competitors for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and other ISU Events designated by the Council.

and

- the **“ISU Season’s World Ranking”** which is based on the results of the current ongoing season only. It has the main purpose to reflect the current competitive performances of the skaters and give the public and the media an indication of the current actual competitiveness of the skaters.

Compared to Communication No. 1629, an independent ISU World Standings and ISU Season’s World Ranking for Juniors has been established and a point system for International Junior Competitions has been introduced.

1. ISU World Standings for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance

1.1. Objectives

To present an objective and accountable standings system for all skaters in Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance during a particular season which takes into account the results of the preceding two seasons ensuring that skaters who were unable to compete for a certain period of time remain in the ISU World Standings and are considered according to their true basic competitiveness. The ISU World Standings (overall) are used as basis for all draws of the first segment or to establish the starting order at ISU Events as well as one of the skater's selection criteria for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and other ISU Events designated by the Council.

The ISU World Standings Junior is established to show an independent accountable standing system for all Junior skaters in Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance based on results of the Junior age category only during a particular season which takes into account the results of the preceding two seasons ensuring that skaters who were unable to compete for a certain period of time remain in the ISU World Standings and are considered according to their true basic competitiveness. The ISU World Standings Junior is used as basis for the draw of the first segments at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships.

1.2. Principles

1.2.1. Based on results of the preceding two seasons and the current season, weighted with a different percentage (factor) see paragraph 4.5.

1.2.2. The number of points to score for each competitor/couple depends on
a) the final placement.
b) the total amount of points designated for that particular event.

1.2.3. There will be an ISU World Standings (overall standings Senior and Junior combined) and an independent ISU World Standings for Juniors.

1.2.4. Within the preceding two seasons and the current season the following events will be considered for the ISU World Standings order, season's factors as per 4.5 to be considered:

a) ISU World Standings (overall standings Senior and Junior combined)

i. ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games:

The best result by points per season; the best two results by points over a period not longer than two completed seasons plus the current season.

ii. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final:

The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than two completed seasons plus the current season.

iii. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final:

The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season.

iv. International Competitions Senior (including ISU Challenger Series Competitions) and Junior:

The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season.

b) ISU World Standings Junior

i. ISU World Junior Championships:

The best result by points per season; the best two results by points over a period not longer than two completed seasons plus the current season.

ii. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final:

The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season.

iii. International Competitions Junior:

The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season.

1.2.5. After the current season's ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the longest standing results (i.e., those from 3 seasons before the current season) will be deleted.

1.2.6. Pairs and Ice Dance couples with a new partner will start with 0 points. There is no transfer of points to either partner; the previous partnership will be removed from the World Standings.

1.2.7. The ISU World Standings order will be updated after each event mentioned in paragraph 3.

2. ISU Season's World Ranking for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance

2.1. Objectives

To present to the public at large and the media, an acceptable and accountable standings system of all skaters in Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance **for the current season giving an indication of the current actual competitiveness of the skaters.**

As this ranking order does not protect skaters who were unable to participate in events of the previous season(s), only the ISU World Standings as introduced under paragraph 1. of this Communication shall be used as the basis for the draws at ISU Events or to establish the starting orders at ISU Events and as a criteria for the skaters selection for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and other ISU Events designated by the Council.

2.2. Principles

2.2.1. Based on results of the current season.

2.2.2. The number of points to score for each competitor/couple depends on

- a) the final placement.
- b) the total amount of points designated for that particular event.

2.2.3. There will be an ISU Season's World Ranking (overall ranking Senior and Junior combined) and an independent ISU Season's World Ranking for Juniors.

2.2.4. Within the period as indicated above, the following events will be considered for the ranking order:

a) ISU Season's World Ranking (overall ranking Senior and Junior combined)

- i. **ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games:**
The best result by points of the current season.
- ii. **ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final:**
The two best results by points of the current season.
- iii. **ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final:**
The two best results by points of the current season.
- iv. **International Competitions Senior** (including ISU Challenger Series Competitions) **and Junior:**
The two best results by points of the current season.

b) ISU Season's World Ranking Junior

- i. **ISU World Junior Championships:**
The best result by points of the current season.
- ii. **ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final:**
The two best results by points of the current season.
- iii. **International Competitions Junior:**
The two best results by points of the current season.

2.2.5. Pairs and Ice Dance couples with a new partner will start with 0 points. There is no transfer of points to either partner; the previous partnership will be removed from the ISU Season's World Ranking.

2.2.6. The ISU Season's World Ranking order will be updated after each event mentioned in paragraph 3.

3. Eligible Events / Competitions and Condition

3.1. ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

3.2. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events (senior) including the Final.

3.3. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events including the Final.

3.4. International Competitions Senior (including ISU Challenger Series) and International Competitions Junior.

3.5. Minimum requirements for competitions under paragraph 3.4 to be eligible for points:

3.5.1. Number of competitors

At least the following minimum number of competitors **must finish the first segment** of the respective competition:

- Men / Women: minimum of eight skaters out of four ISU Members.
- Pair Skating: minimum of five couples out of three ISU Members.
- Ice Dance: minimum of six couples out of four ISU Members.

3.5.2. Composition of Technical Panel and Panel of Judges Challenger Series

The composition of the Technical Panel and Panel of Judges of each individual category must strictly follow the announcement of the ISU Challenger Series to be eligible for the point distribution in accordance with paragraph 5, Table of Point Distribution, column "CS".

3.5.3. Composition of Technical Panel and Panel of Judges International Competition

The Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the two (2) Technical Specialists) are from three (3) different ISU Members. In addition, the Technical Panel and the Panel of Judges must fulfill the requirements of rule 420.

It is recommended that participating ISU Members, before entering their skaters, check with the organizing Members of the respective International Competition whether the above-mentioned requirement will be fulfilled.

3.6. Regional International Competition (e.g., Nordics, Asian Winter Games etc.) or competitions, which are open only for special groups of skaters (e.g., Universiade, European Youth Olympic Festival, Olympic Qualifying Competition, etc..) and events with invitations only to designated Members (except the ISU Grand Prix events), etc. will **not** count for the ISU World Standings/Season's World Ranking.

4. Places considered for Points / Factors per year

4.1. ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games

- 4.1.1. World Figure Skating Championships.
- 4.1.2. Olympic Winter Games.
- 4.1.3. European Figure Skating Championships.
- 4.1.4. Four Continents Figure Skating Championships.
- 4.1.5. Junior World Figure Skating Championships.
- 4.1.6. Points for Events mentioned under paragraph 4.1.1 to 4.1.5 will be awarded to competitors having reached and finished the final Free Skating / Free Dance.

4.2. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final

- 4.2.1. Grand Prix of Figure Skating events places 1 – 8
- 4.2.2. Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final places 1 – 6
- 4.2.3. Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events places 1 – 10
- 4.2.4. Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final places 1 – 6

4.3. ISU Challenger Series Competitions

- 4.3.1. Men and Women places 1 – 8
- 4.3.2. Pair Skating places 1 – 5
- 4.3.3. Ice Dance places 1 – 6

4.4. International Competitions (Senior and Junior)

- International Competition with the restriction as to paragraphs 3.5.1 and 3.5.3 places 1 – 5

4.5. Weight (Factor) per season

- 4.5.1. Current and intermediate preceding season's earned points will count for 100 %
- 4.5.2. Previous season earned points will count for 70 %

5. Table of Point Distribution

Pl.	WC / OWG	EC / FC	WJC	GPF	GP	JGPF	JGP	CS	IC	JIC
1.	1200	840	500	800	400	350	250	300	250	100
2.	1080	756	450	720	360	315	225	270	225	90
3.	972	680	405	648	324	284	203	243	203	81
4.	875	612	365	583	292	255	182	219	182	73
5.	787	551	328	525	262	230	164	198	164	66
6.	709	496	295	472	236	207	148	178		
7.	638	446	266		213	186	133	160		
8.	574	402	239		191	167	120	144		
9.	517	362	215				108			
10.	465	325	194				97			
11.	418	293	174							
12.	377	264	157							
13.	339	237	141							
14.	305	214	127							
15.	275	192	114							
16.	247	173	103							
17.	222	156	93							
18.	200	140	83							
19.	180	126	75							
20.	162	113	68							
21.	146	102	61							
22.	131	92	55							
23.	118	83	49							
24.	106	74	44							
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WC World Championships
 EC European Championships
 WJC World Junior Championships

GPF Grand Prix Final
 JGPF Junior Grand Prix Final

CS Challenger Series

IC International Competition

OWG Olympic Winter Games
 FC Four Continents Championships

GP Grand Prix
 JGP Junior Grand Prix

JIC Junior International Competition

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