

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2015/16

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1. World Cup Competitions

The World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2015/16 will be presented under the title “ISU World Cup Short Track” and a specific logo. For the season 2015/16 the ISU has designated the following competitions as “World Cup Competitions”:

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>	
1	Montreal	CAN	October 30, 2015 Oct. 31/Nov 1, 2015	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
2	Toronto	CAN	November 6, 2015 November 7-8, 2015	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
3	Nagoya	JPN	December 4, 2015 December 5-6, 2015	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
4	Shanghai	CHN	December 11, 2015 December 12-13, 2015	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
5	Dresden	GER	February 5, 2016 February 6-7, 2016	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
6	Dordrecht	NED	February 12, 2016 February 13-14, 2016	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session

Organizers of these World Cup Competitions are required to observe the conditions of the 2014 ISU Regulations and the most recent edition of the Memorandum for hosting ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions.

2. Conditions

- All World Cup Competitions are held according to Rule 286.
- All World Cup Competitions shall be open to all ISU Members.
- The competitions will have a single distance character and are held in separate sessions. The first day is dedicated to the Qualifying Session. On the second and third day there will be Repechage Sessions preceding the World Cup Session on that day. Competitors who did not qualify for the Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters and Semi-Finals for 1500 in the World Cup Session, can enter the Repechage Session for the distance concerned, except those who were given a sanction (Rule 297, paragraph 5), did not start or failed to finish in the Qualifying Session. The maximum number of Competitors to enter the Repechage Session is 40.
- On the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters there will be A and B Finals. Skaters qualify for A and B Finals only through the Semi-Finals.
- B-Finals with two (2) or less Skater(s) will not be skated and the qualified Skater(s) will be assigned the first finish position for this race.
- The number of Qualifying Rounds, the number of Races per Round and the number of Skaters to qualify for the next round, for both the Qualifying Session and the Repechage Session, are specified by the Technical Committee.

g) Planned number of Athletes/Teams per Race:

	500	1000	1500	Relay
Preliminaries (Qualifying Session)	5	6	8	
Heats (Qualifying Session)	4	5	7	5
Repechage Session	5	6	8	
Quarter Finals (World Cup Session)	4 *)	5		
Semi Finals (World Cup Session)	4 *)	4 *)	6 *)	4
Finals (World Cup Session)	4 *)	4 *)	6 *)	4 *)

*) See Rule 295, paragraph 2.e)

- h) Expenses may be paid to Officials in accordance with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 137, paragraph 6.b) with details to be stated in the respective announcement.
- i) Anti-Doping tests will be carried out at each Competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 1923 or any further update of these Communications).
- j) An ISU Technical Committee Representative will be assigned in accordance with Rule 288.

3. Distances

World Cup	Individual Distances for Ladies and Men		Relay
	Day 1	Day 2	
1	1000 m, 1500 m	500 m, 1000 m	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men
2	500 m, 1500 m	500 m, 1000 m	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men
3	500 m, 1500 m	500 m, 1000 m	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men
4	1000 m, 1500 m	500 m, 1500 m	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men
5	1000 m, 1500 m	500 m, 1500 m	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men
6	1000 m, 1500 m	500 m, 1000 m	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men

4. Entries

- a) In accordance with Rule 286, paragraph 3, the entries shall be restricted to a maximum of six (6) Competitors per category (Ladies + Men) for each Member at each World Cup Competition for the season 2015/16;
- b) Individual entries for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters:
Three (3) Competitors per Member per distance per category. Any three (3) of the maximum six (6) may skate each distance.

On both Day 1 and Day 2 all six (6) Competitors may participate. However a Competitor may only participate in one distance of each of the 2 World Cup days. The number of Competitors actually entered for each day from each Member must be divided as equally as possible over both distances on that day;

Example

Member	Distance 1 (Day 1)	Distance 2 (Day 1)	Distance 3 (Day 2)	Distance 4 (Day 2)
A 6 Competitors	3	3	3	3
B 5 Competitors	2 or 3	3 or 2	2 or 3	3 or 2
C 4 Competitors	2	2	2	2
D 3 Competitors	1 or 2	2 or 1	1 or 2	2 or 1
E 2 Competitors	1	1	1	1

- c) In the case of an highly increased participation the Technical Committee may modify the entry criteria and limit the number of Competitors per Member.
- d) Relay entries: one (1) Team per Member of minimum 4, maximum 6 Competitors per category which are included in the Competitors entered under paragraph 4.a) above.
- e) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for the ISU World Cup Short Track.
- f) By making an entry for a World Cup Competition the Member confirms that if qualified the Member will participate in the Relay competition at the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2016. The Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU in writing before the last World Cup Competition of the season (Rule 286, paragraph 4a).
- g) By making an entry for a World Cup Competition on the territory of a European Member, the Member confirms that, if qualified, the Member will participate in the Relay Competition at the European Championships 2017. This does not apply if the 2017 European Championships are held after the World Cup Competitions in Europe during the season 2016/17. The Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU in writing before the last World Cup Competition of the season in Europe;

5. World Cup entries by Host Member

According to Rule 295, paragraph 2.j) the Host Member may enter one (1) Skater in each of the individual distances in each category in the World Cup Session, except during World Cup Competitions designated for Olympic Qualification. The entry of such a Skater must meet the following criteria:

- a) The Skater must be the highest ranked Skater of the Host Member in the World Cup Ranking List over the distance concerned, or the best Skater of the Host Member as proven by the results in International or national Competitions.
- b) If the Skater is not the highest ranked Skater of the Host Member in the distance concerned, he/she must be approved by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee.
- c) The Host Member must specify for each of the distances whether they want to enter a Skater directly and specify the name and reason to the Representative of the Technical Committee before the date of the closing of entries, i.e. 5 days before the first day of the Competition.

6. Lane Positions

In each round, the lane positions will be assigned in accordance with Rule 296, paragraph 6. In addition to this Rule, the following criteria shall be observed for Quarter-Finals over 500 and 1000 meters and for Semi-Finals over 1500 meters:

Only times from the Qualifying Session shall be used to determine the Lane Positions. If no times are available from the Qualifying Session, then the best time skated in the Repechage Round shall be used. If Skaters have no time recorded, for instance by being declared finished or by being placed in the race using a Wild Card, it is assumed that the Skater(s) concerned have no time resulting from their own performance and consequently will be assigned the last lane position (this does not apply for cases resulting from technical reasons as stated in Rule 296, paragraph 6).

7. Program

The program for each World Cup Competition is set as follows:

- Day -1
 - Official Training
 - Official Opening
- Day 0
 - Qualifying Session (all individual and relay distances)
- Day 1
 - Repechage Session over distances 1 and 2
 - WORLD CUP Session
- Day 2
 - Repechage Session over distances 3 and 4
 - WORLD CUP Session

The programs of the WORLD CUP Competitions are the following:

Qualifying Session – World Cup 1 and World Cup 6

Preliminaries	1000 (1)	Ladies
Preliminaries	1000 (1)	Men
Heats	1500	Ladies
Heats	1500	Men
Heats	1000 (1)	Ladies
Heats	1000 (1)	Men
Preliminaries	500	Ladies
Preliminaries	500	Men
Preliminaries	1000 (2)	Ladies
Preliminaries	1000 (2)	Men
Heats	500	Ladies
Heats	500	Men
Heats	1000 (2)	Ladies
Heats	1000 (2)	Men
Heats	Relay	Ladies
Heats	Relay	Men
Quarter-Finals	Relay	Ladies
Quarter-Finals	Relay	Men

Breaks and resurfaces during the Qualifying Session to be decided based on the actual number of races.

Repechage Session – World Cup 1 and World Cup 6

Day 1

Heats	1000	Ladies
Heats	1000	Men
Heats	1500	Ladies
Heats	1500	Men
Quarter-Finals	1000	Ladies
Quarter-Finals	1000	Men
Semi-Finals	1500	Ladies
Semi-Finals	1500	Men
Semi-Finals	1000	Ladies
Semi-Finals	1000	Men

Day 2

Heats	500	Ladies
Heats	500	Men
Heats	1000	Ladies
Heats	1000	Men
Quarter-Finals	500	Ladies
Quarter-Finals	500	Men
Quarter-Finals	1000	Ladies
Quarter-Finals	1000	Men
Semi-Finals	500	Ladies
Semi-Finals	500	Men
Semi-Finals	1000	Ladies
Semi-Finals	1000	Men

Resurfaces during Repechage Session to be decided based on the actual number of races.

World Cup Session – World Cup 1 and World Cup 6

Day 1

#	Round	Distance	Category
4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Ladies
4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Men
	Resurface		
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Ladies
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Men
2	Semi-Finals	1000	Ladies
2	Semi-Finals	1000	Men
	Resurface		
1	Final B	1500	Ladies
1	Final A	1500	Ladies
1	Final B	1500	Men
1	Final A	1500	Men
1	Final B	1000	Ladies
1	Final A	1000	Ladies
1	Final B	1000	Men
1	Final A	1000	Men
	Resurface		
2	Semi-Finals Relay	3000	Ladies
2	Semi-Finals Relay	5000	Men

Day 2

#	Round	Distance	Category
4	Quarter-Finals	500	Ladies
4	Quarter-Finals	500	Men
4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Ladies
4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Men
	Resurface		
2	Semi-Finals	500	Ladies
2	Semi-Finals	500	Men
2	Semi-Finals	1000	Ladies
2	Semi-Finals	1000	Men
	Resurface		
1	Final B	500	Ladies
1	Final A	500	Ladies
1	Final B	500	Men
1	Final A	500	Men
1	Final B	1000	Ladies
1	Final A	1000	Ladies
1	Final B	1000	Men
1	Final A	1000	Men
	Resurface		
1	Final A Relay	3000	Ladies
1	Final A Relay	5000	Men
1	Final B Relay	3000	Ladies
1	Final B Relay	5000	Men

Qualifying Session – World Cup 2 and World Cup 3

Preliminaries	500 (1)	Ladies
Preliminaries	500 (1)	Men
Heats	1500	Ladies
Heats	1500	Men
Heats	500 (1)	Ladies
Heats	500 (1)	Men
Preliminaries	500 (2)	Ladies
Preliminaries	500 (2)	Men
Preliminaries	1000	Ladies
Preliminaries	1000	Men
Heats	500 (2)	Ladies
Heats	500 (2)	Men

Heats	1000	Ladies
Heats	1000	Men
Heats	Relay	Ladies
Heats	Relay	Men
Quarter-Finals	Relay	Ladies
Quarter-Finals	Relay	Men

Breaks and resurfaces during the Qualifying Session to be decided based on the actual number of races.

Repechage Session – World Cup 2 and World Cup 3

<i>Day 1</i>			<i>Day 2</i>		
Heats	500	Ladies	Heats	500	Ladies
Heats	500	Men	Heats	500	Men
Heats	1500	Ladies	Heats	1000	Ladies
Heats	1500	Men	Heats	1000	Men
Quarter-Finals	500	Ladies	Quarter-Finals	500	Ladies
Quarter-Finals	500	Men	Quarter-Finals	500	Men
Semi-Finals	1500	Ladies	Quarter-Finals	1000	Ladies
Semi-Finals	1500	Men	Quarter-Finals	1000	Men
Semi-Finals	500	Ladies	Semi-Finals	500	Ladies
Semi-Finals	500	Men	Semi-Finals	500	Men
			Semi-Finals	1000	Ladies
			Semi-Finals	1000	Men

Resurfaces during Repechage Session to be decided based on the actual number of races.

World Cup Session – World Cup 2 and World Cup 3

Day 1				Day 2			
#	Round	Distance	Category	#	Round	Distance	Category
4	Quarter-Finals	500	Ladies	4	Quarter-Finals	500	Ladies
4	Quarter-Finals	500	Men	4	Quarter-Finals	500	Men
	Resurface			4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Ladies
2	Semi-Finals	500	Ladies	4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Men
2	Semi-Finals	500	Men		Resurface		
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Ladies	2	Semi-Finals	500	Ladies
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Men	2	Semi-Finals	500	Men
	Resurface			2	Semi-Finals	1000	Ladies
1	Final B	500	Ladies	2	Semi-Finals	1000	Men
1	Final A	500	Ladies		Resurface		
1	Final B	500	Men	1	Final B	500	Ladies
1	Final A	500	Men	1	Final A	500	Ladies
1	Final B	1500	Ladies	1	Final B	500	Men
1	Final A	1500	Ladies	1	Final A	500	Men
1	Final B	1500	Men	1	Final B	1000	Ladies
1	Final A	1500	Men	1	Final A	1000	Ladies
	Resurface			1	Final B	1000	Men
2	Semi-Finals Relay	3000	Ladies	1	Final A	1000	Men
2	Semi-Finals Relay	5000	Men		Resurface		
				1	Final A Relay	3000	Ladies
				1	Final A Relay	5000	Men
				1	Final B Relay	3000	Ladies
				1	Final B Relay	5000	Men

Qualifying Session – World Cup 4 and World Cup 5

Preliminaries	1000	Ladies
Preliminaries	1000	Men
Heats	1500 (1)	Ladies
Heats	1500 (1)	Men

Heats	1000	Ladies
Heats	1000	Men
Preliminaries	500	Ladies
Preliminaries	500	Men
Heats	1500 (2)	Ladies
Heats	1500 (2)	Men
Heats	500	Ladies
Heats	500	Men
Heats	Relay	Ladies
Heats	Relay	Men
Quarter-Finals	Relay	Ladies
Quarter-Finals	Relay	Men

Breaks and resurfaces during the Qualifying Session to be decided based on the actual number of races.

Repechage Session – World Cup 4 and World Cup 5

Day 1

Heats	1000	Ladies
Heats	1000	Men
Heats	1500	Ladies
Heats	1500	Men
Quarter-Finals	1000	Ladies
Quarter-Finals	1000	Men
Semi-Finals	1500	Ladies
Semi-Finals	1500	Men
Semi-Finals	1000	Ladies
Semi-Finals	1000	Men

Day 2

Heats	500	Ladies
Heats	500	Men
Heats	1500	Ladies
Heats	1500	Men
Quarter-Finals	500	Ladies
Quarter-Finals	500	Men
Semi-Finals	1500	Ladies
Semi-Finals	1500	Men
Semi-Finals	500	Ladies
Semi-Finals	500	Men

Resurfaces during Repechage Session to be decided based on the actual number of races.

World Cup Session – World Cup 4 and World Cup 5

Day 1

#	Round	Distance	Category
4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Ladies
4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Men
Resurface			
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Ladies
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Men
2	Semi-Finals	1000	Ladies
2	Semi-Finals	1000	Men
Resurface			
1	Final B	1500	Ladies
1	Final A	1500	Ladies
1	Final B	1500	Men
1	Final A	1500	Men
1	Final B	1000	Ladies
1	Final A	1000	Ladies
1	Final B	1000	Men
1	Final A	1000	Men
Resurface			
2	Semi-Finals Relay	3000	Ladies
2	Semi-Finals Relay	5000	Men

Day 2

#	Round	Distance	Category
4	Quarter-Finals	500	Ladies
4	Quarter-Finals	500	Men
Resurface			
2	Semi-Finals	500	Ladies
2	Semi-Finals	500	Men
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Ladies
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Men
Resurface			
1	Final B	500	Ladies
1	Final A	500	Ladies
1	Final B	500	Men
1	Final A	500	Men
1	Final B	1500	Ladies
1	Final A	1500	Ladies
1	Final B	1500	Men
1	Final A	1500	Men
Resurface			
1	Final A Relay	3000	Ladies
1	Final A Relay	5000	Men
1	Final B Relay	3000	Ladies
1	Final B Relay	5000	Men

Warm Up sessions may be scheduled at the beginning of each days program but are limited to 10 minutes per session. The number of warm up groups is limited to two (2) per category/distance.

The Organizing Committee may determine the starting times on each day in consultation with the ISU. No other Short Track Speed Skating events are allowed in the same facility during the World Cup Competitions.

8. Announcement

Each organizer of the above mentioned World Cup Competitions will send an Announcement to the ISU Secretariat for publication on the ISU Website (see Rule 110).

9. Drawing and progression

The make-up of the first Qualifying Round of each distance shall be based on the current World Ranking List over the distance following the principles of Rule 296, of the 2014 ISU Regulations. Progression to subsequent Qualifying Rounds shall be according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

From the Qualifying Sessions for 500 and 1000 meters a number of Skaters (see Qualifying Tables) will qualify for the Quarter-Finals during the World Cup Session. If the Host Member does not use its right to enter one (1) Skater to these Quarter-Finals then the number of Skaters to qualify for the Quarter-Finals over 500 and 1000 meters will be adjusted.

Similarly the number of Skaters to qualify for the 1500 meters Semi-Finals is specified in the Qualifying Tables. From the Repechage Session the winners of the Semi-Finals will qualify for the World Cup Session. Advancements from the last round in the Qualifying Session and/or the Repechage Session are not included in these numbers.

10. Classifications at each World Cup Competition

The Distance Classifications over the Individual Distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters will follow the Rules for Distance Classifications (see Rule 295, paragraph 6)

- First to be listed will be Competitors who have qualified for the World Cup in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 6, using the results of the World Cup Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session.
Any Competitor who received a penalty, did not start or failed to finish in the first round of the World Cup Session will be ranked last in this group. If this applies to more than one Competitor, they will be ranked according to their results within the Qualifying Session.
- Then the remaining Competitors who have participated in the Repechage Session will be ranked in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 6, using the results of the Repechage Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session.
Any Competitor who was given a penalty, did not start or failed to finish in the first round of the Repechage Session will be ranked last in this group. If this applies to more than one Competitor they will be ranked according to their results in the Qualifying Session.
- Any remaining Competitor will be ranked in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 6, using the results in the Qualifying Session.
- Any Competitor who was shown a yellow card (Rule 297, paragraph 5) or failed to finish in the first round of the Qualifying Session will not be ranked, will not receive any World Cup points but will be listed as having participated.
- Any Competitor who was shown a red card (Rule 297, paragraph 5) will not be listed.
- Competitors who have been entered but did not start, due to whatever reason, will not be listed.

The Distance Classifications over the Relay Distances will follow the Rules for Distance Classifications (see Rule 295, paragraph 6)

For each of the distances, medals will only be awarded to Skaters in A Finals.

11. Points scoring

- a) The points scoring for each of the above Distance Classifications (see paragraph 8) at World Cup Competitions is as follows:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	10000	16	352	31	14
2	8000	17	281	32	13
3	6400	18	225	33	12
4	5120	19	180	34	11
5	4096	20	144	35	10
6	3277	21	115	36	9
7	2621	22	92	37	8
8	2097	23	74	38	7
9	1678	24	59	39	6
10	1342	25	47	40	5
11	1074	26	38	41	4
12	859	27	30	42	3
13	687	28	24	43	2
14	550	29	19	44	1
15	440	30	15	45	1

- b) Points are awarded only if ranked on the respective classification of that Competition.
c) In the case of a tie the higher number of ranking points shall be awarded to both Skaters/Teams, for example in the case of a tie for second places the points will be 10000, 8000, 8000, 5120, etc.

12. World Cup Classification

- a) For the purpose of establishing the World Cup Classifications over the Individual Distances, only the best six (6) results from the possible eight (8) Distance Classifications at World Cup Competitions will be considered.
b) For the purpose of establishing the World Cup Classifications over the Relay Distances, only the best four (4) results from the possible six (6) Distance Classifications at World Cup Competitions will be considered.
c) For the purpose of establishing the Special Classifications over the Relay Distance to qualify for the European Championships a Distance Classification will be used with only European Members and the total of World Cup Points will be calculated over the Competitions concerned.

13. ISU Shanghai Trophy

The Overall World Ranking List (see Rule 286, paragraph 9.d) will be used to determine the participants invited to the ISU Shanghai Trophy in March 2016.

14. Prize Money

Prize Money will only be distributed for Final World Cup Classifications after all World Cup Competitions of the season are concluded. The amounts are as follows:

	500 m				1000 m				1500 m			
	Men		Ladies		Men		Ladies		Men		Ladies	
1 st place	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000
2 nd place	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000
3 rd place	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000
4 th place	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500
5 th place	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250
6 th place	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000
7 th place	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750
8 th place	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500
9 th place	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250
10 th place	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000

	Relay			
	Men		Ladies	
1 st place	US\$	6000	US\$	6000
2 nd place	US\$	5000	US\$	5000
3 rd place	US\$	3000	US\$	3000
4 th place	US\$	2000	US\$	2000
5 th place	US\$	1250	US\$	1250

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