



# ISU WORLD CUP SHORT TRACK

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING COMPETITION

**BEIJING, CHN**  
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# ANNOUNCEMENT



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On behalf of Chinese Skating Association, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

**ISU World Cup Short Track 2021/22**

**which will be held at the Capital Indoor Stadium,**

**Beijing, China**

**on October 21 – 24, 2021**

**General Regulations**

The competitions will be held under the 2021 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2407.

Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the ISU World Cup Short Track 2021/22 and will serve as Qualifying Competition for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

**Distances**

Individual 500, 1000, 1500 meters Ladies and Men

Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men, Mixed Team Relay

**Program**

Wednesday, October 20 <sup>th</sup> 2021	[08:00]	Official Practice
Thursday, October 21 <sup>st</sup> 2021	[TBA*]	Qualifying session Individual & Relay
Friday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2021	[TBA*]	Qualifying session Individual & Relay
Saturday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2021	[TBA*]	Special Ranking Final session 1500 meters & 500 meters Ladies and Men
	[14:02]	World Cup session 1500 meters & 500 meters Ladies and Men Semi Finals 3000 meters Ladies Relay, 5000 meters Men Relay
Sunday, October 24 <sup>th</sup> 2021	[TBA*]	Special Ranking Final session 1000 meters Ladies and Men B Finals 3000 meters Ladies Relay, 5000 meters Men Relay
	[14:02]	World Cup session 1000 meters Ladies and Men Mixed Team Relay Semi Finals and Finals Relay 3000 meters Ladies and 5000 meters Men

\* Final starting times to be decided upon receipt of the number of final entries.

## Track Conditions

The Capital Indoor Stadium has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters within the protective padding. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 2365 (or any further update). The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

## Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating on [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org), section Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Preliminary Entries with the name list of Competitors (Maximum 10 men and 10 women including Substitutes) and Team Officials and Requirements of Accommodation must be sent together with electronic format pictures of each Team Member for whom an accreditation is requested to the Organizing Committee [wangzhenyang@beijing2022.cn](mailto:wangzhenyang@beijing2022.cn) not later than **September 6<sup>th</sup>**. The approved entry quotas and name list for each entered ISU member will be confirmed by the ISU and the Organizing Committee by **September 13<sup>th</sup>**.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System at the latest by 20:00 hrs (local time) on **October 16<sup>th</sup>** (see ISU Communication No. 2407, paragraph 5). Only Competitors and Team Officials named in the Preliminary Entries' list (submitted latest on September 6, 2021) can be submitted as Final Entries.

d) Please note that for all persons entered by the Members, the procedures regarding the Declaration for Competitors and Officials (all team Officials requiring an accreditation) entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication No. 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication No. 1628 or any update of this Communication.

## Visa Application

In face of the global outbreak of COVID-19, the previous visa to China will be invalid, and a single-entry visa will be required for this special period. The Visa Invitation Information Form has been sent to the ISU Members together with this announcement.

It must be completed and sent to [wangzhenyang@beijing2022.cn](mailto:wangzhenyang@beijing2022.cn) by latest **September 6<sup>th</sup>**, with scanned passport pictures. The Organizing Committee will issue Visa invitation letters to all participating ISU members by **September 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## Team Officials Accreditations

Following the ISU Guidelines for ISU Events during COVID-19 Pandemic, only the following number of Team Officials can receive an accreditation:

### For Teams entering 1 up to 6 Skaters

#	Function	Price	Accreditation Access
1	Team Leader	Free	Field of Play & Athlete Preparation Areas
1	Coach	Free	Field of Play & Athlete Preparation Areas
1	Doctor	Free	Field of Play & Athlete Preparation Areas
1	Physio	Free	Field of Play & Athlete Preparation Areas
1	Equipment Technician	Free	Field of Play & Athlete Preparation Areas

### For Teams entering 7 up to 12 Skaters

#	Function	Price	Accreditation Access
1	Team Leader	Free	Field of Play & Athlete Preparation Areas
2	Coaches	Free	Field of Play & Athlete Preparation Areas
1	Doctor	Free	Field of Play & Athlete Preparation Areas
2	Physios	Free	Field of Play & Athlete Preparation Areas
2	Equipment Technicians	Free	Field of Play & Athlete Preparation Areas
1	Team Video Specialist	Free	Athlete Preparation Areas and Spectators Stands

*Note: 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 Coordinator in agreement with the OC Covid19 Responsible Manager will issue the necessary guidelines.*

### Citizenships/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

### World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2407, paragraph 11.

### Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 2344 & 2366 or later updates).

## Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Wednesday, **October 20<sup>th</sup>** for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from Monday, **October 18<sup>th</sup>\*** to Tuesday, **October 19<sup>th</sup>**. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged 1400 RMB (approximate EUR € 180) *CIF*. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

*\*Extra practice on Monday may subject to change according to Figure Skating competition schedules and ice & FOP transition period, which will be decided at a later stage.*

## Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Chinese Skating Association and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto. All participants must have insurance which covers Covid-19 treatment in case of infection.

## Accommodation

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows:

Single Room (Per person, per night, full board):	CNY 1380
Twin Room (Per person, per night, full board):	CNY 990

\*Payment: Cash; in Chinese Yuan (RMB) or Credit card (Mastercard, Visa);

*NOTE: According to the close-loop management requirements, all participating athletes, team officials of this World Cup can ONLY stay in the official hotel to keep in the competition bubble. All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee. Besides Team Officials, all the other participants will be provided Twin Room ONLY.*

## Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotel:

**Xiyuan Hotel** ( 5 stars, 2 Km to the venue, about 5 mins ride by shuttle bus)

Address: No.1 Sanlihe Road, Haidian District, Beijing, China

Postcode: 100044, China

Telephone: +8610-68313388

## **Transportation**

The Organizing Committee will provide one transportation each way, free of charge, for each team between Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK) and to the official hotels. The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotel and Capital Indoor Stadium during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Monday, **October 18<sup>th</sup>** to Sunday, **October 24<sup>th</sup>**.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee [wangzhenyang@beijing2022.cn](mailto:wangzhenyang@beijing2022.cn) as soon as possible, but no later than **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

## **Impacts of COVID-19 on the Event**

During the current Covid-19 pandemic the health and safety of all participants at the ISU Events including the athletes, team members, officials, volunteers, service providers, broadcasters, media, and spectators needs to be given additional attention.

Therefore, each participant is required to carefully read the ISU Guidelines for ISU Events During COVID-19 pandemic (General Guidelines and Short Track specific Guidelines).

- ISU Guidelines for ISU Events During COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://isu.org/inside-isu/covid-19>

**As stated in the Guidelines, all accredited persons are obliged to stay within the official Event locations only (Ice Rink, Hotel, Official Transportation).**

Within the framework of the ISU World Cup Short Track Beijing, a “Competition Bubble” will be created and aimed at minimizing the risk for skaters and team members of either being infected or infecting other people directly or indirectly (people in contact with skaters and team members) and at restricting the number of persons identified as close contacts in the event of infection. Current general COVID-19 countermeasures as below. Additional Covid-19 detailed information will be released prior to the start of the Competition.

### **1.General Policy on Exit and Entry Management**

All Test Event participants need to conduct a daily health monitoring at least 14 days before departure for China. They must provide true and actual information on their health status and update such information accordingly. They must declare that they have no contact with any person infected with COVID-19 and no symptoms of fever and/or cough within the last period of 14 consecutive days before boarding their flight to Beijing. All participants from abroad are required to minimize their stay in China. They are required to leave China at the earliest convenience after the competition. Nucleic acid testing services and test proof will be provided to persons who may need them before departure from China.

### **2.Entry Management Policy for Test Event participants**

A category-based management and relative prevention and control measures will be implemented for all related personnel of Test Event.

**All athletes** who can be vaccinated shall get full vaccination at least 14 days before departure for China.

Unvaccinated athletes shall provide documents stating the reason and a diagnostic report before **September 6<sup>th</sup>**.

For the athletes who had infected COVID-19, please provide before **September 6<sup>th</sup>** diagnostic certificates and negative test results for a period of more than 30 days. Please refer to the relevant policy information of Chinese embassies and consulates in your country or region, and prepare the required materials in advance to applying for visas and health codes in China.

**All other participants** must get fully vaccinated at least 14 days before departure for China. Vaccination certificates for vaccines approved by international, national or regional health authorities will be accepted.

All participants shall send a scanned copy of vaccination certificate and other relevant documents to the Organizing Committee [wangzhenyang@beijing2022.cn](mailto:wangzhenyang@beijing2022.cn) . It is strongly recommended to submit this before **September 6<sup>th</sup>**. For those being in the vaccination process, this should be clarified in the Preliminary Entries name list and a later submission of certificates shall be accepted, but no later than **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Before boarding their flight to China, all participants are required to make a personal health declaration (as to whether they have been exposed to any person infected with COVID-19 and whether they have any symptoms of fever and/or cough). They must also provide certificate of negative nucleic acid test results and negative IgM anti-body test results for COVID-19. Both tests must be conducted within 48 hours before boarding.

Participants are required to wear a medical protective mask (N95 or KN95) for the whole duration of flight, except when eating or drinking. Other personal protective measures such as wearing face shield or goggles and regular hand washing are encouraged.

At the first port of entry (primarily Beijing), if the body temperature tested is equal or higher than 37.3°C, the person concerned will be transported to a designated hospital for further testing, diagnose and treatment. All other persons will go through a collection of nasopharyngeal swab for nucleic acid testing . After the sample collection, they will proceed through dedicated passages and directly go to the hotel by dedicated vehicles. Pending the test results, they must refrain from moving around in the hotel. They will be exempted from quarantine with a negative test result.

As a step to implement China's COVID-19 prevention and control protocols, competition participants must strictly comply with the COVID-19 prevention and control protocols and bubble-to-bubble administration measures in training, competition and other activities. They must not leave their residence, training or competition venues for participation of any event or activity. Daily health monitoring and nucleic acid test will be conducted regularly during their stay.

### **3. Bubble-to-bubble Management Policy**

A bubble-to-bubble management policy will apply to all Skaters and accredited team officials. Strict prevention and control measures will be applied in every step of their stay, including arrival and departure, transport, accommodation, food and drinks, training, competition, meetings and other events. They shall not go outside of the bubble, take public transport, or interact with people outside the bubbles. The same bubble-to-bubble management policy will also apply to Chinese athletes, officials, working and support staff who will have close contact with competition participants.

#### **4. Emergency Response Policy**

In case any person, object or environment is tested positive, an expert panel, which is composed of epidemic control and sports professionals, will conduct a prompt analysis and make a timely decision as to whether the person in question is eligible for continued participation in the Test Event and whether the whole competition continues. The situation will be reported to the Organizing Committee, ISU and related organizations and agencies, and the panel will then act in accordance with National Health policies and ISU Covid-19 guidelines with further details to be communicated.

#### **5. COVID-19 Control on an On-going Basis**

During their stay in China, all participants are required to strictly comply with the prevention and control protocols, such as mask wearing, frequent hand washing, constant room ventilation, cleaning and disinfection, cough etiquette, and physical distancing. They are also required to accept the supervision and follow the advice and guidance of the Organizing Committee staff.

#### **6. Cost Policy for the Tests**

The Organizing Committee will cover the cost of mandatory Covid-19 tests performed on-site in Beijing. Participants must cover the cost of Covid-19 tests and certificates prior to arrival in Beijing and after departure from Beijing.

#### **Flight Information**

The Organizing Committee is looking into options how attendees would be able to enter China and specifically directly Beijing without quarantine. The OC will coordinate with Air China to provide designated flight options and any further detailed information will be provided as soon as possible. The Organizing Committee will also investigate the option of a special dedicated flight to Nagoya for the next following ISU World Cup Event.

A flight booking form with prices will be sent to the ISU Members. It must be completed then and sent to [wangzhenyang@beijing2022.cn](mailto:wangzhenyang@beijing2022.cn) by latest **September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Participants shall arrive in Beijing not earlier than **October 17<sup>th</sup>** and leave Beijing on **October 25<sup>th</sup>**. The cost of tickets should be covered by the participants.

#### **Organizing Committee – Entries and Inquiries**

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries (including COVID-19 Responsible and Media) should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at the addresses below.

#### **Organizing Committee**

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## Website

Live results will be available on [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org)

## ISU “Inside Events” mobile application

Daily information, results and changes in schedules (race, training, transportation, etc.) will be communicated to the teams on the board of the Team Hotel as well as on the ISU “Inside Events” mobile application.

This mobile application makes the information delivery faster, contains all relevant information for participants, reduce paper needs and notify participants in case of any changes or urgencies through push notification possibilities.

The “Inside Events” app is available free of charge on Android and Apple systems and is compatible with both tablets and smartphones. It can be downloaded with the below QR codes or directly on the app stores.

Each ISU Event will have its own unique password that will be provided on site to participating Athletes, Officials, and Team Delegations.



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