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ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2018/19

1. General Conditions

- The ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2018/19 will be organized as a series of International Competitions subject to regulations given in this ISU Communication. The World Cup series is an ISU Event. Relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations apply, in particular Rules 105, 106 and 136.
- International TV rights and advertising rights for the ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2018/19 belong to the ISU. Organizers of Competitions are obliged to respect commercial and TV contracts entered into by the ISU. Before concluding any commercial agreements the organizers should consult the ISU Director General in order to prevent competition conflicts with ISU contracts.
- An ISU Memorandum, specifying contractual obligations and guidelines for the organization of ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions, will be made available to organizing ISU Members and Organizing Committees.
- For each World Cup Competition the ISU assigns an ISU Representative, an ISU Event Coordinator and a Representative from the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, who shall observe that the Competition is conducted in accordance with regulations in this Communication, ISU Statutes and ISU Memorandum.

2. ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2018/19

2.1. Competition calendar and distribution of distances / races

If not otherwise decided, distances in Division A will be skated according to the following programs regarding the order of distances:

WC No	Place	Date	Program
1	Obihiro, JPN	16 November 2018, Friday 17 November 2018, Saturday 18 November 2018, Sunday	TP-L, TP-M, 500 L-1, 500 M-1, (SF Ms- L, SF Ms-M)* 500 L-2, 1500 M, 1500 L, 500 M-2, Ms-M, Ms-L 1000 L, 1000 M, 3000 L, 5000 M, TS-L, TS-M
2	Tomakomai, JPN	23 November 2018, Friday 24 November 2018, Saturday 25 November 2018, Sunday	TP-L, TP-M, 500 L-1, 500 M-1, (SF Ms- L, SF Ms-M)* 500 M-2, 1500 L, 1500 M, 500 L-2, Ms-M, Ms-L 1000 L, 1000 M, 3000 L, 5000 M, TS-L, TS-M
3	Tomaszów Mazowiecki, POL	7 December 2018, Friday 8 December 2018, Saturday 9 December 2018, Sunday	500 L-1, 500 M-1, 1000 L, TP-M, TP-L, 1000 M 500 L-2, 1500 M, 1500 L, 500 M-2 TS-L, TS-M, 5000 L, 10000 M,
4	Heerenveen, NED	14 December 2018, Friday 15 December 2018, Saturday 16 December 2018, Sunday	(SF Ms-L, SF Ms-M)* 500 M, 1500 L, 1500 M, 500 L, Ms-M, Ms-L 1000 L, 1000 M, 3000 L, 5000 M
5	Hamar, NOR	1 February 2019, Friday 2 February 2019, Saturday 3 February 2019, Sunday	3000 L, 5000 M 500 L-1, 500 M-1, 1000 L, 1000 M 500 L-2, 1500 M, 1500 L, 500 M-2,
6 <i>Final</i>	Salt Lake City, USA	9 March 2019, Saturday 10 March 2019, Sunday	5000 M, 500 M-1, 500 L-1, 3000 L, 1000 M, 1000 L 1500 L, 1500 M, 500 L-2, 500 M-2, Ms-L, Ms-M

L – Ladies' races, M – Men's races, Ms – Mass start races, TP – Team Pursuit races, TS – Team Sprint races

* Provisional, see section 4.1.1. d) below.

2.2. ISU World Cup Competitions serving as Qualifying events for ISU Speed Skating Championships 2019

2.2.1. World Cups №1 to №4 are qualifying events for:

- the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2019;
- the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2019;
- the ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2019;
- the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2019.

Details of the qualification process for ISU Championships are given in Rule 208, and in ISU Communication No. 2199.

3. Competition rules

- The ISU World Cup Speed Skating is organized in the following competition categories, with several number of competitions scheduled for the season 2018/19:

Ladies, individual competitions: 500, 1000, 1500, 3000 / 5000m, Mass start races (16 laps)

Ladies, team competitions: Team Pursuit (6 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps)

Men, individual competitions: 500, 1000, 1500, 5000 / 10000m, Mass start races (16 laps)

Men, team competitions: Team Pursuit (8 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps)

- The World Cup ranking for each competition category is determined by the accumulated World Cup points for each Skater or (for the Team competitions) national team over the season.
- Individual competitions are organized in a format where Skaters compete in two divisions, A and B. The Skaters with the currently best World Cup ranking in the category compete in Division A. Each competition day has a core session consisting of the races for Division A for all the competitions skated on that day.
- The Competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members. Entry quotas are based on the final World Cup rankings 2017/18 and for the World Cup Final on the World Cup rankings 2018/19.
- Prize money, as determined by the ISU, will be awarded for each Competition and for the final World Cup ranking in each competition category.

3.1. Entry rules

3.1.1. Entries of Competitors

ISU Members must submit their entries using the *ISU Online entry system* at <http://www.isu.events>. The entries must indicate the distance(s) to be skated by each entered Competitor, including maximum one substitute per distance, and entries for team competitions. An entered Competitor may be replaced by an entered substitute *not later than at the Team leaders' meeting preceding the draw* for the distance or at a specifically announced deadline. Replacement of a Competitor by an entered substitute *after the draw* may **exceptionally** be accepted, but only if the Referee has been duly informed at least two hours before the start of the first race (division A or division B) of the distance.

3.1.2. Qualifying times

Entered Skaters must have achieved qualifying times for the respective distances, as follows:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10000m
Ladies	40,10	1.20,00	2.02,50	4.23,00	7.30,00 or 4.15,00	
Men	36,10	1.12,10	1.50,50	-	6.44,00	13.40,00 or 6.32,00

However, for results achieved at the ice rinks in Calgary (Olympic Oval), Salt Lake City (Utah Olympic Oval) and Ürümqi (Xinjiang Ice Sports Center) the following qualifying time limits apply:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10000m
Ladies	39,60	1.19,00	2.00,50	4.19,00	7.23,00 or 4.11,00	-
Men	35,70	1.11,20	1.49,00	-	6.40,00	13.30,00 or 6.28,00

- For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in ISU or International Events and National Championships in the period between *July 1, 2017* and the entry deadline for the ISU World Cup Competition concerned.
- For the Mass start competitions any of the listed above qualifying times will apply. However, an ISU Member exceptionally may enter maximum one Skater (per gender) for each ISU World Cup

who has not achieved any of the above qualifying times. The qualifying time limit for such a Skater will be:

for Ladies: 2.10,00 in the 1500m; for Men: 1.57,50 in the 1500m.

- c) For the Qualification World Cups (1 to 4), a Skater having achieved the qualifying time for only one of the two distances counting in the qualification of quota places for an ISU Championships (for the European and World Allround Championships: 1500 and 3000m for Ladies, 1500 and 5000m for Men; for the European and World Sprint Championships: 500 and 1000m), may be entered for the other distance. However, in each Competition an ISU Member may enter for each category maximum one such Skater without the required qualifying time for the other distance counting, not exceeding the quota for distance concerned.

3.1.3. Entry quotas for World Cups №1 to №5

- a) Entry quotas for individual competitions are based on the final World Cup rankings 2017/18 for the respective competition categories, with a maximum entry quota of 5 for each individual competition. However, for the Mass start competition the maximum entry quota will be 2, and each ISU Member may enter 2 Skaters (subject to qualifying times).
- b) For each of the Team competitions an ISU Member may enter only one team per gender (Ladies and Men).
- c) The organizing ISU Member of an ISU World Cup Competition (except for the World Cup Final) will be granted maximum entry quotas for all competitions.
- d) For the ISU World Cup Final, entries are based on World Cup 2018/19 results and rankings, see paragraph 3.1.4.
- e) Entry quotas for the individual distances are determined as follows:

Number of Skaters in Top 40 in the final World Cup ranking 2017/18 of the distance	None (0)	1	2	3-4	5 or more
Entry quotas for the distance in season 2018/19	1	2	3	4	5

Summary table of entry quotas for ISU World Cup Competitions 2018/19 prior to the ISU World Cup Final

	ISU Member	LADIES				ISU Member	MEN				ISU Member
		500	1000	1500	3000 5000		500	1000	1500	5000 10000	
1.	AUS	1	1	1	1	AUS	2	2	1	1	AUS
2.	AUT	2	2	2	1	AUT	1	1	1	1	AUT
3.	BEL	1	1	1	2	BEL	1	2	2	2	BEL
4.	BLR	1	1	1	2	BLR	2	2	1	1	BLR
5.	CAN	4	3	4	4	CAN	5	4	5	4	CAN
6.	CHN	4	4	3	3	CHN	3	1	1	1	CHN
7.	TPE	2	2	2	1	TPE	1	1	1	1	TPE
8.	CZE	2	2	3	3	CZE	1	1	1	1	CZE
9.	DEN	1	1	1	1	DEN	1	1	1	2	DEN
10.	EST	1	1	1	2	EST	1	1	1	1	EST
11.	FIN	2	1	1	1	FIN	3	2	1	1	FIN
12.	FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	1	2	FRA
13.	GER	3	1	3	4	GER	3	3	2	3	GER
14.	ITA	2	3	2	2	ITA	1	1	3	4	ITA
15.	JPN	5	5	4	5	JPN	4	3	4	3	JPN
16.	LAT	1	1	1	1	LAT	1	2	2	2	LAT
17.	KAZ	2	2	1	1	KAZ	2	3	1	2	KAZ
18.	KOR	5	3	2	2	KOR	4	4	3	3	KOR
19.	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	NED
20.	NOR	2	4	3	4	NOR	4	3	5	4	NOR
21.	NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	2	2	NZL
22.	POL	1	2	4	2	POL	4	4	4	1	POL
23.	RUS	5	5	5	4	RUS	4	4	5	4	RUS
24.	SWE	1	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	1	2	SWE
25.	SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	1	2	SUI
26.	USA	4	3	4	3	USA	2	5	4	1	USA

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance.

3.1.4. Entry quotas and selection of Skaters and Teams for the ISU World Cup Final

The entry quotas given in paragraph 3.1.3 apply as maximum entry quotas.

- a) For each competition only the following Skaters may be entered:
- for 500, 1000 and 1500m: Skaters placed among the 24 best in the current World Cup ranking for the distance concerned, but for each distance maximum 12 Skaters will be allowed to compete;
 - for 3000m Ladies and 5000m Men: Skaters placed among the 24 best in the current World Cup of 3000+5000m Ladies and 5000+10000m Men rankings respectively, but maximum 12 Skaters will be allowed to compete;
 - for the Mass start competition: Skaters placed among the 30 best in the current World Cup ranking, but maximum 18 Skaters will be allowed to compete.
- b) If the actual number of entries will exceed allowed maximum of competitors for the competition concerned, then the entered Skaters with the lowest World Cup ranking will not be admitted. However, the best ranked Skater entered from the host ISU Member will in any case be admitted if the Skater meets the criteria as listed in subparagraph a) above.

4. Competition formats

4.1. Individual competitions skated in separate Divisions

For each individual competition the entered Skaters compete in two separate divisions with the currently best ranked Skaters competing in Division A, the remaining Skaters in Division B. However, all Skaters compete together in Division A in the following cases:

- a) When the number of entered Skaters does not exceed a certain limit, as indicated in paragraph 4.1.1.
- b) For all competitions in the last World Cup Competition of the season.

4.1.1. Number of Competitors in Division A

- a) For *500, 1000 and 1500m, Ladies and Men*:
- If 28 or less Skaters have been entered, all compete in Division A
 - If more than 28 Skaters have been entered, Division A shall consist of 20 Competitors
- b) For *3000m Ladies and 5000m Men*:
- If less than 20 Skaters have been entered, all compete in Division A.
 - If the number of entered Skaters is between 21 and 24, Division A shall consist of 12 Competitors.
 - If more than 24 Skaters have been entered, Division A shall consist of 16 Competitors.
- c) For *5000m Ladies and 10000m Men*:
- The number of Competitors in Division A shall be (maximum) 12.
- d) For *Mass start, Ladies and Men*:
- If 24 or less Skaters have been entered, all Skaters will compete in Division A (No Semifinals will be held in such case).
 - If more than 24 Skaters have been entered, races will be organized with Semifinals and a Final. In this case Semifinals cannot be canceled even if the total number of Skaters after the draw will be 24 or less in total.
- Each of the two Semifinals shall then be set up with at least 12 Competitors and with the same number of Skaters, unless there is an odd number of Skaters entered.
 - The entered Skaters are placed in the Semifinals according to their seeding (see Section 5.6), according to the following procedure:
 - Top seeded Skater: Semifinal 1
 - 2nd and 3rd seeded Skater: Semifinal 2
 - 4th and 5th seeded Skater: Semifinal 1, etc.
 - Not more than 1 Skater from the same ISU Member may compete in the same Semifinal. Therefore, the procedure described above for the distribution of Skaters in the two Semifinals may have to be adjusted accordingly. The Final shall consist of the 8 best ranked Skaters from each Semifinal. In the case of a withdrawal of a Skater qualified for the Final, this Skater will be replaced in the Final by the next ranked Skater from the Semifinal concerned.

Summary table regarding number of Competitors for Division A:

Number of entries	Number of Competitors in Division A or in Final of the MS				
	WC № 1-5				WC Final
	Up to 20	Up to 24	25-28	>28	
500 / 1000 / 1500	all	all	all	20	12
3000L / 5000M	all	12	16	16	12
5000L / 10000M	12	12	12	12	n. a.
Team competitions	all	all	all	all	n. a.
Mass start	all	all	16	16	18

4.1.2. Selection of Skaters for Division A (for Mass start see 4.1.1 d) above)

- a) In the *first Competition* the composition of Division A is determined by the final 2017/18 World Cup ranking for the competition category concerned and by the seeding of the entered Competitors, as submitted in the Online Entry System. The 2017/18 World Cup ranking determines the number of quota places for the ISU Member in Division A (subject to the entry quotas listed in paragraph 3.1.3, and to the upper limit of 2 Skaters from the same ISU Member for Mass start)
- b) In *all other Competitions* (also for the first competition over 5000m Ladies and 10000m Men, and for the second 500m race of WC № 1) the selection for Division A shall be based on the current World Cup ranks of the entered Skaters. When 500m are skated with two races in the same World Cup Competition, each race is considered a separate competition regarding the selection of Skaters for Division A.
- c) However, the following entered Skaters shall compete in Division A (This rule does not apply for World Cup Final):
 - Competitors promoted from Division B in the preceding Competition. Promotion is granted for Competitors who finished among the 3 best (ties included) in Division B. However, when Division A will consist of only 12 Competitors (5000m Ladies and 10000m Men), only the winner of Division B from the preceding Competition will be granted promotion to Division A.
- d) Competitors with a "Wild card":
 - A Skater may use a "Wild card" for Division A only the first time the Skater competes in the competition (category) concerned in the World Cup 2018/19. A "Wild card" for Division A may be granted only if the Skater was placed among the 10 best in the final World Cup 2017/18 ranking.
 - The request for a "Wild card" should be made in Online Entry System when the Skater is entered for the Competition, and must be confirmed at the Team leaders' meeting before the draw for the distance concerned.

4.1.3. Scheduling of Division A races

- a) For each day of an ISU World Cup Competition the races of Division A for all competitions shall be scheduled as one block of races. The starting time for the block of Division A races shall be stated in the announcement.
- b) Quartet starts shall not be used in Division A.

4.1.4. Scheduling of Division B races

- a) The races of Division B should be skated on the same day as the races of Division A for the competition concerned, before or after the Division A block. The time schedule for the races of Division B shall be announced at the Team leaders' meeting.
- b) Quartet starts can be used for Division B.

4.2. Competition format for Team competitions

4.2.1. Team Pursuit races

Team Pursuit races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 261, paragraph 1, with national teams of 3 Skaters. Distances are 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

4.2.2. Team Sprint races

Team Sprint races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 261, paragraph 3, with national teams of 3 Skaters. Distances are 3 laps for Ladies and 3 laps for Men, and the race format is with two teams skating at the same time.

4.2.3. General rules for the Team competitions

- a) The Competitors must wear National Team racing uniforms of the ISU Member concerned, as approved by the ISU;
- b) Only Skaters entered as a participant or a substitute for an individual competition at the ISU World Cup Competition concerned may compete in a Team competition;
- c) The deadline for entry of names of the Skaters that may compete in the team (up to 4 names) will be announced by the Referee during the Team leaders' meeting;
- d) The final composition of the team shall be declared by the team leader and submitted to Competition management not later than 30 minutes before the start of the Team competition concerned;
- e) For the first ISU World Cup Competition of the season the teams shall be seeded according to the final 2017/18 World Cup Team competition ranking; for the following Competitions the teams shall be seeded according to the current World Cup Team competition ranking.
- f) The sequence of races of the Team competitions is determined by seeding or ranking of the teams, with the two best ranked teams competing in the last race.

4.2.4. Safety measures

Details on the safety measures of the Team competitions are given in ISU Communication No. 2195.

4.3. Format for Mass start competitions

Mass start races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rules: Rule 253, paragraph 4.b), Rule 265, paragraph 6.c) and special ISU Communication or other documents issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee.

4.4. Demonstration competitions

With the consent of the ISU World Cup Coordinator and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, the organizer of an ISU World Cup Competition may include demonstration competitions.

5. Pairing, drawing and starting order, issuing of start lists

5.1. Team leaders meeting and draw meetings

- a) A Team leaders' meeting shall take place before the first day of the Competition, with the purpose to confirm the final entries and to present race schedules and other logistic information. On subsequent days the Team leaders' meeting may be replaced by a procedure where Team leaders submit this information by a given deadline, and where information on race schedules etc. for the following day will be distributed to the Team leaders by other means.
- b) Before the first day of an ISU World Cup Competition there will be an opening draw meeting to announce the composition and starting order of pairs for the first competition day. On subsequent days the start lists for the following day will be determined by the Referee based on the entries confirmed at the Team leaders' meeting and the rules given below.
- c) Each participating ISU Member is obliged to attend Team leaders' meetings, but participation is restricted to one person (the officially entered Team leader or another person authorized by the Team leader).

5.2. Pairing and drawing at the first ISU World Cup Competition for single distances

- a) Before noon (12:00) on the day of the Opening draw meeting for the Competition, the Team leaders must confirm to the Referee a seeding of their entered Competitors, by order of quality, for all distances to be skated in the Competition. The Referee then places the Competitors in the respective order which corresponds to the number of Skaters from this ISU Member of the final World Cup ranking 2017/18 in the distance concerned, respecting the entry quotas defined in paragraph 3.3 above.
- b) For all of the short distances (500, 1000 and 1500m) Division A shall consist of the Competitors placed into top 20; for the long distances (3000/5000m) Division A shall consist of the Competitors placed into top 16. Division B shall consist of the remaining Competitors. Adjustments will be made in case of exceptional number of Competitors in Division A as per paragraph 4.1.
- c) Then in each Division Competitors will be ranked according to best achieved qualifying time. The starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the Competitors – so that the Competitors with the slowest ranks will start in the first pair, and so on. The better ranked

Competitor in a pair shall start in the inner lane. However, the last 3 Pairs (top 6 ranked Competitors) in Division A are to be drawn. In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair will consist of a single Skater.

5.3. Pairing and drawing after the first ISU World Cup Competition

- a) Competitors, both in Division A and in Division B, shall be paired according to their individual World Cup rank. An extended World Cup ranking is established by ranking Competitors with no World Cup points according to their best achieved time in World Cup races during the season 2018/19. Competitors with no results from World Cup races held during the season shall be ranked thereafter, based on their best achieved qualifying time. The starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the Competitors – so that the Competitors with the lowest ranks will start in the first pair, and so on. The better ranked Competitor in a pair shall start in the inner lane. However, the last 3 Pairs (top 6 ranked Competitors) in Division A are to be drawn.
- b) The above procedure applies also for the first (and only) competition in 5000m Ladies and 10000m Men, with the drawing based on the current extended World Cup ranking in the long distances.

5.4. Rearrangements

- a) In case of withdrawals after the draw, rearrangements of pairs in will be done according to rule 245.1.
- b) After rearrangement in Division A as described in rule 245.1, the best ranked Competitor(s) from Division B will be promoted to Division A and be placed in the vacant spot(s).
- c) In any case if a Substitute(s) is entered, he can only be placed in the vacant spot open in Division B.
- d) Rule 245.3 must be respected.

5.5. Composition of quartets

In the case of quartet starts, the four Competitors with the best World Cup ranking shall form the last quartet, and only the first quartet may be incomplete.

5.6. Mass start: starting orders and composition of semifinals

5.6.1. The first ISU World Cup Competition of the season

- a) If the competition is skated with one race (all Skaters in the Final) only, the seeding of the entered Skaters (according to the same criteria as for the individual distances, with exception of top 6 draw) will determine the starting order (lineup).
- b) If the competition is skated with Semifinals, the same seeding will be used to determine the composition of the Semifinals according to the procedure described in 4.1.1 d) above. The lineup in the Semifinals will then be determined by the seeding of the Skaters in the race. In the Final, the lineup will be determined by giving the winner of Semifinal 1 starting order no. 1, the winner of Semifinal 2 starting order no. 2, the second ranked Skaters in Semifinal 1 starting order no. 3, etc.

5.6.2. After the first ISU World Cup Competition

- a) If the competition is skated with one race (all Skaters in the Final) only, the current World Cup ranking of the entered Skaters will determine the starting order (lineup of Skaters). Skaters without World Cup points will be ranked according to their best achieved qualifying time for the 1500m.
- b) If the competition is skated with Semifinals and a Final, the current World Cup ranking (with extended ranking as defined above) of the entered Skaters will be used for the composition of Semifinals according to the procedure described in 4.1.1 d). This ranking will also be used for the lineup in each Semifinal and in the Final.

5.7. Team competitions

The composition and sequence of races will be determined according to paragraph 4.2.3 above.

6. Points and ranking system for World Cup rankings

6.1. Points scoring table

Based on the results of Division A and Division B, World Cup points are awarded according to the points tables below.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
500/ 1000/ 1500 Division A	60	54	48	43	40	38	36	34	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21
Division B*	20*	19*	18*	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
3000/ 5000/ MS (semi-finals) Division A	60	54	48	43	40	38	36	34	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24*	23*	22*	21
Division B*	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
5000 /10000 Division A	60	54	48	43	40	38	36	34	32	31	30	29	28*	27*	26*	25	24	23	22	21
Division B*	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
WC final, MS finals** and Team races.	120	108	96	86	80	76	72	68	64	62	60	58	56	54	52	50	48	46	44	42
	40	38	36	34																
Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

* Place 1-2-3 in the Division B will be awarded with extra 15-10-5 points respectively

** Place 1-2-3 in the World Cup Final Mass Start races will be awarded with extra 60-54-48 points respectively.

In the situation when Division B is cancelled and more than 20/16 Skaters in Division A, points for the additional Skaters will be awarded according to respective Division B points chart.

6.2. Points for tied ranks

If two or more Skaters (or Teams) have obtained the same rank in the classification, each Skater (or team) will receive the full points score for this tied rank.

7. ISU World Cup Speed Skating ranking rules

7.1. World Cup ranking for each competition category

The World Cup ranking for each competition category is determined by the number of points the Skaters (or national Teams) accumulate during the season. In the final World Cup ranking, as well as in the intermediate ranking during the season, a tie between Skaters/Teams with the same total of World Cup points will be resolved according to the following criteria (in order of priority) for determining the better ranked Skater/Team:

- The Skater/Team with the higher number of World Cup victories;
- The Skater/Team with the higher score of points in one single competition (race);
- The Skater/Team with the best time achieved in the World Cup for the distance/competition concerned.

7.2. Prizes

For each distance (category) prize money will be awarded for each individual competition and for the final classification at the end of the season. For each competition, prize money is awarded to the top 3 Skaters of Division A and the top 3 teams in the Team competitions. For the final World Cup ranking, prize money is awarded to the top 10 Skaters in each of the individual distance categories (including Mass start competitions), and to the top 5 ranked teams in the Team competitions.

Prize money for final ranking				Prize money for each Competition		
Place	Amount (for each individual distance category)	Place	Amount (for Team competitions)	Place	Full amount for a distance	Half* amount for a distance
1.	US \$ 15.000,-	1.	US \$ 5.000,-	1.	US \$ 1.500,-	US \$ 750,-
2.	US \$ 10.000,-	2.	US \$ 3.000,-	2.	US \$ 1.000,-	US \$ 500,-
3.	US \$ 7.000,-	3.	US \$ 2.500,-	3.	US \$ 800,-	US \$ 400,-
4.	US \$ 5.000,-	4.	US \$ 2.000,-	Prize money for World Cup Final		
5.	US \$ 4.000,-	5.	US \$ 1.500,-	1.	US \$ 5.000,-	US \$ 2.500,-
6.	US \$ 3.500,-			2.	US \$ 3.000,-	US \$ 1.500,-
7.	US \$ 3.000,-			3.	US \$ 1.800,-	US \$ 900,-
8.	US \$ 2.500,-			Team competitions prize money		
9.	US \$ 2.000,-			1 st team	US \$ 2.100,-	
10.	US \$ 1.500,-			2 nd team	US \$ 1.500,-	
				3 rd team	US \$ 1.200,-	

* These amounts apply for each 500m race in Competitions where the distance is skated twice.

In case of ties, the prize money will be the average amounts for the applicable ranking positions.

The prize money for the final rankings is transferred from the ISU to the respective ISU Members on the same conditions that apply for ISU Championships (see ISU Communication No. 1976 or later updates). Payment of prize money for each individual competition is handled by the organizing ISU Member.

During the World Cup #3 there will be a special award ceremony for the top 3 places in each Team competition based on the ISU World Cup ranking for the season, where a special trophy will be presented by the ISU to the winners.

During the World Cup final there will be a special award ceremony for the top 3 places in each competition (category) based on the final ISU World Cup ranking for the season, where a special trophy will be presented by the ISU to the winners.

8. Cancellation of Competitions

If an organizing ISU Member considers it impossible to hold the ISU World Cup Competition it has been allotted according to the schedule given in paragraph 3, it must urgently give the reasons in writing to the ISU Secretariat to permit the ISU to authorize the cancellation. If circumstances during a Competition would make it impossible to complete some scheduled races, the Referee in consultation with the ISU Representative and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee representative is authorized to cancel distances or races. The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee decides if cancelled distances or races shall be rescheduled for another date and/or another venue.

9. Requirements for the organization of ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions

A Memorandum issued by the ISU gives detailed requirements and guidelines for the organization of an ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competition. A summary is given below:

- The organizer is responsible for publishing the announcement for the Competition, in accordance with Rule 110 and guidelines given in the Memorandum. The draft announcement shall be submitted to the ISU Secretariat for approval. The announcement should be sent by email to ISU Speed Skating Members not later than 60 days before the Competition, and it should be made available on a suitable website with other relevant information.
- Referees, Assistant Referees and Starters are appointed by the ISU President, in consultation with the ISU Vice President, ISU Sports Director and Speed Skating Technical Committee. The Referee and at least one Starter (both for the Ladies' and the Men's competitions) must be ISU Officials for the season 2018/19, as given in the annual ISU Communication. At least two of the ISU appointed Officials should belong to an ISU Member other than the hosting ISU Member.
- The organizer must provide the Referees with adequate secretariat assistance, i.e. a "Sport Expert" as described in Rule 210, paragraph 1 k). Computer support for the preparation and conduct of the drawings will be offered by the ISU.
- Automatic timekeeping procedure as described in Rule 251, with installation of a photofinish system (two cameras for one finish), and of a transponder-based system for Team and Mass start competitions, is mandatory. An automatic timekeeping system based on optical cells or

transponders must be connected to a scoreboard displaying live the split times and the unofficial final times and results.

- e) Anti-doping tests must be carried out according to the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communication Nos. 1922 & 2117 or later updates).
- f) The organizer is responsible that appropriate accommodation is available for Competitors and Team leaders, officials, sponsors and media. For the participating teams the organizer is obliged to announce a set of guaranteed (maximum) board and lodging rates at available hotels ("official hotels"), as follows:
 - Hotel room rates for single and double room (without meals or only including breakfast);
 - Rates for full board and lodging (three meals per day).
- g) The organizer is responsible for covering expenses for board and lodging for the ISU appointed Officials, and for the board and lodging for the ISU Representative and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative.
- h) The organizer must provide a transportation service from the official hotels for the teams during the period of the competitions and the announced training sessions. Convenient means of transportation between the competition site and the nearest international airport must be available.
- i) The organizer is not obliged to provide services (hotel reservations, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted to the organizer before the deadline given in the announcement for the Competition. Guidelines for accreditation etc. are given in the Memorandum.
- j) The organizer must provide ice-training possibilities for at least 3 hours per day during the last four days prior to the Competition. Adequate safety protection must be in place at the rink during the official training and the competition periods, as per guidelines given in the Memorandum and the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules.
- k) It is expected that organizers of every Competition will present medals for the winner, 2nd and 3rd placed Skaters in each competition of Division A.
- l) The organizing ISU Member is responsible for the payment of prize money for the Competition according to procedures outlined in paragraph 7 above, but not later than 30 days after the conclusion of the Event.
- m) The organizer is responsible that results are forwarded to international press and news service agencies (see also paragraph 10 below).
- n) The organizer must pay a financial remuneration to the appointed Referees, Assistant Referees and Starters in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2096.

10. Distribution of results

The official protocol, in appropriate digital format, must be sent without delay to:

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11. World Cup Speed Skating Coordination

Any questions concerning the rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organization of ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2018/19 should be addressed to:

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