

Communication No. 2514

ISU Speed Skating Championships 2023 Qualification process, quotas and entry procedures

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This Communication contains detailed information on the qualification process, quotas and entry procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships for the season 2022/23

1. Calendar and distribution of distances/competitions

Event	Place	Date	Program
ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (Single distances and team competitions)	Quebec, CAN	02.12.2022	500-W, 500-M, 3000-W, 5000-M, TS-W, TS-M
		03.12.2022	1500-W, 1500-M, MS-W, MS-M
		04.12.2022	1000-W, 1000-M, TP-W, TP-M
ISU European Speed Skating Championships (Sprint and Allround combinations) (s=Sprint / a=Allround)	Hamar, NOR	06.01.2023	500-W(s), 500-M(s), 1000-W, 1000-M
		07.01.2023	500-W(s), 500-M(s), 1000-W, 1000-M, 500-W(a), 500-M(a), 3000-W, 5000-M
		08.01.2023	1500-W, 1500-M, 5000-W, 10 000-M
ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships	Inzell, GER	10.02.2023	500-W, 500-M, 1500-W, 1500-M, Semi Finals: MS-W, MS-M
		11.02.2023	1000-W, 1000-M, 3000-W, 5000-M
		12.02.2023	TP-W, TP-M, TS-W, TS-M, Finals: MS-W, MS-M
ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Single distances and team competitions)	Heerenveen, NED	02.03.2023	3000-W, 5000-M, TS-W, TS-M
		03.03.2023	TP-W, TP-M, 500-W, 500-M
		04.03.2023	Semi Finals: MS-W, MS-M, 1000-W, 1000-M, Finals: MS-W, MS-M
		05.03.2023	1500-W, 1500-M, 5000-W, 10 000-M

TS: Team Sprint, TP: Team Pursuit, MS: Mass Start

2. Qualifying events

ISU Championships will be held in accordance with relevant parts of the 2022 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating, respective Council decisions, ISU Communications No. 2505 ISU World Cup Speed Skating and Guidelines for ISU Events during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

For the **ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2023**, the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 4, held during November – December 2021 (counting for pre-allocated quota places)
- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 and #2 to be held in November 2022

For the **ISU European Championships 2023** the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU European Championships 2021 (counting for pre-allocated quota places)
- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 4 to be held during November – December 2022

For the **ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2023** the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 6 to be held during season 2022/23

3. Entry quotas and qualification process

3.1. The ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2023

3.1.1. Entry quotas for competitions in Sprint Combination:

- In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4, the number of Competitors in the ISU European Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2023 are set to a maximum of 20 Women and 20 Men.
- The table below includes ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places (but maximum 2 quota places per ISU Member) according to their number of Skaters placed among the 12 best in the ISU European Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2021.

ISU Member	Women	Men
Austria	1 competitor	---
Belgium	---	1 competitor
Belarus ¹	1 competitor	---
Estonia	---	1 competitor
Germany	1 competitor	2 competitors
Italy	---	1 competitor
Netherlands	<u>2</u> competitors	2 competitors
Norway	1 competitor	1 competitor
Poland	2 competitors	<u>2</u> competitors
Romania	1 competitor	---
Russia ¹	2 competitors	1 competitor
Total	11 competitors	11 competitors

- Remaining quota places will be allocated according to a special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.4.2, based on the combined results (one best 500m and one best 1000m) of the same Skaters from any of the Qualifying events during the season 2022/23. Total points for two distances will be calculated according to Rule 265, paragraph 3.
- In the SQRL, maximum 3 best Skaters from each ISU Member will count in the ranking.
- To gain additional quota places, an ISU Member must have more Skaters among the 20 best in the SQRL than their pre-allocated number of quota places, However, an ISU Member will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places according to the table above. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 20 best in the SQRL compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned.

3.1.2. Entry quotas for competitions in Allround Combination:

- In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4, the number of Competitors in the ISU European Allround Speed Skating Championships 2023 are set to a maximum of 20 Women and 20 Men.
- The table below includes ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places (but maximum 2 quota places per ISU Member) according to their number of Skaters placed among the 12 best in the ISU European Allround Speed Skating Championships 2021.

ISU Member	Women	Men
Austria	---	1 competitor
Belgium	---	1 competitor
Czech Republic	2 competitors	---
Italy	1 competitor	1 competitor
Netherlands	<u>2</u> competitors	<u>2</u> competitors
Norway	2 competitors	2 competitors
Poland	1 competitor	---
Russia ¹	<u>2</u> competitors	2 competitors
Switzerland	---	1 competitor
Sweden	---	1 competitor
Total	10 Competitors	11 competitors

- c) Remaining quota places will be allocated according to a special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.4.2, based on the combined results (one best 1500 and one best 3000m for Women and one best 1500 and one best 5000m for Men) of the same Skaters from any of the Qualifying events. Total points for two distances will be calculated according to Rule 265, paragraph 3.
- d) In the SQRL, maximum 3 best Skaters from each ISU Member will count in the ranking.
- e) To gain additional quota places, an ISU Member must have more Skaters among the 20 best in the SQRL than their pre-allocated number of quota places. However, an ISU Member will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places according to the table above. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 20 best in the SQRL compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned.

¹ Reference is made to ISU Communication No. 2469, paragraph 2.a) according to which and until further notice, no individual belonging to the Russian Skating Union and Skating Union of Belarus shall be invited, entered and allowed to participate in International Competitions, ISU Championships and other ISU Events.

3.1.3. Reserve List

For each competition of the Championships a list of 10 reserve quota places will be established based on the SQRL. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place for the competition concerned. However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

3.2. The ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2023

3.2.1. Entry quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.5 of the 2022 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for a Four Continents ISU Member at the ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2023 will be as follows:

- a) Maximum total number of participants for each of the following events:
 - 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men) - 20 Skaters
 - 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men) - 16 Skaters
 - Mass Start (Women and Men) - 20 Skaters
 - Team competitions (Women and Men) - 6 teams
- b) Maximum number of Skaters/Teams per Member per distances/competitions are:
 - 3 Skaters for each of the events: 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men), 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men);
 - 2 Skaters for each of the events: Mass Start (Women and Men);
 - 1 team for each of the Team competitions.
- c) Each ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Women and 10 Men (substitutes included). Maximum one (1) substitute can be entered for each event.
- d) The allocation of entry quotas will partly be determined by the World Cup points ranking based on ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to #4, held during November – December 2021 (pre-allocated entry quotas), with remaining entry quotas determined by a SQRL time ranking based on ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to #2, to be held during November 2022, counting maximum 3 skaters for each ISU Member eligible to compete in the ISU Four Continents Championships:

Women	Men	Pre-allocated entry quotas	Total entry quotas
500, 1000, 1500m	500, 1000, 1500m	14	20
3000m	5000m	12	16
Mass Start	Mass Start	14	20
Team Pursuit	Team Pursuit	4	6
Team Sprint	Team Sprint	2	6

- e) The table below includes ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places based on the World Cup (points) ranking including ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to #4, held during November – December 2021.

event Nat.	WOMEN							Nat.	MEN							event Nat.
	500	1000	1500	3000	MS	TP	TS		500	1000	1500	5000	MS	TP	TS	
CAN	3	2	3	3	2	1	1	CAN	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	CAN
CHN	2	3	3	3	2	1	1	CHN	3	2	3		2	1	1	CHN
COL					1			COL					1			COL
JPN	3	3	3	3	2	1		JPN	3	3	3	3	1			JPN
MGL					1			MGL								MGL
NZL								NZL				1	2	1		NZL
KAZ	1	1	2	1	1			KAZ		1	1	1	1			KAZ
KOR	1	2			2			KOR	3	2	1	1	2			KOR
TPE	1	1			1			TPE					1			TPE
USA	3	2	3	2	2	1		USA	2	3	3	3	2	1		USA
Total	14	14	14	12	14	4	2	Total	14	14	14	12	14	4	2	Total

- f) To gain additional quota places for individual distances, an ISU Member must have more Skaters among the 20 respectively 16 best in the SQRL than their pre-allocated number of quota places according to the table above. However, an ISU Member will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places according to table above. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 20 respectively 16 best in the SQRL compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned.

3.2.2. Reserve List

Lists of 10 reserve quota places for each of the individual competitions and 6 reserve quota places for each of the Team competitions will be established based on the special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater or Team in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place for the competition concerned, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

3.3. The ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2023

3.3.1. Entry quotas

Quota places for ISU Members will be allocated for each distance/competition according to a Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1, based on the rankings and results of their Skaters achieved in Qualifying events listed in paragraph 2 above.

Maximum number of Skater per Member per distances/competitions are:

- 3 Skaters for each of the: 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men), 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men);
- 2 Skaters for each of the: 5000 (Women), 10000 (Men), Mass Start (Women and Men);
- 1 team for each of the Team competitions.

3.3.2. Reserve List

Lists of 10 reserve quota places for each of the individual competitions and 6 reserve quota places for each of the Team competitions will be established based on the SQRL. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place for the distance/competition concerned. However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater or Team in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

3.4. The ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2023

3.4.1. Entry quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.6., the entry quotas (per gender) for an ISU Member at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2023 will be limited to maximum 5 Skaters in total. Below is the summary table of entry quotas for an ISU Member per distance/competition.

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	Mass Start	Team competitions
Women	5	4	4	4	---	2	1 team of 3 Skaters
Men	5	4	4	---	4	2	1 team of 3 Skaters

Competitors entered for all four individual distances, are eligible to compete in the Allround competitions. For each distance/competition only 1 substitute may be entered.

3.4.2. Mass Start competition rules

The Mass Start competition will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 243 paragraph 4 and 257, paragraph 2.1. In case of semi-finals, qualification to the Final will be in accordance with Rule 241, paragraph 5.b). Final classification will be determined according to Rule 265, paragraph 6.

4. Qualifying times

To qualify for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships, Skaters must have achieved certain Qualifying times (Rule 208, paragraph 1.2.). Results achieved under the same conditions as required for valid Qualifying times will be used also for seeding purposes and to determine the grouping of Skaters for the drawing of pairs for distances where no specific qualifying time limit applies (Rules 240, 242 and 243).

4.1. Conditions for valid Qualifying times

- a) The result must have been achieved since July 1, 2021, and before the last date of entry for the Championship concerned in one of the following Competitions:
 - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned
 - ISU Championships
 - ISU World Cup Competitions or ISU Junior World Cup Competitions
 - International Speed Skating Competitions listed in ISU Communication No. 2498 (or, when applicable, in ISU Communication No. 2414 for the season 2021/22)
- b) Automatic timekeeping (Rule 251) must have been used in the Competition concerned.
- c) Only qualifying times achieved since July 1, 2022, will be considered for the grouping of Skaters for the drawing of distances. However, for the ISU World Junior Championships results achieved since July 1, 2021, will be considered for the grouping.

4.2. Required Qualifying times

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined Qualifying times required for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships 2023. For all ISU Championships, except for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, two alternative sets of Qualifying times have been defined. The slower Qualifying time, listed in (brackets), applies for results achieved outside the high-altitude ice rinks in Calgary (Olympic Oval), Salt Lake City (Utah Olympic Oval) and Ürümqi (Xinjiang Ice Sports Center). The following Qualifying time limits apply:

4.2.1. ISU Speed Skating Championships:

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following Qualifying times indicated for the competition concerned:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10 000m
Women	40,00 (40,50)	1.20,00 (1.21,00)	2.03,00 (2.05,00)	4.24,00 (4.28,00)	7.25,00 (7.32,00) or 4.15,00 (4.20,00) at 3000m	----
Men	36,20 (36,60)	1.11,90 (1.12,80)	1.51,00 (1.52,50)	----	6.48,00 (6.52,00)	13.40,00 (13.50,00) or 6.35,00 (6.40,00) at 5000m
<i>For the Mass Start and Team competitions: any of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:</i>						
Women	----		2.10,00	----		
Men	----		1.57,50	----		

For Allround Combination: an entered Skater must have achieved one of the following Qualifying times:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10 000m
Women			2.03,00 (2.05,00)	4.24,00 (4.28,00)		
Men			1.51,00 (1.52,50)		6.48,00 (6.52,00)	

For Sprint Combination: an entered Skater must have achieved one of the following Qualifying times:

Women	40,00 (40,50)	1.20,00 (1.21,00)				
Men	36,20 (36,60)	1.11,90 (1.12,80)				

4.2.2. ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying time indicated for the Single Distance Championship competition concerned:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	For the Allround Championships
Women	42,50	1.25,00	2.12.00	4.45,00	----	a Skater must have achieved the listed qualifying time for all the Single Distances.
Men	38,50	1.16,00	1.58,00	----	7.05,00 or 4.05,00 at 3000m	
For the Mass Start and Team competitions: any one of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:						
Women			2.17,00			
Men			2.03,00			

5. Entries

The ISU online entry system must be used both for preliminary entries and for final entries. For final entries relevant requirements in the ISU Regulations must be observed. See also ISU Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 on Declaration forms.

5.1. Preliminary entries

The preliminary entry shall give realistic information of the number of Competitors, with provisional names, that the ISU Member intends to enter for the Championships, with indication (when relevant) of participation in the respective distances/competitions of the Championships.

5.2. Final entries

Based on the entry quotas as determined according to Paragraph 3 above (except for quotas allocated according to Paragraph 3.1.1), the final entries of Competitors, including maximum one substitute per distance/competition, are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member. However, all entered Competitors must have achieved the respective Qualifying time limits set by the ISU, as specified in Paragraph 4 above. A maximum of one substitute may be entered for each Championship or each Championship distance/competition (except Junior World Championships, where substitutes for each distance/competition must be amongst the maximum 5 Skaters (per gender) entered for the Championships).

5.2.1. ISU European Speed Skating Championships, ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships, ISU World Speed Skating Championships

Information on allocation of quota places will be issued separately by the ISU.

The final entries cannot exceed the number of allocated quota places, including reserve quota places, for the respective Championship or competitions.

ISU Members intending not to use all their allocated quota places are requested to inform the ISU Secretariat as soon as possible, and preferably well before the deadline for final entries.

5.2.2. ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

Information on the date of birth for the entered Competitors must be included in the final entries. The Referee or the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative may request verification of the identity and the date of birth of any entered Competitor, as a condition for accepting the entry.

ISU Members must indicate in the final entries if they will take part in the Team Pursuit and/or the Team Sprint competitions. The final entries of the team participants will have to be confirmed at the Team Leaders' meeting prior to the event.

6. Other conditions

6.1. National team uniforms

ISU Members are responsible for ensuring that the entered Competitors wear racing suits and other team uniforms with identical design, as approved by the ISU, according to Rule 224, paragraph 1.b) and c). This applies both for individual distances and for Team competitions (Team Pursuit and Team Sprint).

ISU Members are also responsible for ensuring that requirements concerning team uniform design, use of trademarks, advertising, etc. stated in Rule 102, paragraph 6 and ISU Communication Nos. 2055, 2195, 2221 and 2508 (or any further updates of these Communications) are respected.

6.2. Citizenship/Residence requirements and clearance procedures

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

6.3. Expenses

Expenses as mentioned in Rule 137, paragraph 10 f) and g) will be paid only for one Team leader and for Skaters competing in the Championships, not for substitutes who do not compete.

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