

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1130

World Cup Speed Skating 2001/2002

1. General Conditions

- a) The World Cup Speed Skating 2001/2002 will be organized according to Rule 274 in the ISU Special Regulations for Speed Skating as a series of International Competitions subject to the specific regulations stated in this ISU Communication. The World Cup Speed Skating is an ISU Event, and relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations apply, in particular Rules 105 and 106.
- b) In accordance with a sponsorship agreement between the ISU and the company *Essent N.V.* the World Cup Speed Skating 2001/2002 will be presented under the title ***Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating*** and a specific logo.
- c) International TV rights and advertising rights for the World Cup Speed Skating 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 General Secretary in order to prevent conflicts with ISU contracts.
- d) A Memorandum, specifying contractual obligations and guidelines for the organization of World Cup Speed Skating Competitions, is issued by the ISU. The Memorandum will be made available to the hosting ISU Members and the Organizing Committees.
- e) For each competition the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee assigns a Representative, who shall observe that the competitions are organized and conducted in accordance with the regulations laid down in this Communication.

2. Basic competition rules

- a) The World Cup Speed Skating is organized as competitions in single distances over four distance categories, both for ladies and men: 500 meters, 1000 meters, 1500 meters and long distances (for ladies 3000 and 5000 meters; for men 5000 and 10000 meters). The total number of competitions/races scheduled for the season 2001/2002 are as follows (with the number of races counting for the final ranking of the skaters indicated):

500 meters	10 races (8 counting)
1000 meters	7 races (6 counting)
1500 meters	6 races (5 counting)
Long distances:	6 races (5 counting)

The competitions are organized in a format where the skaters compete in two divisions. The competitors with the currently best World Cup ranking in the distance compete in Division A, which normally consists of 20 skaters. The remaining skaters compete in Division B.

However, in the first competition of the season for the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters all skaters compete together (in Division A). Each competition day has a core session consisting of the races for Division A for all the distances included in the program.

- b) The competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members. Entry quotas are determined based on the final World Cup ranking 2000/2001 and the results from the 2001 World Speed Skating Championships Single Distances.
- c) Prize money, as determined by the ISU, is awarded to the 6 best skaters in each competition and to the 12 best skaters in the final World Cup ranking.

3. World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2001/2002

November 10 – 11, 2001	Berlin	GER	Ladies: 1500 m, 3000 m Men: 1500 m, 5000 m
November 17 – 18, 2001	Innsbruck	AUT	Ladies: 1500 m, 3000 m Men: 1500 m, 5000 m
November 23 – 25, 2001	The Hague	NED	Ladies: 1500 m, 3000 m, 5000 m Men: 1500 m, 5000 m, 10000 m
December 1 – 2, 2001	Salt Lake City	USA	Ladies and Men: 2 x 500 m, 2 x 1000 m
December 8 – 9, 2001	Calgary	CAN	Ladies and Men: 2 x 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m
January 11 – 13, 2002	Heerenveen	NED	Ladies: 2 x 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m Men: 2 x 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 5000 m
March 2 – 3, 2002	Oslo	NOR	Ladies and Men: 2 x 500 m, 2 x 1000 m
March 8 – 10, 2002	Inzell	GER	Ladies: 2 x 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m Men: 2 x 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 5000 m

4. Entry rules

4.1 Entry quotas

For each distance an ISU Member may enter 2 competitors, plus as many as the number of skaters from this Member either placed among the 24 best in the final World Cup ranking 2000/2001 or placed among the 20 best in the 2001 World Speed Skating Championships Single Distances. However, the maximum number of entries per distance is 5 skaters. The hosting ISU Member is granted this maximum quota for the competition it is hosting. Otherwise, the entry quotas for the season 2001/2002 are as follows:

Ladies	500 m	1000 m	1500 m	3000/5000 m	Men	500 m	1000 m	1500 m	5000/10 000 m
AUT	2	2	4	2	AUT	2	2	2	2
BEL	2	2	2	2	BEL	2	2	2	3
BLR	3	2	2	2	BLR	2	2	2	2
CAN	4	5	5	5	CAN	5	5	5	4
CHN	5	5	3	3	CHN	2	2	2	2
FIN	2	2	2	2	FIN	3	3	3	2
FRA	2	2	2	2	FRA	2	2	3	2
GER	5	5	5	5	GER	3	3	4	5
ITA	3	3	3	2	ITA	4	4	3	3
JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	5	4	5
KAZ	2	2	3	3	KAZ	2	2	3	2
KOR	2	2	2	2	KOR	5	4	2	2
NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
NOR	3	3	2	2	NOR	3	4	4	5
POL	2	2	2	3	POL	4	3	2	4
RUS	4	4	4	5	RUS	5	4	5	4
SWE	2	2	2	2	SWE	2	3	2	3
USA	5	5	5	4	USA	5	5	5	4

Other ISU Speed Skating Members may enter maximum 2 competitors in each distance. Members are requested to enter only skaters of a good international standard. For 5000 meters Ladies and 10000 meters Men a maximum of 44 participants will be admitted in each event. Entry quotas for these two distances will be determined by the current World Cup ranking for the long distances. If less than 44 skaters have been awarded with World Cup points, the remaining entries will be determined by the results in the preceding 3000 m (ladies) and 5000 m (men) races, respectively.

4.2 Entries of competitors

ISU Members must send their entries to the organizer before the deadline given in the announcement for the competition, indicating the distances to be skated by each entered competitor. The individual entries for a distance may be changed not later than two hours before the draw for the distance. Entries of a substitute in replacement of an injured or ill skater may be accepted if the Referee has been duly informed at least two hours before the start of the distance.

5. Competition format

For each distance the entered skaters compete in two separate divisions, with the currently best ranked skaters competing in Division A and the remaining skaters competing in Division B.

However, in the first competition of the season over the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters (including both races over 500 and 1000 meters) all skaters compete together (in Division A). For all other competitions the rules given in 5.1 and 5.2 below shall apply.

5.1 Number of skaters in Division A

- a) In competitions where not more than 24 skaters have been entered, all skaters compete in Division A.
- b) If more than 28 skaters have been entered, Division A shall consist of 20 skaters (or less, if less than 20 of the entered skaters have scored World Cup points in preceding competitions).
- c) If the number of entered skaters is between 25 and 28, Division A shall consist of 16 skaters (or less, if less than 16 of the entered skaters have already scored World Cup points).
- d) Exceptions to b) and c) above may be made for the second race over 500 and 1000 meters in a competition with two races over these distances, as explained in paragraph 5.2 c).

5.2 Selection of skaters for Division A

- a) In the first competition of the season for the long distances, the composition of Division A is determined by the final 2000/2001 World Cup ranking for the long distances and the seedings of the entered skaters, as submitted by the respective team leaders before the opening draw (see paragraph 6.1).
- b) In all other competitions, the selection for Division A is based on the current World Cup ranking of the skaters. Normally the 20 (or 16) best ranked of the entered skaters shall compete in Division A. However, the lowest ranked of those skaters shall be moved to Division B, if this is necessary in order to include the following skaters in Division A:
 - 1) Skaters placed among the 8 best (ties included) in Division A in the preceding competition.

- 2) Skaters who finished 1st and 2nd in Division B (ties included) in the preceding competition.

However, for World Cup Competitions with two races over 500 or 1000 meters, only the winner of each of the two Division B races on the distance will be directly promoted to Division A in the next competition. *For the second race on a sprint distance skated twice in the same competition, the selection of skaters for Division A is made according to paragraph c) below.*

- 3) Skaters with a "Wild Card".

A skater may get a "Wild Card" for Division A only once per distance, and only the first time the skater competes in the distance concerned during the World Cup season 2001/2002. A "Wild Card" for Division A may be granted only in the following cases:

- A skater who was placed among the 10 best in the final World Cup 2000/2001 ranking or in the 2001 World Championships Single Distances, may be granted a "Wild Card" for the distance concerned.
- A skater who is among the 6 best in the current World Cup ranking in the 1000 meters may be granted a "Wild Card" for the 1500 m, and a skater who is among the 6 best in the current World Cup ranking in the 1500 meters may be granted a Wild Card for the 1000 m.

The request for a "Wild Card" should be made when the skater is entered for the competition, and the request must be confirmed at the team leaders' meeting before the drawing for the distance.

- c) In the second 500 or 1000 meters race in World Cup Competitions with two races over either of these distances, a skater competing in Division A in the first race remains in Division A for the second race. The number of skaters in Division A may be increased beyond 20 (or 16, respectively) as far as this is necessary in order to avoid odd pairs, considering that all skaters shall change their starting lane in the second race (Rule 226). Division A for the second race of a sprint distance shall therefore include the following skaters (if entered):
 - 1) Skaters who competed in Division A in the first race.
 - 2) The winner of the first race of Division B.
 - 3) Skaters with a "Wild Card".
 - 4) Skaters who did not compete in the first race, but who have a World Cup ranking position that would have qualified them for Division A in the first race.
 - 5) If necessary to complete the pairs: A minimum number of additional skaters from the first race of Division B, based on the classification and starting lanes from this race.

5.3 Scheduling of races – Division A as one block of races

- a) For each day of a World Cup Competition the races of Division A for all distances shall be scheduled as one block (session) of races. The starting time for this core session of the competition shall be stated in the announcement.
- b) The races of Division B should be skated on the same day as the races of Division A for the distance concerned, before and/or after the block of Division A races. The time schedule for the races of Division B shall be announced at the draw meeting. The intermission between the block of Division A races and the sessions of Division B races should be as short as possible.

5.4 Quartet starts.

Quartet starts may be used for the long distances, but normally not in Division A.

5.5 Exhibition events

In consultation with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee the organizer of a World Cup Competition may add exhibition events, e.g. team pursuit races, to their program. The intention to organize such events should be declared in the announcement.

6. Drawing, Composition of pairs and starting order of pairs

A draw meeting shall take place before each day of competition, in order to announce the distribution of entered skaters between Division A and Division B and the composition and starting order of pairs. A team leaders' meeting should be held before the draw meeting, with the purpose to confirm the final entries.

6.1 Drawing at the first World Cup Competition on the distance

- a) Respecting the applicable entry quotas (as given in paragraph 4.1) the Referee determines the number of skaters from each ISU Member in each drawing group in accordance with the final World Cup 2000/2001 ranking.
- b) The entered skaters are placed in five groups. Group 1 and Group 2 shall consist of 6 skaters each; Group 3 and Group 4 of 8 skaters each. Remaining skaters shall be placed in Group 5.
- c) The number of skaters for an ISU Member in Group 1 corresponds to the number of skaters from the Member among the 6 best in the final World Cup ranking 2000/2001, and similarly for Group 2, 3 and 4.
- d) At least two hours before the draw meeting the team leaders must submit to the Referee a seeding of their entered skaters, by order of quality. The Referee then places the competitors in the respective groups, considering that Group 1 shall include the skaters of highest quality.
- e) For the long distances Division A shall consist of the skaters placed into Group 1, 2 and 3; Division B shall consist of the skaters placed into Group 4 and 5. In the case that the number of skaters in Division A (as determined by paragraph 5.1) would be different from 20, the distribution of skaters between Group 3 and Group 4 must be adjusted accordingly.
- f) Pairs are drawn within each group. Two skaters of the same ISU Member shall not start in the same pair, unless more than half of the skaters in the group represents the same Member.
- g) The pairs of Group 5 shall be drawn first, then the pairs of Group 4, and so on. The two last drawn skaters from Group 1 will start in the last pair. If there is an odd number of participants, the first pair (drawn from Group 5) shall consist of a single skater.
- h) For the second race of 500 and 1000 meters in the first World Cup Competition on these distances the skaters shall be paired according to their rank in the first race, respecting Rule 226 on different starting lanes in the two races. Skaters, who did not participate or did not get a result in the first race, shall be grouped together and drawn to form the first pairs. The starting order of the remaining pairs shall be determined by the ranks of the skaters in the first race, so that the winner of the first race will start in the last pair.

6.2 Pairing and drawing after the first World Cup Competition for each distance

- a) Skaters shall be paired according to their individual World Cup ranking, and the starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the skaters – so that the skaters with the lowest ranks start in the first pair, and so on. The better ranked skater in a pair shall start in the inner lane, unless the pair has been determined by a draw or the starting lanes are to be determined according to Rule 226. These rules apply to both Division A and Division B.

- b) The top 6 ranked skaters in Division A shall be grouped together, and a draw shall determine the composition of the 3 last pairs. For the second race of a sprint distance this group shall consist of the top 3 ranked skaters among those who have been designated the inner starting lane and the top 3 ranked skaters among those who have been designated the outer starting lane.
- c) Skaters in Division B with no World Cup points (*unranked skaters*) shall be grouped together. The pairs drawn from this group shall start first. If there is an odd number of skaters, the first pair shall consist of a single skater. In the case of an odd number of *ranked* skaters, the lowest ranked skater shall be paired with the last drawn skater from the group of unranked skaters.
- d) For the second 500 meters or 1000 meters race in a World Cup Competition, the composition of pairs must take into account that the skaters shall change their starting lanes from the first race. Moreover, unranked skaters shall be paired according to their ranks from the first race. Skaters in Division A, who did not compete in the first race, shall be designated starting lanes in such a way that the need for increasing the number of skaters beyond 20 (or 16, respectively) will be minimized. In Division B starting lanes for such skaters should be designated so that odd pairs can be avoided as far as possible.
- e) In case of withdrawals after the draw, the pairs shall be rearranged according to Rule 229, paragraph 4. Substitutes shall be placed in the Division and the pair corresponding to their individual World Cup ranking, and necessary rearrangements must be made accordingly. However, for withdrawals announced later than two hours before the start of the Division concerned, adjustment of pairs may be made according to Rule 229, paragraph 3.

6.3 Quartet starts

In the case of quartet starts the four best ranked skaters shall form the last quartet (see Rule 275). Only the first quartet may be incomplete.

7. World Cup Speed Skating points system

7.1 Points scoring tables.

- a) World Cup points are awarded based on the results of Division A, as follows:

1 st = 100 points	7 th = 40 points	13 th = 18 points	19 th = 6 points
2 nd = 80 points	8 th = 36 points	14 th = 16 points	20 th = 4 points
3 rd = 70 points	9 th = 32 points	15 th = 14 points	21 st = 2 points
4 th = 60 points	10 th = 28 points	16 th = 12 points	22 nd = 1 point
5 th = 50 points	11 th = 24 points	17 th = 10 points	
6 th = 45 points	12 th = 21 points	18 th = 8 points	

- b) The top 8 skaters of Division B are awarded World Cup points as follows:

1 st = 25 points	3 rd = 11 points	5 th = 5 points	7 th = 2 points
2 nd = 17 points	4 th = 7 points	6 th = 3 points	8 th = 1 point

c) As there will be no skaters in Division B in the first competition for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters, the points table for Division A for these competitions will be adjusted for skaters placed 11th and onwards as follows:

11 th = 26 points	16 th = 16 points	21 st = 10 points	26 th = 5 points
12 th = 24 points	17 th = 14 points	22 nd = 9 points	27 th = 4 points
13 th = 22 points	18 th = 13 points	23 rd = 8 points	28 th = 3 points
14 th = 20 points	19 th = 12 points	24 th = 7 points	29 th = 2 points
15 th = 18 points	20 th = 11 points	25 th = 6 points	30 th = 1 point.

7.2 Points for tied ranks

If two or more skaters have obtained the same rank in the classification of Division A or B, each skater receives the full points score for this tied rank.

8. World Cup Speed Skating ranking rules

The World Cup ranking for each distance is determined by the number of points the skaters accumulate during the season. All races will count equally for the final World Cup ranking. However, a skater can accumulate World Cup points only from a maximum number of races for each distance (category), as follows:

500 meters: 8 (out of 10 available races) 1000 meters: 6 (out of 7 available races)
1500 meters: 5 (out of 6 available races) Long distances: 5 (out of 6 available races).

If a skater would gain World Cup points in more races than the above maximum numbers, the points from the race(s) where the skater gained his or her lowest score(s) of points will not be included in the accumulated points determining the final World Cup ranking of the skater.

In the final World Cup ranking, as well as in the intermediate ranking during the season, a tie between skaters with the same total of World Cup points will be resolved according to the following criteria:

- The skater with the highest score of points in one single competition (race) will get the better ranking.
- If still equal, the skater with the highest score of points in the latest competition (race) held, will get the better ranking.

If neither of these criteria resolves the tie, the skaters shall have the same World Cup rank.

9. Prize Money

For each distance (category) prize money will be awarded for each individual competition and for the final classification of the World Cup Speed Skating 2001/2002 at the end of the season. For the individual competitions prize money is awarded to the top 6 skaters of Division A, and for the final World Cup ranking prize money is awarded to the top 12 skaters, as follows:

Prize money for final ranking		Prize money for each competition	
Place	Amount (for each distance)	Place	Amount (for each distance)
1.	US \$ 14.000,-	1.	US \$ 1.500,-
2.	US \$ 9.000,-	2.	US \$ 1.000,-
3.	US \$ 5.000,-	3.	US \$ 750,-
4.	US \$ 3.500,-	4.	US \$ 600,-
5.	US \$ 3.000,-	5.	US \$ 550,-
6.	US \$ 2.500,-	6.	US \$ 500,-
7.	US \$ 2.250,-		
8.	US \$ 2.000,-		
9.	US \$ 1.750,-		
10.	US \$ 1.500,-		
11.	US \$ 1.300,-		
12.	US \$ 1.200,-		

If the same distance (500 or 1000 meters) is skated twice in the same competition, prizes are given with half the amount for each of the two races.

In case of a tie, the prize money will be the average of the amounts (according to the table above) assigned for the applicable ranking positions.

The prize money for the final rankings is transferred from the ISU to the respective ISU Members on the conditions that apply for ISU Championships (see ISU Communication No. 1120). Payment of prize money for each individual competition is handled by the organizer.

10. Cancellation of competitions

If an Organizing Committee considers it impossible to hold the 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 the scheduled races, the Referee in consultation with the Representative of the Technical Committee 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.

11. Requirements for the organization of World Cup Speed Skating Competitions

- a) The organizer is responsible for publishing the announcement for the competition, in accordance with Rule 110 and guidelines given in the Memorandum.
- b) The Referees and the Starters are appointed by the ISU President, based on nominations made by the organizing Member in consultation with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee. The Referee and at least one Starter must be on the current ISU list of officials for ISU Championships.
- c) The organizer must provide the Referees with adequate secretariat assistance and computer support for the preparation and conduct of the drawings.
- d) Automatic timekeeping as defined in Rule 246 is compulsory (Rule 242, paragraph 2). The timekeeping system should be connected to a scoreboard displaying split times, final times and results. Interface between the timekeeping system and a TV signal must be provided.
- e) Doping tests must be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in Communication No.1121 and Circular Letter No. 569.
- f) The organizer is responsible that appropriate accommodation is available for participants and team leaders, officials, sponsors and media. The organizer is responsible for covering expenses for *board and lodging* from dinner the evening before until breakfast on the morning after the competition for (up to) 5 skaters and 1 team leader from each Member and for the Representative of the Technical Committee.
- g) The organizer must provide a transportation service 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.
- h) 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.
- i) The organizer is responsible for the payment of prize money for the competition according to procedures and financial terms agreed with the ISU.
- j) The organizer is obliged to forward to the ISU Secretariat the complete results of all races and classifications, on paper and in appropriate digital form. The organizer is responsible that results are forwarded to international press and news service agencies (see also Paragraph 12 below).

A Memorandum issued by the ISU contains more details on the obligations of the organizers as well as guidelines for various aspects of the organization of a World Cup Speed Skating Competition.

12. Distribution of results

The organizer of the competitions must *immediately* send complete results for the races (complete ranking lists with finishing times) of Division A and B, as well as the updated World Cup ranking for each distance skated, *by telefax* to:

- the ISU Secretariat, Lausanne (telefax number: +41-21-612-6677)
- the ISU World Cup Coordinator (telefax numbers: +47-2203-7307)

and *by electronic mail* to:

- the ISU Secretariat, e-mail address: info@isu.ch
- the ISU Webmaster, e-mail address webwirks@home.com
- the ISU World Cup Coordinator, e-mail address: tron.espeli@forskningsradet.no

The organizers should ensure that the results are posted continuously during the competition at an announced Internet web site.

The official protocol of results must be sent without delay *by airmail* in 6 copies to the ISU General Secretary and in 2 copies to the ISU World Cup Coordinator.

13. World Cup Speed Skating Coordination.

Any questions concerning the rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organizing of World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2001/2002 should be addressed to:

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