

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1177

### World Cup Speed Skating 2002/2003

#### 1. General Conditions

- a) The World Cup Speed Skating 2002/2003 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 series is an ISU Event. 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 2002/2003 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 prepared by the ISU Speed Skating World Cup Management Commission. The Memorandum is made available to the hosting ISU Members and the Organizing Committees.
- e) For each of the World Cup Speed Skating Competitions the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee assigns a Representative, who shall observe that the competitions are 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 four distance categories:
  - 500 meters, including special competitions over 100 meters
  - 1000 meters
  - 1500 meters
  - Long distances: For Ladies 3000 and 5000 meters; for Men 5000 and 10000 meters
- b) The final World Cup ranking for each distance category is determined by the accumulated points for each skater over the season. Special competitions in the allround combinations over 4 distances (for Ladies 500/1500/1000/3000 meters; for Men 500/3000/1500/5000 meters) will be the basis for the award of bonus points towards the World Cup rankings in the 1500 meters and the long distances.
- c) The total number of competitions/races scheduled for the season 2002/2003 are as follows

500 meters	10 races + 2 competitions over 100 meters
1000 meters	9 races
1500 meters	5 races + 1 bonus competition in the allround combination
Long distances:	5 races + 1 bonus competition in the allround combination
- d) The competitions are normally organized in a format where the skaters compete in two divisions. The skaters with the current best World Cup ranking in the distance compete in Division A, which normally consists of 20 skaters. The remaining skaters compete in Division B. Each competition day has a core session consisting of the races for Division A for all distances concerned.
- e) The competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members. Entry quotas are determined based on the final World Cup rankings 2001/2002 and the results from the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.
- f) 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 2002/2003

November 9 – 10, 2002	Hamar	NOR	Ladies: 1500 m, 3000 m Men: 1500 m, 5000 m
November 15 – 17, 2002	Erfurt	GER	Ladies: 1500 m, 3000 m + allround combination Men: 1500 m, 5000 m + allround combination
November 23 – 24, 2001	Heerenveen	NED	Ladies: 1500 m, 5000 m Men: 1500 m, 10000 m
December 7 – 8, 2002	Nagano	JPN	Ladies and Men: 2 x 500 m, 2 x 1000 m
December 14 – 15, 2002	Harbin	CHN	Ladies and Men: 2 x 500 m, 2 x 1000 m
January 10 – 12, 2003	Salt Lake City	USA	Ladies and Men: 2 x 500 m, 2 x 1000 m Ladies and Men: Extra 100 m
February 15 – 16, 2003	Baselga di Piné	ITA	Ladies: 1500 m, 3000 m, Team Pursuit Men: 1500 m, 5000 m, Team Pursuit
March 1 – 2, 2003	Inzell	GER	Ladies: 100 m, 2 x 500 m, 1000 m Men: 100 m, 2 x 500 m, 1000 m
March 7 – 9, 2003	Heerenveen	NED	Ladies: 2 x 500 m, 2 x 1000 m, 1500, 3000 m Men: 2 x 500 m, 2 x 1000 m, 1500, 5000 m

### 4. Entry rules

#### 4.1 Entry quotas

For each distance an ISU Member may enter 2 competitors, plus the number of skaters from the Member placed among the 24 best in the final World Cup ranking 2001/2002 or in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. For the allround combination the maximum of the entry quotas for 1500 meters and 3000/5000 meters apply. The maximum entry quota for a distance is 5. The hosting ISU Member is granted this maximum quota. Otherwise, the entry quotas for the season 2002/2003 are as follows:

Ladies	500	1000	1500	3000	allround	Men	500	1000	1500	5000	allround
AUT	2	3	4	3	4	AUT	2	2	2	2	2
BEL	2	2	2	2	2	BEL	2	2	2	3	3
BLR	3	3	2	2	2	BLR	2	2	2	2	2
CAN	4	4	4	5	5	CAN	5	5	5	5	5
CHN	5	3	4	4	4	CHN	3	2	2	2	2
FIN	2	2	2	2	2	FIN	3	3	3	2	3
GER	5	5	5	5	5	GER	3	3	4	5	5
HUN	2	3	3	2	3	HUN	2	2	2	2	2
ITA	3	3	3	3	3	ITA	3	2	3	5	5
JPN	5	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	5	4	5	5
KAZ	2	2	2	3	3	KAZ	2	2	4	3	4
KOR	3	2	2	2	2	KOR	4	4	4	2	4
NED	5	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	5
NOR	2	3	2	3	3	NOR	4	5	4	5	5
POL	2	2	2	2	2	POL	4	3	2	3	3
ROM	2	2	2	3	2	ROM	2	2	2	2	2
RUS	4	5	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	5	5
SWE	2	2	2	2	2	SWE	2	2	2	3	3
USA	5	5	5	5	5	USA	5	5	5	5	5

Other ISU Speed Skating Members may enter a maximum of 2 competitors for each distance category.

- The entry quotas for the 500 meters apply also for special competitions over 100 meters.
- For 5000 meters Ladies and 10000 meters Men a maximum of 44 participants will be admitted. Entry quotas will be determined by the current World Cup ranking for the long distances, limited by the above entry quotas for the 3000 meters Ladies and the 5000 meters Men, respectively. If less than 44 skaters have been awarded World Cup points, the remaining entries will be determined by the results in the preceding competition over 3000 meters Ladies and 5000 meters Men.
- For the allround combination only skaters may be entered who have been entered for at least one of the two World Cup distances (1500 meters and 3000/5000 meters) in the same World Cup event. However, both the results in the 1500 meters and in the long distance of any skater competing in the allround combination will count for the awarding of World Cup points in the respective distance. Therefore a Member may, depending on its actual entries for this World Cup event, have one or two skaters more participating in these distances than the number given in the entry quota above.
- Members are requested to enter only skaters of a good international standard.

#### 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, all skaters compete together (in Division A) in the following cases:

- In the first competition over the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters (including both races in the first competition over 500 and 1000 meters).
- For the special competitions over 100 meters.

In the allround combination all skaters compete together in the distances where no World Cup points are awarded (500 meters Ladies and Men, 1000 meters Ladies and 3000 meters Men).

#### 5.1 Number of skaters in Division A

- a) If 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 for the long distances, the composition of Division A is determined by the final 2001/2002 World Cup ranking for the long distances and the seeding 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division B (ties included) in the preceding competition. However, from 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 World Cup Competition. *For the second race over a sprint distance skated twice in the same World Cup Competition, the selection 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 category, and only the first time the skater competes in the distance concerned in the World Cup 2002/2003. A "Wild Card" for Division A may be granted only for a skater placed among the 10 best either in the final World Cup 2001/2002 ranking or in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. 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 had a World Cup rank that would have qualified them for Division A in this race.
  - 5) If necessary to complete the pairs: A minimum number of additional skaters selected from the top of the result list from the first race of Division B, taking the starting lanes of the skaters into account.

*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 races in Division A and the sessions of races in Division B 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 Special competitions over 100 meters*

- a) The races will be subject to the normal ISU competition rules, with two skaters in each pair. The composition of pairs is based on the current World Cup ranking in the 500 meters, see paragraph 6.2).
- b) For the competition in Salt Lake City bonus points will be awarded, to count towards the World Cup ranking in the 500 meters. The results are determined from one single race for each skater.
- c) For the competition in Inzell, full values of World Cup points will be awarded to count towards the World Cup ranking in the 500 meters. The competition format will be based on elimination rounds:
  - The 16 skaters with the best finishing times from the first run (composition and sequence of pairs based on the 500 meters World Cup ranking) will qualify for the second round. The eliminated skaters are ranked in the final results from place no. 17 and onwards according to their finishing times, and are awarded World Cup points accordingly. In case of ties, the skater with the current best World Cup rank in the 500 meters will be considered as better ranked.
  - In the second elimination round the skaters are paired according to their results in the first run: The skater ranked 1<sup>st</sup> will skate in the inner lane against the skater ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the last pair, etc. – the skaters ranked 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will start in the first pair. The winner of each pair advances to the final round. The eliminated skaters (losers of the pairs) are ranked in the final results from place no. 9 and onwards, according to their finishing times in the second run and they will be awarded World Cup points accordingly. In case of ties the skater with the better rank from the first run will be considered as better ranked in the second run.

- The 8 skaters qualified for the third and final run, will be paired according to their results in the second run, so that the skater ranked 1<sup>st</sup> will skate in the inner lane in the last pair against the skater ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> etc. The qualified skaters will occupy ranks 1-8 in the final results, according to their finishing times in the third run and they will be awarded World Cup points accordingly. In case of ties the skater with the better ranking from the second run will be given the better rank in the final results.

#### 5.6 *Special competitions in the allround combination*

- a) The competition program consists of the following distances:  
For Ladies: 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters  
For Men: 500, 3000, 1500 and 5000 meters.
- b) The 1500 and 3000 meters for Ladies and the 1500 and 5000 meters for Men count as World Cup Competitions for these distances.
- c) The 500 meters (for Ladies and Men), the 1000 meters Ladies and the 3000 meters Men do not have the status of World Cup Competitions for any distance category.
- d) The top 20 skaters in total points after 4 distances are awarded bonus points (according to the points table given in paragraph 7 below) in the 1500 meters and the long distance respectively, based on their ranks in the World Cup Competition in each of these distances.  
Example: If a skater finishing among the top 20 in total points was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1500 meters World Cup (Division A) and was the winner of the World Cup Division B in the long distance, the skater will be awarded a bonus of 35 World Cup points in the 1500 meters and a bonus of 13 World Cup points in the long distance. (The bonus for a distance will be 50% of the points earned in the competition).

#### 5.7 *Team pursuit competitions and other exhibition events*

- a) With the consent of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, the organizer of a World Cup Competition may add Team pursuit competitions or other exhibition events to the program. Entry rules, time schedules and special conditions for such events must be indicated in the announcement. Team pursuit competitions shall be skated according to Rule 256 of the ISU Special Regulations for Speed Skating.
- b) The Team pursuit competition scheduled for the World Cup event in Baselga di Piné will be open for national teams of 3 skaters each, and the distances will be 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men. If some ISU Members have entered less than 3 skaters for this World Cup Competition, these Members may form joint teams. The sequence of races of a Team pursuit competition is determined by a seeding of the teams. The teams are seeded according to the current World Cup ranking in the long distances of the second best ranked skater of the team. The two top seeded teams start in the last race of the competition.

### **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. According to Rule 223, paragraph 2, a team leaders' meeting shall be held before the draw meeting, with the purpose of confirming 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 ranking 2001/2002.
- 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 this Member among the 6 best in the final World Cup ranking 2001/2002, and similarly for Groups 2, 3 and 4.
- d) At least two hours before the draw meeting the team leaders must submit to the Referee the 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 Groups 1, 2 and 3. Division B shall consist of the skaters placed into Groups 4 and 5. In the case that the number of skaters in Division A (as determined by paragraph 5.1) would be more or less than 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 represent 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 over 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 rankings 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) Skaters 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.
- c) 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 ranking 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 kept at a minimum. In Division B starting lanes for such skaters should be designated so that odd pairs can be avoided as far as possible.
- d) The top 6 ranked skaters in Division A shall be grouped together, and a draw shall determine the composition of the last 3 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.
- e) In case of withdrawals after the draw, 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 *Drawing procedures for the last 3 pairs of Division A (top 6 ranked skaters)*

As an alternative to a draw by lot, the composition and sequence of these three pairs may be determined in a ceremony, supervised by the Referee, with the involvement of the skaters concerned. The draw will then be conducted according to the following procedure:

- The top ranked skater declares the pair, the starting lane (unless the starting lane is pre-assigned, as for the second race on a sprint distance), and the opponent of his/her choice.
- The second ranked skater (if not already chosen as the opponent of the top ranked skater) then makes the choice of pair, starting lane and opponent for himself/herself among the remaining options available.

- The procedure is repeated till the 3 pairs have been completed. The choice between the above procedure and the traditional procedure (drawing by lot) is made by the Organizing Committee in agreement with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee.

#### 6.4 Quartet starts

In the case of quartet starts the four skaters with the best World Cup ranking shall form the last quartet (see Rule 275), and only the first quartet may be incomplete.

#### 6.5 Drawing and composition of pairs for the distances in the special allround competition.

Respecting the principles given in paragraph 6.2 a) the drawing of pairs shall be done as follows:

- 500 meters Ladies and Men, 1000 meters Ladies: The ranking of the skaters shall be based on their current World Cup rank in the 1500 meters. An open draw is conducted for the remaining skaters.
- 1500 meters Ladies and Men: This is a World Cup distance, and the standard rule will apply – the ranking of the skaters will be based on their current World Cup ranking in the 1500 meters.
- 3000 meters Men: The ranking of the skaters shall be based on their total of World Cup points in the 1500 and 5000 meters (points added together). In case of a tie in total World Cup points, the skater with more points in the 5000 meters is considered to be better ranked. An open draw is conducted for the skaters who are without World Cup points in any distance.
- 3000 meters Ladies and 5000 meters Men: The ranking of the skaters shall be based on their current World Cup ranking in the long distances. Skaters without World Cup points in the long distances are ranked thereafter, according to their intermediate ranks after three distances in the allround combination. An open draw is conducted for those skaters not competing in the allround combination who are without World Cup points in the long distances.

### 7. World Cup Speed Skating points system per competition/distance

#### 7.1 Points scoring tables

- World Cup points are awarded based on the results of Division A, as follows (the number of applicable bonus points indicated in parenthesis):

1 <sup>st</sup> = 100 (50)	7 <sup>th</sup> = 40 (20)	13 <sup>th</sup> = 18 (9)	19 <sup>th</sup> = 6 (3)
2 <sup>nd</sup> = 80 (40)	8 <sup>th</sup> = 36 (18)	14 <sup>th</sup> = 16 (8)	20 <sup>th</sup> = 4 (2)
3 <sup>rd</sup> = 70 (35)	9 <sup>th</sup> = 32 (16)	15 <sup>th</sup> = 14 (7)	21 <sup>st</sup> = 2 (1)
4 <sup>th</sup> = 60 (30)	10 <sup>th</sup> = 28 (14)	16 <sup>th</sup> = 12 (6)	22 <sup>nd</sup> = 1 (1)
5 <sup>th</sup> = 50 (25)	11 <sup>th</sup> = 24 (12)	17 <sup>th</sup> = 10 (5)	
6 <sup>th</sup> = 45 (22)	12 <sup>th</sup> = 21 (10)	18 <sup>th</sup> = 8 (4)	

- The top 8 skaters of Division B are awarded World Cup points as follows (the number of applicable bonus points indicated in parenthesis):

1 <sup>st</sup> = 25 (13)	3 <sup>rd</sup> = 11 (6)	5 <sup>th</sup> = 5 (3)	7 <sup>th</sup> = 2 (1)
2 <sup>nd</sup> = 17 (9)	4 <sup>th</sup> = 7 (4)	6 <sup>th</sup> = 3 (2)	8 <sup>th</sup> = 1 (1)

- If all skaters compete in Division A (as in the first competition for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters, and for the special 100 meters competitions), and the number of participants is more than 24, the points table for Division A shall be adjusted for skaters placed 11<sup>th</sup> and onwards (the number of applicable bonus points indicated in parenthesis):

11 <sup>th</sup> = 26 (13)	16 <sup>th</sup> = 16 (8)	21 <sup>st</sup> = 10 (5)	26 <sup>th</sup> = 5 (3)
12 <sup>th</sup> = 24 (12)	17 <sup>th</sup> = 14 (7)	22 <sup>nd</sup> = 9 (5)	27 <sup>th</sup> = 4 (2)
13 <sup>th</sup> = 22 (11)	18 <sup>th</sup> = 13 (7)	23 <sup>rd</sup> = 8 (4)	28 <sup>th</sup> = 3 (2)
14 <sup>th</sup> = 20 (10)	19 <sup>th</sup> = 12 (6)	24 <sup>th</sup> = 7 (4)	29 <sup>th</sup> = 2 (1)
15 <sup>th</sup> = 18 (9)	20 <sup>th</sup> = 11 (6)	25 <sup>th</sup> = 6 (3)	30 <sup>th</sup> = 1 (1)

### 7.2 Awarding of bonus points

World Cup bonus points will be awarded for:

- the World Cup rankings for 1500 meters Ladies and Men, 3000 meters Ladies and 5000 meters Men based on the results from these distances in the special allround competitions, see paragraph 5.6 d).
- the 500 meters World Cup ranking based on the results from the special 100 meters competition held in Salt Lake City.

### 7.3 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. 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 best result (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. Prizes

For each distance (category) prize money will be awarded for each individual competition and for the final classification of the World Cup Speed Skating 2002/2003 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 meters or 1000 meters) is skated several times in the same World Cup Competition, prizes are given with half the amount for each of the races.
- For each of the special competitions (100 meters, allround combination, team pursuit) prize money as listed above is given only to the top 3 skaters (or top 3 teams in the team pursuit).
- 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 same conditions that apply for ISU Championships (see ISU Communication No. 1176 or later updates). Payment of prize money for each individual competition is handled by the organizer.

#### **10. Cancellation of competitions**

If an Organizing Member considers it impossible to hold the World Cup Competition it has been allotted according 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 ISU 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.

#### **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. The draft announcement shall be sent to the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee for approval.
- 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 included in the list of officials for ISU Championships 2002/03 as given in ISU Communication No. 1165. At least one of the ISU appointed officials should belong to an ISU Member other than the hosting Member.
- c) The organizer must provide the Referees with adequate secretariat assistance and computer support for the preparation and conduct of the draws.
- 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) Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communication no. 1121 or any further update of this Communication).
- f) The organizer is responsible for ensuring that appropriate accommodation is available for participants, 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 ISU Representative.
- 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 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 the complete results of all races and classifications, on paper and in an appropriate digital form. The organizer is responsible for forwarding results 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 of the races (complete ranking lists with finishing times and results by pairs), *by telefax* to:

- the ISU Secretariat, Lausanne      Telefax number: (+41) 21 612 6677

and *by electronic mail* to:

- the ISU Secretariat, e-mail address: [info@isu.ch](mailto:info@isu.ch)
- the ISU Webmaster, e-mail address [webwirks@home.com](mailto:webwirks@home.com)
- the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair, e-mail address: [tron.espeli@rcn.no](mailto:tron.espeli@rcn.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 air mail* in 12 copies to the ISU General Secretary.

## 13. Changes from the World Cup rules for the season 2001-02 (Communication No. 1130)

The changes mainly refer to the introduction of new elements in the World Cup program: 100 meters, allround combination and team pursuit, where some specific rules have been defined (see paragraphs 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 6.5 and the bonus points table in paragraph 7). In addition, a new option for the drawing of the pairs with the top 6 ranked skaters has been introduced (see paragraph 6.3).

Otherwise, the previous rules have been kept. Some specific changes introduced in the Olympic season 2001-02 have not been maintained: All competitions will again count for the final World Cup ranking of each distance, and there is no special Wild Card rule for the 1000/1500 meters combination.

## 14. World Cup Speed Skating Coordination

The ISU Council has appointed Mr. Jan Dijkema as World Cup Coordinator. Any questions concerning the rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organizing of World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2002/2003 should be addressed to:

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