

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1183

### ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events 2002/2003 Entry rules and procedures, other specific regulations.

Further to ISU Communication No. 1182, this Communication contains:

- Essential information on the entry rules and procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events for the season **2002/2003**;
- Further explanations of relevant parts of the ISU Special Regulations for Speed Skating concerning these ISU Championships and the regional qualifying events.

#### 1. Entry quotas

- a) For the *World Sprint Speed Skating Championships* the entry quotas for ISU Members are determined according to Rule 220, paragraph 6 in the Special Regulations for Speed Skating. The basic entry quotas for these Championships are two skaters per category (subject to achieved qualifying times). The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member have been published in ISU Communication No. 1182.
- b) For the *European Speed Skating Championships* the entry quotas for ISU Members are determined according to Rule 220, paragraph 5c). The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member have been published in ISU Communication No. 1182.
- c) For the *regional qualifying event for Asia* for the 2003 World Allround Speed Skating Championships the following entry quotas apply (based on Rule 220, paragraph 5c, taking into consideration that this regional qualifying event for the 2002 World Championships was cancelled):

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
CHN	4	3
JPN	4	4
KAZ	3	4
KOR	3	3
PRK	2	1

All other ISU Members concerned may enter one skater per category.

- d) For the *regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania* for the 2003 World Allround Speed Skating Championships the following entry quotas apply:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
CAN	4	4
USA	4	4

All other ISU Members concerned may enter one skater per category.

However, at the request of the organizer, and in consultation with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, these entry quotas may be increased with maximum 2 competitors per category (see Rule 220, paragraph 5c).

- e) The entry quotas for the *World Allround Speed Skating Championships* will be determined by the results in the three regional qualifying events, in accordance with Rule 220, paragraph 4. The actual entry quotas which will apply, will be communicated to the ISU Members concerned in due time before the deadline for final entries.
- f) For the *World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships* the maximum entry quota for a Member is 3 qualified skaters per distance. The conditions for final entries will be determined by the results from the qualifying competitions during the season: World Cup Competitions and World Championships (see Rule 220, paragraph 2).
- g) For the *World Junior Speed Skating Championships* the maximum entry quota for an ISU Member is 3 Ladies and 3 Men (see Rule 220, paragraph 7), with no requirements on achieved qualifying times. For the *Team pursuit events* a Member may be represented by one team per category.

## 2. Qualifying times

The following qualifying time standards apply for ISU Speed Skating Championships and for regional qualifying events (see Rule 220, paragraph 3):

- a) World Sprint Speed Skating Championships:

Ladies:	500 meters:	41,20	1000 meters:	1.23,00
Men:	500 meters:	37,50	1000 meters:	1.14,50

*Only skaters who have achieved the qualifying time for at least one distance may be entered.*

- b) European Speed Skating Championships:

Ladies, 3000 meters only:	4.40,00
Men, 5000 meters only:	7.15,00

*Only skaters who have achieved the qualifying time may be entered.*

- c) Regional qualifying events for Asia and for North America & Oceania for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships:

Ladies, 3000 meters only:	4.40,00
Men, 5000 meters only:	7.15,00

*The qualifying times apply only if a Member enters more than one skater, i.e. a Member may in any case enter one skater per category. Due to the early dates for the regional qualifying event for Asia, also results achieved during the season 2001/02 under conditions given in paragraph f) below, will count as valid qualifying times for this event.*

- d) World Allround Speed Skating Championships:

Ladies, 3000 meters only:	4.28,00
Men, 5000 meters only:	6.56,00

*Only skaters who have achieved the qualifying time may be entered.*

e) Qualifying times for seeding purposes only:

For the European Speed Skating Championships, the other regional qualifying events and the World Allround Speed Skating Championships, no qualifying time standards are set for 500 meters.

However, for the drawing for the distance skaters will be grouped according to 500 meters results achieved during the season (see Rule 224, paragraphs 1 and 5). The same procedure applies for the two first distances of the World Junior Championships (see Rule 227, paragraph 1).

f) Conditions for approval of achieved qualifying times:

- Qualifying times must have been achieved during the season 2002/03 (with an exception for the regional qualifying event for Asia, as stated in paragraph c) above) and before the last date of entry for the Championship or qualifying event concerned.
- To be approved as a valid qualifying time, the result must have been achieved in one of the following competitions:
  - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned.
  - ISU Championships or regional qualifying events for the World Allround Championships.
  - World Cup Speed Skating Competitions.
  - International Speed Skating Competitions listed in ISU Communication No. 1171.
  - International Competitions and country matches announced in accordance with Rules 110 and 112.
- Automatic timekeeping (see Rule 246) must have been used in the competition concerned.
- ISU Members are responsible for submitting verification of the best qualifying time achieved by each competitor entered (see Rule 220, paragraph 3).

g) Grouping based on approved qualifying times:

The qualifying times, as approved by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, will be the basis for ranking lists which will determine the grouping of skaters for the drawing for the first two distances (see Rule 224, paragraph 1, Rule 226, paragraph 1 and Rule 227, paragraph 1).

### **3. Preliminary and final entries**

a) The *official ISU Entry forms* must be used both for preliminary entries and for final entries.

b) Information about achieved qualifying times must be given on the Final Entry forms. If an entered skater achieves a better result after the final entries have been submitted, complete information about the new result must be sent immediately to the organizing committee.

c) If sufficient verification that an entered skater has achieved a required qualifying time is missing, the entry of this skater will not be accepted (see Rule 220, paragraph 3).

d) For the *World Junior Speed Skating Championships* the date of birth must be given on the Final Entry forms. The Referee may request verification of the identity and the date of birth of any entered skater, as a condition for accepting the entry. ISU Members must state in their Final Entry if they will take part in the team pursuit event. Teams must consist of skaters who have been entered for the individual competitions as competitors or as a substitute.

e) *National team uniforms:*

The ISU Members are responsible for ensuring that the entered skaters wear racing suits and warming-up suits with identical design, according to Rule 276, paragraphs c) and d).

The ISU Members are also responsible for ensuring that requirements concerning team uniform design, use of trademarks, advertising, etc. in Rule 102, paragraph 6 and Circular Letter No. 562 are respected.

f) *Citizenship/Residence requirements and clearance procedure.*

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1117, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such a nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

#### **4. Regional qualifying events for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships**

a) Special regulations for the regional qualifying events for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships are stated in Rule 220, paragraph 5.

b) The regional qualification for the 2003 World Allround Speed Skating Championships will be organized through the following competitions:

- for European ISU Members: The European Speed Skating Championships in Heerenveen, Netherlands, January 3-5, 2003;
- for ISU Members from Asia: The Asian regional qualifying event in Harbin, China, December 7-8, 2002;
- for ISU Members from North America and Oceania: The regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania, in Salt Lake City, USA, January 25-26, 2003.

c) Preliminary and final entries must be submitted according to Rule 220, paragraphs 8) and 9).

d) Drawings shall be made according to the same rules as for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships (Rule 223 and Rule 224, paragraphs 1-4). For the European Speed Skating Championships the number of skaters to qualify for the fourth distance shall be 16, in accordance with Rule 220, paragraph 5b) and Rule 224, paragraph 5.

#### **5. World Allround Speed Skating Championships**

a) The entry quotas for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships are allocated to ISU Members based on the results from the regional qualifying events, in accordance with Rule 220, paragraph 4 b). The total entry quotas of each region have been determined by the results from the 2002 World Speed Skating Championships as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
Europe:	14	12
Asia	4	5
North America & Oceania	6	7

b) European ISU Members will get entry quotas corresponding to the number of skaters from their country placed among the 14 best Ladies and the 12 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from the 2003 European Speed Skating Championships. However, the hosting Member of the World Allround Speed Skating Championships (Sweden) will be granted the right to enter one skater per category, subject to achieved qualifying time only. In the case that Sweden would not earn a start position through the results from the European Championships, the ISU Member with a skater placed in qualifying position no. 14 (Ladies) or no. 12 (Men) in the 2003 European Championships, would then have its entry quota reduced by one skater.

c) ISU Members taking part in the regional qualifying event for Asia will get entry quotas corresponding to the number of their skaters placed among the 4 best Ladies and the 5 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from this event.

d) ISU Members taking part in the regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania will get entry quotas corresponding to the number of their skaters placed among the 6 best Ladies and the 7 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from this event.

e) Final entries for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships will be accepted only for skaters who have achieved the required qualifying time standard for 3000 meters (Ladies) or 5000 meters (Men), as stated in section 2 d) above.

f) If an ISU Member does not enter a number of qualified participants corresponding to its entry quota, the vacant start position(s) will be made available to other ISU Members from the region, according to the final classification in the respective regional qualifying event.

g) If the total entry quota of a region is not completely utilised by the ISU Members represented in the respective regional qualifying event, the vacant start position(s) will be transferred to the region that was closest to increasing its total entry quota, based on the results from the 2002 World Speed Skating Championships. The priority order for granting additional entry quotas in such situations would be the following (subject to the maximum entry quota of 4 skaters for any Member):

Ladies: The first two vacant start positions would both go to Asia, the third vacant start position would go to Europe, and the fourth vacant start position would go to Asia.

Men: The first vacant start position would go to Asia, the second and the third vacant start positions would both go to North America & Oceania, and the fourth vacant start position would go to Europe.

## **6. World Sprint Speed Skating Championships**

See Rule 220, paragraph 6 (Entries) and Rule 226, paragraphs 1 and 2 (Drawing).

## **7. World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships**

a) Preliminary entries.

To maintain the right to enter qualified skaters for these Championships, ISU Members must send their preliminary entries *not later than February 24, 2003* (see Rule 220, paragraph 8).

b) Final entries.

To be entered for these Championships a skater must have qualified through results achieved in World Cup Speed Skating Competitions or in World Championships (World Allround, World Sprint and World Junior Speed Skating Championships) during the season 2002/2003 (see Rule 220, paragraph 2). The organizer must receive the final entries *not later than March 11, 2003* (see Rule 220, paragraph 9). Only entries of skaters (and substitutes) who are included in the lists of qualified skaters and the corresponding reserve lists, as issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, will be accepted. Substitutes may be entered in the following cases:

- When the ISU Member has more than 3 qualified skaters for the distance.
- If the ISU Member wants a skater in the *reserve list* (see below) to have the possibility of competing if some of the (better) qualified skaters for the distance would not be entered.

The replacement of an entered skater by an entered substitute from the same Member will be accepted only if the substitute is also included in the list of qualified skaters for the distance. Otherwise, a start position that becomes vacant when a qualified skater is not entered or is withdrawn, shall be transferred to the next ranked skater in the reserve list.

c) List of qualified skaters.

For each distance the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee will issue a *List of qualified skaters*, including a *reserve list* with 6 numbered reserve positions. These lists will be published immediately after the last qualifying competition, which will be the last World Cup competition of the season (in Heerenveen, March 7-9, 2003). The lists of qualified skaters are determined according to Rule 220, paragraph 2c):

- Qualification by World Cup ranking: For the 5000 meters Ladies and the 10000 meters Men, the top 8 skaters (counting a maximum of 3 skaters per ISU Member) in the final World Cup ranking will be qualified. For all other distances the top 14 skaters (counting a maximum of 3 skaters per ISU Member) in the final World Cup ranking will be qualified.
- Qualification by time ranking: The remaining skaters qualified for each distance shall be selected from a time ranking list based on results only from World Championships and World Cup Competitions 2002/2003 for the actual distance. However, for a distance where the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked skater on the *reserve list*, this skater will get priority and be allowed to start (see Rule 220, paragraph 2 e). If there is a tie in the time ranking list for the last qualified skater, the skater with the better final World Cup ranking will be the one qualified for the Championships (see Rule 224, paragraph 6).
- The reserve list will be determined by the order of skaters in the time ranking list only. There is no reserve list of qualified skaters based on the World Cup ranking. The best ranked skaters from the reserve list will be allowed to start if some better qualified skaters have not been entered or have been withdrawn (see Rule 220, paragraph 2 d).

d) Ranking of entered skaters, arrangement of pairs.

The pairs for each distance shall be arranged according to Rule 224, paragraph 6. For each distance (except for the second race of the 500 meters), a ranking list is established as follows:

- Participants qualified by their World Cup ranking, are ranked according to their position in the final classification of the World Cup 2002/2003. For skaters with the same total of World Cup points, tie-breaking rules defined for the World Cup ranking shall be considered. If a tie still persists between two or more skaters, the ranking between those skaters shall be determined by their position in a time ranking list.

- ii) The remaining participants are ranked thereafter, according to their position in the time ranking list. If some skaters have equal time in the time ranking list, the ranking between those skaters shall be determined by their position in the final World Cup classification.

## **8. World Junior Speed Skating Championships**

a) Drawing for the first two distances (See Rule 227, paragraph 1):

- Grouping of skaters based on approved qualifying times.  
According to the rule adopted by the 2002 ISU Congress, skaters will be grouped based on their best approved qualifying times from competitions listed in paragraph 2 f) above.
- Drawing procedure.  
The drawing procedure and starting order of pairs shall be according to Rule 224, paragraphs 1 and 2.

b) Team pursuit events.

- Entries of teams.

The ISU Members must indicate on the Entry forms if they intend to take part (for Ladies or Men) in the Team pursuit events. The actual participation in the Team pursuit events, and the names of the skaters composing the teams, shall be confirmed within a deadline set by the Referees and communicated to the team leaders by the organizing committee. A team shall consist of the skaters who competed in the individual events. However, it is permitted to replace one of these skaters with a substitute, or (if only two skaters competed in the individual events) to enter the substitute as the third skater of the team.

- Competition rules

The Team pursuit will be skated over 6 laps for Ladies and over 8 laps for Men, and the track will be laid out with only one lane (see Rule 256, paragraph 3). The finishing time of the 3<sup>rd</sup> (last) finishing skater in the team determines the time of the team.

For the drawing the teams shall be seeded based on the ranks of the second best skater from the ISU Members concerned in the 1500 meters race for Ladies and in the 3000 meters race for Men, respectively. The sequence of the pursuit races shall be determined by the seeding ranks of the teams, so that the two teams with the best ranks meet in the last pursuit race (see Rule 227, paragraph 4).

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