

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1471

### ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events 2007/2008 Entry rules and procedures, other specific regulations

Further to ISU Communication No. 1469, this Communication contains:

- Essential information on the entry rules and procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events for the season **2007/2008**;
- 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 *ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships* the entry quotas for ISU Members are determined according to Rule 208, paragraph 6 in the Special Regulations for Speed Skating. The basic entry quotas for these Championships are two skaters per category. The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member have been published in ISU Communication No. 1469.
- b) For the *ISU European Speed Skating Championships* the entry quotas for ISU Members are determined according to Rule 208, paragraph 5c). The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member have been published in ISU Communication No. 1469.
- c) For the *Regional qualifying event for Asia* for the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2008 the following entry quotas apply :

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

All other ISU Members concerned may enter a maximum of one (1) skater per category. However, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 5 c), at the request of the organizer the above entry quotas may be increased with a maximum of 2 competitors per category.

- d) For the *Regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania* for the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2008 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, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 5 c), at the request of the organizer the above entry quotas may be increased with maximum 2 competitors per category. In any case, only the 4 best skaters per Member will count in the determination of entry quotas for the World Allround Championships.

- e) The entry quotas for the *ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships* will be determined by the results in the three regional qualifying events, in accordance with Rule 208, 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. The entry quotas for the respective regions are given in paragraph 5 of this ISU Communication.

- f) For the *ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships* the maximum entry quota for a country is 3 qualified skaters per distance. For the *Team Pursuit events* a Member may be represented by maximum one team per category. The conditions for final entries will be determined by the results from the qualifying competitions during the season (see Rule 208, paragraph 2).
- g) For the *ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships* the maximum entry quota for an ISU Member for the individual competitions are 3 Ladies and 3 Men (see Rule 208, paragraph 7). For the *Team Pursuit events* a Member may enter one team per category.

## **2. Qualifying times**

To qualify for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships (except for the ISU World Single Distances Championships, where other specific qualification criteria apply), skaters must have achieved certain qualifying times (Rule 208, paragraph 3). Qualifying times may also be used for seeding purposes only, to determine the grouping of skaters for the drawing of the first two distances (Rule 240, paragraphs 1 and 5; Rule 242, paragraph 3 and Rule 243, paragraph 1).

### **2.1 Required qualifying times**

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined qualifying times required for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events 2007/2008 as follows:

- a) ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships:

Ladies:	500 meters:	40,20 (40,70)	1000 meters:	1.21,00 (1.22,00)
Men:	500 meters:	36,50 (37,00)	1000 meters:	1.12,50 (1.13,50)

The qualifying times in brackets will apply only in the case that a Member will enter maximum one skater per category.

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

- b) ISU European Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events for Asia and for North America & Oceania for the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2008:

Ladies, 3000 meters only:	4.35,00
Men, 5000 meters only:	7.05,00

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

- c) ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships:

Ladies, 3000 meters only:	4.25,00
Men, 5000 meters only:	6.50,00

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

- d) ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

Ladies, 1500 meters:	2.20,00
Men, 3000 meters:	4.35,00

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

## **2.2 Conditions for valid qualifying times**

- a) The result must have been achieved before the last date of entry for the Championship or qualifying event concerned 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. 1457 (or, when applicable, in ISU Communication No. 1407 for the season 2006/2007);
  - International Competitions and country matches announced in accordance with Rules 110 and 112.
- b) Automatic timekeeping (Rule 251) must have been used in the competition concerned.
- c) For a skater to be qualified for participation in ISU Championships and regional qualifying events with required qualifying times as listed in paragraph 2.1 above, results achieved since *July 1, 2006* may be considered.
- d) Only qualifying times achieved *since July 1, 2007* will be considered for the grouping of skaters for the drawing for the first two distances. However, for the ISU World Junior Championships results achieved since *July 1, 2006* will be considered.

## **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 208, paragraph 3).
- d) For the *ISU 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 223, paragraph 1 c) and d). This applies both for individual distances and for Team Pursuit events. The 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 No. 1452 are respected.
- f) *Citizenship/Residence requirements and clearance procedure*  
In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1420, 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 ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships**

Special regulations for the regional qualifying events for the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships are stated in Rule 208, paragraph 5.

- a) The regional qualification for the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2008 will be organized through the following competitions:
- for European ISU Members: The ISU European Speed Skating Championships in Kolomna, Russia, January 12-13, 2008;
  - for ISU Members from Asia: The regional qualifying event for Asia in Shenyang, China, December 29-30, 2007;
  - for ISU Members from North America and Oceania: The regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania in Calgary, Canada, January 12-13, 2008.
- b) Preliminary and final entries must be submitted according to Rule 208, paragraphs 8-9.
- d) Drawings shall be made according to the same rules as for the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships (Rule 239 and Rule 240, paragraphs 1-4).

### 5. ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships

a) The entry quotas for the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships are allocated to ISU Members based on the results from the regional qualifying events, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 4 b). The total entry quotas of each region have been determined by the results from the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2007 as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
Europe:	14	13
Asia	4	3
North America & Oceania	6	8

b) European ISU Members will get entry quotas corresponding to the number of skaters from their country placed among the 14 best Ladies or 13 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2008.

c) ISU Members taking part in the regional qualifying event for Asia will get entry quotas corresponding to the number of skaters from their country placed among the 4 best Ladies and the 3 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 skaters from their country placed among the 6 best Ladies or the 8 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from this event.

However, the hosting Member (Germany) of the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships will be granted the right to enter one skater per category, subject to achieved qualifying time only. In the case that Germany would not earn a start position through the results from the regional qualifying event the ISU Member with a skater placed in qualifying position no. 14 (Ladies) or no. 13 (Men) in the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2008, would have its entry quota reduced by one skater.

e) Final entries for the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships will be accepted only for skaters who have achieved the required qualifying times for 3000 meters (Ladies) or 5000 meters (Men), as stated in paragraph 2 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, vacant start position(s) will be transferred to the region, which was closest to increasing its total entry quota, based on the

results from the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2007. 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 vacant start position would go to North America, the second vacant start position to Europe, the third vacant start position to Asia, the fourth to North America and the fifth vacant start position would go to Europe.

Men: The first, second, third and fourth vacant start positions would go to Europe, and the fifth vacant start position would go to Asia.

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

See Rule 208, paragraph 6 (Entries) and Rule 242, paragraphs 1 and 2 (Drawing).

## **7. ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships**

a) *Drawing for the first two distances (See Rule 243, paragraph 1):*

Skaters will be grouped based on their best approved qualifying times according to paragraph 2.2 above.

b) *Team Pursuit events*

- **Entries of teams**

The ISU Members must indicate on the Entry forms if they intend to take part (for Ladies and/or for Men) in the Team Pursuit events. The actual participation, 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. 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 261, paragraph 1 c). The finishing time of the 3<sup>rd</sup> (the last) finishing skater in the team determines the result 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 m race for Ladies and in the 3000 m race for Men, respectively. The sequence of the heats in the Team Pursuit events shall be determined by the seeding ranks of the teams, so that the two teams with the best ranks meet in the last heat (see Rule 243, paragraph 4 a).

When all teams have finished their race, the two teams with the two best times will skate a deciding race, where the winner will be awarded the gold medals and the loser will get the silver medals. Before this final race, the two teams with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> best times will skate a deciding race for the bronze medal, where the losing team will end up in rank 4 in the Team Pursuit event. *If an ISU Member has four skaters available for the Team Pursuit event, it is permitted to replace one of the skaters in the first race for the deciding race.*

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