

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009

1. General Conditions

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009 will be organized as a series of International Competitions subject to regulations given in this ISU Communication. The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009 is an ISU Event, financially supported through the ISU Development Program. Relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations apply, in particular Rules 105, 106 and 136.
As per Rule 105, paragraph 1 a), the national (domestic) TV rights and advertising rights for each Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009 belong to the organizing ISU Member. The international TV rights belong to the ISU. If a TV production is available then the organizers shall provide the international TV signal at no cost, to the ISU and its designated TV companies. Before concluding any commercial agreements the organizers should, however, consult the ISU Director General in order to prevent conflicts with ISU contracts.
- b) An ISU Memorandum specifying obligations and guidelines for the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009 will be available to the hosting ISU Members and the Organizing Committees.
- c) For each Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009 the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee assigns a Representative, who shall observe that the competitions are conducted in accordance with this Communication and ISU statutes.
- d) In this Communication the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009 is sometimes referred to with the shorter term "ISU Junior World Cup".

2. Basic competition rules

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/09 consists of a series of competitions for the following distances/events:
Ladies, individual events: 500m, 1000m, 1500m and 3000m;
Ladies, team event: Team Pursuit (6 laps) for national teams of 3 skaters;
Men, individual events: 500m, 1000m, 1500m and long distance (3000m or 5000m).
Men, team event: Team Pursuit (8 laps) for national teams of 3 skaters.
- b) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009 ranking for each distance/event is determined by the accumulated points for each skater or (for Team Pursuit) national team over the season. In addition to the four ISU Junior World Cup Competitions listed in section 3 below, also results from the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2009 count in the overall classification of the ISU Junior World Cup. The participation in the World Junior Championships is, however, restricted according to the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for these Championships.

- c) The competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members, subject to entry quotas and qualifying times requirements.
- d) Participation is open to Junior A and Junior B athletes as per ISU Rule 108. The Competitions are organized in a format where skaters compete in one Division (no separation between Junior A and Junior B). The skaters who currently have the highest ISU Junior World Cup points of the distance concerned will compete in the last pair of the distance; the skaters currently ranked 3rd and 4th will compete in the second last pair, etc.
- e) Prize money, as determined by the ISU, will be awarded for the overall classification of each distance/event of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009.

3. ISU Junior-World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2008/2009

November 29-30, 2008	Inzell (GER)	Ladies: 2x500m, 1000m, 1500m, Team Pursuit Men: 2x500m, 1000m, 1500m, Team Pursuit
December 6-7, 2008	Asker (NOR)	Ladies: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m Men: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m
January 17-18, 2009	Collalbo (ITA)	Ladies: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m Men: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m
<i>February 20-22, 2009 World Junior Championships</i>	<i>Zakopane (POL)</i>	<i>Ladies: 2x500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, Team Pursuit Men: 2x500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000/5000m, Team Pursuit</i>
February 28 - March 1, 2009 (<i>"ISU Junior World Cup Final"</i>)	Groningen (NED)	Ladies: 2x500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, Team Pursuit Men: 2x500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, Team Pursuit

4. Entry Rules

4.1. Qualifying times

Entered skaters must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances:

	Ladies	Men
500 m	46,00	41,50
1000 m	1.32,00	1.24,00
1500 m	2.25,00	2.10,00
3000 m / 5000 m	5.10,00	4.40,00 (3000 m)

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2007 and the entry deadline for the ISU Junior World Cup Competition concerned. Documentation (specifying date and venue of the competition) of the achieved qualifying time must be submitted together with the entries. Exceptionally, the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee may grant, upon evaluation at its discretion, an ISU Member the right to enter maximum one skater per category (Ladies/Men each) who has not achieved an applicable qualifying time.

4.2. Entry quotas

An ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 competitors per category (10 ladies and 10 men) for an ISU Junior World Cup Competition. Subject to the qualifying times criteria of paragraph 4.1 above, maximum 5 competitors may be entered for each individual event. A maximum of one team may be entered for each of the Team Pursuit events.

However, for the final Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup 2008/2009 an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 5 competitors per category (5 Ladies and 5 Men), and a maximum of 3 competitors for each individual event. For the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2009 the entry quotas and entry rules for these Championships apply.

4.3. *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, including any substitutes for each distance, and entries for (when applicable) Team Pursuit events. The individual entries for a distance may be changed not later than two hours before the draw for the distance, but only among skaters entered as a competitor or a substitute for the distance concerned. The replacement of an injured or ill skater by an entered substitute after the draw may be accepted if the Referee has been duly informed at least two hours before the start of the distance.

5. Competition formats

5.1. *Competition formats for the individual distances*

For each individual distance all entered skaters compete together (in the same division). After the first Competition of each individual event the pairs will be formed according to the current ISU Junior World Cup ranking, with the two best ranked skaters competing in the last pair. The better ranked skater in a pair will start in the inner lane. Further details concerning the drawing and composition of pairs are given in paragraph 6.

5.2. *Quartet starts*

Quartet starts should be used for the 3000m and 5000m.

5.3. *Competition format for the Team Pursuit competitions*

- a) Team Pursuit competitions will be skated with national teams of 3 skaters. Distances are 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.
 - i) Teams shall be composed of skaters representing the same ISU Member, and the skaters must wear the national team racing uniforms of the Member;
 - ii) Only skaters entered as a participant or a substitute for a distance at the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009 Competition concerned may compete in the Team Pursuit;
 - iii) Each ISU Member may enter only one team per category (Ladies/Men);
 - iv) The deadline for entry of names of the skaters that may compete in the team (possibly more than 3 names) will be announced by the Referee during the team leaders' meeting the day before the Team Pursuit race;
 - v) The final composition of the team shall be declared by the team leader not later than 30 minutes before the start of the Team Pursuit competition concerned.
- b) The sequence of races (heats) of the Team Pursuit competition is determined by a ranking of teams, with the two best ranked teams competing in the last heat.
 - i) For the first ISU Junior World Cup Team Pursuit Competition of the season the composition of the heats will be determined by the classification from the Team Pursuit event at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2008;
 - ii) For the Team Pursuit event at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2009 the heats will be composed according to the applicable Technical Rules for these Championships;
 - iii) For the Team Pursuit event in the ISU Junior World Cup final a maximum of 8 teams will be admitted. The selection among entered teams, as well as the starting order, will be based on the current ISU Junior World Cup Team Pursuit ranking.
- c) The better ranked team in a heat will start at the normal finishing straight of the track.

5.4. *Demonstration events*

Subject to the consent of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee the organizer of an ISU Junior World Cup Competition may add demonstration events to the program. Entry rules, time schedules and special conditions for the events should be included in the announcement.

6. Drawing, composition of pairs and starting order

6.1. *Draw meeting and team leaders' meeting*

A draw meeting shall take place before each day of the Competition. A team leaders' meeting shall be held before the draw meeting with the purpose to confirm the final entries.

6.2. *Drawing at the first ISU Junior World Cup Competition (for each individual event)*

The entered skaters are distributed in groups of 10 skaters each based on their achieved qualifying times. Pairs are drawn within each group, and the group with the highest ranked skaters shall be drawn last. In the case of an odd number of participants, the first pair (first drawn group) will consist of a single skater. Skaters from the same country (ISU Member) should not compete in the same pair.

6.3. *Pairing and drawing after the first ISU Junior World Cup Competition of the season*

a) Skaters shall be paired according to their individual ISU Junior World Cup rank. The starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the skaters so that the skaters with the lowest rank start in the first pair, and so on. The better ranked skater in a pair shall start in the inner lane.

b) Skaters without ISU Junior World Cup points (unranked skaters) shall be grouped together. The first pair drawn from this group shall start first. In the case of 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) Two skaters from the same ISU Member will compete in the same pair, if such a pair is formed based on the ISU Junior World Cup ranking. Pairs formed by a draw should (if possible) not consist of skaters from the same ISU Member.

d) For the 2nd 500m race in an ISU Junior World Cup Competition, the composition of pairs shall be based on the time ranking from the first race, so that the winner of the first race will start in the last pair. Skaters, who did not participate or did not get a result in the first race, shall be considered as unranked. In case of ties in the rankings used for the composition of pairs in the 2nd race, the skater with the better ISU Junior World Cup rank shall be considered as better ranked. The composition of pairs must take into account that the skaters shall change their starting lanes from the first race. However, skaters not competing in the first race may be assigned starting lanes in order to avoid odd pairs. Moreover, multiple single pairs may be avoided by merging the pairs concerned, in which case the skater originally drawn in the later pair will start in the inner lane.

e) In case of withdrawals after the draw meeting, pairs shall be rearranged according to ISU Rule 245, paragraph 2. Substitutes shall be placed in the pair corresponding to their individual ISU Junior World Cup rank, and necessary rearrangements must be made accordingly. However, for withdrawals announced later than two hours before the start of the distance, adjustment of pairs may be made according to Rule 245, paragraph 3.

6.4. *Composition of quartets*

In quartet starts the four skaters with the best ISU Junior World Cup ranking shall form the last quartet, and only the first quartet may be incomplete.

7. ISU Junior World Cup ranking system

7.1. Competitions counting

The following number of competitions and races count for the ISU Junior World Cup ranking for the respective events (as per the competition schedule listed in paragraph 3):

500 m	Ladies and Men	5 Competitions / 8 races
1000 m	Ladies and Men	5 Competitions / 5 races
1500 m	Ladies and Men	5 Competitions / 5 races
3000 m	Ladies	4 Competitions / 4 races
3000 m / 5000 m	Men	4 Competitions / 4 (5)* races
Team Pursuit	Ladies (6 laps) and Men (8 laps)	3 Competitions / 3 races

*) A skater competing in both 3000m and 5000m in the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2009 will be awarded ISU Junior World Cup points only for one of these distances.

7.2. Point tables

ISU Junior World Cup points will be awarded according to the tables below. For the events skated at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships and the ISU Junior World Cup Final a bonus of 50% is awarded (points table B).

<i>Rank</i>	<i>A: Competitions prior to the World Junior Championships</i>	<i>B: World Junior Championships and Final Competition</i>
1	100	150
2	80	120
3	70	105
4	60	90
5	50	75
6	45	67
7	40	60
8	36	54
9	32	48
10	28	42
11	24	36
12	21	32
13	18	27
14	16	24
15	14	21
16	12	18
17	10	15
18	8	12
19	6	9
20	4	6
21	3	4
22	2	3
23	1	2
24	0	1

7.3. Points for tied ranks

If two or more skaters (or teams) have obtained the same rank in the classification, each skater (or team) will receive the full points scored for this tied rank.

7.4. ISU Junior World Cup ranking rules

The ISU Junior World Cup ranking of each event (distance) is determined by the number of points the skaters (or pursuit teams) accumulate during the season. In the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking, as well as in the intermediate ranking during the season, a tie between skaters/teams with the same total of ISU Junior World Cup points will be resolved according to the following criteria (in order of priority) for determining the better ranked skater/team:

- i) the skater/team with the higher number of victories;
- ii) the skater/team with the higher score of points in one single competition (race);
- iii) the skater/team with the higher score of points in the latest competition (race) held.

If neither of these criteria resolves the tie, the skaters/teams will have the same ISU Junior World Cup rank.

8. Prizes

For each individual event (distance) and for the Team Pursuit event prize money will be awarded for the 3 best skaters or teams according to the final ISU Junior World Cup classification.

<i>Prize money for the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking</i>		
Rank	Individual distance	Team Pursuit (per team)
1	CHF 600,-	CHF 700,-
2	CHF 300,-	CHF 500,-
3	CHF 200,-	CHF 400,-

In case of ties, the prize money amount awarded will be the average amounts for the applicable ranking positions. The prize money is transferred by the ISU to the respective ISU Members on the conditions that apply for ISU Championships (see ISU Communication No. 1286 or later updates).

9. Cancellation of Competitions

If an organizing Member considers it impossible to hold the ISU Junior 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 race, the Referee in consultation with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee representative is authorized to cancel distances or races. The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee decides if cancelled distances or races shall be re-scheduled for another date and/or another venue.

10. Requirements for the organization of ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions

A Memorandum will be issued by ISU containing details on the obligations of the organizers and guidelines for the organization of an ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competition. A summary is given below:

- 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 submitted to the ISU Secretariat for approval by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, not later than two months before the Competition is to be held. The announcement must be sent to the ISU Speed Skating Members not later than 45 days before the Competition, and it should be made available on a suitable website together with other relevant information.
- b) For each Competition one Referee, two Assistant Referees and two 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 appointed Referee must be an ISU Referee for the season 2008/2009, as listed in ISU Communication No. 1507. At least two of the appointed officials should belong to ISU Member(s) other than the hosting Member. The organizers must provide the Referee with adequate secretariat assistance and computer support for the preparation and conduct of the drawings.
- c) Automatic time keeping is mandatory, and the use of a photo-finish system is recommended. The connection to a scoreboard should be available if possible.
- d) Anti-doping tests may be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications.
- e) The organizer is responsible that appropriate accommodation is available for participants and team leaders. For the participating teams the organizer is obliged to announce a set of guaranteed (maximum) board and lodging rates at available hotels as follows:
 - Hotel room rates for single and double rooms (without meals or only incl. breakfast)
 - Rates for full board and lodging (three meals per day).
- f) The organizer is obliged to pay or reimburse board and lodging expenses from dinner the evening before until breakfast on the morning after the Competition for (up to) 2 skaters and 1 team leader from each participating Member. Reimbursement shall be based on the announced room rates for the applicable hotels, and calculated based on the expenses of up to 3 (three) single rooms.
- g) The organizer is responsible for covering expenses for travel, board and lodging for the ISU appointed officials (Referees and Starters), and for the board and lodging for the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative.
- h) The organizer must provide a transportation service between the ice rink and the hotel(s) during the period of the competitions and the announced training sessions. If possible, also the transportation of the teams should be arranged by the organizer from the nearest international airport. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the Competition.
- i) The organizer must provide ice-training possibilities for at least 3 hours during the last day prior to the Competition. Adequate safety protection must be in place at the rink during the official training and competition periods, as per guidelines given in the Memorandum and the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules.
- j) The organizer is obliged to forward to the ISU 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.

11. Distribution of results

The organizer of a Competition must immediately send complete results for the races (ranking lists with finishing times and results by pairs) by electronic mail to:

- ISU Secretariat info@isu.ch
- ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair tron.espeli@rcn.no

The organizer should ensure that results are posted at an announced Internet web site. Six (6) copies of the official protocol of results must be sent without delay by air mail to the ISU Secretariat in Lausanne.

12. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Coordination

Any questions concerning rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009 should be addressed to

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