

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1539

ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events 2008/2009 Entry rules and procedures, other specific regulations

Further to ISU Communication No. 1527, this Communication contains:

- Essential information on the entry rules and procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events for the season **2008/2009**;
- Further explanations of relevant parts of the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating

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 specific entry quotas for each ISU Member have been published in ISU Communication No. 1527.
- 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. 1527.
- c) For the *Regional qualifying event for Asia* for the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2009 the following entry quotas apply :

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

All other ISU Members concerned may enter a maximum of one (1) skater per category.

- d) For the *Regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania* for the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2009 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 this ISU Communication (see paragraph 5 below).
- 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 number of entries for an ISU Member is 5 Ladies and 5 Men (see Rule 208, paragraph 7). Further details on the entry quotas per event and guidelines for the entry process are given in paragraph 7 of this ISU Communication. 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 will also be used for seeding purposes, to determine the grouping of skaters for the drawing of pairs (Rule 240, paragraphs 1, 2 and 5; Rule 242, paragraph 2 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 2008/2009 as follows:

- a) ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships:

Ladies:	500 meters:	40,20	1000 meters:	1.21,00
Men:	500 meters:	36,50	1000 meters:	1.12,50

An entered skater must have achieved the qualifying time for at least one of the distances.

- 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 2009:

Ladies, 3000 meters only:	4.30,00
Men, 5000 meters only:	7.00,00

- c) ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships:

Ladies, 3000 meters only:	4.22,00
Men, 5000 meters only:	6.45,00

- d) ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	Allround
Ladies	45,00	1.30,00	2.20,00	5.00,00	-	1500m: 2.20,00
Men	40,50	1.21,00	2.05,00	-	4,15,00 or 7.25,00	3000m: 4.25,00

To be entered for Single Distance events a skater must have achieved the qualifying time for the distance concerned. However, a skater entered for the Allround event, will be considered qualified to be entered for the respective Single Distance events (see also paragraph 7 below).

To be entered for the Allround Championships a skater must have achieved the qualifying time for 1500m (Ladies) or 3000m (Men). To be entered for the Team Pursuit event, a skater must have achieved at least one of the above mentioned qualifying times.

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. 1519 (or, when applicable, in ISU Communication No. 1457 for the season 2007/2008);
- 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, 2007* may be considered.
- d) Only qualifying times achieved *since July 1, 2008* will be considered for the grouping of skaters for the drawing of distances. However, for the ISU World Junior Championships results achieved since *July 1, 2007* 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. For final entries requirements in Rules 104, 115, 131 and 208 of the ISU Regulations must be observed. See also ISU Communication No. 1523 on Declaration forms.
- 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 (3 skaters per race) must be selected from (maximum 4) skaters who have been entered for some of the individual events 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 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 2009 will be organized through the following competitions:
 - for European ISU Members: The ISU European Speed Skating Championships in Heerenveen, The Netherlands, January 9-11, 2009;
 - for ISU Members from Asia: The Asian regional qualifying event in Tomakomai, Japan, January 4-5, 2009;
 - for ISU Members from North America and Oceania: The regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania in Salt Lake City, USA, January 10-11, 2009.
- b) Preliminary and final entries must be submitted according to Rule 208, paragraphs 8-9.
- c) 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) 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. The total entry quotas of each region have been determined by the results from the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2008 as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
Europe:	14	16
Asia	4	2
North America & Oceania	6	6

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 16 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2009.

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 2 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 and the 6 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from this event.

e) Host country quotas: The hosting Member (Norway) 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 Norway 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. 16 (Men) in the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2009, would have its entry quota reduced by one skater.

f) 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.

g) 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.

h) 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 2008. 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 four vacant start positions would go to Europe.

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

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) *Entry quotas for the individual events (See Rule 208, paragraph 7):*

An ISU Member may enter a maximum of 5 skaters per category (5 Ladies, 5 Men) for the Championships. For each of the individual Championships events (single distances and allround) the maximum entry quotas are as follows:

	Ladies:	Men	
500 m	4	4	
1000 m	4	4	
1500 m	4	4	
3000 m	3	-	(for Men, the 3000m is only part of the Allround Championship)
5000 m	-	3	
Allround	3	3	

- A skater entered for the Ladies' Allround Championship event, will be counted as entered also for the Ladies' Single Distance Championship events in 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters.
- A skater entered for the Men's Allround Championship event, will be counted as entered also for the Men's Single Distance Championship events in 1500 and 5000 meters.
- Skaters entered for the Allround Championship event will be counted as entered for the 500 meters Single Distance Championships only if they are explicitly entered for this event.

b) *Examples of how to make entries for the individual events:*

Example 1:

An ISU Member has entered:

- 5 skaters (A, B, C, D, E) for the Ladies' events.
 - Skaters C, D and E are entered for the Ladies' Allround Championship event.
- 5 skaters (F, G, H, I, J) for the Men's events.
 - Skaters F and G are entered for the Men's Allround Championship event.

This ISU Member may enter skaters for the Single Distance Championship events in many different ways; only two of these options are given below:

Option 1

Ladies

500m	A, B, C, D
1000m	A, C, D, E
1500m	B, C, D, E
3000m	C, D, E
Allround	C, D, E

Men

500m	F, H, I
1000m	H, I, J
1500m	F, G, I, J
5000m	F, G, J
Allround	F, G

Option 2

Ladies

500m	A, B, E
1000m	B, C, D, E
1500m	A, C, D, E
3000m	C, D, E
Allround	C, D, E

Men

500m	H, J
1000m	G, H, J
1500m	F, G, H, I
5000m	F, G, I
Allround	F, G

Note: The 500m Single Distance Championship event consists of two races. All skaters entered for the Allround event will have to skate a 500m, and it is therefore possible that 5 skaters from the same country will take part in the first 500m race. However, a maximum of 4 skaters may be entered specifically for the 500m Single Distance Championship, with the right to take part (if qualified) also in the second and final race of this distance.

Example 2:

An ISU Member has entered:

- 3 skaters (A, B, C) for the Ladies' events
 - Skaters *B* and *C* are entered for the Ladies' Allround Championship event.
- 3 skaters (F, G, H) for the Men's events.
 - Only Skater *F* is entered for the Men's Allround Championship event.

This ISU Member may enter skaters for the Single Distance Championship events in many different ways; only two of these options are given below:

Option 1

Ladies

500m	A
1000m	A, B, C
1500m	A, B, C
3000m	B, C
Allround	B, C

Men

500m	G
1000m	F, G
1500m	F, G, H
5000m	F, H
Allround	F

Option 2

Ladies

500m	B
1000m	B, C
1500m	A, B, C
3000m	A, B, C
Allround	B, C

Men

500m	G, H
1000m	G, H
1500m	F, G, H
5000m	F
Allround	F

c) Entries of substitutes

Skaters may be entered as substitutes for events where they have achieved the required qualifying times. Replacement of an entered skater with an entered substitute must be communicated at the latest at the Team Leaders' meeting preceding the draw for the event concerned.

d) Entries for the Team Pursuit events

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. If a team qualifies for the final phase of the Team Pursuit event, maximum one of the three skaters competing in the first phase may be replaced by another skater in the medal deciding race.

e) Drawing

See Rule 243, paragraphs 1 and 2 (individual events), paragraph 3 (Team Pursuit events).

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