

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1754

ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events 2012/13 Entry rules and procedures, other specific regulations

Further to ISU Communication No. 1751, this Communication contains:

- Essential information on the entry rules and procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events for the season **2012/13**;
- Further explanations of relevant parts of the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating.

1. Entry quotas

- a) For the *Essent 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. 1751.
- b) For the *Essent ISU European Speed Skating Championships* the entry quotas for ISU Members are determined according to Rule 208, paragraph 5.c). The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member have been published in ISU Communication No. 1751.
- c) For the *Regional qualifying event for Asia for the Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2013* the entry quotas are determined according to Rule 208, paragraph 5.c):

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
CHN	2	2
JPN	4	3
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 Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2013* the entry quotas are determined according to Rule 208, paragraph 5c):

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
AUS	2	1
CAN	4	4
NZL	1	3
USA	4	4

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

- e) The entry quotas for the *Essent 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 *Essent 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), including one 1 team per category in the *Team Pursuit events*. Further details on the entry quotas per event and guidelines for the entry process are given in paragraph 7 of this ISU Communication.

2. Qualifying times

To qualify for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships, 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 2012/13 as follows:

a) Essent ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships:

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the qualifying time for at least one of the following distances:

Ladies: 500 meters:	39,80	1000 meters: 1.19,50
Men: 500 meters:	35,95	1000 meters: 1.10,90

b) Essent ISU European Speed Skating Championships, Regional qualifying events for Asia and for North America & Oceania for ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2013:

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following qualifying time:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
3000m	4.24,00	----
5000m	----	6.48,00

However, for results achieved outside the ice rink of Calgary (Olympic Oval) and Salt Lake City (Utah Olympic Oval) the following qualifying time limits will apply:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
3000m	4.28,00	----
5000m	----	6.52,00

c) Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships:

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following qualifying time:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
3000m	4.20,00	----
5000m	----	6.40,00

d) Essent ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships

To be entered for the Team Pursuit event, a Skater must have achieved one of the following qualifying times:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
1500m	2.05,00	1.52,50
3000m	4.28,00	----
5000m	----	6.52,00

e) ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

To be entered for the Allround Championships event a Skater must have achieved the following qualifying time:

Ladies, 1500 meters (only): 2.10,00 Men, 3000 meters (only): 4.05,00

To be entered for Single Distance Championship events a Skater must have achieved the qualifying time listed for the single distance concerned:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
500m	42,00	38,00
1000m	1.25,00	1.16,00
1500m	2.12,00	1.58,00
3000m	4.45,00	4.05,00 (for 5000m)
5000m	----	7.05,00

However, a Skater entered for the Allround event, is permitted to compete (and will be considered as automatically entered) in the respective Single Distance events, except for the 500 m event (see paragraph 7 below).

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 or Junior World Cup Competitions;
 - International Speed Skating Competitions listed in ISU Communication No.1748 (or, when applicable, in ISU Communication No. 1688 for the season 2011/12);
- 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, 2011 may be considered.
- d) Only qualifying times achieved since July 1, 2012 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, 2011 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 relevant requirements in the ISU Regulations must be observed. See also ISU Communication No. 1628 on Declaration forms.
- b) Information about achieved qualifying times must be given on the Final Entry forms. If an entered Competitor 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 Competitor 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 Competitor, 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 Competitors wear racing suits and warming-up suits with identical design, as approved by the ISU, 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 (or any further update of this Communication), all Competitors 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.
- g) Expenses will be paid only for competitors participating in the Championships, not for substitutes who do not compete (see Rule 137, paragraph 10 f)).

4. Regional qualifying events for the Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships

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

- a) The regional qualification for the Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2013 will be organized through the following competitions:

- *for European ISU Members: The Essent ISU European Speed Skating Championships in Heerenveen, The Netherlands, January 11-13, 2013;*
- *for ISU Members from Asia: The Asian regional qualifying event in Changchun, China, December 29-30, 2012;*
- *for ISU Members from North America and Oceania: The regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania in Salt Lake City, USA, January 12-13, 2013.*

Other ISU Members from outside Europe will have to select one of the two non-European qualifying events, see ISU Special Regulations for Speed Skating Rule 208, paragraph 5 a).

- Preliminary and final entries must be submitted according to Rule 208, paragraphs 8 and 9.
- Drawings shall be made according to the same rules as for the Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships (Rule 239 and Rule 240, paragraphs 1-4).

5. Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships

- Entry quotas for the Essent 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 Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2012 as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
Europe:	14	17
Asia	4	3
North America & Oceania	6	4

- European ISU Members will get entry quotas corresponding to the number of Skaters from their country placed among the 14 best Ladies and the 17 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from the Essent ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2013.
- 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.
- 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 4 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from this event.
- The hosting Member (Norway) of the Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2013 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. 17 (Men) in the European Championships 2013, would have its entry quota reduced by one Skater.
- Final entries for the Essent 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.
- 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.
- 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 Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2012. The priority order for granting additional entry quotas in such situations would be the following:

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

Men: The first five vacant start positions would go to North America.

6. Essent 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 Competitors per category (5 Ladies, 5 Men) for the Championships. Among the maximum of 5 entered Skaters a Member may enter a maximum of 4 Competitors for each of the Single Distance Championships events and a maximum of 3 Competitors for the allround Championships event.

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

b) *Examples: How to make entries for the individual events.*

Example 1:

An ISU Member has entered:

- 5 Competitors (A, B, C, D, E) for the Ladies' events.
Competitors C, D and E are entered for the Ladies' Allround Championship event (and therefore automatically entered also for 1000m, 1500m and 3000m).
- 5 Competitors (F, G, H, I, J) for the Men's events.
Competitors F and G are entered for the Men's Allround Championship event (and therefore automatically entered also for 1500m and 5000m).

This ISU Member may enter Competitors for the Single Distance Championship events in many different ways (on the condition that qualifying times for the respective events have been achieved); 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	A, 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 Competitors 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 Competitors 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 Competitors (A, B, C) for the Ladies' events.
Competitors B and C are entered for the Ladies' Allround Championship event (and therefore automatically entered also for 1000m, 1500m and 3000m).

- 3 Competitors (F, G, H) for the Men's events.
Only Competitor F is entered for the Men's Allround Championship event (and therefore automatically entered also for 1500m and 5000m).

This ISU Member may enter Competitors for the Single Distance Championship events in many different ways (on the condition that qualifying times for the respective distances have been achieved); only two of these options are given below:

<u>Option 1</u>		<u>Option 2</u>	
Ladies		Ladies	
500m	A	500m	B
1000m	A, B, C	1000m	B, C
1500m	A, B, C	1500m	A, B, C
3000m	B, C	3000m	A, B, C
Allround	B, C	Allround	B, C
Men		Men	
500m	G	500m	G, H
1000m	F, G	1000m	G, H
1500m	F, G, H	1500m	F, G, H
5000m	F, H	5000m	F
Allround	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 Competitor 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 Competitors 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 Competitor 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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