

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1809

ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2013/14

1. General Conditions

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2013/14 will be organized as a series of International Competitions subject to regulations given in this ISU Communication. The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2013/14 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. Rule 223, paragraph 1 c) and 1 d) regarding national team uniforms will apply with the adjustments as mentioned in 2c) below.
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 2013/14 belong to the organizing ISU Member. Before concluding any commercial agreements the organizers should, however, consult the ISU Director General in order to prevent conflicts with ISU contracts. 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.
- b) An ISU Memorandum specifying obligations and guidelines for the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2013/14 will be available to the hosting ISU Members and the Organizing Committees.
- c) For each Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2013/14 the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee assigns a Representative, who shall observe that the competitions are conducted in accordance with this Communication, ISU statutes and the ISU Memorandum.
- d) In this Communication the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2013/14 is sometimes referred to with the shorter term "ISU Junior World Cup" and the abbreviation "JWC".

2. Basic competition rules

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2013/14 consists of a series of Competitions for the following distances/events:
Ladies, individual events: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m and Mass Start races (8 laps);
Ladies, team events: Team Pursuit (6 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps);
Men, individual events: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m and Mass Start races (12 laps);
Men, team events: Team Pursuit (8 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps).
- b) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2013/14 ranking for each distance/event is determined by the accumulated points for each Skater or (for Team Pursuit and Team Sprint) national team over the season.
- c) The competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members, subject to entry quotas and required qualifying times. Participating competitors need to wear racing uniforms clearly identifying the ISU Member concerned.
- d) The first set of ISU Junior World Cup Competitions 2013/14 (JWC-1) are organised on a regional basis, with competitions held on different continents. An ISU Member can enter participants for only one of the regional competitions JWC-1. However, a Member may choose to enter their participants for JWC-1 in a regional competition that is held outside its own continent.
- e) The ISU Junior World Cup series 2013/14 furthermore includes a Competition targeting all ISU Members (JWC-2) and the ISU Junior World Cup Final.
- f) For all Competitions participation is open to Junior A and Junior B Skaters as per ISU Rule 108; this means Skaters born in the period 1 July 1994 – 30 June 1998. Participation is also open for Junior C Skaters born between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999) who have reached the qualifying times required to be entered for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2014.

- g) The Competitions are organized in a format where Skaters compete in one Division. The Competitors who currently have the highest ISU Junior World Cup rank on the distance concerned will skate in the last pair of the distance; the Competitors currently ranked 3rd and 4th will skate in the second last pair, etc.
- h) Prize money, as determined by the ISU, and a special trophy for the winner, will be awarded for the overall classification of each distance/event of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2013/14.

3. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2013/14

JWC	Dates	Place	Program
<i>Regional JWC-1</i>	November 30 – December 1, 2013	Quebec, CAN (<i>North America</i>)	Day 1: Ladies and Men: 1000, 3000, Team Sprint Day 2: Ladies and Men: 500, 1500, Mass Start
	December 14 – 15, 2013	Zakopane, POL (<i>Europe</i>)	
	January 11 - 12, 2014	Tomakomai, JPN (<i>Asia</i>)	
<i>JWC-2</i>	January 25 – 26, 2014	Innsbruck (AUT)	Day 1: Ladies and Men: 1000, 3000, Team Sprint Day 2: Ladies and Men: 500,1500, Mass Start
<i>JWC Final</i>	March 1 - 2, 2014	Bjugn (NOR)	Day 1: Ladies and Men: 500, 1500, Team Pursuit Day 2: Ladies and Men: 1000, 3000, Mass Start

4. Entry Rules

4.1. Qualifying times

Entered Skaters must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances (for Mass start or Team Pursuit races any of the listed qualifying time limits apply):

	<i>Ladies</i>	<i>Men</i>
500 m	45,00	41,00
1000 m	1.30,00	1.22,00
1500 m	2.20,00	2.07,00
3000 m	5.00,00	4.25,00

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2012 and the entry deadline for the ISU Junior World Cup Competition concerned. Documentation (specifying date and venue of the competition) of the achieved 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 gender who has not achieved an applicable qualifying time. For the hosting Member such an exception may be granted also for Junior C Skaters.

4.2. Entry quotas

- a) For ISU Junior World Cup Competitions an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Competitors per gender (10 Ladies, 10 Men). A maximum of 5 Competitors may be entered for each individual event (distance). For the Team Sprint races a Member may enter more than one team, see paragraph 5.4 below.
- b) For the *final Competition* in the ISU Junior World Cup 2013/14 an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 5 Competitors per gender (5 Ladies, 5 Men), with a maximum of 3 Competitors entered for each individual event. Only Skaters who have scored ISU Junior World Cup points during the season 2013/14, or Skaters who have been entered for the ISU World Junior Championships 2014, may be entered for the ISU Junior World Cup final.

4.3. Entries of Competitors

ISU Members must submit their entries before the deadline and by the procedure stated in the announcement for the Competition concerned, indicating the distance(s) to be skated by each

entered Competitor, and including maximum one substitute per distance, and entries for (when applicable) Team Pursuit and Team Sprint events. An entered Competitor may be replaced by an entered substitute not later than at the team leaders' meeting preceding the draw for the distance. No substitutions will be accepted at the draw meeting. Replacement of a competitor by an entered substitute *after the draw* may exceptionally be accepted, but only if the Referee has been duly informed at least two hours before the start of the first race of the distance.

5. Competition formats and rules

5.1. Individual distances

- a) For each individual distance all entered Skaters compete together (in one division).
- b) Quartet starts should be used for the 3000m.

5.2. Mass start events

Mass start races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 253, paragraph 4 b), with the following specific rules (further details and adjustments may be issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee).

Racing rules:

- a) Distances are 8 laps for Ladies and 12 laps for Men.
- b) Start in the middle of the finishing straight (at the 1000m finishing line, rows of 5 Skaters each), finish at the end of the finishing straight.
- c) The first lap must be skated "in one group" without fast accelerations. Breach of this rule will lead to a DQ. The first lap counts as part of the overall distance to be skated. "The clock" starts running from the first gunshot, including this first lap. Before the 500m finishing line, after the first lap, a second shot or bell signal will be given. From this moment on it is allowed to accelerate to gain a better position in the pack.
- d) Competitors overtaken by the leader with one full lap will have to leave the racing track immediately when being overtaken.
- e) During the race there will be one intermediate sprint, in addition to the final sprint. For each sprint, Competitors will be awarded race points that count towards the race result (final ranking of the race).
- f) The intermediate sprint will be concluded at the finishing line after 4 laps for Ladies and after 6 laps for Men. A bell signal will be given one lap before each sprint; that means when the lap counter shows 5 laps left for Ladies and 7 laps left for Men.
- g) The race points awarded for the sprints are as follows:
 - Intermediate sprint: first four (4) Skaters will earn: 5 – 3 – 2 – 1 points
 - Final sprint: first six (6) Skaters will earn: 11 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 points
- h) The result (final ranking) of the race will be determined by the accumulated race points gained in the intermediate sprint and at the final sprint, and in such a way that the Competitor who is first to cross the finishing line at the final sprint will be the winner of the race.
 - For Competitors that do not finish the race, points awarded from the intermediate sprint will not be considered for their final ranking.
 - For Competitors with the same total of race points, the points gained in the final sprint will break the tie.
 - Competitors without points will be ranked according to their position at the finish.
 - Competitors being lapped (and therefore not having completed the race), will be ranked according to the order by which they have been lapped.
- i) Severe obstruction that causes the fall of another Competitor leads to disqualification.
- j) For safety purposes Competitors must wear shin guards and cut resistant or leather gloves. The back part of the blades must be rounded off, with an indicative radius of 1 cm. Other specially announced safety measures may apply.

Entry rules:

- a) The same entry quotas apply as for other individual distances: Maximum 5 Competitors per Member for JWC-1 and JWC-2, and maximum 3 Competitors per Member for the JWC final.
- b) Maximum 28 Competitors will be admitted in the race. If the number of entered Skaters will exceed this limit, the participation will be restricted as follows: Firstly, a limitation of maximum

4 Skaters per Member will be applied. If further limitations are necessary, then maximum 3 Skaters per Member, etc.

- c) In case of limitations of the overall number of Competitors, as per item b) above, the team leaders will have to indicate at the team leaders' meeting the priority order of their entered Competitors.

5.3. Team Pursuit events

Team Pursuit competitions will be skated in the JWC Final only, with national teams of 3 Skaters. Distances are 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

- 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 at the team leaders' meeting the day before the Team Pursuit event.
- 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 event concerned.

5.4. Team Sprint events

Team Sprint competitions will be skated with teams of 3 Skaters. The overall distance is 3 laps, the first Skater of the team leading the first lap before leaving the race, the second Skater of the team leading the second lap before leaving the race and the third Skater finishing the race for the team. The following specific rules apply (further details and adjustments may be issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee):

5.4.1 Racing rules:

- a) Each Skater in the team must be assigned a position, No. 1, 2 or 3.
- b) Skaters wear differently colored armbands for easy identification as follows: Skater No. 1 in the team: No armband, Skater No. 2: White armband, Skater No. 3: Red armband. Skater No. 3 should wear transponders to facilitate the timekeeping.
- c) The start procedure is the same as for Team Pursuit. For disqualification see ISU Rule 261, paragraph 3. For allowance of a fresh start see ISU Rule 262, paragraph 2.
- d) The first lap is skated with the Skater assigned as No. 1 leading the team, with Skater No. 2 and Skater No. 3 following. After one lap, Skater No. 1 has to *leave to the outside part of the track before leaving to the warm-up lane*. After Skater No. 1 has left the team, Skater No. 2 has to lead the team until the second full lap is completed. After this lap, Skater No. 2 leaves the race in the same manner as Skater No. 1. Skater No. 3 skates the last lap alone and finishes the race for the team.
- e) Changeover to the next assigned Skater in the team must take place between the beginning of the finishing straight of the team and before the entry to the curve. The beginning and end of the changeover area will be suitably marked (e.g. by cones).
- f) Races may be skated with only one team competing in the race, or with two teams racing at the same time. Setup for the start will be the same as for Team Pursuit (teams gather at 500m and 1500m start area, respectively).
- g) When two teams are racing, start and finish will be at the 1000m finishing line and in the opposite position at the crossing straight (like in Team Pursuit). When only one team is racing, start and finish of the team will be at the 1000m finishing line.
- h) Teams will not be allowed on the warm-up lane while other teams are racing.
- i) No coaching from the ice and no team officials in the infield.

5.4.2 Entry rules:

- a) ISU Members may enter national teams composed of Skaters who have been entered for the Junior World Cup Competition. It is possible to enter more than one national team. The teams then have to be named as Team-1 (of the ISU Member), Team-2 (of the ISU Member), etc.
- b) A team may also consist of Skaters from different ISU Members (mixed-country teams), but no Member can have more than 2 Skaters entered for a mixed-country team. The composition of the team then has to be agreed upon and confirmed by the team leaders from the ISU Members concerned. The team will carry the name of one of the ISU Members represented in the team, but the list of results will indicate that it is a mixed team and specify which other Member(s) are represented.

- c) The final entries for the Team Sprint event are to be confirmed at the team leaders' meeting. Competitors are to be entered by the team leader(s) concerned, with assigned positions (No. 1, 2 or 3) for each Skater in the team.

5.5. 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 and conditions for demonstrations events should be included in the announcement.

6. Drawing, composition of pairs and starting order

6.1. Draw meeting and team leaders' meeting

- a) A team leaders' meeting shall take place before each day of the Competition, with the purpose to confirm the final entries and to present race schedules and other logistic information.
- b) Each participating Member is obliged to attend the team leaders' meeting, but participation is restricted to one person (the officially entered team leader or another person authorized by the team leader).
- c) Before the first day of a Junior World Cup Competition there will be an opening draw meeting to draw or to announce the composition and starting order of pairs. On subsequent days the start lists for the following day will be determined by the Referee based on the confirmed entries and the rules given below.

6.2. Drawing at the first Competition for the event (distance)

- a) Individual distances (JWC-1): The entered Competitors 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 Competitors shall be drawn last. In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair (from the first drawn group) will consist of a single Skater. Skaters from the same country (ISU Member) should not compete in the same pair.
- b) Mass start event: The position of Skaters at the start line is determined by lot.
- c) Team Pursuit event (JWC final): The sequence of races is determined by the rankings from the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2013, with the two best ranked teams competing in the last race.
- d) Team Sprint event: The start list is determined by lot among entered teams.

6.3. Pairing and drawing for individual distances at the following Competitions

- a) Competitors shall be paired according to their individual ISU Junior World Cup rank, as follows:
 - Competitors with Junior World Cup points will be ranked first, according to their Junior World Cup points.
 - Competitors without Junior World Cup points will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved Junior World Cup result (time) 2013-14..
 - Competitors without Junior World Cup results will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved qualifying time.

The starting order shall be opposite to the ranking order of the Competitors, so that the Competitors with the lowest rank start in the first pair (heat), etc. The better ranked Competitor in a pair shall start in the inner lane.

- b) If a pair that is formed based on the ISU Junior World Cup ranking will consist of two Skaters from the same ISU Member, the lowest ranked Skater in this pair will be moved to the earlier pair, and be replaced by the highest ranked Skater in that pair.
- c) In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair shall consist of a single Skater.
- d) In quartet starts the four Competitors with the best ISU Junior World Cup ranking shall form the last quartet, and only the first quartet may be incomplete.
- 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.

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	3 Competitions / 3 races
1000 m	Ladies and Men	3 Competitions / 3 races
1500 m	Ladies and Men	3 Competitions / 3 races
3000 m	Ladies and Men	3 Competitions / 3 races
Team Sprint	Ladies (3 laps) and Men (3 laps)	2 Competitions / 2 races
Team Pursuit	Ladies (6 laps) and Men (8 laps)	1 Competition / 1 race
Mass Start	Ladies (8 laps) and Men (12 laps)	3 Competitions / 3 races

7.2. Point tables

ISU Junior World Cup points will be awarded according to the tables below. For regional competitions (JWC-1) with a low number of Competitors table A applies, and the points awarded will then be 50 % of the points otherwise awarded (as per table B). For the Junior World Cup Final a bonus of 50 %, compared to table B, is awarded (as per table C).

Rank	A: JWC-1, if less than 15 Skaters (individual events) or less than 5 Teams (team events) competing	B: JWC-2 JWC-1 if at least 15 Skaters or at least 5 teams competing	C: JWC final
1	50	100	150
2	40	80	120
3	35	70	105
4	30	60	90
5	25	50	75
6	22	44	67
7	20	40	60
8	18	36	54
9	16	32	48
10	14	28	42
11	12	24	36
12	10	20	31
13	8	18	27
14	5	16	24
15	2	14	21
16	0	12	18
17	0	10	15
18	0	8	12
19	0	6	9
20	0	4	6
21	0	2	4
22	0	0	3
23	0	0	2
24	0	0	1

For Team Sprint competitions only the best team of an ISU Member will be awarded JWC points. For the purpose of the JWC Team Sprint ranking, points gained by mixed-country teams will be considered as awarded to the ISU Member which has named the team, as per paragraph 5.4.2.

7.3. Points for tied ranks

If two or more Skaters (or teams) have obtained the same rank in an event, 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 for each event (distance) is determined by the number of points the Skaters (or 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 Junior World Cup 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 Competitors or teams in the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking.

<i>Prize money for the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking</i>		
Rank	Individual distances, incl. mass start	Team Pursuit (per team) Team Sprint (per team)
1	CHF 600,-	CHF 900,-
2	CHF 300,-	CHF 600,-
3	CHF 200,-	CHF 450,-

In case of ties, the prize money amount awarded will be the average amounts for the applicable ranks. 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. 1509 or later updates).

Each winner will receive a special trophy presented by the ISU.

9. Cancellations

9.1. Cancellation of a Competition

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.

9.2. Cancellation of status as an ISU Junior World Cup Competition

A Competition will retain its status as an ISU Junior World Cup Competition only if at least two ISU Members are represented with Competitors. Junior World Cup points will also not be awarded for events (distances) with Competitors from only one ISU Member.

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

A Memorandum will be issued by the 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 published on the ISU Website not later than 45 days before the Competition together with other relevant information.

- b) For each Competition, one or two Referees, one or two Assistant Referees and one or two Starters are appointed by the ISU President, based on proposals prepared by the ISU Vice President in consultation with the Sports Directorate and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, taking into account nominations made by the organizing Member. The appointed Referee(s) must be an ISU Referee for the season 2013/14, as listed in ISU Communication No. 1806. At least one 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 draws (see also Rule 210, paragraph 1.k).
- 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) Doping tests shall be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications 1693, 1694, 1765, 1800 or later updates).
- 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 (“official 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) 3 Skaters or for two Skaters and one 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 1 double and 1 single room.
- g) The organizer is responsible for covering expenses for travel, board and lodging for the ISU appointed Officials (Referees and Starters), and for 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 official 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 JWC Competition, and this period is restricted to Skaters entered for the JWC Competition concerned. 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 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:

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| • ISU Secretariat | prahin@isu.ch |
| • ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair | te@rcn.no |

The organizer should ensure that results are posted continuously during the Competition at an announced Internet website. The official protocol of results, in appropriate digital format, must be sent without delay 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 2013/14 should be addressed to

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