

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1799

### QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND QUALIFYING TIMES FOR SPEED SKATING EVENTS AT THE 2014 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The entry qualification system and rules for Olympic Speed Skating events are outlined in Rule 209 “Entries for Olympic Winter Games” in the 2012 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating.

In accordance with the above mentioned Rule 209 and information on qualification and entry processes issued by the Sochi Organizing Committee for the 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, the International Skating Union (ISU) hereby announces the applicable qualifying competitions and qualifying times for Speed Skating events at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

#### I. Qualifying Competitions for determination of event entry quotas

The event entry quotas for the respective distances / events will be determined by the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) based on results from the following Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions:

- a) 500, 1000, 1500, 3000 and 5000 meters Ladies; 500, 1000, 1500, 5000, 10 000 meters Men:
- Essent ISU World Cup Calgary (CAN) November 8-10, 2013
  - Essent ISU World Cup Salt Lake City (USA) November 15-17, 2013
  - Essent ISU World Cup Astana (KAZ) November 29-December 1, 2013
  - Essent ISU World Cup Berlin (GER) December 6-8, 2013

The Essent ISU World Cup held in Astana, KAZ, on November 29-December 1, 2013 will be the only qualifying competition for the 5000 m Ladies and 10000 m Men Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) *time ranking*. World Cup points gained in the 3000 m Ladies and 5000 m Men at the other above mentioned Competitions will count for the SOQC *points ranking* for 5000 m Ladies and 10000 m Men, respectively.

Moreover, the results from the 5000 m Ladies and the 10000 m Men at the World Cup Competition in Astana, KAZ, on November 29-December 1, 2013 will also count for the SOQC *points ranking* for the 3000 m Ladies and 5000 m Men, respectively.

- b) Team Pursuit, Ladies and Men:
- Essent ISU World Cup Calgary (CAN) November 8-10, 2013
  - Essent ISU World Cup Salt Lake City (USA) November 15-17, 2013
  - Essent ISU World Cup Berlin (GER) December 6-8, 2013

## II. Qualifying times

Only Skaters having achieved the ISU Qualifying Times in accordance with the following procedure may be entered for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games:

	<i>Ladies</i>	<i>Men</i>
500 m	39,50	35,90
1000 m	1.18,50	1.10,80
1500 m	2.00,00	1.48,50
3000 m	4.15,00	n.a.
5000 m	7.20,00 or 4.10,00 (3000 m)	6.33,00
10 000 m	n.a.	13.30,00 or 6.28,00 (5000 m)

To be entered for an individual event/distance, a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying Time for the event/distance concerned. To be entered for the Team Pursuit event, a Skater must have reached the Qualifying Time for at least one of the individual events/distances.

### **Conditions for recognition of achieved Qualifying Times (as per Rule 209, paragraph 2 h):**

Skaters need to achieve Qualifying Times during the period *July 1, 2013 – January 13, 2014*.

Only the following competitions will be considered for achievement of Qualifying Times:

- ISU Championships and qualifying events for ISU Championships;
- ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions (as listed in section I above);
- International Competitions open to all ISU Members, announced according to ISU Regulations, Rule 110, paragraph 2;
- Country matches announced according to ISU Regulations, Rule 110, paragraph 2;
- National Championships organized by the ISU Members, including competitions officially declared by the ISU Member concerned as National Olympic Trials.

For Country matches and National Championships/National Olympic Trials to be considered for achievement of Qualifying Times, the organizing ISU Member must announce to the ISU Secretariat *by October 1, 2013* (see Rule 104, paragraph 14.c) the program as well as the planned date and place for such competitions. A copy of the announcement for the competition must be sent to the ISU Secretariat not later than two weeks before the first competition day.

Moreover, ISU Regulations must be respected, in particular but not limited to, the following conditions must be met in order for competitions to be recognized for achievement of Qualifying Times:

- Automatic timekeeping equipment must have been used at the competition;
- The Referees and Starters at the competition must be included in the lists of ISU recognized Speed Skating Referees and Starters for 2013/14, as published in the annual ISU Communication, or any amendments to this Communication;
- Anti-Doping tests in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules must be conducted at the competition.

**Verification and approval of achieved Qualifying Times (as per Rule 209, paragraph 2 i):**

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee is responsible for the approval of achieved Qualifying Times.

The ISU Members are responsible for submitting to the ISU verification of the best achieved Qualifying Time per event/distance for each Skater intending to participate in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. The verification shall include the date and venue where the time has been achieved. Unless the time has been achieved at an ISU Championship or an ISU World Cup Competition, a copy of the list of results must also be enclosed. Furthermore, the verification must include a statement from the organizing ISU Member that all conditions for recognition of achieved Qualifying Times (as stated above) have been fulfilled. This information must reach the ISU Secretariat (by fax +41 21 612 66 77, or by e-mail to [prahin@isu.ch](mailto:prahin@isu.ch)) *not later than January 13, 2014.*

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