

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2014/15

1. General Conditions

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2014/15 will be organized as a series of International Competitions subject to regulations given in this ISU Communication. The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2014/15 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 2014/15 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 2014/15 will be available to the hosting ISU Members and the Organizing Committees.
- c) For each Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2014/15 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 2014/15 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 2014/15 consists of a series of Competitions for the following distances/events:
Ladies, individual events: 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m and Mass start races (10 laps);
Ladies, team events: Team Pursuit (6 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps), with a combined ranking;
Men, individual events: 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m and Mass start races (10 laps);
Men, team events: Team Pursuit (8 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps), with a combined ranking.
- b) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2014/15 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 2014/15 (JWC-1) will be organized 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 2014/15 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 1995 – 30 June 1999. Participation is also open for Junior C Skaters (born between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000) who have reached the qualifying times required to be entered for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2015.
- 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 2014/15.

3. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2014/15

JWC	Dates	Place	Program
<i>Regional JWC-1</i>	November 22 – 23, 2014	Calgary, CAN (<i>North America</i>)	Day 1: 1000, 3000, Team Sprint Day 2: 500, 1500, Mass start
	December 13 – 14, 2014	Minsk, BLR (<i>Europe</i>)	
	January 10 - 11, 2015	Changchun, CHN (<i>Asia</i>)	
<i>JWC-2</i>	January 17 – 18, 2015	Collalbo (ITA)	Day 1: 1000, 3000, Team Sprint Day 2: 500,1500, Mass start
<i>JWC Final</i>	February 14 - 15, 2015	Warsaw (POL)	Day 1: 500, 1500, Team Pursuit Day 2: 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 events 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, 2013 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 2014/15 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 Pursuit event a Member may enter maximum one team. For the Team Sprint event a Member may enter more than one team, or be involved in a mixed-country team, see paragraph 5.4 below.
- b) For the *final Competition* in the ISU Junior World Cup 2014/15 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, except for the Mass Start event where a Member may enter a maximum of only 2 Competitors. Only Skaters who have scored ISU Junior World Cup points during the season 2014/15, or Skaters who have been entered for the ISU World Junior Championships 2015, may be entered for the ISU Junior World Cup final 2014/15.

4.3. Entries of Competitors

ISU Members must submit their entries using the ISU Online entry system, unless another entry procedure has been stated in the announcement for the Competition concerned. The entries must indicate the event(s) to be skated by each entered Competitor, including maximum one substitute per event, and entries for team 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 races

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 10 laps for Ladies and 10 laps for Men. The warm-up lane is considered as part of the racing track.
- b) Start in the middle of the finishing straight (at the 1000m finishing line, rows of 6 Skaters each), finish at the end of the finishing straight.
- c) The first lap must be skated "in one group" without fast accelerations. Before the 500m finishing line, after this first lap, a second shot or a 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 (with one full lap) by the current leader must abandon the race immediately.
- e) Severe obstruction of other Competitors will lead to disqualification.
- f) For safety purposes Competitors must wear shin guards and cut resistant gloves or mitts. Further safety gear is strongly recommended, like cut resistant neck protection and underwear. See also Rule 223, paragraph 1 a). The back part of the blades must be rounded off, with an indicative radius of 1 cm. Other specially announced safety measures may apply.
- g) During the race there will be one intermediate sprint, which will be concluded at the finishing line after 5 laps. A bell signal will be given one lap before the sprint; that means when the lap counter shows 6 laps left. Another bell signal will be given when the lap counter shows 1 lap left, signalling the final sprint.
- h) The race points awarded for the sprints are as follows:
 - Intermediate sprint: first three (3) Skaters will gain 5 – 3 – 1 points
 - Final sprint: first three (3) Skaters will gain 30 – 20 – 10 points
- i) The result (final ranking) of the race will be determined by the accumulated race points gained at the intermediate sprint and at the final sprint. The Competitors who are the first three to cross the finishing line at the final sprint will then also end up as the top three ranked Competitors.
 - For Competitors that do not finish the race in a regular manner, points awarded from the intermediate sprint will not be considered for their final ranking.
 - Competitors without race points will be ranked according to their order of finish at the final sprint.
 - Competitors not finishing the race may be ranked by their number of completed laps before abandoning the race.

Entry rules:

- a) Maximum 5 Competitors per Member for JWC-1 and JWC-2, and maximum 2 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 maximum number of entries for a Member will be limited to 4 Skaters. If further limitations are necessary, then Members will get entry quotas based on the results of the 3000 meters in the same JWC Competition, but each Member will nevertheless have the right to enter one Skater.

- 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 organized 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 over a total distance of 3 laps will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 261, paragraph 3, and Rule 265, paragraph 8, with teams consisting of 3 Skaters. 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) The starting procedure is the same as for Team Pursuit, with two teams starting opposite of each other at the middle of the straights.
- b) Each Skater in the team must be assigned a position, No. 1, 2 or 3.
- c) Skaters shall 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.
- 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 outer part of the track* and Skater No. 2 has to lead the team until the second lap is completed. After this lap, Skater No. 2 leaves to the outer part of the track and 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 after the beginning of the finishing straight for 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) Teams will not be allowed on the warm-up lane while other teams are racing.
- g) 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 concerned. It is possible to enter more than one national team. The teams then have to be named as <ISU Member Team-1> <ISU Member Team-2>, etc.
- b) A team may consist of Skaters from different ISU Members (mixed-country teams). The composition of the team then has to be agreed upon and confirmed by the team leaders from the ISU Members concerned. A mixed-country team will carry the name of one of the ISU Members represented in the team, and always the name of the Member that would have 2 Skaters in the team. 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 Competitors 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 2014, 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 (or teams) shall be paired according to their ISU Junior World Cup rank, as follows:
 - Competitors or teams with Junior World Cup points will be ranked first, according to their current ISU Junior World Cup rank.
 - Competitors or teams without Junior World Cup points will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved Junior World Cup result (time) 2014-15. For Mass start and Team Sprint this further ranking will be determined by lot.
 - Competitors without results from Junior World Cup 2014/15 will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved qualifying time for the distance concerned.

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 (10 laps) and Men (10 laps)	3 Competitions / 3 races

For the team events the results from the Team Sprint Competitions and the Team Pursuit Competition are combined into one ISU Junior World Cup team events ranking.

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, will be 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.

<u>Prize money for the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking</u>		
Rank	Individual distances, incl. mass start	Team events – combined ranking (per team)
1	CHF 600,-	CHF 1800,-
2	CHF 300,-	CHF 1200,-
3	CHF 200,-	CHF 900,-

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 ISU Sports Director 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 2014/15, as listed in ISU Communication No. 1879. 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 1k).
- 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 shall be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications 1765, 1800, 1871 & 1872) 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:

- 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 2014/15 should be addressed to

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