

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1897

### ISU Speed Skating Championships 2014/15

#### Qualification process, entry quotas and entry procedures

Further to ISU Communication No.1891 (Entries ISU Championships 2015), this Communication contains detailed information on the qualification process and entry procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships for the season **2014/15**, in accordance with relevant parts of the 2014 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1889 (ISU Speed Skating World Cup 2014/15).

#### 1. Entry quotas for ISU Members

##### a) *ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships*

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 6 of the 2014 Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1889 the entry quotas for the *ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2015* are determined partly by results from the World Sprint Championships 2014 and partly by results achieved during the ISU World Cup Competition to be held in Heerenveen (NED) on February 7 - 8, 2015.

A total of 32 quota places per gender will be allocated, with a maximum entry quota of 3 Competitors per ISU Member. For Ladies 13 quota places have been pre-allocated and for Men also 13 quota places have been pre-allocated based on the results at the ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2014. The specific pre-allocated quota places have been published in ISU Communication No.1891. The remaining 19 quota places for Ladies and 19 quota places for Men will be allocated based on the results at the ISU World Cup Competition to be held in Heerenveen on February 7-8, 2015.

##### b) *ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships*

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 4 of the 2014 Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1889 the entry quotas for the *ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2015* are determined partly by results from the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2014 and partly by results achieved during the ISU World Cup Competition to be held in Hamar (NOR), on January 31 - February 1, 2015.

A total of 24 quota places per gender will be allocated, with a maximum entry quota of 3 Skaters per ISU Member. For Ladies 8 quota places have been pre-allocated and for Men 11 quota places have been pre-allocated based on the results at the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2014. The specific pre-allocated quota places have been published in ISU Communication No.1891. The remaining 16 quota places for Ladies and 13 quota places for Men will be allocated based on the results at the ISU World Cup Competition to be held in Hamar on January 31 - February 1, 2015.

##### c) *ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships*

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 3 of the 2014 Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for an ISU Member *at the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2015* will be as follows:

- Maximum 3 Skaters for each of the following events: 500, 1000, 1500 (Ladies and Men), 3000 (Ladies) & 5000 (Men);
- Maximum 2 Skaters for each of the following events: 5000 (Ladies), 10000 (Men), Mass start (Ladies and Men)
- Maximum one team for each of the Team Pursuit events

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 3 and ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3.3 the actual entry quotas for each event will be determined by the results from the World Cup competitions to be held during November and December 2014.

**d) ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships**

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 7 of the 2014 Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for an ISU Member *at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2015* will be as follows:

- Maximum 5 Skaters in total
- Maximum 5 Skaters for the 500 meters event
- Maximum 4 Skaters for the following events: 1000 and 1500 (Ladies and Men), 3000 (Ladies) and 5000 (Men)
- Maximum 2 Skaters for the Mass start event (Ladies and Men)
- Maximum one team for the Team Pursuit event and one team for the Team Sprint event, with maximum 4 Skaters entered for each team event.

**e) ISU European Speed Skating Championships**

For the *ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2015* the entry quotas for ISU Members are determined according to Rule 208, paragraph 5 a) of the 2014 Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating. The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member have been published in ISU Communication No. 1891.

## **2. Qualifying times**

To qualify for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships, Skaters must have achieved certain Qualifying times (Rule 208, paragraph 2). Results achieved under the same conditions as required for valid Qualifying times will be used also for seeding purposes and to determine the grouping of Skaters for the drawing of pairs for distances where no specific qualifying time limit applies (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 2014/15. For all ISU Championships, except for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, two alternative set of Qualifying times have been defined. The slower Qualifying time, listed in (brackets), applies for results achieved outside the tracks of Calgary and Salt Lake City.

The following Qualifying time limits apply for ISU Speed Skating Championships 2014/15:

**a) ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships:**

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following Qualifying times, for both distances:

Ladies:	500 meters:	40.00 (40,50)	<u>and</u>	1000 meters:	1.20,00 (1.21,00)
Men:	500 meters:	36,20 (36,60)	<u>and</u>	1000 meters:	1.11,90 (1.12,80)

**b) ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships and ISU European Speed Skating Championships:**

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

Ladies:	3000m only:	4.24,00 (4.28,00)
Men:	5000m only:	6.48,00 (6.52,00)

**c) ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships**

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying time indicated for the event concerned:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
500m	40,00 (40,50)	36,20 (36,60)
1000m	1.20,00 (1.21,00)	1.11,90 (1.12,80)
1500m	2.03,00 (2.05,00)	1.51,00 (1.52,50)
3000m	4.24,00 (4.28,00)	----
5000m	7.25,00 (7.32,00)	6.48,00 (6.52,00)
<u>or</u> 4.15,00 (4.20,00) <i>over 3000m</i>		
10000m	----	13.40,00 (13.50,00)
		<u>or</u> 6.35,00 (6.40,00) <i>over 5000m</i>

*Mass start and Team Pursuit:*

Any one of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member:

Ladies (1500m): 2.10,00

Men (1500m): 1.57,50

**d) ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships**

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying time indicated for the Single Distance Championship event concerned:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
500m	42,50	38,50
1000m	1.25,00	1.16,00
1500m	2.12,00	1.58,00
3000m	4.45,00	----
5000m	----	7.05,00 or 4.05,00

*Mass start and Team events:*

Any one of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member:

Ladies (1500m): 2.17,00

Men (1500m): 2.03,00

A Skater will be considered as entered for the Allround Championship event if, and only if, the Skater is entered for all four Single Distance Championship events.

**2.2 Conditions for valid qualifying times**

- The result must have been achieved before the last date of entry for the Championship concerned in one of the following Competitions:
  - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned;
  - ISU Championships;
  - ISU World Cup Competitions or ISU Junior World Cup Competitions;
  - International Speed Skating Competitions listed in ISU Communication No. 1888 (or, when applicable, in ISU Communication No. 1807 for the season 2013/14);
- Automatic timekeeping (Rule 251) must have been used in the competition concerned.
- For a Skater to be qualified for participation in ISU Championships with required qualifying times as listed in paragraph 2.1 above, results achieved since July 1, 2013 may be considered.
- Only qualifying times achieved since July 1, 2014 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, 2013 will be considered for the grouping.

### **3. Qualification process for quota places**

#### ***a) ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships***

Quota places will be allocated based on results from the ISU World Cup Competition to be held in Heerenveen (NED) on February 7 - 8, 2015 (for detailed program and entry quotas for this Competition, see ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3), according to the following procedure:

- i) For each Competitor at this World Cup Competition total points for two distances will be calculated (according to Rule 265, paragraph 3) based on the fastest time of the Skater in the 500m and the fastest time of the Skater in the 1000m at the Competition;
- ii) 32 quota places will then be allocated to the ISU Members based on this special points ranking in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 6 of the 2014 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, as follows:
  - Maximum 3 Competitors (the three best) from each ISU Member will count in the ranking;
  - ISU Members will anyhow retain their pre-allocated quota places according to ISU Communication No. 1891. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 32 best in the special points ranking than their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned;
  - When 32 quota places thus have been allocated, a reserve list of 6 quota places will be established based on the further special points ranking. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

#### ***b) ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships***

Quota places will be allocated based on results from the ISU World Cup Competition to be held in Hamar (NOR) on January 31 – February 1, 2015 (for detailed program and entry quotas for this Competition, see ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3), according to the following procedure:

- i) For each Competitor at this World Cup Competition total points for two distances will be calculated (according to Rule 265, paragraph 3), for Ladies based on the time of the Skater in the 1500m and in the 3000m, for Men based on the time of the Skater in the 1500m and the 5000m;
- ii) 24 quota places will then be allocated to the ISU Members based on this special points ranking, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 4 of the 2014 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, as follows:
  - Maximum 3 Competitors (the three best) from each ISU Member will count in the ranking;
  - ISU Members will anyhow retain their pre-allocated quota places according to ISU Communication No. 1891. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer Skaters among the 24 best in the special points ranking than their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned;
  - When 24 quota places thus have been allocated, a reserve list of 6 quota places will be established based on the further special points ranking. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

**c) ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships**

- i) For each event quota places will be determined by the results from the four ISU World Cup Competitions to be held during November and December 2014 (for detailed program and entry quotas of these Competitions, see ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3). In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2 of the 2014 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, a special ranking list (SQRL) will be established, partly based on the World Cup points and partly based on the times achieved by the Competitors at these World Cup Competitions.
- ii) Quota places for each event will be allocated based on the SQRL, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 6 of the 2014 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating. A reserve list of 6 reserve quota places for each of the individual events and 3 reserve quota places for the Team Pursuit event will be established based on the SQRL. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place. However, if the hosting Member has its best ranked skater in the reserve list, then the hosting Member will anyhow be allocated one quota place for the event, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

**4. Preliminary and final entries**

The ISU online entry system, unless otherwise indicated in the Announcement, 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 Nos. 1628 and 1797 on Declaration forms.

**4.1. Preliminary entries**

The preliminary entry shall give realistic information of the number of Competitors, with provisional names, that the ISU Member intends to enter for the Championships, with indication (when relevant) of participation in the respective events of the Championships.

**4.2 Final entries**

- i) Based on the entry quotas as determined according to Sections 1 and 3 above, the final entries of Competitors, including maximum one substitute per event, are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member. However, all entered Competitors must have achieved the Qualifying time limits set by the ISU for the respective events, as specified in Section 2 above. A maximum of one substitute may be entered for each Championship or Championship event.
- ii) *ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships, ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships and ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships:*
  - Information on allocation of quota places will be issued by the ISU following the conclusion of the qualification process as described in Section 3 above.
  - The final entries cannot exceed the number of allocated quota places, including reserve quota places, for the Championship or (for the ISU World Single Distances Championships) the event.
  - ISU Members intending not to use all their allocated quota places are requested to inform the ISU Secretariat as soon as possible, and preferably well before the deadline for Final entries.
- iii) *ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships:*
  - Information on the date of birth for the entered Competitors must be included in the final entries. The Referee may request verification of the identity and the date of birth of any entered Competitor, as a condition for accepting the entry.
  - To compete in the Allround Championship event a Skater must be entered for all four individual Championship events which constitute the Allround event program.
  - ISU Members must indicate in the Final entries if they will take part in the Team Pursuit event and/or the Team Sprint event. Competitors in the team events (3 Skaters per race) must be selected from Skaters who have been entered for some of the individual events as Competitors or as a substitute. The final entries of the team participants will be confirmed only at the Team leaders' meeting prior to the event.

### **4.3 Other conditions**

- i) *National team uniforms*: ISU Members are responsible for ensuring that the entered Competitors wear racing suits and other team uniforms 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 events (Team Pursuit and Team Sprint). ISU Members are also responsible for ensuring that requirements concerning team uniform design, use of trademarks, advertising, etc. stated in Rule 102, paragraph 6 and ISU Communication No. 1878 are respected.
- ii) *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.
- iii) Expenses will be paid only for competitors participating in the Championships, not for substitutes who do not compete (see Rule 137, paragraph 10 f)).

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