

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1338

### World Cup Speed Skating 2005/2006

#### 1. General Conditions

- a) The World Cup Speed Skating 2005/2006 will be organized according to Rule 274 in the ISU Special Regulations for Speed Skating as a series of International Competitions subject to the specific regulations stated in this ISU Communication. The World Cup Speed Skating series is an ISU Event. Relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations apply, in particular Rules 105 and 106.
- b) In accordance with a sponsorship agreement between ISU and the company *Essent N.V.* the World Cup Speed Skating 2005/2006 will be presented under the title *Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating* and a specific logo.
- c) International TV rights and advertising rights for the World Cup Speed Skating belong to the ISU. Organizers of Competitions are obliged to respect commercial and TV contracts entered into by the ISU. Before concluding any commercial agreements the organizers should consult the ISU General Secretary in order to prevent conflicts with ISU contracts.
- d) A Memorandum, specifying contractual obligations and guidelines for the organization of World Cup Speed Skating Competitions, is prepared by the ISU Speed Skating World Cup Management Commission. The Memorandum is made available to the hosting ISU Members and the Organizing Committees.
- e) For each of the World Cup Competitions the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee assigns a Representative, who shall observe that the competitions are conducted in accordance with the regulations laid down in this Communication.

#### 2. Basic competition rules

- a) The World Cup Speed Skating is organized as a series of competitions in the following distance categories, with the indicated number of competitions/races scheduled for the season 2005/2006:
  - 100 meters 3 competitions / 3 races
  - 500 meters 6 competitions / 12 races
  - 1000 meters 6 competitions / 10 races
  - 1500 meters 5 competitions / 5 races
  - Long distances: 5 competitions / 5 races  
For Ladies the long distances are 3000m and 5000m; for Men 5000m and 10000m.
  - Team Pursuit (national teams): 3 competitions / 3 races  
For Ladies the Team Pursuit races are over 6 laps; for Men over 8 laps.
- b) The final World Cup ranking for each distance category is determined by the accumulated points for each skater or (for Team Pursuit only) national team over the season.
- c) The individual competitions (except over 100m) are organized in a format where the skaters compete in two divisions. The skaters with the currently best World Cup ranking in the distance compete in Division A, which normally consists of 20 skaters. The remaining skaters compete in Division B. Each competition day has a core session consisting of the races for Division A for all the distances skated on that day. Special rules concerning the number and selection of skaters to compete in Division A are given in this Communication.

- d) The Competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members. Entry quotas are based on the final World Cup rankings 2004/2005 and results of qualification process for the 2005 World Single Distances Championships.
- e) Prize money, as determined by the ISU, is awarded for each individual World Cup distance category to the 6 best skaters in each competition and to the 10 best skaters in the final World Cup ranking. However, for the 100 m and the Team Pursuit only the top 6 in the final World Cup ranking will be awarded prize money. For each competition of the Team Pursuit prize money is awarded only for the top 3 teams.
- f) With the consent of the ISU, demonstration events may be organized on the occasion of World Cup Speed Skating Competitions, but such events will not be considered a part of the World Cup Speed Skating series.

### 3. World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2005/2006

November 12 – 13, 2005	<i>Calgary</i>	CAN	Ladies: 1500m, 3000m, Team Pursuit Men: 1500m, 5000m, Team Pursuit
November 18 – 20, 2005	<i>Salt Lake City</i>	USA	Ladies: 2x 500m, 2x 1000m, 1500m, 3000m; Men: 2x 500m, 2x 1000m, 1500m, 5000m.
November 26 – 27, 2005	<i>Milwaukee</i>	USA	Ladies and Men: 100m, 2x 500m, 2x 1000m
December 3 – 4, 2005	<i>Heerenveen</i>	NED	Ladies: 1500m, 5000m, Team Pursuit Men: 1500m, 10000m, Team Pursuit
December 9 – 11, 2005	<i>Torino</i>	ITA	Ladies: 2x 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, Team Pursuit Men: 2x 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, Team Pursuit
December 17 – 18, 2005	<i>Inzell</i>	GER	Ladies and Men: 100m, 2x 500m, 2x 1000m
January 28 – 29, 2006	<i>Collalbo</i>	ITA	Ladies and Men: 2 x 500m, 2 x 1000m
March 3 – 5, 2006 (final)	<i>Heerenveen</i>	NED	Ladies: 100m, 2x 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m. Men: 100m, 2x 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m.

### 4. Entry rules

#### 4.1 Entry quotas for individual distances

For each distance an ISU Member may enter 2 competitors, plus the (maximum) number of skaters from the Member placed *either*

- among the 28 best in the final World Cup ranking 2004/2005, *or*
- among the initially qualified skaters (reserve list included) for the 2005 World Single Distances Championships.

The entry quotas for the 100m will be the same as for the 500m, unless the ISU Member qualified for a larger entry quota based on the 100m World Cup ranking 2004/05.

For any distance the maximum entry quota for an ISU Member is 5. The hosting ISU Member is granted this maximum quota. Otherwise, the entry quotas for the season 2005/2006 are as follows (ISU Speed Skating Members not mentioned may enter maximum 2 competitors for each distance):

Ladies	100	500	1000	1500	3000/5000	Men	100	500	1000	1500	5000 /10000
AUT	2	2	2	4	3	AUT	4	2	2	2	2
BEL	2	2	2	2	2	BEL	2	2	2	2	4
BLR	4	4	4	2	2	BLR	3	2	2	2	2
CAN	5	5	5	5	5	CAN	5	5	5	4	3
CHN	5	5	5	5	5	CHN	5	5	5	4	3
CZE	2	2	2	2	3	CZE	2	2	2	2	2
FIN	2	2	2	2	2	FIN	5	5	5	5	2
FRA	2	2	2	2	2	FRA	2	2	2	2	3
GER	5	5	5	5	5	GER	4	4	5	5	5
ITA	4	4	3	4	3	ITA	2	2	2	5	5
JPN	5	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	5	5	5	5
KAZ	2	2	3	2	2	KAZ	2	2	2	2	2
KOR	4	4	4	3	4	KOR	5	5	4	3	2
NED	5	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	5
NOR	3	3	3	4	4	NOR	4	4	5	5	5
POL	3	3	2	3	3	POL	3	3	2	3	4
PRK	3	2	2	2	2	PRK	2	2	2	2	2
RUS	5	5	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	5	5
SWE	3	3	3	3	3	SWE	3	3	3	3	4
UKR	2	2	3	2	2	UKR	2	2	2	2	2
USA	5	5	5	5	5	USA	5	5	5	5	5

- The participation in the final Competition will be restricted, see paragraphs 5.1.3 and 5.2 b).
- For 5000m Ladies and 10000m Men a maximum of 44 participants will be admitted. Entry quotas will be determined by the current World Cup ranking for the long distances, limited by the above listed entry quotas for the long distances. If less than 44 skaters have been awarded World Cup points, the remaining quotas will be determined by the results in the preceding competition over 3000m (Ladies) and 5000m (Men).
- Members are requested to enter only skaters of a good international standard.

#### 4.2 Entries of competitors

ISU Members must send their entries to the organizer before the deadline given in the announcement for the Competition, indicating the distances to be skated by each entered competitor. The individual entries for a distance may be changed *not later than two hours* before the draw for the distance. The replacement of an injured or ill skater by an entered substitute may be accepted if the Referee has been duly informed at least two hours before the start of the distance.

### 5. Competition formats

#### 5.1 Competition formats for the individual distances (except 100 meters)

For each individual distance (except 100m) the entered skaters compete in two separate divisions. The currently best ranked skaters compete in Division A and the remaining skaters in Division B.

However, all skaters compete together in Division A in the following cases:

- In both 500m and 1000m races in the first Competition (in Salt Lake City) for these distances.
- When the number of entered skaters does not exceed a certain limit, see paragraph 5.1.1 a).
- For all distances in the last World Cup Competition of the season, see paragraph 5.1.3.

##### 5.1.1 Number of skaters in Division A:

- a) If not more than 24 skaters have been entered, all skaters compete in Division A. For 500m and 1000m all skaters will compete in Division A if not more than 28 skaters have been entered.
- b) If more than 28 skaters have been entered, Division A shall consist of 20 skaters.
- c) If, for distances of 1500m and longer, the number of entered skaters is between 25 and 28, Division A shall consist of 16 skaters.
- d) *Exception:* For the second race over 500m and 1000m in Competitions when these distances are skated twice, the number of skaters in Division A may be slightly adjusted, see paragraph 5.1.2 c).

### 5.1.2 Selection of skaters for Division A

- a) In the *first competition for 1500m and for the long distances* the composition of Division A is determined by the final 2004/2005 World Cup ranking and the seeding of the entered skaters, as submitted by the respective team leaders before the opening draw (see paragraph 6.1).
- b) In *all other Competitions* the selection for Division A is based on the current World Cup ranking of the entered skaters. Normally the 20 (or 16) best ranked of the entered skaters shall compete in Division A. However, the lowest ranked of those skaters shall be moved to Division B, if this is necessary in order to include the following skaters in Division A:

- 1) Skaters placed among the 8 best (ties included) in Division A in the preceding competition.
- 2) Skaters who finished among the 3 best (ties included) in Division B in the preceding Competition. However, from the first competition in Division B for distances 1500m and 3000m/5000m, skaters placed among the top 5 will be promoted to Division A in the next Competition.

From World Cup Competitions with two races over 500m or 1000m, the promotion of skaters from Division B to Division A in the next Competition shall be done by the following qualification steps, until 3 skaters have been selected:

- the winners of each of the two Division B races
- the second placed skater from the first Division B race
- the second placed skater from the second Division B race.

If there is a tie in the qualification step where the third skater is selected, all the skaters in the tied position will be promoted.

- 3) Skaters with a "Wild card":

A skater may get a "Wild card" for Division A only once per distance category, and only the first time the skater competes in the distance category concerned in the World Cup 2005/2006. A "Wild card" for Division A may be granted only for a skater placed among the 10 best in the final World Cup 2004/2005 ranking or in the 2005 World Single Distances Championships for the distance category concerned. The request for a "Wild card" should be made when the skater is entered for the Competition, and must be confirmed at the Team leaders' meeting before the drawing for the distance.

- c) In the *second 500m or 1000m race* in World Cup Competitions with two races over these distances, Division A will consist of the following skaters:

- 1) Skaters selected for Division A in the first race (Division A skaters remain in Division A).
- 2) Skaters (if any) that were not entered for the first race, but who would then have been selected for Division A due to their World Cup rank or a "Wild card".
- 3) The winner(s) of the first race of Division B.
- 4) If the number of entered skaters according to items 1) - 3) above will be an odd number, also the skater finishing second in the first race of Division B.
- 5) If withdrawals would bring the total number of competitors down to 28 or less, all skaters entered for the second race will compete in Division A, according to paragraph 5.1.1 a).

The number of skaters in Division A for the second race of a 500m or a 1000m will therefore normally be different from 20.

### 5.1.3 Selection of skaters for the last World Cup Competition (for 100m, see paragraph 5.2).

- a) In the last World Cup Competition of the season, for each distance (category) only skaters who meet the following criteria may be entered:

- Skaters placed among the top 28 in the current World Cup ranking.
- Skaters who would be qualified for Division A according to the criteria given in paragraph 5.1.2. b).
- Skaters finishing among the top 10 in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

- b) All entered skaters will compete in Division A. For each distance the maximum number of entries from one Member will be 5 skaters.

#### 5.1.4 Scheduling of races – Division A as one block of races

- a) For each day of a World Cup Competition the races of Division A for all distances shall be scheduled as one block of races. The starting time for the block of Division A races shall be stated in the announcement.
- b) The Team Pursuit events are considered as part of the Division A block of races. The Team Pursuit races must be skated after all the individual races of Division A have been completed.
- c) The races of Division B should be skated on the same day as the races of Division A for the distance concerned, before and/or after the block of Division A races. The time schedule for the races of Division B shall be announced at the draw meeting.

#### 5.1.5 Quartet starts

Quartet starts may be used for the long distances, but normally not in Division A.

### ***5.2 Competition format for the 100 meters***

The 100m races will be organized according to the following special competition rules:

#### a) Elimination phases:

The competition format is based on elimination phases (knock-out rounds), where a pre-determined number of skaters advance to the next phase. The first phase (preliminaries) will be completed on the first day of the World Cup Competition concerned. The 9 fastest skaters will qualify for the semi-finals to be skated on the next day of the Competition. The winners of the semi-finals qualify for the Final A, and the second placed skaters for the Final B, respectively.

#### b) Special rules for the final Competition:

In the final Competition a total of 9 skaters only will be admitted, based on the current 100m World Cup ranking. The competition will start with semi-finals, with heats composed according to paragraph e) below, based on the World Cup ranks of the entered skaters.

#### c) Number of skaters per heat:

In the first elimination phase (the preliminaries) skaters compete in pairs of maximum two skaters in each pair. In the semi-finals and the finals the skaters compete in heats of three skaters each. The usual warming-up lane will then be used in addition to the two normal competition lanes.

#### d) Composition of pairs in the first elimination phase (preliminaries):

Pairs are composed according to the World Cup ranking of the skaters, so that the top 2 ranked skaters compete in the last pair, etc. For the first competition the 100m World Cup ranking 2004/05 is used to rank the skaters; for later competitions the current 100m World Cup ranking is used. In case of ties in the World Cup ranking, the skaters concerned are placed in pairs by lot.

#### e) Promotion to and composition of semi-finals:

The preliminaries are skated as a "time trial": The skaters with the 9 best times are promoted to the semi-finals. The composition of the semi-final heats are based on time ranks from the preliminaries as follows (skaters listed in starting lane sequence, beginning with the warming-up lane, in accordance with paragraph g) below):

- o Semi-final heat 1: ranks 7, 1, 6 (skater with rank 7 to start in the warming-up lane, etc.)
- o Semi-final heat 2: ranks 8, 2, 5
- o Semi-final heat 3: ranks 9, 3, 4.

Any ties in the time ranking from the preliminaries among the top 9 skaters will be resolved by considering the skater with the better initial ranking as the best ranked skater. If there is a tie also in the initial ranking, the internal rank between the skaters concerned will be determined by lot.

#### f) Promotion to and composition of finals:

The winners of each of the semi-finals compete in Final A for the final ranks 1-3; the second placed skaters in each of the semi-finals compete in Final B for the final ranks 4-6. In case of ties the promotion from the semi-finals will be based on the ranks of the skaters in the preliminaries.

#### g) Starting lanes:

The starting lanes will be determined by the ranks of the skaters at the respective phase of the competition. In the preliminaries the better ranked skater, according to paragraph d) above, will start in the inner lane of the pair. For the semi-finals and finals (skated in heats of 3 skaters each) starting lanes in each heat are assigned as follows:

- o In the semi-finals the skaters are assigned lanes in accordance with the heat composition as listed under item e) above.

- For the Finals (A and B), the skater promoted from Semi-final *heat 3* will start in the innermost lane (“the warming-up lane”), the skater promoted from Semi-final *heat 1* will start in the middle lane and the skater promoted from Semi-final *heat 2* in the outer lane.

h) Results from the competition (distance ranks):

- The skaters promoted to Final A will occupy the top 3 places in the final result list, based on their ranks in Final A only.
- The skaters promoted to Final B will occupy places 4-6 in the final result list, based on their ranks in Final B only.
- The remaining skaters qualified for the semi-finals will occupy places 7-9 in the final result list, based on their times in the semi-finals.
- The skaters eliminated in the first phase (the preliminaries) will occupy places from 10 and onwards in the final result list, based on the times achieved in the preliminaries.

If several skaters in a Final (A or B) do not get a finishing time, or if skaters finishing third in the semi-finals have the same time, the skater with the better time from previously skated races will get the better final ranking. In all other cases, ties in the Finals or in the time ranking for skaters eliminated in the preliminaries will persist in the final ranking.

i) Starting procedure:

The general rules for false start apply: The second false start in a pair or heat will lead to a disqualification of the skater(s) committing this false start (Rule 250, paragraphs 3-5). Technical equipment (Rule 238, paragraph 3) may be used to assist the starter in detecting false starts. After a first false start in a pair or a heat, the normal procedure will be that the skaters are not called back in the case of a new false start, but that disqualification will be announced for the skater(s) concerned after the finish of the heat. Only in the case that the second false start would greatly disturb the other skater(s) in the pair or heat, will the starter call back the heat for a fresh start for remaining skaters (Rule 250, paragraph 4).

j) Scheduling of races:

The preliminaries shall be skated as part of the Division B program on Day 1 of the World Cup Competition concerned. The semi-finals and the finals shall be skated as one “sub-block” of the block of Division A races (see paragraph 5.1.4) on the following day.

### **5.3 Competition format for the Team Pursuit competitions**

- a) Team Pursuit competitions will be skated according to Rule 256 in the ISU Special Regulations for Speed Skating, with teams of 3 skaters. Distances are 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.
- Teams shall be composed of skaters representing the same ISU Member.
  - Only skaters entered as a participant or a substitute for a distance at the World Cup Competition concerned may compete in the Team Pursuit.
  - An ISU Member may enter a maximum of two teams, but only the team with the best result will count in the final ranking from the Competition and score World Cup points for the ISU Member in the World Cup Team Pursuit ranking.
  - The skaters must wear the national team racing suits of the Member (see ISU Rule 276, 1).
  - 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 during the Team leaders’ meeting the day before the Team Pursuit race.
  - The final composition of the team shall be declared by the team leader no later than 30 minutes before the start of the Team Pursuit competition concerned.
- b) The sequence of races (heats) of the Team Pursuit competition is determined by a ranking of the teams, with the two best ranked teams competing in the last heat.
- For the first Team Pursuit World Cup Competition of the season the teams are ranked according to the result of the 2005 World Team Pursuit Championships (in Inzell). Countries not participating in the 2005 World Championships will be ranked thereafter, according to the 2004/05 World Cup Team Pursuit ranking.
  - For the following Competitions the teams are ranked according the current World Cup Team Pursuit ranking for national teams.

- If some Members enter a second team, these additional teams will be considered as the lowest ranked teams for the drawing, and will start first. The internal ranks between second teams from different ISU Members will be according to the ranking of the respective national teams.
- c) The better ranked team in a heat will start at the normal finishing straight of the track.

#### **5.4 Demonstration events**

With the consent of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee the organizer of a World Cup event may add demonstration events to the program. Entry rules, time schedules and special conditions for the events should be included in the announcement.

At the World Cup competition in Torino the Olympic competition format for the Team Pursuit will be demonstrated through a set of additional races following the completion of the ordinary program (individual distances and Team Pursuit races) of the World Cup competition. At least 8 teams (both for Ladies and Men) will be invited to take part in this Demonstration event, based on the results from the Olympic Qualification process and the World Cup Team Pursuit races in Torino. ISU Members entering teams for the World Cup Team Pursuit competition in Torino commit themselves also to take part (if selected) in this Team Pursuit Demonstration event. However, the ISU Members taking part in the Demonstration event may select their skaters for these races independently of their selection for the Team Pursuit World Cup competition. Further details on the Demonstration event will be given in the Announcement for the World Cup competition in Torino

### **6. Drawing. Composition of pairs and starting order of pairs for individual distances**

A draw meeting shall take place before each day of the Competition, to announce the distribution of entered skaters between Division A and Division B, and the composition and starting order of pairs. According to Rule 223, paragraph 2, a *Team leaders' meeting* shall be held before the draw meeting, with the purpose to confirm the final entries. The drawing for Division B may be arranged immediately after the Team leaders' meeting, before the announced draw meeting for Division A.

#### **6.1 Drawing at the first World Cup Competition for the distance**

- a) The entered skaters shall be placed in five groups. Group 1 and Group 2 shall consist of 6 skaters each; Group 3 and Group 4 of 8 skaters each. Remaining skaters shall be placed in Group 5.
- b) Respecting the entry quotas given in paragraph 4.1 the number of skaters for an ISU Member in Group 1 corresponds to the number of skaters from this Member among the 6 best in the final World Cup ranking 2004/2005, and similarly for Group 2, 3 and 4.
- c) At least two hours before the draw meeting the team leaders must submit to the Referee a seeding of their entered skaters, by order of quality. The Referee then places the competitors in the respective groups, considering that Group 1 shall include the skaters of highest quality.
- d) Pairs are drawn within each group. The pairs of Group 5 shall be drawn first, then the pairs of Group 4, and so on. The two last drawn skaters from Group 1 will form the last pair. In the case of an odd number of participants, the first pair (drawn from Group 5) will consist of a single skater.
- e) For distances 1500m and longer Division A shall consist of the skaters placed into Group 1, 2 and 3. Division B shall consist of the skaters placed into Group 4 and 5. In the case that the number of skaters in Division A (as determined by paragraph 5.1.1) would be only 16, the four lowest ranked skaters of Group 3 shall be moved to Group 4 (and compete in Division B).
- f) For the second race of 500m and 1000m in the first World Cup Competition on these distances the skaters shall be paired according to paragraph 6.2 c) below.
- g) For 5000m Ladies and 10000m Men the drawing shall be made according to paragraph 6.2, based on the current World Cup rank in the long distances.

## **6.2 Pairing and drawing after the first World Cup Competition for each distance**

- a) Skaters shall be paired according to their individual World Cup ranking, and the starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the skaters – so that the skaters with the lowest rank start in the first pair, and so on. The better ranked skater in a pair shall start in the inner lane, unless the starting lanes are to be determined according to Rule 226. These rules apply to both Division A and Division B, but with exceptions as explained in item c) below.
- b) Skaters with no World Cup points (*unranked skaters*) shall be grouped together. The pairs drawn from this group shall start first. In the case of an odd number of skaters, the first pair shall consist of a single skater. In the case of an odd number of *ranked* skaters, the lowest ranked skater shall be paired with the last drawn skater from the group of unranked skaters.
- c) For the second 500m or 1000m race in a World Cup Competition, the composition of pairs in each Division shall be based on the time ranking from the first race, so that the winner of the first race will start in the last pair. Skaters who did not participate or did not get a result in the first race for the Division concerned, shall be considered as unranked (This also applies to the skater(s) promoted from Division B to Division A). In case of ties in the rankings used for the composition of pairs in the second race, the skater with the better current World Cup ranking shall be considered as better ranked. The composition of pairs must also take into account that the skaters shall change their starting lanes from the first race (Rule 226). However, skaters not competing in the first race (if necessary, this applies also to a skater promoted from Division B to Division A) may be designated starting lanes in order to avoid odd pairs.
- d) *The top 6 ranked skaters* in Division A shall be grouped together, and a draw shall determine the composition of the 3 last pairs. **Exceptions:** This rule does not apply in the following cases:
  - o for the second race of a sprint distance, see item c) above.
  - o in the final World Cup Competition the top 2 ranked skaters will start in the last pair, etc.
- e) In case of withdrawals after the draw, pairs shall be rearranged according to Rule 229, paragraph 4. Substitutes shall be placed in the Division and the pair corresponding to their individual World Cup ranking, and necessary rearrangements must be made accordingly. However, for withdrawals announced later than two hours before the start of the Division concerned, adjustment of pairs may be made according to Rule 229, paragraph 3.

## **6.3 Optional drawing procedure for the last 3 pairs of Division A (top 6 ranked skaters)**

As an alternative to a draw by lot, the composition and sequence of the last three pairs of Division A may be determined in a ceremony, supervised by the Referee, with the involvement of the skaters concerned (This procedure may not be used for the second race of a 500m or 1000m). The draw will then be conducted according to the following procedure:

- The top ranked skater selects his/her opponent (among the 5 next ranked skaters), and determines in which pair they will skate.
- The selected opponent determines the starting lane.
- The best ranked of the remaining 4 skaters then makes the choice of opponent and pair among the options that are still available, and the selected opponent determines the starting lane.
- When two of the three pairs have thus been determined, the better ranked of the two remaining skaters will select his or her starting lane.

The choice between the above procedure and the traditional drawing procedure is made by the Organizing Committee in agreement with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee.

## **6.4 Composition of quartets**

In the case of quartet starts the four skaters with the best World Cup ranking shall form the last quartet (see Rule 275), and only the first quartet may be incomplete.

## 7. World Cup points system

### 7.1 Points scoring tables

#### a) World Cup points for Division A

Based on the results of Division A World Cup points are awarded according to the table below. However, if Division A has more than 28 competitors, the points table shall be slightly adjusted, as indicated in item c) below. In the last Competition the top 5 skaters are awarded bonus points of 50% of the normal score. The applicable points in this Competition are indicated in brackets.

1 <sup>st</sup> = 100 (150)	7 <sup>th</sup> = 40	13 <sup>th</sup> = 18	19 <sup>th</sup> = 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> = 80 (120)	8 <sup>th</sup> = 36	14 <sup>th</sup> = 16	20 <sup>th</sup> = 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> = 70 (105)	9 <sup>th</sup> = 32	15 <sup>th</sup> = 14	21 <sup>st</sup> = 2
4 <sup>th</sup> = 60 (90)	10 <sup>th</sup> = 28	16 <sup>th</sup> = 12	22 <sup>nd</sup> = 1
5 <sup>th</sup> = 50 (75)	11 <sup>th</sup> = 24	17 <sup>th</sup> = 10	
6 <sup>th</sup> = 45	12 <sup>th</sup> = 21	18 <sup>th</sup> = 8	

#### b) World Cup points for Division B

The top 8 skaters of Division B are awarded World Cup points as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> = 25	3 <sup>rd</sup> = 15	5 <sup>th</sup> = 7	7 <sup>th</sup> = 3
2 <sup>nd</sup> = 19	4 <sup>th</sup> = 11	6 <sup>th</sup> = 5	8 <sup>th</sup> = 1

#### c) Adjusted points table for division A (more than 28 competitors)

If all skaters compete in Division A (as in the first competition for 500 and 1000 meters, and in the two first competitions for 100 meters), and the number of participants is more than 28, the points table for Division A shall be adjusted for skaters placed 11<sup>th</sup> and onwards:

11 <sup>th</sup> = 26	16 <sup>th</sup> = 16	21 <sup>st</sup> = 10	26 <sup>th</sup> = 5
12 <sup>th</sup> = 24	17 <sup>th</sup> = 14	22 <sup>nd</sup> = 9	27 <sup>th</sup> = 4
13 <sup>th</sup> = 22	18 <sup>th</sup> = 13	23 <sup>rd</sup> = 8	28 <sup>th</sup> = 3
14 <sup>th</sup> = 20	19 <sup>th</sup> = 12	24 <sup>th</sup> = 7	29 <sup>th</sup> = 2
15 <sup>th</sup> = 18	20 <sup>th</sup> = 11	25 <sup>th</sup> = 6	30 <sup>th</sup> = 1

#### d) Points tables for 100m and Team Pursuit

World Cup points for the 100m and for the Team Pursuit competitions are awarded according to the applicable points tables for Division A. However, for the Team Pursuit bonus points will not be awarded for the last competition.

### 7.2 Points for tied ranks

If two or more skaters or teams have obtained the same rank in the classification (of Division A or B), each skater or team receives the full points score for this tied rank.

## 8. World Cup Speed Skating ranking rules

The World Cup ranking for each distance category is determined by the number of points the skaters (or national Pursuit teams) accumulate during the season. In the final World Cup ranking, as well as in the intermediate ranking during the season, a tie between skaters/teams with the same total of World Cup points will be resolved according to the following criteria:

- The skater/team with the highest score of points in one single competition (race) will get the better ranking.
- If still equal, the skater (team) with the highest score of points in the latest competition (race) held, will get the better ranking.

If neither of these criteria resolves the tie, the skaters (teams) shall have the same World Cup rank.

## 9. Prizes

For each distance (category) prize money will be awarded for each individual competition and for the final classification at the end of the season. For each competition prize money is awarded to the top 6 skaters of Division A and the top 3 Pursuit Teams. For the final World Cup ranking prize money is awarded to the top 10 skaters, but for 100m and Team Pursuit only to the top 6 ranked skaters/teams.

<i>Prize money for final ranking</i>			<i>Prize money for each competition</i>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Amount (for each distance category)</b>	<b>Amount for 100m and Team Pursuit</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Full amount for a distance</b>	<b>Half* amount for a distance</b>
1.	US \$ 14.000,-	US \$ 4.000,-	1.	US \$ 1.500,-	US \$ 750,-
2.	US \$ 9.000,-	US \$ 3.000,-	2.	US \$ 1.000,-	US \$ 500,-
3.	US \$ 5.000,-	US \$ 2.000,-	3.	US \$ 750,-	US \$ 375,-
4.	US \$ 3.500,-	US \$ 1.500,-	4.	US \$ 600,-	US \$ 300,-
5.	US \$ 3.000,-	US \$ 1.000,-	5.	US \$ 550,-	US \$ 275,-
6.	US \$ 2.500,-	US \$ 750,-	6.	US \$ 500,-	US \$ 250,-
7.	US \$ 2.250,-		<b><i>Team Pursuit prize money</i></b>		
8.	US \$ 2.000,-		1 <sup>st</sup> team	US \$ 1.500,-	
9.	US \$ 1.750,-		2 <sup>nd</sup> team	US \$ 1.200,-	
10.	US \$ 1.500,-		3 <sup>rd</sup> team	US \$ 900,-	

\*) These amounts are awarded in the following cases:

- o for the final ranks of each 100m competition
- o for each race over 500m and 1000m in Competitions when these distances are skated twice.

In case of ties, the prize money will be the average amounts for the applicable ranking positions.

The prize money for the final rankings is transferred from the ISU to the respective ISU Members on the same conditions that apply for ISU Championships (see ISU Communication No. 1286 or later updates). Payment of prize money for each individual competition is handled by the organizer.

## **10. Cancellation of Competitions**

If an organizing Member considers it impossible to hold the World Cup Competition it has been allotted according 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 races, 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 rescheduled for another date and/or another venue.

## **11. Requirements for the organization of World Cup Speed Skating Competitions**

A Memorandum (most recently updated before the season 2003/04) issued by the ISU contains details on the obligations of the organizers as well as guidelines for various aspects of the organization of a 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 sent to the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee for approval. The announcement should be sent to ISU Speed Skating Members not later than 60 days before the Competition. The announcement and other relevant information about the Competition should be available on a suitable website.
- b) Referees, Assistant Referees and Starters are appointed by the ISU President, based on nominations made by the organizing Member in consultation with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee. The Referee and at least one Starter must be on the ISU list of officials for ISU Championships 2005/06, as given in ISU Communication No. 1325. At least *two* of the ISU appointed officials should belong to an ISU Member other than the hosting Member.
- c) The organizer must provide the Referees with adequate secretariat assistance. Computer support for the preparation and conduct of the drawings will be offered by ISU.
- d) Automatic timekeeping as defined in Rule 246 is compulsory (Rule 242, paragraph 2). The timekeeping system should be connected to a scoreboard displaying split times, final times and results.

- e) Anti-doping tests must be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communication (ISU Communication *No. 1280 & 1282* or any further updates).
- f) The organizer is responsible that appropriate accommodation is available for participants and team leaders, officials, sponsors and media. The organizer is responsible for covering expenses for *board and lodging* from dinner the evening before until breakfast on the morning after the competition for (up to) 5 skaters and 1 team leader from each participating Member and for the representative of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee. The organizer is responsible for covering expenses for travel, board and lodging for the ISU appointed officials.
- g) The organizer must provide a transportation service for the teams during the period of the competitions and the announced training sessions. Convenient means of transportation between the competition site and the nearest international airport must be available.
- h) The organizer must provide ice-training possibilities for at least 3 hours per day during the last four days prior to the Competition. Adequate safety protection must be in place at the rink during the official training and the competition periods, as per guidelines given in the Memorandum.
- i) The organizer is responsible for the payment of prize money for the Competition according to procedures and financial terms agreed with the ISU.
- j) The organizer is obliged to forward to the ISU complete results of all races and classifications, on paper and in appropriate digital form. The organizer is responsible that results are forwarded to international press and news service agencies (see also paragraph 12 below).

## 12. 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 telefax* to:

- ISU Secretariat, Lausanne Telefax number: + 41-21-612-6677

and *by electronic mail* to:

- ISU Secretariat, e-mail address: [info@isu.ch](mailto:info@isu.ch)
- ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair, e-mail address: [tron.espeli@rcn.no](mailto:tron.espeli@rcn.no)

The organizers should ensure that results are posted continuously during the Competition at an announced Internet web site. The official protocol of results must be sent without delay *by air mail* in 6 copies to the ISU General Secretary.

## 13. Main rule changes compared to the season 2004-05 (ISU Communication No. 1278)

- Adjustments of the criteria for entry quotas (using the qualifying list rather than the result list from the World Single Distances Championships), see paragraph 4.1.
- Adjustments of the rules for promotion from Division B to Division A (more skaters to be automatically promoted, adjusted points score tables), see paragraph 5.1.2 and paragraph 7.1 b).
- In Competitions with two races in a sprint distance (500m or 1000m), the best skater(s) from the first Division B race will be promoted to Division A in the second race, see paragraph 5.1.2 c).
- Restricted participation (and only Division A races) in the final World Cup Competition, see paragraph 5.1.3.
- Bonus points for the top 5 skaters in the final World Cup Competition, see paragraph 7.1.
- A small modification of the competition format for the 100m (no C Finals, pre-determined lane assignments also in the Finals), see paragraph 5.2.
- Adjustment of the drawing procedure in the final World Cup Competition and for the second race of a sprint distance, see paragraph 6.2.

## 14. World Cup Speed Skating Coordination

The ISU Council has appointed Mr. Jan Dijkema as World Cup Coordinator. Any questions concerning the rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organization of World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2005/2006 should be addressed to:

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