

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1353

ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events 2005/2006 Entry rules and procedures, other specific regulations

Further to ISU Communication No. 1346, this Communication contains:

- Essential information on the entry rules and procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events for the season **2005/2006**;
- Further explanations of relevant parts of the ISU Special Regulations for Speed Skating concerning these ISU Championships and the regional qualifying events.

1. Entry quotas

- a) For the *World Sprint Speed Skating Championships* the entry quotas for ISU Members are determined according to Rule 220, paragraph 6 in the Special Regulations for Speed Skating. The basic entry quotas for these Championships are two skaters per category. The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member have been published in ISU Communication No. 1346.
- b) For the *European Speed Skating Championships* the entry quotas for ISU Members are determined according to Rule 220, paragraph 5c). The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member have been published in ISU Communication No. 1346.
- c) For the *Regional qualifying event for Asia* for the 2006 World Allround Speed Skating Championships the following entry quotas apply :

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
CHN	4	3
JPN	4	4
KAZ	1	3
KOR	2	2

All other ISU Members concerned may enter a maximum of one (1) skater per category. However, in accordance with Rule 220, paragraph 5 c), at the request of the organizer these entry quotas may be increased with a maximum of 2 competitors per category.

- d) For the *Regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania* for the 2006 World Allround Speed Skating Championships the following entry quotas apply:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
CAN	4	4
USA	4	4

All other ISU Members concerned may enter one skater per category.

However, in accordance with Rule 220, paragraph 5 c), at the request of the organizer these entry quotas may be increased with maximum 2 competitors per category. In any case, only the 4 best skaters per Member will count in the determination of entry quotas for the World Allround Championships.

- e) The entry quotas for the *World Allround Speed Skating Championships* will be determined by the results in the three regional qualifying events, in accordance with Rule 220, paragraph 4. The actual entry quotas which will apply, will be communicated to the ISU Members concerned in due time before the deadline for final entries. The entry quotas for the respective regions are given in paragraph 5 of this ISU Communication.
- g) For the *World Junior Speed Skating Championships* the maximum entry quota for an ISU Member is 3 Ladies and 3 Men (see Rule 220, paragraph 7), with no requirements on achieved qualifying times. For the *Team Pursuit events* a Member may be represented by one team per category.

2. Qualifying times

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined the necessary qualifying times for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships and for regional qualifying events 2005/2006 as follows (see Rule 220, paragraph 3):

- a) World Sprint Speed Skating Championships:

Ladies:	500 meters:	41,20	1000 meters:	1.23,00
Men:	500 meters:	37,50	1000 meters:	1.14,50

Only skaters who have achieved the qualifying time for at least one distance may be entered.

- b) European Speed Skating Championships and regional qualifying events for Asia and for North America & Oceania for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2006:

Ladies, 3000 meters only:	4.40,00
Men, 5000 meters only:	7.15,00

Only skaters who have achieved the qualifying time may be entered.

- c) World Allround Speed Skating Championships:

Ladies, 3000 meters only:	4.28,00
Men, 5000 meters only:	6.56,00

Only skaters who have achieved the qualifying time may be entered.

- c) World Junior Speed Skating Championships (only indicative)

Ladies, 1500 meters:	2.25,00
Men, 3000 meters:	4.50,00

The above times are meant as a guideline for the ISU Members, with a request not to enter competitors with personal best times slower than the listed times.

- d) Qualifying times for seeding purposes only:

For the European Speed Skating Championships, for the regional qualifying events for Asia and for North America & Oceania, and for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships, no minimum qualifying times are required for the 500 meters. However, for the drawing of the distance, skaters will be grouped according to their 500 meters results achieved during the season (see Rule 224, paragraphs 1 and 5). The same procedure applies for the two first distances of the World Junior Championships (see Rule 227, paragraph 1).

- e) Conditions for approval of achieved qualifying times:
- Qualifying times must have been achieved *in the period from October 1, 2005 until the last date of entry for the Championship or qualifying event concerned*. However, for the European Championships and for the regional qualifying events for Asia and for North America & Oceania, also results achieved during the season 2004/05 will be considered as a basis for qualifying the skaters to be entered for the Championship or regional qualifying event (see also item f) below).
 - To be approved as a valid qualifying time, the result must have been achieved in one of the following competitions:
 - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned.
 - ISU Championships or regional qualifying events for the World Allround Championships.
 - World Cup Speed Skating Competitions.
 - International Speed Skating Competitions listed in ISU Communication No. 1333 (or, when applicable, in ISU Communication No. 1277 for the season 2004/05).
 - International competitions and country matches announced in accordance with Rules 110 and 112.
 - Automatic timekeeping (see Rule 246) must have been used in the competition concerned.
 - ISU Members are responsible for submitting verification of the best qualifying time achieved by each competitor entered (see Rule 220, paragraph 3).

f) Grouping based on approved qualifying times:

The qualifying times, as approved by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, will be the basis for ranking lists which will determine the grouping of skaters for the drawing for the first two distances (see Rule 224, paragraph 1, Rule 226, paragraph 1 and Rule 227, paragraph 1). For the European Championships and the Regional qualifying events only results achieved during the season 2005/06 will be considered as applicable qualifying times for the grouping.

3. Preliminary and final entries

- a) *The official ISU Entry forms* must be used both for preliminary entries and for final entries.
- b) *Information about achieved qualifying times* must be given on the Final Entry forms. If an entered skater achieves a better result after the final entries have been submitted, complete information about the new result must be sent immediately to the organizing committee.
- c) If *sufficient verification* that an entered skater has achieved a required qualifying time is missing, the entry of this skater will not be accepted (see Rule 220, paragraph 3).
- d) For the *World Junior Speed Skating Championships* the date of birth must be given on the Final Entry forms. The Referee may request verification of the identity and the date of birth of any entered skater, as a condition for accepting the entry. ISU Members must state in their Final Entry if they will take part in the Team Pursuit event. Teams must consist of skaters who have been entered for the individual competitions as competitors or as a substitute.
- e) *National team uniforms*

The ISU Members are responsible for ensuring that the entered skaters wear racing suits and warming-up suits with identical design, according to Rule 276, paragraph 1 c) and d). This applies both for individual distances as well as for Team Pursuit events. The 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 Circular Letter No. 562 are respected.

f) Citizenship/Residence requirements and clearance procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1117, all skaters 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.

4. Regional qualifying events for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships

a) Special regulations for the regional qualifying events for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships are stated in Rule 220, paragraph 5.

b) The regional qualification for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2006 will be organized through the following competitions:

- for European ISU Members: The European Speed Skating Championships in Hamar, Norway, January 14-15, 2006;
- for ISU Members from Asia: The Asian regional qualifying event in Harbin, China, December 29-30, 2005;
- for ISU Members from North America and Oceania: The regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania in Calgary, Canada, January 21-22, 2006.

c) Preliminary and final entries must be submitted according to Rule 220, paragraphs 8 -9.

d) Drawings shall be made according to the same rules as for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships (Rule 223 and Rule 224, paragraphs 1-4). For the European Speed Skating Championships the number of skaters to qualify for the fourth distance shall be 16, in accordance with Rule 224, paragraph 5.

5. World Allround Speed Skating Championships

a) The entry quotas for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships are allocated to ISU Members based on the results from the regional qualifying events, in accordance with Rule 220, paragraph 4 b). The total entry quotas of each region have been determined by the results from the World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2005 as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
Europe:	15	15
Asia	4	3
North America & Oceania	5	6

b) European ISU Members will get entry quotas corresponding to the number of skaters from their country placed among the 15 best Ladies or Men, respectively, in the final classifications from the European Speed Skating Championships 2006.

c) ISU Members taking part in the regional qualifying event for Asia will get entry quotas corresponding to the number of skaters from their country placed among the 4 best Ladies and the 3 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from this event.

d) ISU Members taking part in the regional qualifying event for North America & Oceania will get entry quotas corresponding to the number of skaters from their country placed among the 5 best Ladies and the 6 best Men, respectively, in the final classifications from this event. However, the hosting Member (Canada) of the World Allround Speed Skating Championships will be granted the right to enter one skater per category, subject to achieved qualifying time only. In the case that Canada would not earn a start position through the results from the regional qualifying event, the ISU Member with a skater placed in qualifying position no. 5 or no. 6, respectively, in the qualifying event, would have its entry quota reduced by one skater.

e) Final entries for the World Allround Speed Skating Championships will be accepted only for skaters who have achieved the required qualifying time standard for 3000 meters (Ladies) or 5000 meters (Men), as stated in section 2 c) above.

f) If an ISU Member does not enter a number of qualified participants corresponding to its entry quota, the vacant start position(s) will be made available to other ISU Members from the region, according to the final classification in the respective regional qualifying event.

g) If the total entry quota of a region is not completely utilised by the ISU Members represented in the respective regional qualifying event, the vacant start position(s) will be transferred to the region that was closest to increasing its total entry quota, based on the results from the World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2005. The priority order for granting additional entry quotas in such situations would be the following (subject to the maximum entry quota of 4 skaters for any Member):

Ladies: The first vacant start positions would go to Asia, the second and third vacant start positions would go to Europe, and the fourth vacant start position would go to Asia.

Men: The first vacant start positions would go to North America & Oceania, the second and third vacant start position would go to Asia, and the fourth vacant start position would go to North America & Oceania.

6. World Sprint Speed Skating Championships

See Rule 220, paragraph 6 (Entries) and Rule 226, paragraphs 1 and 2 (Drawing).

7. World Junior Speed Skating Championships

a) Drawing for the first two distances (See Rule 227, paragraph 1):

- Grouping of skaters based on approved qualifying times.
Skaters will be grouped based on their best approved qualifying times from competitions listed in paragraph 2 e) above.
- Drawing procedure
The drawing procedure and starting order of pairs shall be according to Rule 224, paragraphs 1 and 2.

b) Team Pursuit events

- Entries of teams

The ISU Members must indicate on the Entry forms if they intend to take part (for Ladies and/or for Men) in the Team Pursuit events. The actual participation in the Team Pursuit events, and the names of the skaters composing the teams, shall be confirmed within a deadline set by the Referees and communicated to the team leaders by the organizing committee. A team shall consist of the skaters who competed in the individual events. However, it is permitted to replace one of these skaters with a substitute, or (if only two skaters competed in the individual events) to enter the substitute as the third skater of the team.

- Competition rules

The Team Pursuit will be skated over 6 laps for Ladies and over 8 laps for Men, and the track will be laid out with only one lane (see Rule 256, paragraph 1 c). The finishing time of the 3rd (the last) finishing skater in the team determines the result of the team.

For the drawing the teams shall be seeded based on the ranks of the second best skater from the ISU Members concerned in the 1500 m race for Ladies and in the 3000 m race for Men, respectively. The sequence of the heats in the Team Pursuit events shall be determined by the seeding ranks of the teams, so that the two teams with the best ranks meet in the last heat (see Rule 227, paragraph 4).

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