

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 2106

Audi ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2017/18 & Qualification procedure for the Olympic Winter Games 2018 *(Update of ISU Communication No. 2044)*

1. World Cup Competitions serving as Olympic Winter Games Qualifying Competitions

In accordance with Rule 284, paragraph 6, and Rule 286 the ISU has designated the following four (4) Competitions as the 2018 Olympic Winter Games Qualifying Competitions.

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>	
1	Budapest	Hungary	September 28-29, 2017 September 30-October 1, 2017	Qualifying Rounds WORLD CUP session
2	Dordrecht	Netherlands	October 5-6, 2017 October 7-8, 2017	Qualifying Rounds WORLD CUP session
3	Shanghai	China	November 9-10, 2017 November 11-12, 2017	Qualifying Rounds WORLD CUP session
4	Seoul	Republic of Korea	November 16-17, 2017 November 18-19, 2017	Qualifying Rounds WORLD CUP session

Organizers of these Audi ISU World Cup Competitions are required to observe the conditions of the 2016 ISU Regulations and the most recent edition of the Memorandum for hosting the Audi ISU World Cup Short Competitions.

2. Conditions

- a) All World Cup Competitions are held according to Rule 286.
- b) All World Cup Competitions shall be open to all ISU Members.
- c) The Competitions will have a single distance character and are held in separate sessions. The first day and second day are dedicated to qualifying rounds for 500, 1000, 1500 meters and Relay Distances. On the third and fourth day all remaining qualifying rounds (if needed) are held and the World Cup session will be held including Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.
- d) On the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters and in the Relay events there will be A and B Finals. Skaters qualify for A and B Finals only through the Semi-Finals.
- e) B-Finals on individual distances with two (2) or less Skater(s) will not be skated and the qualified Skater(s) will be assigned the first finish position for this race.
- f) B-Finals on Relay distances with one (1) Team will not be skated and the qualified Team will be assigned the first finish position for this race.
- g) A Classification over the distances 500, 1000, 1500 meters and Relay will be made.
- h) The number of Qualifying Rounds, the number of races per Round and the number of Skaters to qualify for the next round are specified by the ISU Short Track Technical Committee.
- i) Anti-Doping tests will be carried out at each competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures.
- j) At each Competition an ISU Technical Committee Representative will be assigned in accordance with Rule 288.

7. Lane Positions

In each round the positions at the start line are determined in accordance with Rule 296, paragraph 6.

8. Program

The program for each World Cup Competition is set as follows:

Day -1 - Official Training

- Official Opening

Day 1 - Qualifying session Ladies and Men 1500m followed by Ladies and Men 500m

Day 2 - Qualifying session Ladies and Men 1000m followed by Ladies and Men Relay

Day 3 - Qualifying Session (if needed) followed by WORLD CUP session (see chart below)

Day 4 - Qualifying Session (if needed) followed by WORLD CUP session (see chart below)

World Cup Session

<i>Day 3</i>				<i>Day 4</i>			
#	<u>Round</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Category</u>	#	<u>Round</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Category</u>
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Ladies	4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Ladies
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Men	4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Men
	Ice Resurfacing				Ice Resurfacing		
1	Final B	1500	Ladies	2	Semi-Finals	1000	Ladies
1	Final A	1500	Ladies	2	Semi-Finals	1000	Men
	Medals on ice	1500	Ladies		Ice Resurfacing		
1	Final B	1500	Men	1	Final B	1000	Ladies
1	Final A	1500	Men	1	Final A	1000	Ladies
	Medals on ice	1500	Men		Medals on ice	1000	Ladies
	Ice Resurfacing			1	Final B	1000	Men
4	Quarter-Finals	500	Ladies	1	Final A	1000	Men
4	Quarter-Finals	500	Men		Medals on ice	1000	Men
	Ice Resurfacing				Ice Resurfacing		
2	Semi-Finals	500	Ladies	1	Final A Relay	3000	Ladies
2	Semi-Finals	500	Men		Medals on ice Relay	3000	Ladies
	Ice Resurfacing			1	Final A Relay	5000	Men
1	Final B	500	Ladies		Medals on ice Relay	5000	Men
1	Final A	500	Ladies	1	Final B Relay	3000	Ladies
	Medals on ice	500	Ladies	1	Final B Relay	5000	Men
1	Final B	500	Men				
1	Final A	500	Men				
	Medals on ice	500	Men				
	Ice Resurfacing						
2	Semi-Finals Relay	3000	Ladies				
2	Semi-Finals Relay	5000	Men				

9. Announcement

Each organizer of the above mentioned Audi ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions will send an Announcement to the ISU Secretariat for publication on the ISU Website in accordance with Rule 110.

10. Drawing and progression

The make-up of the first Qualifying Round of each distance shall be based on the current World Ranking List over the distance following the principles of Rule 296. Progression to subsequent Qualifying Rounds shall be according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

From the Qualifying Rounds for 500 and 1000 meters a number of Skaters will qualify for the Quarter-Finals during the World Cup Session, and from the Qualifying Rounds for the 1500 meters a number of Skaters will qualify for the Semi-Finals during the World Cup session.

11. Classifications at each World Cup Competition

The Distance Classifications over the Individual Distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters will follow the Rules for Distance Classifications (see Rule 295, paragraph 6)

Any Competitor or Relay Team who did not finish, received a penalty (Rule 297, paragraph 5) or was shown a yellow card (Rule 297, paragraph 5) in the first round of the Qualifying Session will receive a virtual rank equal to the number of participants on the distance concerned plus 1.

The Distance Classifications over the Relay Distances will follow the Rules for Distance Classifications (see Rule 295, paragraph 6)

12. Points scoring

a) The points scoring for each of the above Distance Classifications (see paragraph 8) at World Cup Competitions is as follows:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	10000	16	352	31	14
2	8000	17	281	32	13
3	6400	18	225	33	12
4	5120	19	180	34	11
5	4096	20	144	35	10
6	3277	21	115	36	9
7	2621	22	92	37	8
8	2097	23	74	38	7
9	1678	24	59	39	6
10	1342	25	47	40	5
11	1074	26	38	41	4
12	859	27	30	42	3
13	687	28	24	43	2
14	550	29	19	44	1
15	440	30	15	45	1

b) In the case of a tie the higher number of ranking points shall be awarded to both Skaters/Teams, for example in the case of a tie for second places the points will be 10000, 8000, 8000, 5120, etc.

13. World Cup Classification

- a) For the purpose of establishing the World Cup Classifications over the Individual Distances, only the best three (3) results from the possible four (4) Distance Classifications at World Cup Competitions will be considered.
- b) For the purpose of establishing the World Cup Classifications over the Relay Distance, only the best three (3) results from the possible four (4) Distance Classifications at World Cup Competitions will be considered.
- c) For the purpose of establishing the Special Classifications over the Relay Distance to qualify for the European Championships a Distance Classifications will be used with only European Members and the total of World Cup Points will be calculated over the Competitions concerned (see Rule 286, paragraph 4.c)

14. Special Olympic Qualifying Classification

For each of the Distances 500 m individual Ladies and Men, 1000 meter individual Ladies and Men, 1500 meter individual Ladies and Men, 3000 meter Relay for Ladies and 5000 meter Relay for Men the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC) will be established in accordance with Rule 284, paragraph 3.

15. World Cup Rules and Procedures

In accordance with Rule 286, paragraph 1 and 3, the Technical Committee may publish a revised Communication after the second World Cup Competition.

16. Prize Money

Prize Money will only be distributed for Final World Cup Classifications after all World Cup Competitions of the season are concluded. The amounts are as follows:

	500 m				1000 m				1500 m			
	Men		Ladies		Men		Ladies		Men		Ladies	
1 st place	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000
2 nd place	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000
3 rd place	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000
4 th place	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500
5 th place	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250
6 th place	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000
7 th place	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750
8 th place	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500
9 th place	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250
10 th place	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000

	Relay			
	Men		Ladies	
1 st place	US\$	6000	US\$	6000
2 nd place	US\$	5000	US\$	5000
3 rd place	US\$	3000	US\$	3000
4 th place	US\$	2000	US\$	2000
5 th place	US\$	1250	US\$	1250

17. Qualification procedure for the Olympic Winter Games 2018 (Refer to Rule 284, paragraph 3 and Rule 286)

As per Rule 284, paragraph 3, the quota places for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games are earned by the ISU Members (by IOC called “NFs”) respectively National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the ISU Members in the four ISU World Cup Competitions designated by the ISU.

While Rule 284 contains the applicable binding provisions, Attachment A which is included for your guidance and was distributed by the IOC to the NOCs, summarizes the Olympic Qualification System that will be used to determine the number of entries per NOC for the Olympic Winter Games 2018 in PyeongChang.

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July 10, 2017
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ATTACHMENT A - Qualification system for XXIII Winter Olympics Games, PyeongChang 2018



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES PYEONGCHANG 2018

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Short Track Speed Skating

A. EVENTS (8)

Men's Events (4)	Women's Events (4)
Men's 500m Men's 1000m Men's 1500m Men's 5000m Relay	Ladies' 500m Ladies' 1000m Ladies' 1500m Ladies' 3000m Relay

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Short Track Speed Skating:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	55	5	60
Women	55	5	60
Total	110	10	120

Maximum Event/Distance Specific Quota

	Maximum Quota
Men's 500m	32
Men's 1000m	32
Men's 1500m	36
Men's 5000m Relay	8 teams
Ladies' 500m	32
Ladies' 1000m	32
Ladies' 1500m	36
Ladies' 3000m Relay	8 teams



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2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	5 (with Relay) 3 (without Relay)	3 in individual events 1 team in Relay event
Women	5 (with Relay) 3 (without Relay)	3 in individual events 1 team in Relay event
Total	10 (with Relay) 6 (without Relay)	

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

Quota places per gender are earned by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the National ISU Members (NFs) from the four (4) Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC).

The SOQC is based on three (3) best results out of four (4) results over the respective distance achieved at the four (4) ISU World Cup Competitions designated by the ISU that will be held between September and December 2017 will be taken into consideration for the purpose of establishing the SOQC (for more details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications).

The four (4) SOQC for men will be for the Men's 500m, Men's 1000m, Men's 1500m and Men's 5000m Relay.

The four (4) SOQC for women will be for Ladies' 500m, Ladies' 1000m, Ladies' 1500m and Ladies' 3000m Relay.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of competitors).

Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must be born before 1 July 2002.

Additional IF Requirements:

As per ISU Regulations, only NFs (ISU Members) are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating competitions.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<u>D.1</u> Men: 40 Women: 40	D.1 Relay NOCs/NFs qualified for the Relay events may enter a maximum of five (5) skaters in total. The skaters competing in the individual events must be among the skaters in the Relay



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	<p>team.</p> <p>The NFs/NOCs with the top eight (8) placed Relay teams in the SOQC for Relays in the respective gender qualify for participation in the Olympic Winter Games Relay events. If the host NOC/NF of the Olympic Winter Games is not amongst those qualified on the basis of the Relay SOQC, the respective Relay Team of the host NOC/NF will replace the NOC/NF ranked 8th in the SOQC for the Relay.</p>
<p><u>D.2</u> Men: 20 Women: 20</p>	<p>D.2 Individual distances</p> <p>For the individual distances, taking into account the above-mentioned ramification from the Relay qualification, which for the IOC quota (total quota of 120) will have priority, the quota places are assigned to NOCs/NFs in the order of the respective SOQC. All NOCs/NFs having skaters ranked first over the distances of 500, 1000 and 1500 meters get one starting place in the respective distance. Following that the NOCs/NFs having skaters ranked 2nd get one starting place, etc, until the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) The number of quota places per NOC/NF has reached the maximum of three (3) skaters per distance;ii) The number of skaters in the respective distances has reached the maximum number of skaters for that distance; i.e. the maximum number of skaters over 500m and 1000m will be 32. The maximum number of Skaters over 1500m will be 36.iii) The total number of skaters has reached the maximum number of skaters (120 skaters as per IOC quota stated above).iv) If the number of skaters per distance has not reached the maximum number of skaters (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) on one (1) or more distances, and the simultaneous process cannot be continued without exceeding the IOC quota, then skaters will be added on a one-by-one basis until the IOC quota has been reached. The next available skater(s) already within the quota with the highest rank in the respective distance SOQC will be added to the number of skaters in the respective distance. In the case of a tie, the shortest distance will prevail.v) If according to sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii) and iv) above the number of actually entered skaters by name has not reached the maximum per distance (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters), then the NOCs/NFs having skaters entered as per sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii) and iv) above will be allowed to enter the same skaters in the respective distance(s) in the order of the respective SOQC, up to the maximum of three (3) skaters per distance. Consequently, this will not affect the total number of entered skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.vi) In the exceptional case that the number of skaters per distance cannot be filled (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) after applying the procedures in the sub-paragraphs i) ii) iii) iv) and v) above, then the NOCs/NFs which have qualified for the Relay but who have no individual skaters will be allowed to enter skaters in the respective distance(s). In the case of a tie, the Relay team with the highest rank will prevail. Consequently this will also not affect the total number of entered skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES (WHERE APPLICABLE)

If not qualified through the qualifying procedure, the host NOC/NF will be entitled to enter 10 Skaters (5 men and 5 women) in all events together, as follows:

- Ladies' 3000m Relay and Men's 5000m Relay
- One (1) skater in each individual event/distance for both Ladies and Men

If the host NOC/NF forfeits its right to participate in the Relay event(s), the host NOC/NF may nevertheless enter one (1) skater in each of the individual distances.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following the completion of the four (4) ISU designated World Cup Competitions and based on the respective SOQC the ISU will inform NOCs/NFs by 10 December 2017, of their respective total number of quota places and the number of skaters each NOC/NF can enter per individual distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm to the ISU the use of quota places by 10 January 2018.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Between 10 and 17 January 2018, the ISU will redistribute unused quota places to NOCs/NFs based on the SOQC per distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm within 24 hours whether they accept the offered reallocation of quota places, but at the latest on 22 January 2018.

Unused Relay quota places will be replaced with the next best placed Team, based on the results of the Relay SOQC.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 August 2017	ISU announces qualifying competitions (ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions) determining the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC)
Accreditation deadline	9 October 2017	PyeongChang 2018 Accreditation deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Qualification	1 September 2017 – 3 December 2017	ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions determining the SOQC. World Cup 1 (TBD*) World Cup 2 (TBD*) World Cup 3 (TBD*) World Cup 4 (TBD*)
Inform and confirm	5 December 2017	Publication of SOQC
	10 December 2017	ISU to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	10 January 2018	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of quota places provisionally allocated, both for event/distance and in total. *All confirmed provisionally allocated quota places by NOCs are considered final.
Reallocation	10 - 17 January 2018	ISU to inform NOCs regarding the reallocation of quota places that will have to be confirmed by the NOC within 24 hours. Lack of a NOC response to the ISU within the deadline will be considered as a refusal of the offered quota place.
	22 January 2018	End of re-allocation process
Delegation Registration Meetings	26 January – 8 February 2018	PyeongChang 2018 Delegation Registration Meetings
Sport Entries deadline	28 January 2018, 21:00 GMT (29 January 2018, 06:00 Korean time GMT+9)	PyeongChang 2018 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	9 – 25 February 2018	Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018

*To Be Determined