

Communication No. 2719

Detailed Program & Entries ISU Championships Short Track Speed Skating 2026

I. DETAILED PROGRAM FOR ALL ISU SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Qualifying Session of Friday, (and Thursday if applicable)	Qualifying Rounds for all Individual and Relay distances)
Qualifying Session Day 1	Repechage 1000m Women, 500m & 1500m Men Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals
Main Session Day 1	1500m Men – Semi-Finals, Finals 1000m Women – Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals 500m Men – Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals 3000m Relay Women – Semi-Finals, Finals 5000m Relay Men – Semi-Finals
Qualifying Session Day 2	Repechage 1000m Men, 500m & 1500m Women
Main Session Day 2	Mixed Team Relay Finals 1500m Women – Semi-Finals, Finals 1000m Men – Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals 500m Women – Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals 5000m Relay Men – Finals

II. ENTRY QUOTAS

1. ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026, Tilburg NED, January 16-18, 2026

(i) Entries for individual competitions:

The entry quotas for the ISU Members with the right to participate in the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026 are determined in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 4 and based on results of the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2025.

Each ISU Member has the right to enter two (2) Competitors in each category for each distance¹.

The entries for the Championships shall be made solely through the Online Registration System (ORS) - <https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/>. Final Entries will only be accepted providing the best time for each distance is properly entered for every Skater in ORS.

In accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 4.a), the following ISU Members may enter a maximum of three (3) competitors for the following distances:

Women		
500m	1000m	1500m
Germany	France	France
Hungary	Italy	Germany
Italy	Netherlands	Hungary
Netherlands	Poland	Italy
Poland		Netherlands
		Poland

Men		
500m	1000m	1500m
Hungary	Great Britain	France
Italy	Hungary	Great Britain
Netherlands	Italy	Italy
Poland	Netherlands	Netherlands
	Türkiye	Poland

Other ISU Members may not enter more than two (2) Competitors in each category for each individual distance.

¹ Reference is made to ISU Communication No. 2469, paragraph 2.a) according to which and until further notice, no individual belonging to the Russian Skating Union and Skating Union of Belarus shall be invited, entered and allowed to participate in International Competitions, ISU Championships and other ISU Events.

(ii) Entries for Relay competitions:

In accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 6.b) only the twelve (12) highest ranked European ISU Members in the World Ranking Lists Relay (see Rule 282, paragraph 4.b) as per the moment of the closing of the Final Entries can enter a Relay Team in the respective Relay competition (Women/Men/Mixed).

If the Host ISU Member is not qualified through the World Ranking, it will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a qualified ISU Member forfeits its right to participate, it must inform the ISU immediately after the last World Tour Event before the Championship. The next ranked ISU Member for the concerned Championship will be invited to participate.

In case of a tie in the World Ranking for the last qualifying position, the Team with the highest-ranking result acquired in any of the World Tour Events, counting for the World Ranking, will decide the final order. If the tie persists, the second highest acquired result will be considered, etc. If a tie persists with all the results, the best time skated in any of the counting World Tour Events will be the tie breaker.

Entries for the Relay competitions must be in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 3.

(iii) Total number of entries (including substitutes):

The maximum number of Competitors per category that may be entered for the Championships is as follows:

- Three (3) or
- Four (4), if the ISU Member has qualified three on any of the distances, or
- Five (5), if the ISU Member has entered a Relay Team for the category concerned

2. ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026, Salt Lake City, USA January 29 - February 1, 2026

The entry quotas for the ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026 are determined in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 5 and based on results of the ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2025.

Each ISU Member has the right to enter three Competitors in each category. ISU Members entering a Relay Team may enter a maximum of four Competitors in the respective category¹.

The entries for the Championships shall be made solely through the Online Registration System (ORS) - <https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/>. Final Entries will only be accepted providing the best time for each distance is properly entered for every Skater in ORS.

(i) Entries for individual competitions:

In accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 5, the following ISU Members may enter a maximum of three (3) competitors for the following distances:

Women		
500m	1000m	1500m
Canada	Canada	Canada
China	China	China
France	Czechia	France
Hungary	France	Hungary
Japan	Hungary	Italy
Kazakhstan	Japan	Japan
Korea	Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan
Netherlands	Korea	Korea
Poland	Netherlands	Netherlands
USA*	Poland	USA*
	Chinese Taipei	
	USA*	

Men		
500m	1000m	1500m
Canada	Canada	Belgium
China	China	Canada
Great Britain	Great Britain	China
Hungary	Hungary	Great Britain
Italy	Italy	Hungary
Japan	Japan	Japan
Korea	Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan
Norway	Korea	Korea
USA	Norway	Norway
	USA*	USA*

Other ISU Members may not enter more than two (2) Competitors in each category for each individual distance.

(ii) Total number of entries (including substitutes):

The maximum number of Competitors per category that may be entered for the Championships is as follows:

- Three (3), or
- Four (4), if the ISU Member has entered a Relay Team for the category concerned

¹ Reference is made to ISU Communication No. 2469, paragraph 2.a) according to which and until further notice, no individual belonging to the Russian Skating Union and Skating Union of Belarus shall be invited, entered and allowed to participate in International Competitions, ISU Championships and other ISU Events.

*) In accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 5.c): If the Host ISU Member has not qualified 3 Skaters in a distance then the Host ISU Member may nevertheless choose to still enter 3 Skaters, and have the original number of qualified Skaters as their maximum number of Skaters to qualify for the same following Championship. This Rule applies for USA as Host Member for the World Junior Championships 2026. Required qualifying times indicated in paragraph 5.2 below also apply for the Host ISU Member Competitors.

3. ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026, Montreal, CAN, March 13-15, 2026

(i) Entries for individual competitions:

The entry quotas for the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026 are determined in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 3 and based on results of the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2025.

Each ISU Member has the right to enter 1 Competitor in each category for each distance¹.

The entries for the Championships shall be made solely through the Online Registration System (ORS) - <https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/>. Final Entries will only be accepted providing the best time for each distance is properly entered for every Skater in ORS

In accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 3.a), the following ISU Members may enter more than one Competitor for the following distances, as follows:

Women					
500m		1000m		1500m	
Australia	2 competitors	Belgium	3 competitors	Australia	2 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Canada*	3 competitors	Belgium	2 competitors
Canada	3 competitors	China*	2 competitors	Canada*	3 competitors
China	3 competitors	Croatia	2 competitors	China*	2 competitors
France	2 competitors	Czechia	2 competitors	Czechia	2 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors	France	2 competitors	France	2 competitors
Hungary	2 competitors	Germany	2 competitors	Germany	2 competitors
Italy	3 competitors	Great Britain	2 competitors	Hungary	3 competitors
Japan	2 competitors	Hungary	3 competitors	Italy	3 competitors
Kazakhstan	2 competitors	Italy	3 competitors	Japan	2 competitors
Korea	2 competitors	Japan	2 competitors	Kazakhstan	2 competitors
Netherlands	3 competitors	Kazakhstan	2 competitors	Korea	3 competitors
Poland	3 competitors	Korea	3 competitors	Netherlands	2 competitors
Ukraine	2 competitors	Netherlands	2 competitors	Poland	2 competitors
USA	2 competitors	Poland	2 competitors	Slovakia	2 competitors
		Chinese Taipei	2 competitors	Thailand	2 competitors
		Thailand	2 competitors	Ukraine	2 competitors
		USA	2 competitors	USA	2 competitors

Men					
500m		1000m		1500m	
Australia	2 competitors	Australia	2 competitors	Australia	2 competitors
Austria	2 competitors	Austria	2 competitors	Belgium	2 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Belgium	2 competitors	Bulgaria	2 competitors
Bulgaria	2 competitors	Canada	3 competitors	Canada	3 competitors
Canada	3 competitors	China*	2 competitors	China*	2 competitors
China	2 competitors	France	2 competitors	France	2 competitors
Croatia	2 competitors	Great Britain	2 competitors	Great Britain	2 competitors
France	2 competitors	Hong Kong/China	2 competitors	Hong Kong/China	2 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Hungary	2 competitors	Italy	2 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors	Ireland	2 competitors	Japan	2 competitors
Italy	2 competitors	Italy	3 competitors	Kazakhstan	2 competitors
Japan	2 competitors	Japan	2 competitors	Korea	3 competitors
Kazakhstan	3 competitors	Kazakhstan	2 competitors	Latvia	2 competitors
Korea	2 competitors	Korea	3 competitors	Mongolia	2 competitors
Latvia	2 competitors	Latvia	2 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
Netherlands	2 competitors	Netherlands	2 competitors	Poland	2 competitors
Poland	2 competitors	Poland	3 competitors	Türkiye	2 competitors
Slovenia	2 competitors	Serbia	2 competitors	USA	2 competitors
Türkiye	2 competitors	Türkiye	2 competitors	Uzbekistan	2 competitors
USA	2 competitors	Ukraine	2 competitors		
Uzbekistan	2 competitors	Uzbekistan	2 competitors		

*) In accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 3.a): If the Host ISU Member has not qualified 3 Skaters in a distance then the Host ISU Member may nevertheless choose to still enter 3 Skaters, and have the original number of qualified Skaters as their maximum number of Skaters to qualify for the same following Championship. This Rule applies for Canada as Host Member for the World Championships 2026 and China as Host Member for the World Championships 2025. Required qualifying times indicated in paragraph 5.2 below also apply for the Host ISU Member Competitors.

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(ii) Entries for Relay competitions:

In accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 3.b) only the twelve (12) highest ranked ISU Members in the World Tour Relay and Mixed Team Relay Classifications can enter a Team in the respective Relay competitions. By making an entry for a World Tour Competition, the ISU Member confirms that, if qualified, the ISU Member will participate in the Relay Competition at the respective ISU Championships. If the Host ISU Member is not qualified through the respective World Tour Relay Classification, it will replace the lowest ranked Team. The ISU Members may forfeit their rights to participate by notifying the ISU Secretariat immediately after the last World Tour Competition before the Championships, in such case, the next ranked ISU Member will be invited to participate.

In case of a tie in the World Tour Relay Classification for the last qualifying position, the Team with the highest-ranking result acquired in any of the World Tour Events, counting for the World Ranking, will decide the final order. If the tie persists, the second highest acquired result will be considered, etc. If a tie persists with all the results, the best time skated in any of the World Tour Events, counting for the World Ranking, will be the tie breaker.

(iii) Total number of entries (including substitutes):

The maximum number of Competitors per category that may be entered for the Championships is as follows:

- One, or
- Two (2), if the ISU Member has qualified only 2 Skaters on one of the distances, or
- Three (3), if the ISU Member has qualified two on more than one of the distances, or
- Four (4), if the ISU Member has qualified three on any of the distances, or
- Three (3), in both categories, if the ISU Member has qualified a Mixed Team relay, or
- Five (5), if the ISU Member has entered a Relay Team for the category concerned

4. Qualifying Times for ISU Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026

4.1 Qualifying times

To qualify for participation in the ISU Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026, Skaters must have achieved applicable qualifying times (Rule 292, paragraph 1.i) and paragraph 1.m).

4.2 Required qualifying times ISU European and ISU World Short Track Speed Championships

The ISU Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined qualifying times required for participation in the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships and the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026 as follows:

Every ISU Member can enter 1 Skater per category that has achieved the following qualifying time:

Women 500 meters:	47,21(14% slower than world record as of July 1, 2025)
Men 500 meters:	45,04 (14% slower than world record as of July 1, 2025)

If an ISU Member enters more than 1 Skater, the qualifying times required for all Skaters (including all Relay Skaters) entered by the ISU Member, are:

Women 500 meters:	45,56 (10% slower than world record as of July 1, 2025)
Men 500 meters:	43,46 (10% slower than world record as of July 1, 2025)

All Skaters entered in the above-mentioned Championships must have achieved the qualifying time over the distance of 500m.

The ISU Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined qualifying times required for participation in the ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026 as follows:

Every ISU Member can enter 1 Skater per category that has achieved the following qualifying time:

Women 500 meters:	49.79 (16% slower than junior world record as of July 1, 2025)
Men 500 meters:	46.67 (16% slower than junior world record as of July 1, 2025)

If an ISU Member enters more than 1 Skater, the qualifying times required for all Skaters (including all Relay Skaters) entered by the ISU Member, are:

Women 500 meters:	48.50 (13% slower than world record as of July 1, 2025)
Men 500 meters:	45.47 (13% slower than world record as of July 1, 2025)

4.3 Conditions for valid qualifying times

- a) The result must have been achieved **at the latest ten (10) days before the respective ISU Championships** in one of the following Competitions:
 - ISU Championships
 - ISU Short Track World Tour / World Cup Competitions
 - International Short Track Speed Skating Competitions 2025/26 as listed in the annual ISU Communication
 - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned
 - Other Short Track Speed Skating Competitions sanctioned by the ISU.
- b) The Competition must have been held on an official ISU track as listed in Rule 280, paragraph 1.
- c) Photo finish and/or electronic timing must have been used, proved by original outputs of the respective equipment. If no Photo finish and/or electronic timing are available 0,2 seconds must be added to the time recorded.
- d) A Referee and Starter, listed under item 2 of ISU Communication No. 2710 must have been officiating.
- e) The distances skated, and the starting times must have been in accordance with the announcement.
- f) **The time, name of competition, place, date and a copy of the protocol, with the name of the Skater & the time highlighted, must be uploaded in ORS in the section “Personal Best” of each Skater’s profile and for each distance.**
- g) Results achieved after July 1, 2023, may be considered.
- h) ISU Members entering participants must submit verification of the qualifying times achieved by each Competitor. This documentation must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat at the latest on the 10th day before the start of the first race of the Competition (Rule 292, paragraph 1.c) through the Online Registration System (ORS) - <https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/>, section “Personal Best” in each Skater’s profile.

If sufficient verification of the above listed requirements is missing, the entry will not be accepted.

5. Seeding Times for ISU Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026

The composition of the first Qualifying Round of all distances, both Individual and Relay, is made up based on Rule 293, paragraph 3.

Skaters without a World Ranking will be placed on the Seeding List after the Skaters with a World Ranking. The best season time over the distances (entered with the final entry) will be used to determine a ranking for the make-up of the first round of each of the related distances. Seeding times are valid if achieved under conditions stated in paragraph 5 above).

6. Conditions

The Championships will have a single distance character. The first day is dedicated to the Qualifying Session with qualifying rounds only. For the ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Championships, there will be 2 days of Qualifying Session. On the last 2 days, the Main Championships Sessions preceded by Repechage Sessions will be held for the same individual distances as in the Main Championships session on that day. Competitors who did not qualify for the Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters or for the Semi-Finals for 1500 meters during the Qualifying Session, can enter the Repechage Session for the distance concerned, except those who were given a sanction (Rule 296), or who did not start in the Qualifying Session. Skaters that were declared “Did not Finish” are eligible to move on to next rounds including the Repechage Races. The maximum number of Competitors to enter the Repechage Session is 40 for the 500m and 1000m and 42 for the 1500m, based on the intermediate Distance Classifications.

To create the intermediate Distance Classification for the process of ranking skaters for seeding purposes between the various rounds of qualifications:

- Only the results of the previous round in the distance, position and time, will be used to rank the skaters. Skaters will be ranked first by position and then by time. If there is a tie on time, then there will be a draw conducted to split the tie and complete the Classification.
- In the case of prequalified skaters competing for the first time in the distance, they will be ranked first, according to the World Ranking List, followed by all other qualified skaters based on their results from the previous qualifying round as per Rule 297, para 2).
- In the first round after the Repechage, skaters who qualified directly without competing in Repechage rounds including advancements will be ranked first, and then skaters who qualified via Repechage rounds.

7. Distances and program

The program for the European and World Championships is set as follows:

- Day -3 - Official Training at Teams' cost
- Day -2 - Official Training at Teams' cost
- Day -1 - Official Training at Teams' cost
- Day 0 - Official Training free of charge for all Teams
 - Official Team Leaders' Meeting
- Day 1 - Qualifying Session (all individual and Relay distances)
- Day 2 - Repechage Session (individual distances that will be skated in the Main Session)
 - Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals
 - Main Session
- Day 3 - Repechage Session (individual distances that will be skated in the Main Session)
 - Main Session

The program for the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships is set as follows:

- Day -2 - Official Training at Teams' cost
- Day -1 - Official Training at Teams' cost
- Day 0 - Official Training at Teams' cost
 - Official Team Leaders' Meeting
- Day 1 - Qualifying Session (all individual and Relay distances)
- Day 2 - Qualifying Session (all individual and Relay distances)
- Day 3 - Repechage Session (individual distances that will be skated in the Main Session)
 - Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals
 - Main Session
- Day 4 - Repechage Session (individual distances that will be skated in the Main Session)
 - Main Session

- a) The program of the Qualifying Session and of the Repechage Sessions will be made by the Competitors' Steward based on the number of entries. For all individual distances and Relays the Qualifying Session will include all qualifying rounds necessary to qualify Skaters or Teams for the Main Sessions (Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters, Semi-Finals for 1500 meters and for all Relay distances). The program of the Main Sessions can be subject to changes based on local circumstances and/or TV agreements.
- b) There will not be any warm-up sessions.
- c) No other Short Track Speed Skating events are allowed in the same facility during the ISU Championships.

III. ENTRY DEADLINES

In accordance with Rule 292, paragraphs 1), the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches and Team leaders shall be entered at least six (6) weeks before the first day of the Competition. The number of other personnel travelling with the team shall also be communicated separately at least six (6) weeks before the ISU Event concerned.

ISU Members are seriously requested to enter only the number of Skaters they actually intend to send to the ISU Championships concerned. The names of the Competitors and substitutes names per category with their

ISU Registration Number, the names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances and the confirmation of participation in the Relay shall be communicated to the organizing committee at the latest on the 10th day before the start of the first race of the Competition. For Post Entries Rule 115, paragraph 4 of the General Regulations applies.

The exact deadlines are issued in the Official Announcement for each ISU Championships.

ISU Members are requested to study and follow the corresponding Rules (Rules 115/130/131) and to upload a Declaration Form duly completed and signed in each Skaters' and Team Officials' profiles in the Online Registration System (ORS) - <https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/>.

In line with Rule 115, paragraph 4 of the General Regulations, ISU Members are reminded that post entries might be accepted by the ISU President only in case of clearly and truly exceptional circumstances.

IV. ACCREDITATION POLICY FOR TEAM OFFICIALS/ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

The organizing ISU Member is not obliged to provide services (hotel reservations, accredited entrance to the ice rink, local transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted to the organizer before the entry deadline. Guidelines for accreditation can be obtained from the organizing ISU Member or the ISU Secretariat

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