

## Communication No. 2806

### ISU Short Track World Tour 2026/27

#### 1. ISU World Tour Competitions

The ISU Short Track World Tour 2026/27 will be presented under the title “ISU Short Track World Tour” and a specific logo. For the season 2026/27 the ISU has designated the following Competitions as “World Tour Competitions”:

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>	
1	Vancouver	CAN	October 23, 2026 October 24-25, 2026	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
2	Montreal	CAN	October 30, 2026 October 31, November 1, 2026	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
3	Seoul	KOR	November 20, 2026 November 21-22, 2026	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
4	Shanghai	CHN	November 27, 2026 November 28-29, 2026	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
5	Beijing	CHN	December 4, 2026 December 5-6, 2026	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
6	Gdansk	POL	February 5, 2027 February 6-7, 2027	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
7	Tilburg	NED	February 12, 2027 February 13-14, 2027	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session

Organizers of these World Tour Competitions are required to observe the conditions of the 2026 ISU Competition & Event Regulations (CER) and the most recent edition of the Memorandum for hosting ISU Short Track World Tour Competitions.

All above ISU Short Track World Tour Events have been identified for the purpose of crowning Champions for the season 2026/27 who will be the winners of the ISU Short Track World Tour Crystal Globe Trophy.

## 2. Announcement

Each organizer of the above-mentioned World Tour Competitions shall submit an Announcement to the ISU Office for publication on the ISU Website (see article 3.4 of the CER).

## 3. Conditions

- a) All World Tour Competitions are held according to Rule 282.
- b) The competitions will have a single distance character and are held in separate sessions. The first day is dedicated to the Qualifying Sessions with qualifying rounds only. On the second and third day, all remaining qualifying rounds (if needed), including Repechage races, will be held in the morning, and the afternoon will be for the World Tour sessions including Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.

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 Sessions, 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. In Competitions where there are no Preliminaries for the distances of 500 & 1000 meters and no Heats for the 1500 meters, the maximum number of Skaters that will be entered for the Repechage races will be 40 for the 500 and 1000 meters and 42 for the 1500 meters.

In Competitions where a distance would have 2 rounds of qualifications before the Repechage Races, the Skaters that were eliminated in the first round will go through an extra round of Repechage Races. The maximum number of Skaters that will be entered from the Preliminaries of 500 & 1000 meters will be 25 and from the 1500m Heats will be 28 (See the qualification tables for the detailed schedule). Skaters that were declared “Did not Finish” are eligible to move on to next rounds including the Repechage races. The number of Qualifying Rounds, the number of Races per Round and the number of Skaters to qualify for the next round, for both the Qualifying Session and the Repechage Session, are specified by the ISU Short Track Technical Committee.

- c) On the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters and on the Relay distances, there will be a Final and a B Final. Skaters / Teams qualify for the Final and the B Final only through the Semi-Finals.

B-Finals with only one (1) Skater / Team will not be skated, and for the purpose of the distance ranking, the qualified Skater / Team will then be assigned the first finish position for the not skated race.

- d) Planned number of Skaters/Teams per Race:

<b>Maximum planned number of Competitors</b>	<b>500m</b>	<b>1000m</b>	<b>1500m</b>	<b>Relay</b>
Preliminaries (Qualifying Session)	5	6	8	
Heats or Quarter-Finals (Qualifying Session)	5	5	7	5
Repechage Session	5	6	8	
Quarter-Finals (World Tour Session)	5 *)	5 *)		

Semi-Finals (World Tour Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	5
Finals (World Tour Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4 *)

\*) See Rule 291, paragraph 8)

- e) Anti-Doping tests will be carried out at each Competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications Nos. 2742 or any further update of these Communications).
- f) At each Competition an ISU Technical Committee Representative will be assigned (Rule 286).

#### 4. Distances and program

- a) The program for each World Tour Competition is set as follows:

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

- b) The program of the Qualifying Session (first day) and of the Repechage Sessions will be made by the Competition Coordinator 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 World Tour Sessions (Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters, Semi-Finals for 1500 meters and for all Relay distances). However, Semi-Finals of the Mixed Team Relay may be raced outside of the World Tour Session.
- c) The distribution of distances for all World Tour sessions will be as follows:

World Tour	Individual Distances for Women and Men	
	Day 2	Day 3
All World Tours	Men 500m	Mixed Team Relay 2000m
	Women 1000m	Women 500m
	Men 1500m	Men 1000m
	Women 3000m Relay	Women 1500m
	Men 5000m Relay SF	Men 5000m Relay Finals

The order of distances listed in the table above is referring to the sequence of starts and rounds. It remains indicative and may be subject to changes.

The program for each day of the World Tour Sessions will be according to the above table. The program of the World Tour Session is subject to changes based on local circumstances and/or TV agreements.

d) There will not be any warm-up sessions.

## 5. Entries<sup>1</sup>

- a) In accordance with Rule 282, the entries for the World Tour Competition shall be made solely through the Online Registration System (ORS) - <https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/>. The number of entries at the World Tour Competition shall be restricted to a maximum of six (6) Competitors per category (Women, Men) for each ISU Member<sup>1</sup>, covering both individual and Relay distances. **Final Entries will only be accepted, providing the best time for each distance is properly entered for every Skater in ORS.**
- b) Individual entries for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters:  
Maximum three (3) Competitors per ISU Member per distance per category. For each distance any three (3) of the maximum six (6) Competitors entered may skate the distance. ISU Members that have three (3) Skaters in the top 40 in the World Ranking of a distance at the moment of making the confirmed distance entries, can enter 4 Competitors in that distance.
- c) Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member per category, consisting of a minimum of four (4), and a maximum of six (6) Competitors.
- d) Mixed Team Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member, consisting of a minimum of two (2) Women and two (2) Men, and a maximum of four (4) Women and four (4) Men. ISU Members entering this event, accept to forfeit Rule 291, paragraph 8.I). Confirmed Distance Entry can include up to six (6) Women and six (6) Men out of which a maximum of four (4) and four (4) can actually participate in the various rounds.
- e) By making an entry for a Relay event at a World Tour Competition, the ISU Member confirms that, if qualified, the ISU Member will participate in the Relay competition concerned at relevant ISU Short Track Championships 2027. The ISU Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU Office immediately after the World Tour Competition preceding the relevant Championships.

<sup>1</sup> For Skating Union of Belarus and Russian Skating Union, and skaters from Belarus and Russia, please refer to ISU Communication No. 2804.

## 6. Required Qualifying Times

- a) All Skaters entered for a World Tour Competition must have achieved an ISU qualifying time over the distance of 500 meters. The ISU Short Track Technical Committee has determined qualifying times required for participation in the ISU Short Track World Tour 2026/27 as follows:

Women 500 meters: 46,37 (12% slower than world record as of July 1, 2026)

Men 500 meters: 44,25 (12% slower than world record as of July 1, 2026)

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: 45,54 (10% slower than world record as of July 1, 2026)  
Men 500 meters: 43,46 (10% slower than world record as of July 1, 2026)

- b) The result must have been achieved and submitted and approved with the Final Entry, ten (10) days before the respective ISU Short Track World Tour in one of the following Competitions:
  - ISU Championships
  - ISU Short Track World Tour Competitions
  - ISU Short Track Junior World Cup Competitions
  - International Short Track Competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication published by the ISU, excluding races performed under a skill-based format combining genders
  - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned
  - Other Short Track Competitions sanctioned by the ISU
- c) The Competition must have been held on an official ISU track as defined in Rule 280, paragraph 1.
- d) Photo finish and/or electronic timing must have been used, proved by original outputs of the equipment. If no Photo finish and/or electronic timing are available 0,2 seconds must be added to the time skated.
- e) A Referee and Starter, listed under item 2 of ISU Communication No. 2793 must have been officiating.
- f) **The time, name of competition, place, date and a copy of the protocol, with name of Skater and time highlighted, must be uploaded in ORS in the section “Qualifying Times” of each Skater’s profile and for each distance.**
- g) For a Skater to be qualified for participation in the ISU Short Track World Tour 2026/27, only results achieved after July 1, 2024 will be considered.

## 7. Drawing and progression

- a) For each distance, the 20 highest ranked Skaters entered from the World Tour Classification of the distance, will be prequalified directly for the Heats of the 500m and 1000m and for the Quarter-Finals in the 1500m. For World Tour 1, the World Tour Distance Classification from season 2025/26 will be used for each distance. In case of a tie for the 20<sup>th</sup> place in the World Tour classification, the latest result from the World Tour season 2025/26 will be the tie breaker. For World Tour 2, the World Tour 2025-26 final classification (converted into the corresponding World Tour points from 100-1) + World Tour 1 of the season 2026/27 will be used. For World Tour 3, the results of World Tour 1 + World Tour 2 will be used. For World Tour 4, 5 & 6 all results from the World Tour 2026/27 season will be used. For World Tour 7, the best 5 out of 6 results will be used.

World Tour		Season 2025/26				Season 2026/27						
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Vancouver	X	X	X	X							
2	Montreal	X*				X						
3	Seoul					X	X					
4	Shanghai					X	X	X				
5	Beijing					X	X	X	X			
6	Gdansk					X	X	X	X	X		
7	Tilburg					X	X	X	X	X	X	

\*Point value is brought back to the classification of one distance (from 100 to 1)  
If there are less than 20 Skaters with World Tour Points entered in a distance, the next best Skaters, using the World Ranking points from the same events listed in the table above, entered in that distance, will be added until 20 Skaters will be included. If there is a tie for the 20<sup>th</sup> place, the latest results in the season will be used as a tie breaker.

- b) For the remaining entered Skaters, 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 293 of the ISU Sports Rules Short Track 2026. Progression to subsequent Qualifying Rounds shall be according to Rule 291, paragraph 8.
- c) If the first round of a distance is the Heats 500m or 1000m or Quarter-Final 1500m, there will be no prequalified Skaters and the make-up of the first Qualifying Round will be based on the World Ranking.
- d) The Seeding list for the Heats 500m & 1000m and Quarter Final 1500m are made starting with the 20 prequalified Skaters based on their World Ranking, then using the Seeding List for the Skaters qualifying from the first Qualifying rounds.
- e) The lane position for the Heats 500m & 1000m and the Quarter-Final 1500m will be made starting with the 20 prequalified skaters and then following Rule 293, paragraph 7, for the Skaters qualifying from the first qualifying round.
- f) From the Qualifying Sessions for 500 and 1000 meters, a number of Skaters (see Qualifying Tables to be published separately) will qualify for the Quarter-Finals which are held during the World Tour Session. Similarly, the number of Skaters to qualify for the 1500 meters Semi-Finals is specified in the Qualifying Tables.
- g) From the Repechage Session the winners of the Repechage Semi-Finals will qualify for the World Tour Session.
- h) Seeding List for 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.
  - When prequalified Skaters are 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, paragraph 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.

## **8. Cumulative Penalty System**

In the ISU World Tours, a Cumulative Penalty System applies. If a Skater has accumulated 3 Sanctions (Penalty for Impeding or Kicking Out, YC or RC), during the Series, then in the next Event of the Series, the Skater cannot be entered in the distance where the Skater has the highest rank. If the Skater reaches 5 Sanctions, in the next Event of the Series, the Skater cannot be entered in any of the two (2) highest ranked distances. Following a 7th sanction, in the next Event of the Series, the Skater cannot be entered in any individual distance.

Infringements in Relay Races are not counting in the Cumulative Penalty System. A list of Sanctions accumulated for all Skaters during the season will be published in the Protocol after each Event of the Series. Sanction threshold consequences are only applicable on the next Event of the Series. The list will be reset to 0 at the end of the Series. For clarity, all Championships are excluded from this.

## **9. Classifications at each World Tour Competition**

The Distance Classifications over the Individual Distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters and the Relay distances will follow the Rules for Distance Classifications (see Rule 297),

- First to be listed will be Competitors who have qualified for the World Tour Session in accordance with Rule 297, using the results of the World Tour Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session. If there is a Tie in the Quarter-Final 500, 1000m or Semi-Final 1500m between Skaters that qualified from the Repechage, their results in the last Repechage Round will be their Tie Breaker.
- Then the remaining Competitors who have participated in the Repechage Session will be ranked in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 2, using the results of the Repechage Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session.
- Any remaining Competitors will be ranked in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 2, using the results in the Qualifying Session.

## **10. World Tour Points & World Tour Classifications**

For each of the Individual Distances, the following point system will be used for the World Tour Classification.

Only Skaters with a result on the distance classification in the Main Sessions will receive World Tour Points. Skaters without World Tour points will nevertheless also have a ranking based on the distance classification.

For the Relay Races, the same point system will be used and all Relay Teams participating will get World Tour points.

Classification	Points	Classification	Points
1	100	13	18
2	80	14	16
3	70	15	14
4	60	16	12
5	50	17	10
6	44	18	8
7	40	19	6
8	36	20	5
9	32	21	4
10	28	22	3
11	24	23	2
12	20	24	1

- a) For each individual distance, the Skater’s best five (5) out of seven (7) World Tour points scores from ISU World Tour Competitions will be considered for the World Tour distance classification.
- b) For each of the Relay distances, the best five (5) results from the Distance Classifications at ISU World Tour Competitions will be considered for the World Tour classification.

**Tie Breaker**

In case of a Tie in the World Tour Distance Classification Points, the Winner will be the Skater with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes.

In case a Tie persist, the winner will be the Skater with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, then the most 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

If Skaters are tied because they have the exact same results (in World Tour points), the most recent result will be the Tie Breaker.

**11. Classification for the Season’s Overall Champions and winner of the ISU Short Track World Tour Crystal Globe Trophy 2026/27**

The Overall World Tour Classification will include up to a maximum of fifteen (15) results for each Skater, irrespective of the individual distance skated.

**Tie Breaker**

In case of a Tie in the Overall World Tour Classification Points, the Winner will be the Skater with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes.

In case a Tie persist, the winner will be the Skater with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, then the most 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

If Skaters are tied because they have the exact same results (in World Tour points) for their fifteen (15) counting results, no further tie will be broken, and they will both be declared Season Champions and Winners of the ISU Short Track World Tour Crystal Globe.

## 12. Classification for the Season’s Overall Team Champions and winner of the ISU Short Track World Tour Team Crystal Globe Trophy 2026/27

For the season 2026/27, there will be an Overall World Team Classification. Points will be accumulated by adding World Tour Points gained from all of the individual results of all team members across all categories (Women and Men) for each team and adding points from all Relay Races in all World Tour Events. The World Tour Points gained for the Relay Races will be tripled (see table below). All the points from all events will count (i.e. every World Tour point given to Skaters/Team throughout the season will be taken into consideration).

Classification	Individual Points	Relay Points
1	100	300
2	80	240
3	70	210
4	60	180
5	50	150
6	44	132
7	40	120
8	36	108
9	32	96
10	28	84
11	24	72
12	20	60

Classification	Individual Points	Relay Points
13	18	54
14	16	48
15	14	42
16	12	36
17	10	30
18	8	24
19	6	18
20	5	15
21	4	12
22	3	9
23	2	6
24	1	3

### Tie Breaker

In case of a Tie in the Overall World Tour Team Classification Points, the Winner will be the Team with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes.

In case a Tie persists, the winner will be the Team with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, then the most 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

If Teams are tied because they have the exact same results (in World Tour points) for all their counting results, no further tie will be broken, and they will both be declared Season Team Champions and Winners of the ISU Short Track World Tour Team Crystal Globe Trophy.

## 13. Promotion of World Tour Classifications and Award Ceremony

At the end of every World Tour Competition, an updated version of the Overall World Tour Classification & Overall World Tour Team Classification will be published and promoted. There will be updates and promotions of the best ranked Skaters and Teams in the Overall World Tour Classification and the Overall World Team Tour Classification during all World Tour Competitions of the season.

A special Award Ceremony to crown the ISU Short Track World Tour Crystal Globe winners will take place at the conclusion of the last World Tour stop of the season in Tilburg, NED on February 14, 2027.

## 14. World Ranking

- a) To establish the World Ranking for each distance (for the purpose of seeding the Skaters or Teams) the points scoring at ISU World Tour Competitions is as follows:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	10000	24	299	47	27
2	8500	25	269	48	24
3	7225	26	242	49	21
4	6141	27	218	50	19
5	5220	28	196	51	18
6	4437	29	177	52	17
7	3771	30	159	53	16
8	3206	31	143	54	15
9	2725	32	129	55	14
10	2316	33	116	56	13
11	1969	34	104	57	12
12	1673	35	94	58	11
13	1422	36	84	59	10
14	1209	37	76	60	9
15	1028	38	68	61	8
16	874	39	62	62	7
17	743	40	55	63	6
18	631	41	50	64	5
19	536	42	45	65	4
20	456	43	40	66	3
21	410	44	36	67	2
22	369	45	33	68*	1
23	332	46	29		

\* Skaters ranked 68<sup>th</sup> and beyond in the distance classification will also receive 1 point

- b) Points are awarded only if the Skater is ranked on the respective classification of that Competition.
- c) 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, 8500, 8500, 6141, etc.

For individual distances and Relay distances: To begin the season 2026/27, the best three (3) results from season 2025/26 will be used for the World Ranking. Throughout the season the results will be added as shown in the below table until the end of the season, always removing the worst result. The results from season 2026/27 will replace one by one the results of season 2025/26. For season 2027/28, if all World Tour Competitions scheduled for the season 2026/27 and the World Championships 2027 did take place, only the results from season 2026/27 will be kept (see table below).

Calculation of World Ranking for Individual distances and Relays:

Season 2025/26				Season 2026/27								
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8*	
X	X	X	X									sum of best 3 from 4 results
	X	X	X	X								sum of best 3 from 4 results
		X	X	X	X							sum of best 3 from 4 results
			X	X	X	X						sum of best 3 from 4 results
				X	X	X	X					sum of best 3 from 4 results
				X	X	X	X	X				sum of best 4 from 5 results
				X	X	X	X	X	X			sum of best 5 from 6 results
				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		sum of best 6 from 7 results
				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sum of best 7 from 8* results for season 2027-28

\*As of Season 2027/28 also the results of the World Championships will count to create the World Ranking. Point Value for the World Championships will be double the points (starting at 20,000). See Details in the relevant Championships Communication.

There will be an overall World Ranking Classification made by the total of all 3 individual World Ranking distances points for each gender. The Skaters ranked number one in these overall World Ranking classifications will receive the dedicated Helmet featuring number 1 during a special ceremony at the end of the World Championships and will wear those special helmets throughout season 2027/28.

### 15. Inspection of Skaters' equipment and racing uniforms

As per ISU Communication No. 2636, or any further update of this Communication, ISU Members must provide documents that confirm the requirements of the cut resistant fabric used in the racing uniforms. The ISU may carry out controls on the use of the required cut resistant competition clothing/uniforms and other protective equipment at ISU Events.

As per Rule 288, paragraph 1.h), all Skaters participating must wear eyewear protection that meets the relevant certification as specified in Communication 2636, or any further update of this Communication.

The ISU will also do random checks to inspect the equipment of Skaters at other ISU Events during the season. Cut Resistant Racing Suits must cover properly and entirely the neck. Skaters with inadequate neck protection will be required to wear an extra neck protector or will not be allowed to start.

## **16. Prize Money**

Prize Money will be awarded only based on the Final World Tour Classifications after all the World Tour Competitions of the season have been concluded. The Prize Money amounts will be published in a dedicated ISU Communication to be released by August 1, 2026.

July 1, 2026

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