

# Communication No. 2812

## **ISU WORLD STANDINGS FOR SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE** (Replaces ISU Communication 2550)

This Communication outlines the principles of the ISU World Standings.

The **“ISU World Standings”** is taking into account results of the preceding two seasons and the current season and remains the basis for the draws at ISU Events or to establish the starting orders and part of the criteria for the selection of competitors for the ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix and other ISU Events designated by the Council.

Compared to Communication No. 2550, the distribution of WS points has been slightly modified.

# 1. ISU World Standings for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance

## 1.1. Objectives

To present an objective and accountable standings system for all skaters in Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance during a particular season which takes into account the results of the preceding two seasons ensuring that skaters who were unable to compete for a certain period of time remain in the ISU World Standings and are considered according to their true basic competitiveness. The ISU World Standings (overall) are used as basis for all draws of the first segment or to establish the starting order at ISU Events as well as one of the skater's selection criteria for the ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix and other ISU Events designated by the Council.

The ISU World Standings Junior is established to show an independent accountable standing system for all Junior skaters in Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance based on results of the Junior age category only during a particular season which takes into account the results of the preceding two seasons ensuring that skaters who were unable to compete for a certain period of time remain in the ISU World Standings and are considered according to their true basic competitiveness. The ISU World Standings Junior is used as basis for the draw of the first segments at the ISU Figure Skating Junior World Championships.

## 1.2. Principles

- 1.2.1. Based on results of the preceding two seasons and the current season, weighed with a different percentage (factor) see paragraph 4.5.
- 1.2.2. The number of points to score for each competitor/couple depends on
  - a) the final placement.
  - b) the total amount of points designated for that particular event.
- 1.2.3. There will be an ISU World Standings (overall standings Senior and Junior combined) and an independent ISU World Standings for Juniors.
- 1.2.4. Within the preceding two seasons and the current season the following events will be considered for the ISU World Standings order, season's factors as per 4.5 to be considered:

### a) ISU World Standings (overall standings Senior and Junior combined)

- i. **ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games:**  
The best result by points per season; the best two results by points over a period not longer than two completed seasons plus the current season.
- ii. **ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix and Final:**  
The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than two completed seasons plus the current season.
- iii. **ISU Figure Skating Junior Grand Prix and Final:**  
The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season.

- iv. **International Competitions Senior** (including ISU Challenger Series Competitions) **and Junior**:  
The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season.

**b) ISU World Standings Junior**

- i. **ISU Junior World Championships**:  
The best result by points per season; the best two results by points over a period not longer than two completed seasons plus the current season.
- ii. **ISU Figure Skating Junior Grand Prix and Final**:  
The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season.
- iii. **International Competitions Junior**:  
The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season.

- 1.2.5. After the current season's ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the longest standing results (i.e., those from 3 seasons before the current season) will be deleted.
- 1.2.6. Pairs and Ice Dance couples with a new partner will start with 0 points. There is no transfer of points to either partner; the previous partnership will be removed from the World Standings.
- 1.2.7. The ISU World Standings order will be updated after each event mentioned in paragraph 3.

## **2. Eligible Events / Competitions and Condition**

- 2.1. ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games.
- 2.2. ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix events (senior) including the Final.
- 2.3. ISU Figure Skating Junior Grand Prix events including the Final.
- 2.4. International Competitions Senior (including ISU Challenger Series) and International Competitions Junior.
- 2.5. Minimum requirements for competitions under paragraph 3.4 to be eligible for points:
  - 2.5.1. **Number of competitors**  
At least the following minimum number of competitors **must finish the first segment** of the respective competition:

- Men / Women: minimum of eight skaters out of four ISU Members.
- Pair Skating: minimum of five couples out of three ISU Members.
- Ice Dance: minimum of six couples out of four ISU Members.

#### 2.5.2. **Composition of Technical Panel and Panel of Judges Challenger Series**

The composition of the Technical Panel and Panel of Judges of each individual category must strictly follow the announcement of the ISU Challenger Series to be eligible for the point distribution in accordance with paragraph 5, Table of Point Distribution, column “CS”.

#### 2.5.3. **Composition of Technical Panel and Panel of Judges International Competition**

The Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the two (2) Technical Specialists) are from three (3) different ISU Members. In addition, the Technical Panel and the Panel of Judges must fulfill the requirements of rule 420.

It is recommended that participating ISU Members, before entering their skaters, check with the organizing Members of the respective International Competition whether the above-mentioned requirement will be fulfilled.

- 2.6. Regional International Competition (e.g., Nordics, Asian Winter Games etc.) or competitions, which are open only for special groups of skaters (e.g., Universiade, European Youth Olympic Festival, Olympic Qualifying Competition, etc.) and events with invitations only to designated Members (except the ISU Grand Prix events), etc. will **not** count for the ISU World Standings/Season’s World Ranking.

### **3. Places considered for Points / Factors per year**

#### **3.1. ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games**

- 3.1.1. Figure Skating World Championships.
- 3.1.2. Olympic Winter Games.
- 3.1.3. Figure Skating European Championships.
- 3.1.4. Figure Skating Four Continents Championships.
- 3.1.5. Figure Skating Junior World Championships.
- 3.1.6. Points for Events mentioned under paragraph 4.1.1 to 4.1.5 will be awarded to competitors having reached and finished the final Free Skating / Free Dance.

#### **3.2. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 3.2.1. Figure Skating Grand Prix events                     | places 1 – 8  |
| 3.2.2. Figure Skating Grand Prix Semi-Finals (from 2027/28) | places 1 – 6  |
| 3.2.3. Figure Skating Grand Prix Final                      | places 1 – 6  |
| 3.2.4. Figure Skating Junior Grand Prix events              | places 1 – 10 |
| 3.2.5. Figure Skating Junior Grand Prix Final               | places 1 – 6  |

#### **3.3. ISU Challenger Series Competitions**

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|----------------------|--------------|
| 3.3.1. Men and Women | places 1 – 8 |
| 3.3.2. Pair Skating  | places 1 – 5 |
| 3.3.3. Ice Dance     | places 1 – 6 |

### **3.4. International Competitions**

- 4.4.1. Junior International Competition with the restriction  
as to paragraphs 3.5.1 and 3.5.3 places 1 – 5
- 4.4.2. Senior International Competition with the restriction  
as to paragraphs 3.5.1 and 3.5.3 places 1 – 3

### **3.5. Weight (Factor) per season**

- 3.5.1. Current and intermediate preceding season's earned points will count for  
100 %
- 3.5.2. Previous season earned points will count for  
70 %

#### 4. Table of Point Distribution

| Pl. | WC /<br>OWG | GPF  | EC /<br>FC | WJC  | GP<br>SF | GP   | JGPF | JGP  | CS   | IC  | JIC |
|-----|-------------|------|------------|------|----------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1.  | 1300        | 1000 | 850        | 600  | 750      | 500  | 450  | 300  | 350  | 200 | 100 |
| 2.  | 1150        | 880  | 760        | 540  | 670      | 450  | 400  | 270  | 310  | 150 | 80  |
| 3.  | 1020        | 780  | 680        | 490  | 590      | 400  | 360  | 245  | 275  | 100 | 60  |
| 4.  | 900         | 700  | 610        | 450  | 510      | 360  | 320  | 220  | 240  |     | 40  |
| 5.  | 810         | 640  | 550        | 410  | 430      | 320  | 280  | 200  | 210  |     | 20  |
| 6.  | 740         | 600  | 500        | 370  | 350      | 280  | 250  | 180  | 185  |     |     |
| 7.  | 680         |      | 460        | 340  |          | 240  |      | 160  | 165  |     |     |
| 8.  | 630         |      | 420        | 310  |          | 200  |      | 140  | 150  |     |     |
| 9.  | 580         |      | 380        | 280  |          |      |      | 120  |      |     |     |
| 10. | 530         |      | 340        | 250  |          |      |      | 100  |      |     |     |
| 11. | 480         |      | 300        | 220  |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 12. | 430         |      | 260        | 190  |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 13. | 380         |      | 230        | 160  |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 14. | 330         |      | 200        | 140  |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 15. | 290         |      | 180        | 120  |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 16. | 250         |      | 160        | 110  |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 17. | 210         |      | 140        | 100  |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 18. | 180         |      | 120        | 90   |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 19. | 150         |      | 110        | 80   |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 20. | 130         |      | 100        | 70   |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 21. | 120         |      | 90         | 65   |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 22. | 110         |      | 80         | 60   |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 23. | 105         |      | 75         | 55   |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 24. | 100         |      | 70         | 50   |          |      |      |      |      |     |     |
|     | 11605       | 4600 | 7665       | 5550 | 3300     | 2750 | 2060 | 1935 | 1885 | 450 | 300 |

WC World Championships  
EC European Championships  
WJC World Junior Championships

OWG Olympic Winter Games  
FC Four Continents Championships

GPF Grand Prix Final  
GP SF Grand Prix Semi-Finals  
(from 2027/28)

GP Grand Prix

JGPF Junior Grand Prix Final

JGP Junior Grand Prix

CS Challenger Series

IC International Competition

JIC Junior International Competition

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