

Communication No. 2813

ISU WORLD STANDINGS FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING **(Replaces ISU Communication 2667)**

This Communication outlines the principles of the World Standings and World Rankings and establishes its application in the Draws for Starting Order of the Short Program at the ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Championships and the ISU Synchronized Skating World Championships, in accordance with Rule 851.

The **“ISU World Standings,”** which takes into account results of the preceding two seasons and the current season, will become the basis for the draws at ISU Championships and could be used as criteria for the selection of teams for competitions and the base for starting orders for other competitions as designated by the Council.

A. ISU WORLD STANDINGS FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

1. OBJECTIVES

To present an objective and accountable standings system for all Teams in Synchronized Skating during a particular season, taking into account the results of the preceding two (2) seasons ensuring that Teams who were unable to compete for a certain period of time remain in the World Standings and are considered according to their true basic competitiveness.

2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 Based on results of the preceding two seasons and the current season, weighted with a different percentage (factor) see paragraph C. 2.3.
- 2.2 The amount of points to score for each Team depends on:
 - a) the final placement;
 - b) the total amount of points designated for that particular event.
- 2.3 ISU World Standings order will be updated after each event mentioned as per C.1.
- 2.4 There will be separate standings for Senior and Junior Synchronized Skating 12-16 Teams as well as for Senior Synchro9 and Junior Synchro9 Teams.
- 2.5 Only eligible Teams will be considered in the ISU World Standings.

2.6 Within the preceding two (2) seasons and the current season, the following events will be considered for the ISU World Standings order, season's factors as per C.1.:

a) **Seniors**

- i) **ISU Synchronized Skating 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) **Challenger Series Competitions (Senior):** The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than two (2) completed seasons plus the current season.
- iii) **International Competitions (Senior and Sychro9):** The two (2) best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than two (2) completed seasons plus the current season.

After the current season's Synchronized Skating World Championships, the longest standing results (i.e. those from three (3) seasons before the current season), will be deleted.

b) **Juniors**

- i) **ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Championships:** The best result by points per season; the best two (2) results by points over a period not longer than two (2) completed seasons plus the current season.
- ii) **Challenger Series Competitions (Junior):** The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than two (2) completed seasons plus the current season.
- iii) **International Competitions (Junior and Junior Sychro9):** The two (2) best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than two (2) completed seasons plus the current season.

After the current season's Synchronized Skating Junior World Championships, the longest standing results (i.e. those from three (3) seasons before the current season), will be deleted

B. ELIGIBLE EVENTS / COMPETITIONS AND POINT SYSTEM

1. ELIGIBLE EVENTS / COMPETITIONS AND CONDITIONS

- 1.1 ISU Synchronized Skating World Championships and ISU Sychro9 World Championships;
- 1.2 ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Championships and ISU Sychro9 Junior World Championships;
- 1.3 Challenger Series Competitions Senior in Synchronized Skating provided there is a minimum of five (5) teams with four (4) different ISU Members;

- 1.4 Challenger Series Competitions Junior in Synchronized Skating provided there is a minimum of five (5) teams with four (4) different ISU Members;
- 1.5 International Competitions Senior in Synchronized Skating provided there is a minimum of five (5) teams from three (3) different ISU Members
Synchro9 Senior International Competitions provided there is a minimum of four (4) teams from three (3) different ISU Members
- 1.6 International Competitions Junior in Synchronized Skating and Junior Synchro9 provided there is a minimum of five (5) teams from three (3) different ISU Members;
Synchro9 Junior International Competitions provided there is a minimum of four (4) teams from three (3) different ISU Members
- 1.7 Requirements for the Composition of the Technical Panel and Panel of Judges
 - 1.7.1 For Challenger Series Competitions mentioned under paragraph 1.3 and 1.4, the Technical Panel members (Technical Controller and the two (2) Technical Specialists) must be from three (3) different ISU Member. The Technical Panel members must have the qualification of at least “International”.

The Referee must have at least the qualification “International” and can be of the same ISU Member as one of the Technical Panel.

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator must have the qualification of at least “International”.

The panel of Judges must include at least 7 Judges, all from different ISU Members and must have at least the qualification “International”.
 - 1.7.2 For other International Competitions mentioned under 1.5 and 1.6, the Technical Panel members (Technical Controller and the two (2) Technical Specialists) must be from three (3) different ISU Members. The Technical Panel members must have at least the qualification “International”.

The Referee must have at least the qualification “International” and can be of the same ISU Member as one of the Technical Panel.

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator must have the qualification of at least “International”.

The panel of Judges must include at least 5 Judges, all from different ISU Members and must have at least the qualification “International”.
 - 1.7.3 For Synchro9 International Competitions the panel of judges will be composed of 6 to 10 Judges, all from different ISU Members and one Referee. All must be ISU Synchro9 Officials. There will be no Technical Panel
- 1.8 Regional International Competition or competitions which are open only for special groups of Teams (e.g. Universiade, events with invitations only to designated ISU Members, etc.), will not count for the World Standings and World Rankings.

2. PLACES CONSIDERED FOR POINTS / FACTORS PER YEAR

- 2.1 ISU Championships (including Synchro9 World Championships):
 - a) ISU Synchronized Skating World Championships, places 1-20
 - b) ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Championships, places 1-20
- 2.2 Challenger Series Competitions:
 - a) Challenger Series Competitions Senior with restrictions defined in C1.3 and C.1.7 places 1-10
 - b) Challenger Series Competitions Junior with restrictions defined in C1.4 and C.1.7 places 1-10
- 2.3 International Calendar Competitions:
 - a) International Competitions Senior with restrictions defined in C 1.5, C.1.7 and C.1.8 places 1-8
 - b) International Competitions Juniors with restrictions defined in C1.6, C.1.7 and C.1.8 places 1-8
- 2.4 International Calendar Competitions:
 - a) Synchro9 International Competitions Senior with restrictions defined in C 1.5, C.1.7 and C.1.8 places 1-8
 - b) Synchro9 International Competitions Juniors with restrictions defined in C1.6, C.1.7 and C.1.8 places 1-8
- 2.5 Weight (Factor) per season
 - a) Current and intermediate season's earned points will count 100 %
 - b) Previous season's earned points will count 70 %

3. POINTS AVAILABLE

- 3.1 Synchronized Skating World Championships (incl. Synchro9)
maximum available points: 7350
- 3.2 Junior Synchronized Skating World Championships (incl. Synchro9)
maximum available points: 5320
- 3.3 International Competitions Challenger Series Senior
maximum available points: 3090
- 3.4 International Competitions Challenger Series Junior
maximum available points: 1935
- 3.5 International Competitions Senior (incl. Synchro9)
maximum available points: 1425
- 3.6 International Competitions Junior (incl. Synchro9)
maximum available points: 1105

4. DISTRIBUTION OF POINTS

Place	Championships (incl. Synchro9)		Challenger Series Competitions		International Competitions (incl. Synchro9)	
	WC	WJC	CS Sen.	CS Jun.	IC Sen.	IC Jun.
1	850	600	500	300	250	200
2	760	540	450	270	225	180
3	680	490	400	245	200	160
4	610	450	360	220	180	140
5	550	410	320	200	165	125
6	500	370	280	180	150	110
7	460	340	240	160	135	100
8	420	310	210	140	120	90
9	380	280	180	120		
10	340	250	150	100		
11	300	220				
12	260	190				
13	230	160				
14	200	140				
15	180	120				
16	160	110				
17	140	100				
18	120	90				
19	110	80				
20	100	70				
	7350	5320	3090	1935	1425	1105

WC = World Championships (incl. Synchro9 World Championships)
 WJC = Junior World Championships (incl. Synchro9 Junior World Championships)
 CS Sen. = Challenger Series Senior
 CS Jun. = Challenger Series Junior
 IC Sen. = International Competition Senior and International Synchro9
 IC Jun. = International Competition Junior and International Junior Synchro9

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