

## Communication No. 2648

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# ISU Short Track World Tour 2024/25

### 1. ISU World Tour Competitions

The ISU World Cup Short Track 2024/25 will be presented under the title “ISU Short Track World Tour” and a specific logo. For the season 2024/25 the ISU has designated the following competitions as “World Tour Competitions”:

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>	
1	Montreal	CAN	October 25, 2024 October 26-27, 2024	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
2	<u>Montreal</u>	<u>CAN</u>	November 1, 2024 November 2-3 2024	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
3	Beijing	CHN	December 6, 2024 December 7-8, 2024	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
4	Seoul	KOR	December 13, 2024 December 14-15, 2024	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
5	Tilburg	NED	February 7, 2025 February 8-9, 2025	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
6	Milan*	ITA	February 14, 2025 February 15-16, 2025	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session

\*This Event will also be the Olympic Winter Games 2026 Test Event.

Organizers of these World Tour Competitions are required to observe the conditions of the 2024 ISU Regulations 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 2024/25 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 Secretariat for publication on the ISU Website (see Rule 110).

### 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 (Day 0) is dedicated to the Qualifying Session with qualifying rounds only. On the two following days (Day 1 and Day 2) there will be World Tour Sessions preceded by Repechage Sessions for the same individual distances as included in the World Tour session on that day. The Semi-Finals for the Mixed Team Relay will be skated at the end of the Repechage Session of Day 1. 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 forty (40) for the 500m and 1000m and forty-two (42) for the 1500m, based on the intermediary Distance Classifications.
- c) On the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters and on the Relay distances there will be A and B Finals. Skaters / Teams qualify for A and B Finals only through the Semi-Final. 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. 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.
- d) Planned number of Skaters/Teams per Race:

<b>Maximum planned number of Competitors</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1500</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 *)	4
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. 2344 and 2366 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 distribution of distances in the respective World Tour sessions will be as follows:

<b>World Tour</b>	<b>Individual Distances for Women and Men</b>		<b>Relays (Day 1 and Day 2)</b>
	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	
Montreal	1500 m for Men	1500 m for Women	3000 m for Women (Day 1)
Salt Lake			
Beijing	1000 m for Women	1000 m for Men	5000 m for Men
Seoul			
Tilburg	500 m for Men	500 m for Women	2000 m for Mixed Team
Milan			

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.

- b) The program for each World Tour Competition is set as follows:
- Day -3 - Official Training at Teams' cost
  - Day -2 - Official Training at Teams' cost
  - Day -1 - Official Training free of charge for all Teams
    - Official Team Leaders' Meeting
  - Day 0 - Qualifying Session (all individual and Relay distances)

Day 1 - Repechage Session (for individual distances that will be skated in the WORLD TOUR Session)

- Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals
- WORLD TOUR Session

Day 2 - Repechage Session (for individual distances that will be skated in the WORLD TOUR Session)

- WORLD TOUR Session

- c) The program of the Qualifying Session (Day 0) 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 World Tour Sessions (Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters, Semi-Finals for 1500 meters and for all Relay distances).
- d) The program for each day of the World Tour Sessions will follow a standardized schedule
- Day 1 Men: 1500m, 500m, Relay 5000m Semi-Finals
  - Day 1 Women: 1000m & 3000m Relay
  - Day 2 Men: 1000m, 5000m Relay
  - Day 2 Women: 1500m & 500m
  - Day 2 Mixed Team Relay 2000m

The program of the World Tour Session is subject to changes based on local circumstances and/or TV agreements.

- e) There will not be any warm-up sessions.
- f) No other Short Track Speed Skating events are allowed in the same facility during the ISU World Tour Competitions.

## 5. Entries

- a) In accordance with Rule 282, the entries at a 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.
- 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.
- c) Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member per category, consisting of minimum four (4), maximum six (6) Competitors.
- d) Mixed Team Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member, consisting of minimum two (2) Women and two (2) Men, and maximum four (4) Women and four (4) Men. ISU Members entering this event, accept to forfeit Rule 291, paragraph 8.l).
- 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 Speed Skating Championships 2024-2025. The ISU Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU Secretariat immediately after the World Tour Competition preceding the relevant Championships.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## 6. World Tour entries by Host ISU Member

According to Rule 291, paragraph 8.k) the Host ISU Member may enter one (1) Skater in each of the individual distances in each category in the World Tour Session. These special entries must meet the following additional criteria:

- a) The Host ISU Member must specify for each of the distances whether they want to enter a Skater directly to the World Tour Session, and specify the name and all relevant information for this

selected Skater. This documentation, for all Skaters and distances concerned, must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat at the latest ten (10) days before the Competition

- b) A selected Skater for the World Tour Session should be the highest ranked Skater of the Host ISU Member in the World Ranking List over the distance concerned.
- c) If the Skater is not the highest ranked Skater of the Host ISU Member in the World Ranking List, the selected Skater must be the best Skater of the Host ISU Member as proven by the results in International or national Competitions after July 1, 2023. The entry of such a Skater for the World Tour Session must be approved by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee.

## 7. 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 Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined qualifying times required for participation in the ISU Short Track World Tour 2024/25 as follows:

Women 500 meters: 48,04 (16% slower than world record as of July 1, 2024)

Men 500 meters: 45,83 (16% slower than world record as of July 1, 2024)

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: 46,39 (12% slower than world record as of July 1, 2024)

Men 500 meters: 44,25 (12% slower than world record as of July 1, 2024)

- b) The result must have been achieved and submitted with the Final Entry, ten (10) days before the respective ISU Short Track World Tour in one of the following Competitions:
  - ISU Championships
  - ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions/Short Track World Tour Competitions
  - ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Competitions
  - International Short Track Competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication published by the ISU
  - 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. 2643 must have been officiating.
- f) A Protocol and a Program of the competition must be available.
- g) For a Skater to be qualified for participation in the ISU Short Track World Tour 2024/25, only results achieved after July 1, 2022, will be considered.

## 8. Drawing and progression

- a) For each distance, the 20 highest ranked Skaters from the World Tour Classification of the distance that are entered will be prequalified directly for the Heats of the 500m and 1000m and for the Quarter-Finals in the 1500m. For the World Tour Montreal, the World Cup Classification from season 2023-2024 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 Cup season 2023-24 will be the 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 2024 ISU Special Regulations. 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 Intermediate Distance Classification 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. If the Host ISU Member does not use its right to enter one (1) Skater to these Quarter-Finals, then the number of Skaters to qualify for the Quarter-Finals over 500 and 1000 meters will be adjusted accordingly.
- g) Similarly, the number of Skaters to qualify for the 1500 meters Semi-Finals is specified in the Qualifying Tables.
- h) From the Repechage Session the winners of the Semi-Finals will qualify for the World Tour Session.

### 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.
- 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 Competitor 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
1	100
2	80
3	70
4	60
5	50
6	44
7	40
8	36
9	32
10	28
11	24
12	20

Classification	Points
13	18
14	16
15	14
16	12
17	10
18	8
19	6
20	5
21	4
22	3
23	2
24	1

- a) For each individual distance, the Skater's best five (5) out of potentially six (6) 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.

**11. Classification for the Season's Overall Champions and winner of the ISU Short Track World Tour Crystal Globe Trophy 2024-2025**

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

**Tie Breaker**

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

In case a Tie persists, 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 exactly the same results (in World Tour points) for their 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 2024-2025**

For the season 2024-2025, the ISU introduces 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 exactly the 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. Award Ceremony

At the end of every World Tour Competition, an updated version of the Overall World Classification & Overall World Team Classification will be published and promoted. There will be updates and promotions of the best ranked Skaters and Teams in the Overall World Classification and the Overall World Team 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 Milan, ITA on February 14-16, 2025.

### 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.
- d) For the individual distances: If a distance is raced six (6) times during the season, the best five (5) results will be used for the World Ranking at the beginning of season 2025-2026. To begin the season 2024-2025, the most recent 6 results from season 2023-2024 will count and throughout the season will be replaced one by one with the results from season 2024-2025. For season 2025-2026, if all World Tour Competitions scheduled for the season 2024-2025 did take place, only the results from season 2024-2025 will be kept (see table below).  
For the Relay distances: If a distance is raced six (6) times, the World Ranking 2025-2026 for the Relay will be made using the best five (5) results. During season 2024-2025, with every new result being added, the oldest result from 2023-2024 will be removed (see table below).

Calculation of World Ranking for Individual distances:

Season 2023/24								Season 2024/25						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							sum of best 6 from 8 results
			X	X	X	X	X	X						sum of best 5 from 6 results
				X	X	X	X	X	X					sum of best 5 from 6 results
					X	X	X	X	X	X				sum of best 5 from 6 results
						X	X	X	X	X	X			sum of best 5 from 6 results
							X	X	X	X	X	X		sum of best 5 from 6 results
								X	X	X	X	X	X	sum of best 5 from 6 results for 25-26

Calculation of World Ranking for Relays:

Season 2023/24							Season 2024/25						
1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6	
X	X	X	X	X	X								sum of best 4 from 6 results
	X	X	X	X	X		X						sum of best 5 from 6 results
		X	X	X	X		X	X					sum of best 5 from 6 results
			X	X	X		X	X	X				sum of best 5 from 6 results
					X		X	X	X	X	X		sum of best 5 from 6 results
							X	X	X	X	X	X	sum of best 5 from 6 results for 25-26

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

As per ISU Communication No. 2636 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 new Rule 288, paragraph 1h), all Skaters participating must wear eye wear protection that meets the relevant certification as specified in Communication 2636.

The ISU will also do random checks after races and inspect the equipment of Skaters at other ISU Events during the season.

## 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 for the World Tour Classifications are as follows:

	Individual distances											
	500 m				1000 m				1500 m			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
1 <sup>st</sup> place	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000
4 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000
5 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000
6 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500
7 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000
8 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500
9 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000
10 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000



<b>Team competitions</b>						
	<b>Relay</b>				<b>Mixed Team Relay</b>	
	<b>Men</b>		<b>Women</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> place	US\$	12'000	US\$	12'000	US\$	8'000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	6'000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000
4 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000
5 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000

<b>Prize Money Overall World Classification 2024/25</b>					
<b>Season's Champion rankings &amp; Crystal Globe winners</b>					
	<b>Men</b>			<b>Women</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> place	USD	20'000		USD	20'000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	USD	13'000		USD	13'000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	USD	9'000		USD	9'000
4 <sup>th</sup> place	USD	6'000		USD	6'000
5 <sup>th</sup> place	USD	4'000		USD	4'000

<b>Total Prize Money</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>489'000</b>
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