

Communication No. 2654

ISU Speed Skating Championships 2025 Qualification process, quotas and entry procedures

This Communication contains detailed information on the qualification process, quotas and entry procedures for ISU Speed Skating Championships for the season 2024/25

1. Calendar and Distribution of Distances/Competitions

Event	Place	Date	Program
ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (Single distances and team competitions)	Hachinohe, JPN	15.11.2024	TS-W, TS-M, 1500-W, 1500-M
		16.11.2024	500-W, 500-M, 3.000-W, 5.000-M
		17.11.2024	TP-W, TP-M, 1000-W, 1000-M, MS-W, MS-M
ISU European Speed Skating Championships (Sprint and allround combinations) (s=Sprint / a=Allround)	Heerenveen, NED	10.01.2025	500-W (s), 500-M (s), 1000-W, 1000-M
		11.01.2025	500-W(s), 500-M (s). 500-W (a), 500-M (a) 1000-W, 1000-M. 3000-W, 5000-M
		12.01.2025	1500-W, 1500-M, 5000-W, 10.000-M
ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships	Collalbo, ITA	07.02.2025	500-W, 500-M, 1500-W, 1500-M, Semi Finals: MS-W, MS-M
		08.02.2025	1000-W, 1000-M, 3000-W, 5000-M
		09.02.2025	TP-W, TP-M, TS-W, TS-M, Finals: MS-W, MS-M, MR
ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Single Distances and Team Competitions)	Hamar, NOR	13.03.2025	3000-W, 5000-M, TS-W, TS-M
		14.03.2025	TP-W, TP-M, 500-W, 500-M
		15.03.2025	1000-W, 1000-M, 5000-W, MS-M
		16.03.2025	1500-M, 1500-W, 10 000-M, MS-W

TS: Team Sprint, TP: Team Pursuit, MS: Mass Start, MR: Mixed Relay.

2. Qualifying Events

ISU Championships will be held in accordance with relevant parts of the 2024 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating, respective Council decisions, and ISU Communication No. 2653 ISU World Cup Speed Skating.

For the **ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2024 (Single Distances and Team Competitions)**, the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to 6 from season 2023-2024.

For the **ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2025 (Allround and Sprint Combinations)**, the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 2 to be held during November – December 2024.

For the **ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2025 (Single Distances and Team Competitions)** the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 6 to be held during season 2024/25

3. Entry Quotas and Qualification Process

3.1. The ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2025

3.1.1 Entry Quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4 of the 2024 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the entry quotas (per gender) for a Four Continents ISU Member at the ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2025 will be as follows:

- a) Maximum total number of participants for each of the following events:
 - 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men) - 20 Skaters
 - 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men) - 16 Skaters
 - Mass Start (Women and Men) - 20 Skaters
 - Team competitions (Women and Men) - 6 Teams
- b) Maximum number of Skaters/Teams per Member per distances/competitions are:
 - 3 Skaters for each of the events: 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men), 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men)
 - 2 Skaters for the Mass Start events: Women and Men
 - 1 Team for each of the Team competitions
- c) Each ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Women and 10 Men (substitutes included). Maximum one (1) substitute can be entered for each individual distance/event. For the Team Pursuit and Team Sprint competitions (6) six Skaters are eligible to compete, if they meet the qualifying time. The final (4) four Skaters will be confirmed at the Team Leader's Meeting the day before the event. The (3) three competing Skaters confirmed at least one hour before the event.
- d) The allocation of entry quotas will be determined based on a Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL) for World Cup points and season's best time ranking from the ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 6 held during the season 2023 – 2024, counting maximum 3 Skaters for each ISU Member eligible to compete in the ISU Four Continents Championships. In the SQRL skaters with World Cup points will be ranked first.

3.1.2 Reserve List

Lists of 10 reserve quota places for each of the individual competitions and 6 reserve quota places for each of the Team competitions will be established based on the special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place. However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater or Team in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place for the competition concerned, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

If after the final entries are submitted, the number of competing Skaters does not meet the maximum number of Skaters allowed per distance, the ISU may at its discretion, allow additional Skaters to compete. The accepted Skater(s) may not exceed the allowed ISU Member quota allocation. The Skater(s) may be qualified to compete without the qualifying time, but the best ranked Skater(s) based on their season best time will be ranked higher.

3.2. The ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2025 (Sprint and Allround Competitions)

3.2.1 Entry Quotas for competitions in the Sprint Combination:

- In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4 of the 2024 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the number of competitors in the ISU European Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2025 are set to a maximum of 20 Women and 20 Men.
- The table below includes ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places (but maximum 2 quota places per ISU Member) according to their number of Skaters placed among the 12 best in the ISU European Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2023.

ISU Member	Women	Men
Austria	1	---
Belgium	1	---
Estonia	---	1
Germany	1	2
Great Britain	1	---
Italy	1	1
Netherlands	2	2
Norway	1	2
Poland	2	2
Romania	1	---
Spain	---	1
Total	11 Competitors	11 Competitors

- A Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL) will be formed by the combined results (total points in accordance with Rule 265, paragraph 3) of Skaters from the same ISU Member competing in 500m and 1000m in World Cup Competitions designated as qualifying Competitions. For ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places based on results from the preceding Championships, their best ranked positions from the SQRL corresponding to the number of these pre-allocated quota places, will be disregarded for the further allocation of quota places.
- In the SQRL maximum 3 best total points will count in the ranking.
- To gain additional quota places, an ISU Member must have more combined results among the 20 best in the SQRL than their pre-allocated number of quota places. However, an ISU Member will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places according to the table above. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer positions among the best 20 in the SQRL compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned.

3.2.2 Entry Quotas for competitions in the Allround Combination:

- In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4 of the 2024 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating, the number of competitors in the ISU European Allround Speed Skating Championships 2025 are set to a maximum of 20 Women and 20 Men.
- The table below includes ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places (but maximum 2 quota places per ISU Member) according to their number of Skaters placed among the 12 best in the ISU European Allround Speed Skating Championships 2023.

ISU Member	Women	Men
Belgium	---	1
Czech Republic	1	---
France	---	2
Germany	2	1
Italy	1	1
Netherlands	2	2
Norway	2	2
Poland	1	1
Sweden	1	---
Total	10 Competitors	10 Competitors

- A Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL) will be formed by the combined results (total points in accordance with Rule 265, paragraph 3) of Skaters from the same ISU Member competing in 1500m and 3000m (for Women) and 1500m and 5000m (for Men) in World Cup Competitions designated as qualifying Competitions. For ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places based on

results from the preceding Championships, their best ranked positions from the SQRL corresponding to the number of these pre-allocated quota places, will be disregarded for the further allocation of quota places.

- d) In the SQRL maximum 3 best total points will count in the ranking.
- e) To gain additional quota places, an ISU Member must have more combined results among the 20 best in the SQRL than their pre-allocated number of quota places. However, an ISU Member will in any case keep its pre-allocated quota places according to the table above. Thus, if some ISU Members would have fewer positions among the best 20 in the SQRL compared to their pre-allocated number of quota places, then the otherwise last qualified quota places will be replaced by the pre-allocated quota places concerned.

3.2.3. Reserve List

For each competition of the Championships a list of 10 reserve quota places will be established based on the SQRL. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place for the competition concerned.

However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

3.3. The ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2025 (Single Distances and Team Competitions)

3.3.1. Entry Quotas

Quota places for ISU Members will be allocated for each distance/competition according to a Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1, based on the rankings and results of their Skaters achieved in Qualifying events listed in paragraph 2 above.

Maximum number of Skater per Member per distances/competitions are:

- 3 Skaters for each of the: 500, 1000, 1500 (Women and Men), 3000 (Women) & 5000 (Men);
- 2 Skaters for each of the: 5000 (Women), 10000 (Men), Mass Start (Women and Men);
- 1 team for each of the Team competitions.

3.3.2. Reserve List

Lists of 10 reserve quota places for each of the individual competitions and 6 reserve quota places for each of the Team competitions will be established based on the special qualification ranking list (SQRL) as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2. The reserve list will be applied for reallocation of rejected quota places, with preference for ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

However, if the hosting ISU Member has its best ranked Skater or Team in the reserve list, then the hosting ISU Member will in any case be allocated one quota place for the competition concerned, at the disadvantage of the otherwise last qualified quota place.

3.4. The ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2025

3.4.1. Entry Quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.5, the entry quotas for an ISU Member at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2025 will be limited to a maximum of 5 Skaters per gender in total. Below is the summary table of entry quotas for an ISU Member per distance/competition.

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	Mass Start	Team competitions
Women	5	4	4	4	---	2	1 team of 3 Skaters
Men	5	4	4	---	4	2	1 team of 3 Skaters Mixed Relay: 1 team of 1 W-1M

Competitors entered for all four individual distances, meeting the applicable qualifying times for each distance, are eligible to compete in the Allround competition.

- a) For each individual distance/competition only 1 substitute may be entered. For the Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Mixed Relay competitions (5) five Skaters are eligible to compete, if they meet a qualifying time. The final (4) four Skaters will be confirmed at the Team Leader's Meeting the day before the event. The (3) three competing Skaters confirmed for Team Pursuit and Team Sprint at least one hour before the event. The (2) two competing skaters for Mixed Relay at least one hour before the event.

3.4.2. Mass Start Competition Rules

The Mass Start competition will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 243, paragraph 4 and 257, paragraph 2.1. In the case of semi-finals, qualification to the Final will be in accordance with Rule 241, paragraph 5.b). Final classification will be determined according to Rule 265, paragraph 6.

4. Qualifying Times

To qualify for participation in ISU Speed Skating Championships, Skaters must have achieved Qualifying times (Rule 208, paragraph 1.2).

4.1. Conditions for Valid Qualifying Times

- a) The qualifying time must have been achieved since July 1, 2023, and before the last date of entry for the Championship concerned in one of the following Competitions:
 - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned
 - ISU Championships
 - ISU World Cup Competitions or ISU Junior World Cup Competitions
 - International Speed Skating Competitions listed in the annual ISU Communications.
- b) Automatic timekeeping (Rule 251) must have been used in the Competition concerned.
- c) Only season best times achieved since July 1, 2024, will be considered for the grouping of Skaters to determine the start lists.

4.2. Required Qualifying Times

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined Qualifying Times required for participation in the ISU Speed Skating Championships 2025. The following Qualifying time limits apply:

4.2.1. ISU Speed Skating Championships:

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the following Qualifying times indicated for the competition concerned (for possible exceptions, see paragraphs 3.1.2, 3.2.3 and 3.3.2 above):

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	10 000m
Women	40,50	1.21,00	2.05,00	4.28,00	4.20,00 at 3000m	----
Men	36,60	1.12,80	1.52,50	----	6.52,00	6.40,00 at 5000m
For Mass Start and Team Events: any of the above distance Qualifying times apply.						
For Team Events: for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:						
		1000m	1500m			
Women		1.24,00	2.10,00			
Men		1.16,00	1.57,50			

For Allround Combination: an entered Skater must have achieved one of the following Qualifying times:

	1500m	3000m	5000m
Women	2.05,00	4.28,00	
Men	1.52,50		6.52,00

For Sprint Combination: an entered Skater must have achieved one of the following Qualifying times:

	500m	1000m
Women	40,50	1.21,00
Men	36,60	1.12,80

4.2.2. ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

To be entered a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying time indicated for the Single Distance Championship competition concerned:

	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m	For the Allround Championships
Women	42,50	1.25,00	2.12.00	4.45,00	----	A Skater must have achieved the listed qualifying time for all the Single Distances.
Men	38,50	1.16,00	1.58,00	----	4.05,00 at 3000m	
For Mass Start and Team Events: any of the above distance Qualifying times apply.						
For Team Events: for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:						
	1000m		1500m			
Women	1.28,00		2.17,00			
Men	1.19,00		2.03,00			

5. Entries

The ISU online entry system must be used both for preliminary entries and for final entries. For final entries relevant requirements in the ISU Regulations must be observed. See also ISU Communication No. 1628 and Declaration forms.

5.1. Preliminary entries

The preliminary entry shall provide the number of Competitors, with provisional names, that the ISU Member intends to enter for the Championships, indicating which distances the skater or team will participate in.

5.2. Final Entries

Based on the entry quotas as determined according to Paragraph 3 above (except for quotas allocated according to Paragraph 3.1.2, 3.2.3 and 3.3.2), the final entries of Competitors, including maximum one substitute per individual distance/competition, are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member. However, all entered Competitors must have achieved the respective Qualifying time limits set by the ISU, as specified in Paragraph 4 above. A maximum of one substitute may be entered for each Championship or each Championship distance/competition (except Junior World Championships, where substitutes for each distance/competition must be amongst the maximum 5 Skaters (per gender) entered for the Championships).

5.2.1. ISU European Speed Skating Championships (Sprint and Allround Combinations), ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (Single Distances and Team Competitions), ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Single Distances and Team Competitions)

Information on allocation of quota places will be issued separately by the ISU.

The final entries cannot exceed the number of allocated quota places, including reserve quota places, for the respective Championship or competitions.

ISU Members intending not to use all their allocated quota places are requested to inform the ISU Secretariat as soon as possible, and preferably well before the deadline for final entries.

5.2.2. ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

Information on the date of birth for the entered Competitors must be included in the final entries. The Referee or the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative may request verification of the identity and the date of birth of any entered Competitor, as a condition for accepting the entry.

ISU Members must indicate in the final entries if they will take part in the Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Mixed Relay competitions. For the Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Mixed Relay competitions (5) five Skaters are eligible to compete, if they meet a qualifying time. The final (4) four Skaters will be confirmed at the Team Leader's Meeting the day before the event. The (3) three competing Skaters confirmed for Team Pursuit and Team Sprint at least one hour before the event. The (2) two competing skaters for Mixed Relay at least one hour before the event.

6. Other Conditions

6.1. National Team Uniforms

ISU Members are responsible for ensuring that the entered Competitors wear racing suits and other team uniforms with identical design, as approved by the ISU, according to Rule 224, paragraph 1.b) and c). This applies both for individual distances and for Team competitions (Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Mixed Relay).

ISU Members are also responsible for ensuring that requirements concerning team uniform design, use of trademarks, advertising, etc. stated in Rule 102, paragraph 6, and ISU Communication No. 2508 (or any further updates of this Communication) are respected.

6.2. Citizenship/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedures

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2526 (or any further update of this Communication), all Competitors who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such a nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

6.3. Expenses

Expenses as mentioned in Rule 137, paragraph 10 f) and g) will be paid only for one Team leader and for Skaters competing in the Championships, not for substitutes who do not compete.

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