

## Communication No. 2667

### **ISU WORLD STANDINGS FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING ISU SEASON'S WORLD RANKING FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING (Replaces ISU Communication 2261)**

This Communication clarifies the differences between World Standings and World Rankings and establishes their application in the Draws for Starting Order of the Short Program at the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships and the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships. Rule 970.

- 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.
- The “**ISU Season’s World Ranking**,” which is based on the results of the current ongoing season only, reflects the current competitive performances of Teams giving the public and media an indication of current actual competitiveness.

#### **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 (including Senior Elite 12) and Junior Synchronized Skating 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 World Synchronized Skating 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 Senior Elite 12):** 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. In case the Senior and Senior Elite 12 categories are combined at an International competitions, the points will be distributed according to the overall results of this competition.

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

b) **Juniors**

- i) **ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating 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):** 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 World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, the longest standing results (i.e. those from three (3) seasons before the current season), will be deleted

## **B. ISU SEASON'S WORLD RANKING FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING**

### **1. OBJECTIVES**

To present to the public at large and the media, an acceptable and accountable ranking system of all Teams in Synchronized Skating **for the current season giving an indication of the actual competitiveness of the Teams.**

As this ranking system does not protect Teams who were unable to participate in events during the previous season(s), only the World Standings System, as defined in paragraph A. of this Communication, shall be used as 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.

## 2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 Based on results of the current season.
- 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 There will be a separate ranking for Senior and Junior Synchronized Skating Teams.
- 2.4 Only eligible Teams will be considered in the ISU Season's World Ranking.
- 2.5 ISU Season's World Ranking order will be updated after each event mentioned in paragraph C.1.
- 2.6 Within the period indicated above, the following events will be considered for the ranking order:
- a) Seniors**
- i) **ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships:** The result by points of the current season.
  - ii) **Challenger Series Competitions (Senior):** The two (2) best results by points of the current season.
  - iii) **International Competitions (Senior and Senior Elite 12):** The two (2) best results by points of the current season. In case the Senior and Senior Elite 12 categories are combined at an International competitions, the points will be distributed according to the overall results of this competition.
- b) Juniors**
- i) **ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships:** The result by points of the current season.
  - ii) **Challenger Series Competitions (Junior):** The two (2) best results by points of the current season.
  - iii) **International Competitions (Junior):** The two (2) best results by points of the current season.

## C. ELIGIBLE EVENTS / COMPETITIONS AND POINT SYSTEM

### 1. ELIGIBLE EVENTS / COMPETITIONS AND CONDITIONS

- 1.1 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships;
- 1.2 ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating 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 and Senior Elite 12 in Synchronized Skating provided there is a minimum of five (5) teams from three (3) different ISU Members;

1.6 International Competitions Junior in Synchronized Skating provided there is a minimum of five (5) 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 "ISU"; however one of the three members may have 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 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".

1.8 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:

- a) ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, places 1-28
- b) ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, places 1-28

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 and Senior Elite 12 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 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 World Synchronized Skating Championships maximum available points: 7959
- 3.2 World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships maximum available points: 5685
- 3.3 International Competitions Challenger Series Senior maximum available points: 2736
- 3.4 International Competitions Challenger Series Junior maximum available points: 1953
- 3.5 International Competitions Senior maximum available points: 1425
- 3.6 International Competitions Junior maximum available points: 1139

#### 4. DISTRIBUTION OF POINTS

Place	Championships		Challenger Series Competitions		International Competitions	
	WC	WJC	CS Sen.	CS Jun.	IC Sen.	IC Jun.
1	840	600	420	300	250	200
2	756	540	378	270	225	180
3	680	486	340	243	203	162
4	612	437	306	219	182	146
5	551	394	276	197	164	131
6	496	354	248	177	148	118
7	446	319	223	159	133	106
8	402	287	201	143	120	96
9	362	258	181	129		
10	325	232	163	116		
11	293	209				
12	264	188				
13	237	169				
14	214	153				
15	192	137				
16	173	124				
17	156	111				
18	140	100				
19	126	90				
20	113	81				
21	102	73				
22	92	66				
23	83	59				
24	74	53				
25	67	48				
26	60	43				
27	54	39				
28	49	35				
<b>Event</b>	<b>7959</b>	<b>5685</b>	<b>2736</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1425</b>	<b>1139</b>

- WC = World Championships
- WJC = World Junior Championships
- CS Sen. = Challenger Series Senior
- CS Jun. = Challenger Series Junior
- IC Sen. = International Competition Senior
- IC Jun. = International Competition Junior

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