

Communication No. 2824

ISU Speed Skating Championships 2027 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 2026/27.

1. Calendar and Distribution of Distances/Competitions

Event	Place	Date	Program
ISU Speed Skating European Championships (Sprint and Allround combinations)	Heerenveen, NED	08.01.2027	500-W (s), 500-M (s), 1000-W, 1000-M
		09.01.2027	500-W (a), 500-M (a), 3000-W, 5000-M, 500-W (s), 500-M (s), 1000-W, 1000-M
		10.01.2027	1500-W, 1500-M, 5000-W, 10.000-M
ISU Speed Skating Junior World Championships	Baselga di Piné, ITA	12.02.2027	500-W, 500-M, 1500-W, 1500-M, Semi Finals: MS-W, MS-M
		13.02.2027	1000-W, 1000-M, 3000-W, 5000-M
		14.02.2027	TP-W, TP-M, TS-W, TS-M, Finals: MS-W, MS-M, MR
ISU Speed Skating World Championships (Single Distances and Team competitions)	Beijing, CHN	25.02.2027	3000-W, 5000-M, TS-W, TS-M
		26.02.2027	TP-W, TP-M, 500-W, 500-M
		27.02.2027	1000-W, 1000-M, 5000-W, MS-M
		28.02.2027	1500-M, 1500-W, 10 000-M, MS-W, MR

s: Sprint, a: Allround, TS: Team Sprint, TP: Team Pursuit, MS: Mass Start, MR: Mixed Relay, M-men, W-women

2. Qualifying Events

ISU Championships will be held in accordance with relevant parts of the Competition and Event Regulations (CER), ISU Sports Rules Speed Skating 2026, respective Council decisions, and ISU Communication 2823 about ISU Speed Skating World Cup.

For the **ISU Speed Skating European Championships 2027 (Allround and Sprint Combinations)**, the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 4 to be held during November – December 2026.

For the **ISU Speed Skating World Championships 2027 (Single Distances and Team Competitions)** the following events count as Qualifying events:

- ISU World Cup Competitions #1 to # 6 to be held during season 2026/27

3. Entry Quotas and Qualification Process

3.1. The ISU Speed Skating European Championships 2027 (Sprint and Allround Competitions)

3.1.1. Entry Quotas for competitions in Sprint Combination:

- a) In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4 of the Sports Rules Speed Skating 2026, the number of competitors in the ISU European Sprint Championships 2027 are set to a maximum of 20 Women and 20 Men.
- b) The 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.
- c) In the SQRL maximum 3 best total points will count in the ranking.

Entry Quotas for competitions in Allround Combination:

- a) In accordance with rule 208, paragraph 2.4 of the Sports Rules Speed Skating 2026, the number of competitors in the ISU European Allround Championships 2027 are set to a maximum of 20 Women and 20 Men.
- b) The 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.
- c) In the SQRL maximum 3 best total points will count in the ranking.

3.1.2. Reserve List

Lists of 10 reserve quota places for each of the individual competitions. 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 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 Skater(s) 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 Speed Skating World Championships 2027 (Single Distances and Team Competitions)

3.2.1. 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.

3.2.2. 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 Skater(s) 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.

3.2.3. Mixed Relay Competition Rules

Based on Rule 201.1.2.e (Distances, races and competitions at ISU Championships) of the Sports Rules Speed Skating: Team races for Women and Men: The Mixed Relay competition will be organized in accordance with Sports Rules Speed Skating, Rule 256, paragraph 3.4, Competition format C-as follows:

- For the Mixed Relay a maximum 16 teams will compete. The sequence and composition of heats will be in accordance with Rule 240, paragraph 5.c) based on the SQRL ranking of the participating Teams (ISU Members) (see Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2).
- The winners of the heats are qualified for the final.
- Classification in the final will be determined according to Rule 265, paragraph 8.

3.3. The ISU Speed Skating Junior World Championships 2027

3.3.1. Entry Quotas

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.6., the entry quotas for an ISU Member at the ISU Speed Skating Junior World Championships 2027 will be limited to a maximum of **6 Skaters** per gender in total. Below is the summary table of entry quotas for an ISU Member per distance/competition.

	500	1000	1500	3000	5000	Mass Start	Team competitions
Women	5	4	4	4	---	2	1 team of 3 Skaters for TP & TS
Men	5	4	4	---	4	2	1 team of 3 Skaters for TP & TS
Mixed							1 team of 1W+ 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 (6) six 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, or final entry confirmation, the day before the event. The (3) three competing Skaters for Team Pursuit and Team Sprint and the (2) two competing skaters for Mixed Relay are to be confirmed at least one hour before the event.

3.3.2. Mixed Relay Competition Rules

Based on Rule 201.1.2.e (Distances, races and competitions at ISU Championships) of the Sports Rules Speed Skating: Team races for Women and Men: The Mixed Relay competition will be organized in accordance with Sports Rules Speed Skating, Rule 256, paragraph 3.4, Competition format C-as follows:

- The composition of heats will be in accordance with rule 240, paragraph 5.c) based on the SQRL ranking of the participating Teams (ISU Members) (see rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2)
- Classification will be determined according to Rule 265, paragraph 8.

3.3.3. Mass Start Competition Rules

The Mass Start competition will be organized based on Sports Rules Speed Skating Rules 243, paragraph 4 and 257, paragraph 2.2. Final classification will be determined according to Rule 265, paragraph 8.

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 during the period commencing July 1, 2025, and ending prior to the final entry deadline 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 ISU Communication No. 2800.
- b) Automatic timekeeping (Rule 251) must have been used in the Competition concerned.

- c) Only season's best times achieved since July 1, 2026, 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 2027. The following Qualifying time limits apply:

4.2.1. ISU Speed Skating European / World 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, 3.2.2, 3.3.2 and 3.4.3 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
<i>For Team Events:</i> any of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:						
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 Speed Skating Junior World Championships

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

	500	1000	1500	3000	5000	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 Team Events: any one of the above distance Qualifying times apply. Exceptionally, for maximum one Skater per ISU Member, the following Qualifying times may apply:						
Women		1.28,00	2.17,00			
Men		1.19,00	2.03,00			

5. Entries

The ISU online entry system (ORS): <https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/account/login> 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. 2802 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, 3.2.2, 3.3.2 and 3.4.3), 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 **6 Skaters** (per gender) entered for the Championships).

5.2.1. ISU Speed Skating European Championships, ISU Speed Skating World Championships (Single Distances)

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 Office as soon as possible, and preferably well before the deadline for final entries.

5.2.2. ISU Speed Skating Junior World Championships

ISU Members must indicate in the final entries if they will take part in any of the Team competitions. For the Team competitions **(6) six Skaters** are eligible to be entered, 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 or (2) two for Mixed Relay to be confirmed at least one hour before the event.

6. Other Conditions

6.1. World Ranking

The World Ranking will be determined by the number of points a Skater accumulates during the 2026/27 season in the following Events:

- World Cup competitions N°1 to N°6:
 - o World Cup points earned by a Skater in **all** individual distances, as specified in ISU World Cup Communication 2823 in Points scoring table 6.2.;

- World Championships Single Distances:
 - o World Championships points earned by a Skater in **all** individual distances based on the results, as specified in Points scoring table below:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
500, 1000, 1500, MS	200	180	160	140	130	120	110	100	90	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10
3000 W, 5000 M	200	180	160	140	130	120	110	100	90	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30				
5000 W, 10000 M	200	180	160	140	130	120	110	100	90	80	75	70												

6.2. 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.

ISU Members are also responsible for ensuring that requirements concerning team uniform design, use of trademarks, advertising, etc. stated CER article 13.2.2, and ISU Communication No. 2508 (or any further updates of this Communication) are respected.

For AIN Skaters, ISU Communication No. 2804, paragraph 1.1. applies.

6.3. Citizenship/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedures

In accordance with CER article 8 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.

6.4. Expenses

Expenses as mentioned in CER article 11.1.2 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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