

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2009 / 2010 & Qualification procedure for the Olympic Winter Games 2010

1. World Cup Competitions

The World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2009/2010 will be presented under the title “ISU World Cup Short Track” and a specific logo. For the season 2009/2010 the ISU has designated the following competitions as “World Cup Competitions”:

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>	
1	Beijing	China	September 17-18, 2009 September 19-20, 2009	Qualifying rounds WORLD CUP session
2	Seoul	Korea	September 24-25, 2009 September 26-27, 2009	Qualifying rounds WORLD CUP session
3*)	Montreal	Canada	November 5-6, 2009 November 7-8, 2009	Qualifying rounds WORLD CUP session
4*)	Marquette	USA	November 12-13, 2009 November 14-15, 2009	Qualifying rounds WORLD CUP session

*) The World Cup competitions in Montreal and Marquette have been designated as the 2010 Olympic Winter Games qualifying competitions (see point 13 and attachment for details).

Organizers of these World Cup Competitions are required to observe the conditions of the 2008 ISU Regulations and the most recent edition of the Memorandum for hosting the ISU World Cup Short Competitions.

2. Conditions

- a) All World Cup Competitions are held according to Rule 286.
- b) All World Cup Competitions shall be open to all ISU Members.
- c) The competitions will have a single distance character and are held in separate sessions. The first day and second day are dedicated to all qualifying rounds up to quarter finals for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters. On the third and fourth day there will be the World Cup session including all Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals.
- d) A classification over the distances 500, 1000, 1500 meters and Relay will be made.
- e) Expenses may be paid to skaters and Officials in accordance with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 137, paragraph 6 b) with details to be stated in the respective announcement.
- f) Anti-Doping tests will be performed at each competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and Communication.
- g) An ISU Technical Committee Representative will be assigned in accordance with Rule 288.

3. Distances

World Cup	Individual Distances for Ladies and Men				Relay Distances for Ladies and Men	
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 2	Day 4
1	1500, 500	1000	1500, 500	1000	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men
2	1500, 500	1000	1500, 500	1000	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men
3	1500, 500	1000	1500, 500	1000	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men
4	1500, 500	1000	1500, 500	1000	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men	3000 m for Ladies, 5000 m for Men

4. Entries

- Entries shall be restricted to a maximum of six (6) skaters per category (Ladies + Men) for each ISU Member at each World Cup Competition.
- Individual entries for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters:
Three (3) competitors per Member per distance per category. Any three (3) of the maximum six (6) may skate each distance.
- Relay entries: one (1) team per Member of minimum 4, maximum 6 competitors per category.
- Members entering the relay must include those skaters who participate in the individual events.
- Entries can only be made using the official Entry Form for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating.
- By entering participants for any World Cup Competition the Member making the entry confirms automatically to participate in the ISU World Team Short Track Speed Skating Championships and in the Relay event at the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, if qualified. The Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU in writing before the last World Cup Competition of the season (Rule 286, paragraph 4 a).

5. Program

The program for each World Cup Competition is set as follows:

- Day -1 - Official Training
 - Official Opening
- Day 1 - Qualifying session (individual)
- Day 2 - Qualifying session (individual and Relay)
- Day 3 - WORLD CUP session
- Day 4 - WORLD CUP session

The programs of the Qualifying sessions and the WORLD CUP sessions are the following:

<i>Day 1</i>			<i>Day 2</i>		
<u>Round</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Category</u>
Preliminaries	1500	Men	Pre-Preliminaries	1000	Men
Heats	1500	Ladies	Preliminaries	1000	Ladies
Heats	1500	Men	Preliminaries	1000	Men
Pre-Preliminaries	500	Men	Heats	1000	Ladies
Preliminaries	500	Ladies	Heats	1000	Men
Preliminaries	500	Men	Heats	Relay	Ladies
Heats	500	Ladies	Heats	Relay	Men
Heats	500	Men	Quarter Finals	Relay	Ladies
			Quarter Finals	Relay	Men

<i>Day 3</i>			<i>Day 4</i>		
<u>Round</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Category</u>
Quarter Finals	1500	Ladies	Quarter Finals	1000	Ladies
Quarter Finals	1500	Men	Quarter Finals	1000	Men
Semi Finals	1500	Ladies	Semi Finals	1000	Ladies
Semi Finals	1500	Men	Semi Finals	1000	Men
Final B	1500	Ladies	Final B	1000	Ladies
Final A	1500	Ladies	Final A	1000	Ladies
Final B	1500	Men	Final B	1000	Men
Final A	1500	Men	Final A	1000	Men
Quarter Finals	500	Ladies	Semi Finals	Relay	Ladies
Quarter Finals	500	Men	Semi Finals	Relay	Men
Semi Finals	500	Ladies	Final B	Relay	Ladies
Semi Finals	500	Men	Final A	Relay	Ladies
Final B	500	Ladies	Final B	Relay	Men
Final A	500	Ladies	Final A	Relay	Men
Final B	500	Men			
Final A	500	Men			

The organizing committee may determine the starting times on each day in consultation with the ISU. No other Short Track Speed Skating events are allowed in the same facility during the World Cup Competitions.

Additional documents describing the detailed program of the World Cup Competitions, including Qualifying sessions are published in the Short Track section of ISU website (www.isu.org) :

- World Cup sessions including detailed time schedule
- Description of the Qualifying session
- Example of a Qualifying Schedule.

6. Announcement

Each organizer of the above mentioned World Cup Competitions will send an announcement (in A5 format) to all ISU Members specifying:

- Confirmation of Date and Place of the competition
- Address to which entries must be directed
- Information on Hotel accommodation
- Other detailed information especially about local circumstances and customs
- Observe all requirements of Rule 110

7. Drawing and progression

The make up of the first qualifying round of each distance shall be based on the current distance ranking following the principles of Rule 296, of the 2008 ISU Regulations. Progression to subsequent qualifying rounds shall be according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

8. Classifications at each World Cup Competition

- a) At each World Cup Competition the following Classifications (see Rule 295, paragraph 6) will be made:
 - . Distance Classification 500 m Ladies / Men
 - . Distance Classification 1000 m Ladies /Men
 - . Distance Classification 1500 m Ladies / Men
 - . Distance Classification Relay Ladies /Men
 - . Classification Teams Ladies / Men.
- b) The Distance Classifications over the Individual Distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters will follow the Rules for Distance Classifications (see Rule 295, paragraph 6).
- c) In the Classification of Teams only Members will be listed whose skaters have participated in both relay and individual distances.
- d) For the purpose of establishing a Team Classification the best 2 results of a Member on each of the distances will be combined with the results in the relay.

- e) The 3 teams having skated the fastest times during any relay race at a World Cup Competition will be listed separately in the results of the respective competition. This is used only for determining the qualification at World Championships.

9. Points scoring

- a) The points scoring for each of the above Distance Classifications (see paragraph 8) at World Cup Competitions is as follows:

Rank	Points
1	1000
2	800
3	640
4	512
5	410
6	328
7	262
8	210
9	168
10	134
11	107
12	86
13	69
14	55
15	44

Rank	Points
16	35
17	28
18	27
19	26
20	25
21	24
22	23
23	22
24	21
25	20
26	19
27	18
28	17
29	16
30	15

Rank	Points
31	14
32	13
33	12
34	11
35	10
36	9
37	8
38	7
39	6
40	5
41	4
42	3
43	2
44	1
others	1

- b) Points are awarded only if 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 1000, 800, 800, 512, etc.

10. World Cup Final Classification

- a) For the purpose of establishing the World Cup Classifications over the Individual Distances, only the best three (3) results from the possible four (4) Distances Classifications at World Cup Competitions will be considered. For the purpose of establishing the World Cup Classifications over the Relay Distances, only the best three (3) results from the possible four (4) Distance Classifications at World Cup Competitions will be considered.
- b) The following World Cup Classifications will be recognized by the ISU:
- World Cup Classification 500 m Ladies / Men
 - World Cup Classification 1000 m Ladies / Men
 - World Cup Classification 1500 m Ladies / Men
 - World Cup Classification Relay Ladies / Men
 - World Cup Classification Team Ladies / Men.
- c) All Classifications will be published by the ISU on the ISU web site (www.isu.org) as soon as possible after each World Cup Competition. Each Classification will be listed with a date and a revision-number.
- d) After all World Cup Competitions have been held, a Communication with the Final Individual Distance World Cup Classifications will be published.
- e) In the case of a tie in a World Cup Classification the highest rank in any of the World Cup Competitions will decide the final order of ranking. If the tie persists, subsequent ranking will be used to determine the order of ranking.

11. World Ranking Lists

- a) For the purpose of making up the first Qualifying Round at any ISU Event the following World Ranking Lists shall be maintained over all Individual and Relay Distances (Rule 295, paragraph 9):
- World Ranking List 500 m Ladies / Men
 - World Ranking List 1000 m Ladies / Men
 - World Ranking List 1500 m Ladies / Men
 - World Ranking List Overall Ladies / Men
 - World Ranking List Relay Ladies / Men

- b) According to Rule 295, paragraph 9, all World Rankings shall be based on the 4 best results in the results of the 6 (six) previously skated World Cup Competitions. In order to accommodate this, the following formulas are used to combine the preceding season and the current intermediate World Cup Classification.

Season 2009/2010

After World Cup 1 World Ranking = $3/4 * \text{Rank}^{08/09} + 1/4 * \text{Rank}^{09/10}$

After World Cup 2 World Ranking = $2/4 * \text{Rank}^{08/09} + 2/4 * \text{Rank}^{09/10}$

After World Cup 3 World Ranking = $1/4 * \text{Rank}^{08/09} + 3/4 * \text{Rank}^{09/10}$

After World Cup 4 World Ranking = $0/4 * \text{Rank}^{08/09} + 4/4 * \text{Rank}^{09/10}$

Example: a skater is ranked 14th in the World Cup Classification after the first World Cup competition. In the previous season his place was 11th in the Final Classification. His position in the World Ranking, used for the Make Up of Races of the 2nd World Cup competition, will be calculated as follows: $(3/4)$ of 11 + $(1/4)$ of 14 = 11.750

- c) The Overall World Ranking List is based on the highest Rank in any of the World Ranking Lists over 500, 1000 and 1500 meters. In the case of a tie the highest Rank in one of the other two World Ranking Lists shall be taken. If the tie persists after taking the World Ranking Lists over 500, 1000 and 1500 meters into account then a draw will be held by the Competitors Steward to decide the order in which the skaters will be seeded.

12. Prize Money

Prize Money will only be distributed for Final World Cup Classifications after all World Cup Competitions of the season are concluded. The amounts are the following:

	500 m				1000 m				1500 m			
	Men		Ladies		Men		Ladies		Men		Ladies	
1 st place	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000	US\$	5000
2 nd place	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000	US\$	4000
3 rd place	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000
4 th place	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500
5 th place	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250
6 th place	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000
7 th place	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750
8 th place	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500
9 th place	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250
10 th place	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000

	Relay			
	Men		Ladies	
1 st place	US\$	6000	US\$	6000
2 nd place	US\$	5000	US\$	5000
3 rd place	US\$	3000	US\$	3000
4 th place	US\$	2000	US\$	2000
5 th place	US\$	1250	US\$	1250

13. Qualification procedure for the Olympic Winter Games 2010 (Refer to Rule 284, paragraph 3 and Rule 286)

As per Rule 284, paragraph 3 the quota places for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games are earned by the ISU Members (by IOC called “NFs”) respectively National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the ISU Members in the two ISU World Cup Competitions designated by the ISU, i.e. in Montreal/Canada on November 5-8, 2009 and in Marquette/USA, November 12-15, 2009.

While Rule 284 contains the applicable binding provisions, Attachment A which is included for your guidance and was distributed by the IOC to the NOCs, summarizes the Olympic Qualification System that will be used to determine the number of entries per NOC for the Olympic Winter Games 2010 in Vancouver.

Contrary to the regular World Cup Classifications the Olympic Qualification System applied for the above-mentioned 2 World Cup Competitions is based on Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC) per ISU Member (respectively NOC) and not on Classifications by skaters. Please carefully study Rule 284, paragraph 3 as well as Attachment A before deciding upon the skaters to enter for these Olympic Qualifying World Cups.

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**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION
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SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

EVENTS

- **MEN** 500 meters
 1000 meters
 1500 meters
 5000 meters relay

- **WOMEN** 500 meters
 1000 meters
 1500 meters
 3000 meters relay

IOC ATHLETE QUOTA / NOC QUOTA

ATHLETES QUOTA **120 skaters** (basically 60 Men - 60 Women)

If for either Women or Men the respective IOC quota is not reached according to the Qualifying System herewith described, the respective unused number of quota places will be credited and added to the quota of the other gender.

NOC QUOTA **10 / 6 skaters**
 5 Men & 5 Women (with relay)
 3 Men & 3 Women (without relay)

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

General

Quota places are earned by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the National ISU Members (NFs) at the four (4) Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC), resulting from the two (2) ISU World Cup competitions designated by the ISU, to be held between September and December 2009. The four (4) SOQCs will be for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters each for Ladies and Men, 3000 meters relay Ladies and 5000 meters relay Men. As per ISU Regulations, only NFs are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions which include ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating competitions.

ALLOCATION OF PLACES

- a) Upon confirmation by the ISU of the quota places earned by the NFs/NOCs, the subsequent entries by name to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, to be made within the applicable deadlines, are at the discretion of the respective NF/NOC, subject to the entered skaters being eligible according to ISU and IOC rules.

These SOQCs will be calculated following the same rules and principles as the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating classifications, i.e. using the World Cup points earned at the designated World Cup competitions (for details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications). In the case of a tie in the SOQC, the following tie breaking system will be used:

- i) Best place in the distance in one (1) of the designated World Cups;
- ii) Best time in the distance;
- iii) Second (or if needed third, fourth, etc) best times in the distance.

b) Host NF/NOC (Canada)

If not qualified through the qualifying procedure, the host NF/NOC will be entitled to enter ten (10) skaters (5 Men and 5 Ladies) in all events together, as follows:

- Ladies' and Men's relay
- One (1) skater in each individual event/distance for both Ladies and Men

If the host NF/NOC forfeits its right to participate in the relay event(s), the host NF/NOC may nevertheless enter one (1) skater in each of the individual distances.

c) Relay

The NFs/NOCs with the top 8 placed relay teams in the SOQC for relays qualify for participation in the Olympic Winter Games relay events. If the host NF/NOC of the Olympic Winter Games is not amongst those qualified on the basis of the relay SOQC, the respective relay team of the host NF/NOC will replace the NF/NOC ranked 8th in the SOQC for the relay.

d) Individual distances

NFs/NOCs qualified for the relay events may enter a maximum of five (5) skaters in total. The skaters competing in the individual events must be among the skaters in the relay team.

For the individual distances, taking into account the above-mentioned ramification from the relay qualification which for the IOC quota will have priority, the quota places are assigned to NFs/NOCs in the order of the respective SOQC. All NFs/NOCs having skaters ranked first over the distances of 500, 1000 and 1500 meters get one starting place in the respective distance. Following that the NFs/NOCs having skaters ranked 2nd get one starting place, etc, until the following criteria are met:

- i) The number of quota places per NF/NOC has reached the maximum of three (3) skaters per distance;
- ii) The number of skaters in the respective distances has reached the maximum number of skaters for that distance; i.e. the maximum number of skaters over 500 and 1000 meters will be 32. The maximum number of skaters over 1500 meters will be 36.
- iii) The total number of skaters per category (Ladies/Men) has reached the maximum number of skaters (120 skaters as per IOC quota stated above).
- iv) If the number of athletes per distance has not reached the maximum number of skaters (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) on one or more distances, and the simultaneous process cannot be continued without exceeding the IOC quota, then skaters will be added on a one-by-one basis until the IOC quota has been reached. The next available skater(s) per distance with the highest rank will be added in the respective distance. In the case of a tie, the shortest distance will prevail.

- v) If according to sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii) and iv) above the number of actually entered skaters by name has not reached the maximum per distance (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters), then the NFs/NOCs having skaters entered as per sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii) and iv) above will be allowed to enter the same skaters in the respective distance(s) in the order of the respective SOQC, up to the maximum of three (3) skaters per distance. Consequently, this will not affect the total number of entered skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.
- vi) In the exceptional case that the number of skaters per distance cannot be filled (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) after applying the procedures in the sub-paragraphs i) ii) iii) iv) and v) above, then the NFs/NOCs which have qualified for the Relay but who have no individual competitors will be allowed to enter skaters in the respective distance(s). In the case of a tie, the Relay team with the highest rank will prevail. Consequently this will also not affect the total number of entered skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.

PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

After the ISU designated World Cup competitions and based on the resulting SOQC, the ISU will inform NFs/NOCs, by 23 December 2009, of their respective total number of quota places and the number of skaters each NF/NOC can enter per individual distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm to the ISU the use of quota places by 10 January 2010.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

Between 11 and 19 January 2010, the ISU will redistribute unused quota places to NFs/NOCs based on the SOQC. NOCs will be requested to confirm within three (3) days whether they accept the offered reallocation of quota places, but at the latest on 20 January 2010.

Unused relay quota places will be replaced with the next best placed team, based on the results of the relay SOQC.

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

September-December 2009	2 ISU designated World Cup Competitions
23 December 2009	ISU will confirm to NOCs and NFs the allocation of quota places
10 January 2010	NOC confirmation of participation to ISU
11-19 January 2010	ISU to inform relevant NOCs regarding reallocation of quota places
20 January 2010	Final allocation of quota places by ISU
28 January 2010	End of re-allocation process
1 February 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive entry forms by name submitted by the NOCs