

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13

1. General Conditions

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13 will be organized as a series of International Competitions subject to regulations given in this ISU Communication. The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13 is an ISU Event, financially supported through the ISU Development Program. Relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations apply, in particular Rules 105, 106 and 136.
As per Rule 105, paragraph 1 a), the national (domestic) TV rights and advertising rights for each Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13 belong to the organizing ISU Member. Before concluding any commercial agreements the organizers should, however, consult the ISU Director General in order to prevent conflicts with ISU contracts. The international TV rights belong to the ISU. If a TV production is available then the organizers shall provide the international TV signal at no cost, to the ISU and its designated TV companies.
- b) An ISU Memorandum specifying obligations and guidelines for the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13 will be available to the hosting ISU Members and the Organizing Committees.
- c) For each Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13 the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee assigns a Representative, who shall observe that the competitions are conducted in accordance with this Communication, ISU statutes and the ISU Memorandum.
- d) In this Communication the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13 is sometimes referred to with the shorter term "ISU Junior World Cup".

2. Basic competition rules

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13 consists of a series of Competitions for the following distances/events:
Ladies, individual events: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m and Mass Start races (8 laps);
Ladies, team event: Team Pursuit (6 laps) for national teams of 3 Skaters;
Men, individual events: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, long distance (3000m or 5000m) and Mass Start races (12 laps);
Men, team event: Team Pursuit (8 laps) for national teams of 3 Skaters.
- b) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13 ranking for each distance/event is determined by the accumulated points for each Skater or (for Team Pursuit) national team over the season.
- c) The competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members, subject to allocated entry quotas and required qualifying times.
- d) The first and the third set of ISU Junior World Cup Competitions 2012/13 (JWC-1 and JWC-3) are organised on a regional basis, with competitions held on different continents. An ISU Member can enter participants for only one of the regional competitions JWC-1 and for only one of the regional competitions JWC-3. However, a Member may choose to enter their participants in a regional competition that is held outside its own continent.

- e) The ISU Junior World Cup series 2012/13 furthermore includes one global competition (JWC-2) and the ISU Junior World Cup Final.
- f) For all Competitions participation is open to Junior A and Junior B Skaters as per ISU Rule 108; this means Skaters born in the period 1 July 1993 – 30 June 1997. Participation in the Junior World Cup finals is open to qualified Skaters within the age limits that apply for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships.
- g) The Competitions are organized in a format where Skaters compete in one Division. The Competitors who currently have the highest ISU Junior World Cup rank on the distance concerned will skate in the last pair of the distance; the Competitors currently ranked 3rd and 4th will skate in the second last pair, etc.
- h) Prize money, as determined by the ISU, will be awarded for the overall classification of each distance/event of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13.

3. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2012/13

JWC	Dates	Place	Program
<i>Regional JWC-1</i>	November 15 – 16, 2012 November 17 – 18, 2012 December 29 - 30, 2012	Calgary (CAN) Minsk (BLR) Changchun (CHN)	Day 1: Ladies and Men: 500-1, 1000, 3000m, Day 2: Ladies and Men: 500-2, 1500, Mass Start
<i>Global JWC-2</i>	December 8 – 9, 2012	Inzell (GER)	Day 1: Ladies and Men: 500, 1500, TP Day 2: Ladies and Men: 1000, 3000, Mass Start
<i>Regional JWC-3</i>	January 12-13, 2013 January 19-20, 2013 January 19-20, 2013	Baselga di Pine (ITA) Astana (KAZ) Roseville (USA)	Day 1: Ladies and Men: 500-1,1000, 3000m, Day 2: Ladies and Men: 500-2,1500, Mass Start
<i>JWC Final</i>	February 16-17, 2013	Collalbo (ITA)	Day 1: Ladies and Men: 500, 1500, TP Day 2: Ladies and Men: 1000, 3000, Mass Start

4. Entry Rules

4.1. Qualifying times

Entered Skaters must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances (for Mass start or Team Pursuit races any of the listed qualifying time limits apply):

	<i>Ladies</i>	<i>Men</i>
500 m	45,00	41,00
1000 m	1.30,00	1.22,00
1500 m	2.20,00	2.07,00
3000 m	5.00,00	4.25,00

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2011 and the entry deadline for the ISU Junior World Cup Competition concerned. Documentation (specifying date and venue of the competition) of the achieved time must be submitted together with the entries. Exceptionally, the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee may grant, upon evaluation at its discretion, an ISU Member the right to enter maximum one Skater per gender who has not achieved an applicable qualifying time.

4.2. Entry quotas

- a) For ISU Junior World Cup Competitions an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Competitors per gender (10 Ladies, 10 Men). A maximum of 4 Competitors may be entered for each individual event (distance). However, for the Regional competitions an ISU Member may enter up to 5 competitors for each event (distance).
- b) For the *final Competition* in the ISU Junior World Cup 2012/13 an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 5 Competitors per gender (5 Ladies, 5 Men), with a maximum of 3

Competitors entered for each individual event. Only Skaters who have scored ISU Junior World Cup points during the season 2012/13 may be entered for the ISU Junior World Cup final.

4.3. *Entries of Competitors*

ISU Members must submit their entries before the deadline and by the procedure stated in the announcement for the Competition concerned, indicating the distance(s) to be skated by each entered Competitor, and including maximum one substitute per distance, and entries for (when applicable) Team Pursuit events. An entered Competitor may be replaced by an entered substitute not later than at the team leaders' meeting preceding the draw for the distance. No substitutions will be accepted at the draw meeting. Replacement of a competitor by an entered substitute *after the draw* may exceptionally be accepted, but only if the Referee has been duly informed at least two hours before the start of the first race of the distance.

5. Competition formats and rules

5.1. *Individual distances*

- a) For each individual distance all entered Skaters compete together (in the same division).
- b) Quartet starts should be used for the 3000m.

5.2. *Team Pursuit events*

Team Pursuit competitions will be skated with national teams of 3 Skaters. Distances are 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

- The deadline for entry of names of the Skaters that may compete in the team (possibly more than 3 names) will be announced by the Referee at the team leaders' meeting the day before the Team Pursuit event.
- The final composition of the team shall be declared by the team leader not later than 30 minutes before the start of the Team Pursuit event concerned.

5.3. *Mass start events*

Mass start races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 253, paragraph 4 b), with the following specific rules (further details and adjustments may be issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee):

- a) Distances are 8 laps for Ladies and 12 laps for Men.
- b) Start in the middle of the finishing straight (at the 1000m finishing line, rows of 5 Skaters each), finish at the end of the finishing straight.
- c) The first lap must be skated "in one group" without fast accelerations. Breach of this rule will lead to a DQ. The first lap counts as part of the overall distance to be skated. "The clock" starts running from the first gunshot, including this first lap. Before the 500m finishing line, after the first lap, a second shot or bell signal will be given. From this moment on it is allowed to accelerate to gain a better position in the pack.
- d) Competitors overtaken by the leader with one full lap will have to leave the racing track immediately when being overtaken.
- e) During the race there will be one intermediate sprint, in addition to the final sprint. For each sprint, Competitors will be awarded race points that count towards the race result (final ranking of the race).
- f) The intermediate sprint will be concluded at the finishing line after 4 laps for Ladies and after 6 laps for Men. A bell signal will be given one lap before each sprint; that means when the lap counter shows 5 laps left for Ladies and 7 laps left for Men.
- g) The race points awarded for the sprints are as follows:
 - Intermediate sprint: first four (4) Skaters will earn: 5 – 3 – 2 – 1 points

- Final sprint: first six (6) Skaters will earn: 11 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 points
- h) The result (final ranking) of the race will be determined by the accumulated race points gained in the intermediate sprint and at the final sprint, and in such a way that the Competitor who is first to cross the finishing line at the final sprint will be the winner of the race.
- For Competitors that do not finish the race, points awarded from the intermediate sprint will not be considered for the final ranking.
 - For Competitors with the same total of race points, the points gained in the final sprint will break the tie.
 - Competitors without points will be ranked according to their position at the finish.
 - Competitors being lapped (and therefore not having completed the race), will be ranked according to the order by which they have been lapped.
- i) Severe obstruction that causes the fall of another Competitor leads to disqualification.
- j) For safety purposes Competitors must wear shin guards and cut resistant or leather gloves. The back part of the blades must be rounded off, with an indicative radius of 1 cm. Other specially announced safety measures may apply.
- k) Junior World Cup points are awarded based on the final race results, according to the points tables given in paragraph 7.2.

5.4. *Demonstration events*

Subject to the consent of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, the organizer of an ISU Junior World Cup Competition may add demonstration events to the program. Entry rules and conditions for demonstrations events should be included in the announcement.

6. Drawing, composition of pairs and starting order

6.1. *Draw meeting and team leaders' meeting*

- a) A team leaders' meeting shall take place before each day of the Competition, with the purpose to confirm the final entries and to present race schedules and other logistic information. One team leader per country is allowed to attend the team leaders' meeting.
- b) Before the first day of a Junior World Cup Competition there will be an opening draw meeting to draw or to announce the composition and starting order of pairs. On subsequent days the start lists for the following day will be determined by the Referee based on the confirmed entries and the rules given below.
- c) Each participating Member is obliged to attend the team leaders' meeting, but participation is restricted to one person (the officially entered team leader or another person authorized by the team leader).

6.2. *Drawing at the first Competition for the event (distance)*

- a) Individual events: The entered Competitors are distributed in groups of 10 Skaters each based on their achieved qualifying times. Pairs are drawn within each group, and the group with the highest ranked Competitors shall be drawn last. In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair (from the first drawn group) will consist of a single Skater. Skaters from the same country (ISU Member) should not compete in the same pair.
- b) Team Pursuit event: The sequence of races is determined by the rankings from the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2012, with the two best ranked teams competing in the last race.
- c) Mass start event: The position of Skaters at the start line is determined by lot.

6.3. Pairing and drawing at the following Competitions

- a) Competitors shall be paired according to their individual ISU Junior World Cup rank, as follows: Competitors without Junior World Cup points will be ranked according to their Junior World Cup seeding points. Competitors without Junior World Cup results will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved qualifying time. The starting order shall be opposite to the ranking order of the Competitors, so that the Competitors with the lowest rank start in the first pair (heat), etc. The better ranked Competitor in a pair shall start in the inner lane.
- b) If a pair that is formed based on the ISU Junior World Cup ranking will consist of two Skaters from the same ISU Member, the lowest ranked Skater in this pair will be moved to the earlier pair, and be replaced by the highest ranked Skater in that pair.
- c) In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair shall consist of a single Skater.
- d) For the 2nd 500m race in an ISU Junior World Cup Competition, the composition of pairs shall be based on the time ranking from the first race, so that the winner of the first race will start in the last pair. Competitors, who did not participate or did not get a result in the first race, shall be considered as unranked. The composition of pairs must take into account that the Competitors shall change their starting lanes from the first race. Skaters not competing in the first race may be assigned starting lanes in order to avoid odd pairs. Moreover, multiple single pairs may be avoided by merging the pairs concerned, in which case the Competitor originally drawn in the later pair will start in the inner lane.
- e) In case of withdrawals after the draw meeting, pairs shall be rearranged according to ISU Rule 245, paragraph 2. Substitutes shall be placed in the pair corresponding to their individual ISU Junior World Cup rank, and necessary rearrangements must be made accordingly. However, for withdrawals announced later than two hours before the start of the distance, adjustment of pairs may be made according to Rule 245, paragraph 3.

6.4. Composition of quartets

In quartet starts the four Competitors with the best ISU Junior World Cup ranking shall form the last quartet, and only the first quartet may be incomplete.

7. ISU Junior World Cup ranking system

7.1. Competitions counting

The following number of competitions and races count for the ISU Junior World Cup ranking for the respective events (as per the competition schedule listed in paragraph 3):

500 m	Ladies and Men	4 Competitions / 6 races
1000 m	Ladies and Men	4 Competitions / 4 races
1500 m	Ladies and Men	4 Competitions / 4 races
3000 m	Ladies and Men	4 Competitions / 4 races
Team Pursuit	Ladies (6 laps) and Men (8 laps)	2 Competitions / 2 races
Mass Start	Ladies (6 laps) and Men (8 laps)	4 Competitions / 4 races

7.2. Point tables

ISU Junior World Cup points will be awarded according to the tables below. For each of the regional competitions table A applies, and the points awarded are 50 % of the points being awarded based on the results from JWC-2 (as per table B). For the Junior World Cup Final a bonus of 50 %, compared to table B, is awarded (as per table C).

Rank	A: Regional Competitions (JWC-1 and JWC3)	B:JWC-2	C: JWC Final
1	50	100	150
2	40	80	120
3	35	70	105
4	30	60	90
5	25	50	75
6	22	45	67
7	20	40	60
8	18	36	54
9	16	32	48
10	14	28	42
11	12	24	36
12	10	21	31
13	9	18	27
14	8	16	24
15	7	14	21
16	6	12	18
17	5	10	15
18	4	8	12
19	3	6	9
20	2	4	6
21	1	3	4
22	0	2	3
23	0	1	2
24	0	0	1

Competitors not achieving Junior World Cup points will be awarded Junior World Cup *seeding points*. The seeding points will be awarded to the next ranked competitors according to the same points table as used for the Junior World Cup points. Junior World Cup seeding points will not be awarded at the Junior World Cup final.

7.3. Points for tied ranks

If two or more Skaters (or teams) have obtained the same rank in an event, each Skater (or team) will receive the full points scored for this tied rank.

7.4. ISU Junior World Cup ranking rules

The ISU Junior World Cup ranking for each event (distance) is determined by the number of points the Skaters (or teams) accumulate during the season. In the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking, as well as in the intermediate ranking during the season, a tie between Skaters/teams with the same total of ISU Junior World Cup points will be resolved according to the following criteria (in order of priority) for determining the better ranked Skater/team:

- i) the Skater/team with the higher number of Junior World Cup victories;
- ii) the Skater/team with the higher score of points in one single Competition (race);
- iii) the Skater/team with the higher score of points in the latest Competition (race) held.

If neither of these criteria resolves the tie, the Skaters/teams will have the same ISU Junior World Cup rank.

Skaters without Junior World Cup points will be ranked according to their accumulated Junior World Cup *seeding points*, with the same tie-breaking criteria as mentioned above.

8. Prizes

For each individual event (distance) and for the Team Pursuit event prize money will be awarded for the 3 best Competitors or teams in the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking.

<i>Prize money for the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking</i>		
Rank	Individual distances and mass start	Team Pursuit (per team)
1	CHF 600,-	CHF 900,-
2	CHF 300,-	CHF 600,-
3	CHF 200,-	CHF 450,-

In case of ties, the prize money amount awarded will be the average amounts for the applicable ranks. The prize money is transferred by the ISU to the respective ISU Members on the conditions that apply for ISU Championships (see ISU Communication No. 1509 or later updates).

9. Cancellation of Competitions

If an organizing Member considers it impossible to hold the ISU Junior World Cup Competition it has been allotted according to the schedule given in paragraph 3, it must urgently give the reasons in writing to the ISU Secretariat to permit the ISU to authorize the cancellation. If circumstances during a Competition would make it impossible to complete the scheduled race, the Referee in consultation with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee representative is authorized to cancel distances or races. The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee decides if cancelled distances or races shall be re-scheduled for another date and/or another venue.

10. Requirements for the organization of ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions

A Memorandum will be issued by the ISU containing details on the obligations of the organizers and guidelines for the organization of an ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competition. A summary is given below:

- a) The organizer is responsible for publishing the announcement for the Competition, in accordance with Rule 110 and guidelines given in the Memorandum. The draft announcement shall be submitted to the ISU Secretariat for approval by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, not later than two months before the Competition is to be held. The announcement must be published on the ISU Website not later than 45 days before the Competition together with other relevant information.
- b) For each Competition, one Referee, one or two Assistant Referees and two Starters are appointed by the ISU President, based on nominations made by the organizing Member in consultation with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee. The appointed Referee must be an ISU Referee for the season 2012/13, as listed in ISU Communication No. 1745. At least two of the appointed officials should belong to ISU Member(s) other than the hosting Member. The organizers must provide the Referee with adequate secretariat assistance and computer support for the preparation and conduct of the drawings (see also Rule 210, paragraph 1.k).
- c) Automatic time keeping is mandatory, and the use of a photo-finish system is recommended. The connection to a scoreboard should be available if possible.
- d) Doping tests shall be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications 1650, 1651, 1693 and 1694 or later updates).
- e) The organizer is responsible that appropriate accommodation is available for participants and team leaders. For the participating teams the organizer is obliged to

announce a set of guaranteed (maximum) board and lodging rates at available hotels as follows:

- Hotel room rates for single and double rooms (without meals or only incl. breakfast)
 - Rates for full board and lodging (three meals per day).
- f) The organizer is obliged to pay or reimburse board and lodging expenses from dinner the evening before until breakfast on the morning after the Competition for (up to) 3 Skaters or for two Skaters and one team leader from each participating Member. Reimbursement shall be based on the announced room rates for the applicable hotels, and calculated based on the expenses of up to 1 double and 1 single room.
- g) The organizer is responsible for covering expenses for travel, board and lodging for the ISU appointed Officials (Referees and Starters), and for board and lodging for the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative.
- h) The organizer must provide a transportation service between the ice rink and the hotel(s) during the period of the competitions and the announced training sessions. If possible, also the transportation of the teams should be arranged by the organizer from the nearest international airport. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the Competition.
- i) The organizer must provide ice-training possibilities for at least 3 hours during the last day prior to the Competition. Adequate safety protection must be in place at the rink during the official training and competition periods, as per guidelines given in the Memorandum and the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules.
- j) The organizer is obliged to forward to the ISU complete results of all races and classifications in appropriate digital form. The organizer is responsible that results are forwarded to international press and news service agencies.

11. Distribution of results

The organizer of a Competition must immediately send complete results for the races (ranking lists with finishing times and results by pairs) by electronic mail to:

- ISU Secretariat prahin@isu.ch
- ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair te@rcn.no

The organizer should ensure that results are posted continuously during the Competition at an announced Internet web site. The official protocol of results, in appropriate digital format, must be sent without delay to the ISU Secretariat in Lausanne.

12. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Coordination

Any questions concerning rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2012/13 should be addressed to

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