

Communication No. 2718

ISU Junior World Cup Short Track 2025/26

1. ISU Junior World Cup Competitions

The ISU Junior World Cup Short Track 2025/26 will be presented under the title “ISU Junior World Cup Short Track” and a specific logo. For the season 2025/26 the ISU has designated the following competitions as “Junior World Cup Competitions”:

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>	
1	Astana	KAZ	November 7, 2025 November 8-9, 2025	Qualifying Session Junior World Cup Session
2	Astana	KAZ	November 13, 2025 November 14-15, 2025	Qualifying Session Junior World Cup Session

Organizers of these Junior World Cup Competitions are required to observe the conditions of the 2024 ISU Regulations and the most recent edition of the Memorandum for hosting ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Competitions.

2. Announcement

Each organizer of the above-mentioned Junior World Cup Competitions shall submit an Announcement to the ISU Secretariat for publication on the ISU Website (see Rule 110).

3. Conditions

- a) All Junior World Cup Competitions are held in accordance with relevant parts of Rule 282.
- b) The competitions will have a single distance character and are held in separate sessions. The first day (Day 0) is dedicated to the Qualifying Session with qualifying rounds only. On the two following days (Day 1 and Day 2) there will be Junior World Cup Sessions preceded by Repechage Sessions for the same individual distances as included in the Junior World Cup session on that day. The Semi-Finals for the Mixed Team Relay will be skated at the end of the Repechage Session of Day 1. Competitors who did not qualify for the Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters or for the Semi-Finals for 1500 meters during the Qualifying Session, can enter the Repechage Session for the distance concerned, except those who were given a sanction (Rule 296), or who did not start in the Qualifying Session. Skaters that were declared “Did not Finish” are eligible to move on to next rounds including the Repechage races.
- c) On all the individual distances (500, 1000 and 1500 meters) and on the Relay distances there will be A and B Finals. Skaters / Teams qualify for A and B Finals only through the Semi-Final. B-Finals with only one (1) Skater / Team will not be skated, and for the purpose of the distance ranking the qualified Skater / Team will then be assigned the first finish position for the not skated race.

The number of Qualifying Rounds, the number of Races per Round and the number of Skaters to qualify for the next round, for both the Qualifying Session and the Repechage Session (including the Ranking Finals), are specified by the ISU Short Track Technical Committee. A specific set of qualification tables will be published for the Junior World Cup Competitions.

d) Planned number of Skaters/Teams per Race:

Maximum planned number of Competitors	500m	1000m	1500m	Relay
Preliminaries (Qualifying Session)	5	6	8	
Heats or Quarter-Finals (Qualifying Session)	5	5	7	5
Repechage Session	5	6	8	
Quarter-Finals (Junior World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)		
Semi-Finals (Junior World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4
Finals (Junior World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4 *)

*) See Rule 291, paragraph 8.e)

- e) Anti-Doping tests will be carried out at each Competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications Nos. 2344 and 2366 or any further update of these Communications).
- f) At each Competition an ISU Technical Committee Representative will be assigned (Rule 286).

4. Distances and program

a) The distribution of distances at the Junior World Cup Competitions and the respective Junior World Cup sessions will be as follows:

Junior World Cup	Individual Distances for Women and Men		Relays (Day 2 and Day 3)
	Day 2	Day 3	
1	1000m (1), 1500m	500m, 1000m (2)	3000m for Women & Men, 2000m for Mixed Team
2	500m (1), 1500m	500m (2), 1000m	3000m for Women & Men, 2000m for Mixed Team

The order of distances listed in the table above is only indicative.

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

- Day 0 - Official Team Leaders' Meeting
- Day 1 - Qualifying Session (all individual and Relay distances)
- Day 2 - Repechage Session (for individual distances that will be skated in the JUNIOR WORLD CUP Session), Ranking Finals and Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals
- JUNIOR WORLD CUP Session
- Day 3 - Repechage Session (for individual distances that will be skated in the JUNIOR WORLD CUP Session) and Ranking Finals
- JUNIOR WORLD CUP Session

c) The program of the Qualifying & Repechage Sessions will be made by the Competitors' Steward based on the number of entries. For all individual distances and Relays the Qualifying Session will include all qualifying rounds necessary to qualify Skaters or Teams for the Junior World Cup sessions (Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters, Semi-Finals for 1500 meters and for all Relay distances).

d) The program for each day of the Junior World Cup sessions will follow a standardized schedule

- Quarter-Finals individual distances
- Resurface
- Semi-Finals individual distances
- Resurface
- Finals B and A individual distances
- Finals Mixed Team Relay (Day 1)
- Resurface
- Semi-Finals / Finals Women's and Men's Relay

The program of the Junior World Cup Session is subject to changes based on local circumstances and/or TV agreements.

- e) There will not be any warm-up sessions.
- f) No other Short Track and/or Speed Skating events are allowed in the same facility during the ISU Junior World Cup Competitions.

5. Entries

- a) The Junior World Cup Competitions are open to the Junior A & Junior B categories as per rule 108, paragraph 2 of the ISU General Regulations.
- b) The entries for Junior World Cup Competition shall be made solely through the Online Registration System (ORS) - <https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/>. The number of entries is restricted to a maximum of five (5) Competitors per category (Women, Men) for each ISU Member¹, covering both individual and Relay distances. Final Entries will only be accepted providing the best time for each distance is properly entered for every Skater in ORS.
- c) For Junior World Cup 1 & 2, Members are encouraged to not enter Skaters who have participated or will participate in ISU World Tour Competitions in the Fall of 2025. Skaters participating in Events from both circuits in the fall, will not be admissible for the award of Prize Money of the Junior World Cup circuit.
- d) Individual entries for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters:
Maximum three (3) Competitors per ISU Member per distance per category. For each distance any three (3) of the maximum five (5) Competitors entered may skate the distance. During the Qualifying Sessions, a Competitor may participate in a maximum of two (2) distances (one of the two distances scheduled for the Junior World Cup Session of Day 2 and one of the two distances scheduled for the Junior World Cup Session of Day 3). The number of Competitors actually entered from each ISU Member must for each day be divided as equally as possible over the distances on that day (as indicated in table below).

ISU Member	Distance 1 (Day 2)	Distance 2 (Day 2)	Distance 3 (Day 3)	Distance 4 (Day 3)
A - 5 Competitors	2 or 3	3 or 2	2 or 3	3 or 2
B - 4 Competitors	2	2	2	2
C - 3 Competitors	1 or 2	2 or 1	1 or 2	2 or 1
D - 2 Competitors	1	1	1	1

- e) Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member per category, consisting of minimum four (4), maximum five (5) Competitors.
- f) Mixed Team Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member, consisting of a minimum of two (2) Women and two (2) Men, and a maximum of four (4) Women and four (4) Men. Final entry can include up to five (5) Men and five (5) Women out of which a maximum of four (4) and four (4) can participate in the various rounds. ISU Members entering this event, accept to forfeit Rule 291, paragraph 8.l).
- g) Entries must be made in accordance with Rule 292.

¹ Reference is made to ISU Communication No. 2469, paragraph 2.a) according to which and until further notice, no individual belonging to the Russian Skating Union and Skating Union of Belarus shall be invited, entered and allowed to participate in International Competitions, ISU Championships and other ISU Events.

6. Required Qualifying Times

- a) All Skaters entered for a Junior World Cup Competition must have achieved an ISU qualifying time over the distance of 500 meters. The ISU Short Track Technical Committee has determined qualifying times required for participation in the ISU Junior World Cup Short Track 2025/26 as follows:
 Women 500 meters: 49,79 (16% slower than junior world record as of July 1, 2025)
 Men 500 meters: 46,67 (16% slower than junior world record as of July 1, 2025)

- b) The result must have been achieved at the latest ten (10) days before the respective ISU Junior World Cup Short Track in one of the following Competitions:
 - ISU Championships
 - ISU Short Track World Tour/ World Cup Short Track Competitions
 - ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Competitions
 - International Short Track Competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication published by the ISU
 - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned
 - Other Short Track Competitions provided that the conditions c) to f) below are fulfilled
- c) The Competition must have been held on an official ISU track as defined in Rule 280, paragraph 1.
- d) Photo finish and/or electronic timing must have been used, proved by original outputs of the equipment. If no Photo finish and/or electronic timing are available 0,2 seconds must be added to the time skated.
- e) A Referee and Starter, listed under item 2 of ISU Communication No. 2643 must have been officiating.
- f) **The time, name of competition, place, date and a copy of the protocol must be uploaded in ORS in the section “Personal Best” of each Skater’s profile and for each distance. The time and name of the competitor must be highlighted in the protocol of results.**
- g) For a Skater to be qualified for participation in the ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2025/26, only results achieved after July 1, 2023, will be considered.

7. Drawing and progression

- a) The make-up of the first Qualifying Round of each distance shall be based on a ranking made by the fastest time of each Skater entered in the distance. Progression to subsequent Qualifying Rounds shall be according to Rule 291, paragraph 8.
- b) For the Relay Distances, the make-up of the first Qualifying Round will be made from the final Distance Classification of the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2025 for the Junior World Cup 1, and from the Junior World Cup Classification for Junior World Cup 2.
- c) From the Qualifying Sessions for 500 and 1000 meters a number of Skaters specified in Qualifying Tables to be published separately, will qualify for the Quarter-Finals during the Junior World Cup Session.
- d) Similarly, the number of Skaters to qualify for the 1500 meters Semi-Finals is specified in the Qualifying Tables.
- e) From the Repechage Sessions, 2 (two) Skaters will qualify for the Junior World Cup Session.

8. Classifications at each Junior World Cup Competition

The Distance Classifications over the Individual Distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters and the Relay distances will follow the Rules for Distance Classifications (see Rule 297),

- First to be listed will be Competitors who have qualified for the Junior World Cup Session in accordance with Rule 297, using the results of the Junior World Cup Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session or Repechage if a tie is between 2 Skaters that went through the Repechage.
- Then the remaining Competitors who have participated in the Repechage Session will be ranked in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 2, using the results of the Repechage Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session.
- Then the Competitors who have participated in the Ranking Finals will be ranked in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 2, using the results of the Ranking Finals in the corresponding order
- Any remaining Competitor will be ranked in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 2, using the results in the Qualifying Session.

9. Junior World Cup Points & Classifications

For each of the Individual Distances, the following point system will be used for the Junior World Cup Classification.

Only Skaters with a result on the distance classification in the Junior World Cup Sessions will receive Junior World Cup Points.

For the Relay Races, the same point system will be used and all Relay Teams participating will get Junior World Cup points.

Classification	Points	Classification	Points
1	100	13	18
2	80	14	16
3	70	15	14
4	60	16	12
5	50	17	10
6	44	18	8
7	40	19	6
8	36	20	5
9	32	21	4
10	28	22	3
11	24	23	2
12	20	24	1

- For each individual distance, all results from the Distance Classifications at ISU Junior World Cup Competitions will be considered for the Junior World Cup Classification.
- For the Relay distances, all results from the Distance Classifications at ISU Junior World Cup Competitions will be considered for the Junior World Cup Classification.
- In case of a Tie in the Overall Distance Classification Points, the Winner will be the Skater/Team with the most 1st place finishes. In case a Tie persist, the winner will be the Skater/Team with the most 2nd place finishes, then the most 3rd places. If Skaters/Teams are still tied, then the last result will count as the Tie breaker.

10. Inspection of Skaters' equipment and racing uniforms

As per ISU Communication No. 2636 (or any further update of this Communication), ISU Members must provide documents that confirm the requirements of the cut resistant fabric used in the racing uniforms. The ISU may carry out controls on the use of the required cut resistant competition clothing/uniforms and other protective equipment at ISU Events. **Cut Resistant Racing Suits must cover properly and entirely the neck. Skaters with inadequate neck protection will be required to wear an extra neck protector or will not be allowed to start.**

As per new Rule 288, paragraph 1h), all Skaters participating must wear eye wear protection that meets the relevant certification as specified in Communication 2636, or any further update of this Communication.

The ISU will also do random checks after races and inspect the equipment of Skaters at other ISU Events during the season.

11. Prize Money

Prize Money will be awarded only based on the Final Junior World Cup Classifications after all the Junior World Cup Competitions of the season have been concluded. The Prize Money amounts for the Junior World Cup Classifications are as follows:

Individual distances												
	500 m				1000 m				1500 m			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
1 st place	US\$	800	US\$	800	US\$	800	US\$	800	US\$	800	US\$	800
2 nd place	US\$	400	US\$	400	US\$	400	US\$	400	US\$	400	US\$	400
3 rd place	US\$	250	US\$	250	US\$	250	US\$	250	US\$	250	US\$	250

Team competitions						
	Relay				Mixed Team Relay	
	Men		Women			
1 st place	US\$	1'500	US\$	1'500	US\$	1'500
2 nd place	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000
3 rd place	US\$	500	US\$	500	US\$	500

Total Prize Money	US\$	17,700
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12. Travel Contribution

Applies only for ISU Members incurring a travel duration, for the longest part of the connections, to the Event, of a minimum of 6.5 hours by airplane.

ISU Members (meeting the above requirement) travelling to Junior World Cup Short Track Competitions 1 and/or 2 may request a travel contribution of up to **USD 400** per Skater, subject to the conditions below. The contribution will be transferred to the ISU Member concerned by the end of the season.

General requirements for request:

- The actual contribution may depend on the total number of requests received.
- The ISU Member concerned must bring a Coach/Team leader at their own cost.
- The support is limited to a maximum of 4 competitors per ISU Member for the Junior World Cup Short Track series.

To request this contribution, the official application form at Appendix A must be sent within 15 days following the completion of the ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Competition/s concerned, along with the corresponding invoice on the ISU Member letterhead, to: fabrice.prahin@isu.org

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