

# Communication No. 2717

## ISU Short Track World Tour 2025/26 & Qualifying Competitions for the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026

### 1. ISU World Tour Competitions

The ISU World Cup Short Track 2025/26 will be presented under the title “ISU Short Track World Tour” and a specific logo. For the season 2025/26 the ISU has designated the following Competitions as World Tour Competitions serving as Olympic Winter Games Qualifying Competitions in accordance with Rule 282 and Rule 284, paragraph 5.

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>	
1	Montreal	CAN	October 9-10, 2025 October 11-12, 2025	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
2	Montreal	CAN*	October 16-17, 2025 October 18-19, 2025	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
3	Gdansk	POL	November 20-21, 2025 November 22-23, 2025	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session
4	Dordrecht	NED	November 27-28, 2025 November 29-30, 2025	Qualifying Session WORLD TOUR Session

\* following unavailability of US Speedskating to host this Event

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

All above ISU Short Track World Tour Events have been identified for the purpose of crowning Champions for the season 2025/26 who will be the winners of the ISU Short Track World Tour Crystal Globe Trophy.

### 2. Announcement

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

### 3. Conditions

- a) All World Tour Competitions are held according to Rule 282.
- b) The competitions will have a single distance character and are held in separate sessions. The first and second day are dedicated to the Qualifying Sessions with qualifying rounds only. On the third and fourth day, all remaining qualifying rounds (if needed), including Repechage races, will be held in the morning, and the afternoon will be for the World Tour sessions including Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.

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 Sessions, 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. Because the World Tour 2025-26 is serving as Olympic Qualifying Competitions, there will be no maximum number of entries for the Repechage Sessions. Skaters that were declared “Did not Finish” are eligible to move on to next rounds including the Repechage races.

- c) On the 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-Finals. For the Relay distances, there will also be a Ranking Final for teams ranked 9-10-11-12 in the intermediate distance classification.

B-Finals or Ranking 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, are specified by the ISU Short Track Technical Committee.

- d) Planned number of Skaters/Teams per Race:

<b><i>Maximum planned number of Competitors</i></b>	<b>500m</b>	<b>1000m</b>	<b>1500m</b>	<b>Relay</b>
Preliminaries (Qualifying Session)	5	6	8	
Heats or Quarter-Finals (Qualifying Session)	5	5	7	5
Repechage Session	5	6	8	
Quarter-Finals (World Tour Session)	5 *)	5 *)		
Semi-Finals (World Tour Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4
Finals (World Tour Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4 *)

\*) See Rule 291, paragraph 8)

- 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 program for each World Tour Competition is set as follows:

- Day -2 - Official Training at Teams' cost
- Day -1 - Official Training at Teams' cost
- Day 0 - Official Training, free of charge for all Teams
  - Official Team Leaders' Meeting
- Day 1 - Qualifying Session (individual and Relay distances, may include Repechage Races and Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals, and Relay Ranking Finals)
- Day 2 - Qualifying Session (individual and Relay distances, may include Repechage Races and the Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals and Relay Ranking Finals)
- Day 3 - Repechage Session (for individual distances that will be skated in the WORLD TOUR Session)
  - WORLD TOUR Session
- Day 4 - Repechage Session (for individual distances that will be skated in the WORLD TOUR Session)
  - WORLD TOUR Session

- b) The program of the Qualifying Sessions (first 2 days) and of the 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 World Tour Sessions (Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters, Semi-Finals for 1500 meters and for all Relay distances). The Semi-Finals of the Mixed Team Relay may be raced outside of the World Tour Session.
- c) The distribution of distances in the respective World Tour sessions will be as follows:

World Tour	Individual Distances for Women and Men		Relays (Day 3 and Day 4)
	Day 3	Day 4	
Montreal	Men 500m	Women 500m	Women 3000m (Day 3) Men 5000m
Montreal	Women 1000m	Men 1000m	
	Men 1500m	Women 1500m	Mixed Team 2000m
Gdansk	Men 1500m	Women 1500m	Women 3000m (Day 3) Men 5000m
	Women 1000m	Men 1000m	
Dordrecht	Men 500m	Women 500m	Mixed Team 2000m

The order of distances listed in the table above is referring to the sequence of starts and rounds. It remains indicative and may be subject to changes.

The program for each day of the World Tour Sessions will be according to the above table. The program of the World Tour Session is subject to changes based on local circumstances and/or TV agreements.

- d) There will not be any warm-up sessions.

## 5. Entries<sup>1</sup>

- a) In accordance with Rule 282, the entries for the World Tour Competition shall be made solely through the Online Registration System (ORS) - <https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/>. The number of entries at the World Tour Competition shall be restricted to a maximum of six (6) Competitors per category (Women, Men) for each ISU Member<sup>1</sup>, 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.**
- b) 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 six (6) Competitors entered may skate the distance.
- c) Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member per category, consisting of a minimum of four (4), and a maximum of six (6) Competitors.
- d) 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. ISU Members entering this event, accept to forfeit Rule 291, paragraph 8.I). Confirmed Distance Entry can include up to six (6) Women and six (6) Men out of which a maximum of four (4) and four (4) can participate in the various rounds.
- e) By making an entry for a Relay event at a World Tour Competition the ISU Member confirms that, if qualified, the ISU Member will participate in the Relay competition concerned at relevant ISU Short Track Championships 2025-2026. The ISU Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU Secretariat immediately after the World Tour Competition preceding the relevant Championships.

<sup>1</sup> For Skating Union of Belarus and Russian Skating Union, and skaters from Belarus and Russia, please refer to ISU Communications Nos. 2469, 2680 and 2708.

## 6. World Tour entries by Host ISU Member

Entries by the Host Member directly to the World Tour session will not be accepted, see Rule 291, paragraph 8.k). This means that the same rules for entries apply to all ISU Members for these Olympic Winter Games Qualifying Competitions.

## 7. Required Qualifying Times

- a) All Skaters entered for a World Tour 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 Short Track World Tour 2025/26 as follows:

Women 500 meters: 47,21 (14% slower than world record as of July 1, 2025)  
Men 500 meters: 45,04 (14% slower than world record as of July 1, 2025)

If an ISU Member enters more than 1 Skater, the qualifying times required for all Skaters (including all Relay Skaters) entered by the ISU Member, are:

Women 500 meters: 45,56 (10% slower than world record as of July 1, 2025)  
Men 500 meters: 43,46 (10% slower than world record as of July 1, 2025)

**The qualifying times required for participation in the ISU Short Track World Tour 2025/26 are also required for participation in the Olympic Winter Games 2026.**

- b) The result must have been achieved and submitted with the Final Entry, ten (10) days before the respective ISU Short Track World Tour in one of the following Competitions:
- ISU Championships
  - ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions/Short Track World Tour 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 sanctioned by the ISU
- 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. 2710 must have been officiating.
- f) **The time, name of competition, place, date and a copy of the protocol, with name of Skater and time highlighted, must be uploaded in ORS in the section “Personal Best” of each Skater’s profile and for each distance.**
- g) For a Skater to be qualified for participation in the ISU Short Track World Tour 2025/26, only results achieved after July 1, 2023, will be considered.

## 8. Drawing and progression

- a) For each distance, the 20 highest ranked Skaters entered from the World Tour Classification of the distance, will be prequalified directly for the Heats of the 500m and 1000m and for the Quarter-Finals in the 1500m. For World Tour 1, the World Tour Classification from season 2024-2025 will be used for each distance. In case of a tie for the 20<sup>th</sup> place in the World Tour classification, the latest result from the World Tour season 2024-25 will be the tie breaker. For World Tour 2, the results of World Tour 6 in Milan (season 2024-2025) + World Tour 1 of the season 2025/26 will be used. For World Tour 3 & 4, all results from the World Tour 2025-26 season will be used.

World Tour		Season 2024/25						Season 2025/26			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4
1	Montreal	X	X	X	X	X	X				
2	Montreal						X	X			
3	Gdansk							X	X		
4	Dordrecht							X	X	X	

If there are less than 20 Skaters with World Tour Points entered in a distance, the next best Skaters, using the World Ranking points from the same events listed in the table above, entered in that distance, will be added until 20 Skaters will be included. If there is a tie for the 20<sup>th</sup> place, the latest results in the season will be used as a tie breaker.

- b) For the remaining entered Skaters, the make-up of the first Qualifying Round of each distance shall be based on the current World Ranking List over the distance following the principles of Rule 293 of the 2024 ISU Special Regulations. Progression to subsequent Qualifying Rounds shall be according to Rule 291, paragraph 8.
- c) If the first round of a distance is the Heats 500m or 1000m or Quarter-Final 1500m, there will be no prequalified Skaters and the make-up of the first Qualifying Round will be based on the World Ranking.
- d) The Seeding list for the Heats 500m & 1000m and Quarter Final 1500m are made starting with the 20 prequalified Skaters based on their World Ranking, then using the Intermediate Distance Classification for the Skaters qualifying from the first Qualifying rounds.
- e) The lane position for the Heats 500m & 1000m and the Quarter-Final 1500m will be made starting with the 20 prequalified skaters and then following Rule 293, paragraph 7, for the Skaters qualifying from the first qualifying round.
- f) From the Qualifying Sessions for 500 and 1000 meters, a number of Skaters (see Qualifying Tables to be published separately) will qualify for the Quarter-Finals which are held during the World Tour Session.
- g) Similarly, the number of Skaters to qualify for the 1500 meters Semi-Finals is specified in the Qualifying Tables.
- h) From the Repechage Session the winners of the Semi-Finals will qualify for the World Tour Session.
- i) To create the Intermediate Distance Classification for the process of ranking Skaters for seeding purposes between the various rounds of qualifications:
  - Only the results of the previous round in the distance, position and time, will be used to rank the Skaters. Skaters will be ranked first by position and then by time. If there is a tie on time, then there will be a draw conducted to split the tie and complete the Classification.
  - In the case of prequalified Skaters competing for the first time in the distance, they will be ranked first, according to the World Ranking List, followed by all other qualified Skaters based on their results from the previous qualifying round as per Rule 297, paragraph 2).
  - In the first round after the Repechage, Skaters who qualified directly without competing in Repechage rounds including advancements will be ranked first, and then Skaters who qualified via Repechage rounds.

## 9. Classifications at each World Tour 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 World Tour Session in accordance with Rule 297, using the results of the World Tour Session. Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors in the Qualifying Session. If there is a Tie in the

Quarter-Final 500, 1000m or Semi-Final 1500 between Skaters that qualified from the Repechage, their results in the last Repechage Round will be their Tie Breaker.

- 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.
- Any remaining Competitor will be ranked in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 2, using the results in the Qualifying Session.

## 10. World Tour Points & World Tour Classifications

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

Only Skaters with a result on the distance classification in the Main Sessions will receive World Tour Points. Skaters without World Tour points will nevertheless also have a ranking based on the distance classification.

For the Relay Races, the same point system will be used and all Relay Teams participating will get World Tour 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, the Skater's best three (3) out of potentially four (4) World Tour points scores from ISU World Tour Competitions will be considered for the World Tour distance classification.
- For each of the Relay distances, the best three (3) results from the Distance Classifications at ISU World Tour Competitions will be considered for the World Tour classification.

### Tie Breaker

In case of a Tie in the Distance World Tour Classification Points, the Winner will be the Skater with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes.

In case a Tie persists, the winner will be the Skater with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, then the most 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

If Skaters are tied because they have the exact same results (in World Tour points), the most recent result will be the Tie Breaker.

## 11. Classification for the Season's Overall Champions and winner of the ISU Short Track World Tour Crystal Globe Trophy 2025-2026

The Overall World Classification will include up to a maximum of nine (9) results for each Skater, irrespective of the individual distance skated.

### Tie Breaker

In case of a Tie in the Overall World Classification Points, the Winner will be the Skater with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes.

In case a Tie persists, the winner will be the Skater with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, then the most 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

If Skaters are tied because they have the exact same results (in World Tour points) for their nine (9) counting results, no further tie will be broken, and they will both be declared Season Champions and Winners of the ISU Short Track World Tour Crystal Globe.

## 12. Classification for the Season's Overall Team Champions and winner of the ISU Short Track World Tour Team Crystal Globe Trophy 2025-2026

For the season 2025-2026, there will be an Overall World Team Classification. Points will be accumulated by adding World Tour Points gained from all of the individual results of all team members across all categories (Women and Men) for each team and adding points from all Relay Races in all World Tour Events. The World Tour Points gained for the Relay Races will be tripled (see table below). All the points from all events will count (i.e. every World Tour point given to Skaters/Team throughout the season will be taken into consideration).

Classification	Individual Points	Relay Points
1	100	300
2	80	240
3	70	210
4	60	180
5	50	150
6	44	132
7	40	120
8	36	108
9	32	96
10	28	84
11	24	72
12	20	60

Classification	Individual Points	Relay Points
13	18	54
14	16	48
15	14	42
16	12	36
17	10	30
18	8	24
19	6	18
20	5	15
21	4	12
22	3	9
23	2	6
24	1	3

### Tie Breaker

In case of a Tie in the Overall World Tour Team Classification Points, the Winner will be the Team with the most 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes.

In case a Tie persists, the winner will be the Team with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, then the most 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

If Teams are tied because they have the exact same results (in World Tour points) for all their counting results, no further tie will be broken, and they will both be declared Season Team Champions and Winners of the ISU Short Track World Tour Team Crystal Globe Trophy.

## 13. Promotion of World Tour Classifications. Award Ceremony

At the end of every World Tour Competition, an updated version of the Overall World Classification & Overall World Team Classification will be published and promoted. There will be updates and promotions of the best ranked Skaters and Teams in the Overall World Classification and the Overall World Team Classification during all World Tour Competitions of the season.

A special Award Ceremony to crown the ISU Short Track World Tour Crystal Globe winners will take place at the conclusion of the last World Tour stop of the season in Dordrecht, NED on November 30, 2025.

#### 14. World Ranking

- a) To establish the World Ranking for each distance (for the purpose of seeding the Skaters or Teams) the points scoring at ISU World Tour Competitions is as follows:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	10000	24	299	47	27
2	8500	25	269	48	24
3	7225	26	242	49	21
4	6141	27	218	50	19
5	5220	28	196	51	18
6	4437	29	177	52	17
7	3771	30	159	53	16
8	3206	31	143	54	15
9	2725	32	129	55	14
10	2316	33	116	56	13
11	1969	34	104	57	12
12	1673	35	94	58	11
13	1422	36	84	59	10
14	1209	37	76	60	9
15	1028	38	68	61	8
16	874	39	62	62	7
17	743	40	55	63	6
18	631	41	50	64	5
19	536	42	45	65	4
20	456	43	40	66	3
21	410	44	36	67	2
22	369	45	33	68*	1
23	332	46	29		

\* Skaters ranked 68<sup>th</sup> and beyond in the distance classification will also receive 1 point

- b) Points are awarded only if the Skater is 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 10000, 8500, 8500, 6141, etc.

For individual distances and Relay distances: To begin the season 2025-2026, the best five (5) results from season 2024-2025 will be used for the World Ranking. Throughout the season the best five (5) results out of the six (6) most recent results will count. The results from season 2025-2026 will replace one by one the results of season 2024-2025. For season 2026-2027, if all World Tour Competitions scheduled for the season 2025-2026 did take place, only the results from season 2025-2026 will be kept (see table below).

Calculation of World Ranking for Individual distances:

Season 2024/25						Season 2025/26				
1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	
X	X	X	X	X	X					sum of best 5 from 6 results
	X	X	X	X	X	X				sum of best 5 from 6 results
		X	X	X	X	X	X			sum of best 5 from 6 results
			X	X	X	X	X	X		sum of best 5 from 6 results
						X	X	X	X	sum of best 3 from 4 results for 26-27

Calculation of World Ranking for Relays:

Season 2024/25						Season 2025/26				
1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	
X	X	X	X	X	X					sum of best 5 from 6 results
	X	X	X	X	X	X				sum of best 5 from 6 results
		X	X	X	X	X	X			sum of best 5 from 6 results
			X	X	X	X	X	X		sum of best 5 from 6 results
						X	X	X	X	sum of best 3 from 4 results for 26-27

## 15. Special Olympic Qualifying Classification

For each of the Distances, 500 meters Women and Men, 1000 meters Women and Men, 1500 meters Women and Men, 3000 meters Relay for Women, 5000 meters Relay for Men and 2000 meters Relays for Mixed Teams, the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC) will be established in accordance with Rule 284, paragraph 4. The World Ranking point system (starting from 10,000 points down to 1 point) will be used to establish the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC).

## 16. Qualification procedure for the Olympic Winter Games 2026 (Refer to Rule 284, paragraph 3 and Rule 282)

As per Rule 284, paragraph 5, the quota places for the 2026 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 ISU World Tour Competitions designated by the ISU.

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 available for each NOC for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

## 17. 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.

As per Rule 288, paragraph 1.h), all Skaters participating must wear eyewear 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 to inspect the equipment of Skaters at other ISU Events during the season. **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.**

## 18. Prize Money

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

Individual distances												
	500 m				1000 m				1500 m			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
1 <sup>st</sup> place	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000	US\$	13'000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000	US\$	10'000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000
4 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000
5 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000
6 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500
7 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000
8 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500
9 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000
10 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000	US\$	1'000

Team competitions						
	Relay				Mixed Team Relay	
	Men		Women			
1 <sup>st</sup> place	US\$	12'000	US\$	12'000	US\$	8'000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	6'000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000
4 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000
5 <sup>th</sup> place	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000	US\$	2'000

Prize Money Overall World Classification 2025/26				
Season's Champion rankings & Crystal Globe winners				
	Men		Women	
	1 <sup>st</sup> place	USD	20'000	USD
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	USD	13'000	USD	13'000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	USD	9'000	USD	9'000
4 <sup>th</sup> place	USD	6'000	USD	6'000
5 <sup>th</sup> place	USD	4'000	USD	4'000

<b>Total Prize Money</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>489'000</b>
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**QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – XXV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES –  
MILANO CORTINA 2026**

**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION (ISU)**

**Short Track Speed Skating**

**A. EVENTS (9)**

Men's events (4)	Women's events (4)	Mixed events (1)
Men's 500m Men's 1000m Men's 1500m Men's 5000m Relay	Women's 500m Women's 1000m Women's 1500m Women's 3000m Relay	Mixed Team Relay 2000m

**B. QUOTA PLACES**

**1. Total quota places for discipline:**

	Quota places	Host country quota places*	Total
Men	52	4	56
Women	52	4	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>112</b>

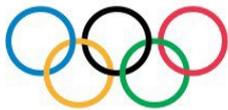
\*For further details, see Section D on Host Country Places

**2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) (per sport/discipline and/or per event):**

	Quota places per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	5 (with Relay Team) 3 (without Relay Team)	3 in individual events 1 team in Relay event
Women	5 (with Relay Team) 3 (without Relay Team)	3 in individual events 1 team in Relay event
Team	1 team in Mixed Team Relay	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 (with Relay Teams) 6 (without Relay Team)</b>	

**3. Maximum number of athletes per event (where applicable)**

	Maximum Quota		Maximum Quota
Men's 500m	32	Women's 500m	32
1000m	32	Women's 1000m	32



Men's 1500m	36	Women's 1500m	36
Men's 5000m Relay	8 teams	Women's 3000m Relay	8 teams
Mixed Team Relay 2000m 12 teams			

#### 4. Type of allocation of quota places:

The quota place/s is/are allocated to the NOC.

Quota places per gender and for the Mixed Team Relay are obtained by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the athletes of the National ISU Members (NFs) from the four (4) Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC). Each SOQC is based on three (3) best results out of four (4) results over the respective distance achieved at the four (4) ISU Short Track World Tour competitions designated by the ISU that will be held between September and December 2025 (for more details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications that will be published on 10 December 2025 on the ISU website, [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org)).

The four (4) SOQC for men will be for the Men's 500m, Men's 1000m, Men's 1500m and Men's 5000m Relay.

The four (4) SOQC for women will be for Women's 500m, Women's 1000m Women's 1500m and Women's' 3000m Relay.

There will be one (1) SOQC for the Mixed Team Relay.

## C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

### Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of ISU, may participate in the Olympic Games Milano Cortina 2026.

### Age requirements

As per ISU Regulations ([Rule 108, paragraph 2.a](#)), to be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Milano Cortina 2026, athletes must be born before *1 July 2008*.

### Additional IF eligibility criteria

- As per ISU Regulations, only NFs (ISU Members) are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU Short Track World Tour competitions.

## D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY



## QUOTA PLACES

### Men/Women/Mixed

Number of quota places	Qualification events
D.1	<p><b>D.1. Quota places allocated to NOCs with qualified Relay teams</b></p> <p>The eight (8) highest ranked NOCs in the SOQC for Relays in the respective gender qualify a team to participate in the Relay event. If the host country is not ranked in the top eight (8) of the Relay SOQC per gender, the respective Relay Team of the host country will replace the NOC ranked 8th.</p> <p>NOCs qualified for the Relay events may enter four (4) quota places per gender.</p>
D.2	<p><b>D.2. Quota places allocated based on qualified starting places in Individual distances</b></p> <p>D.2.1 Starting places in individual distances:</p> <p>Starting places will be assigned for each of the individual distances to the NOCs in the order of the respective SOQC.</p> <p>NOCs having skaters ranked first over the distances of 500, 1000 and 1500 meters get one (1) starting place in the respective distance. Following that, the NOCs having skaters ranked 2nd get one (1) starting place, etc., respecting the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The maximum number of starting places per NOC is three (3) skaters per distance;</li><li>• The number of starting places in the respective distances stays within the event specific quota for that distance as per B.3 above; i.e. the maximum number of skaters over 500m and 1000m will be 32, and the maximum number of Skaters over 1500m will be 36.</li></ul> <p>Starting places per individual distance will be assigned, one by one for each distance, in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Men's 500m</li><li>• Women's 500m</li><li>• Women's 1000m</li><li>• Men's 1000m</li><li>• Men's 1500m</li><li>• Women's 1500m</li></ul> <p>For each assignment of a starting place for an individual distance as described above, the NOC concerned will be allocated one (1) quota place according to the following procedure and criteria:</p> <p>D.2.2 A fifth (5th) quota place will be allocated to NOCs that are qualified for a Relay event as per D.1 as soon as the NOC have been assigned a total of eight (8) starting places for the individual distances for the same gender.</p>



	<p>D.2.3 NOCs not qualified for a Relay event will be allocated quota places for the respective gender according to their starting places assigned for the individual distances for that gender. The allocated number of quota places cannot exceed the highest number of starting places in any of the individual distances for the gender concerned.</p> <p>D.2.4 The total number of allocated quota places cannot exceed the IOC maximum quota as stated in B.1. above. If this maximum quota is reached, and further assignment of starting places would result in the allocation of an additional quota place, further assignment of starting places will be discontinued and only be considered in accordance with D.4. below.</p> <p>D.2.5 In the case that the IOC maximum quota of 112 athletes has not been reached after assignment of the maximum number of starting places for all individual distances, additional quota places may be allocated according to the procedure and criteria described in D.3. below.</p> <p>D.2.6 If the Host Country is not ranked to be allocated a starting place in the individual distances, it will be assigned the last starting place of the respective individual distances (Refer to the <b>Host Country Places Section</b>).</p>
<p><b>D.3</b></p>	<p><b>D.3. Quota places allocated based on qualified starting places in Mixed Team Relay</b></p> <p>D.3.1. Starting places for Mixed Team Relay</p> <p>A maximum of 12 Teams will participate in the Mixed Team Relay event.</p> <p>NOCs who have been allocated a minimum of two (2) quota places per gender will qualify for the Mixed Team Relay event in the order of the SOQC.</p> <p>The skaters competing in the Mixed Team Relay must be among the skaters entered for the OWG via the quotas from the individual distances or the Relays.</p> <p>D.3.2 In the case that less than twelve (12) NOCs have qualified a minimum of two (2) quota places per gender on the basis of the criteria in D.2, and if there are still quota places available after completing the quota allocation process, a maximum of one (1) additional quota place per NOC will be given to complete a mixed gender team for the highest ranked NOC (not yet qualified for the event) from the Mixed Team Relay SOQC to reach 12 teams for this event.</p>
<p><b>D.4</b></p>	<p><b>D.4 Allocation of remaining quota places</b></p> <p>D.4.1 In the case that the maximum quota for the sport (112 athletes) has not been reached after quota places have been allocated in accordance with <b>D.2</b> and <b>D.3.2</b>, one (1) additional quota place will be allocated to NOCs qualified for a Relay event that have been assigned seven (7) starting places in the individual distances for the same gender, so that they may enter five (5) Skaters for that gender.</p> <p>If necessary, in order not to exceed the total maximum quota of 112 athletes, the quota place will be allocated to the NOC (s) with the higher ranked team(s) in the SOQC for the Relay event. In case of a tie in the SOQC Relay ranking between genders, the additional quota place would be allocated to the NOC of the Relay team with the highest number of points in the SOQC. If a tie persists, the</p>



	<p>preference will be for the NOC with the best ranking achieved in the Relay event at any of the ISU Short Track World Tour competitions counting for the SOQC.</p> <p>D.4.2 If there would still be quota places available after completing the procedure described in D.4.1 above, and if there are still NOCs qualified for a Relay event with only four (4) quota places allocated for the same gender, such NOCs will be allocated a fifth (5th) quota place, with preference for the NOCs with the highest total number of assigned starting places in the individual distances for the gender concerned. In case of a tie, the same order of preference will apply as described in <b>D.4.1</b>.</p>
<b>D.5</b>	<p><b>D.5 Further allocation of event starting places (within allocated quotas)</b></p> <p>D.5.1 If the entered athletes (by name) do not fill up the maximum number of starting places for the distance (32 for the 500 and the 1000 meters and 36 for the 1500 meters), then NOCs that have not already been assigned the maximum of three (3) starting places and who have available skaters within their allocated quota, will be allowed to enter such skater(s) in the respective distance(s), in accordance with the order of the respective SOQC.</p> <p>D.5.2 In the case that the number of starting places per distance cannot be filled (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) after applying the procedure in <b>D.5.1</b> (and having reached the end of the applicable SOQC), then NOCs which have qualified for a Relay will be allowed to enter additional skaters in the respective distance(s) up to the maximum of three (3) skaters per distance.</p> <p>In the case of a tie, preference will be given for the NOC with the highest SOQC Relay ranking for the respective gender. If there are starting places that are still unused they may be filled by skater(s) from NOCs qualified for the Mixed Gender Relay, in accordance with the SOQC Mixed Team Relay rankings.</p>

## HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Country NOC (CONI) is not qualified through the qualifying procedure for individual events, then CONI will be entitled to enter:

- One (1) starting place in each individual event/distance for both Women and Men

If the Host Country CONI is not qualified through the qualifying procedure for relays, then CONI will be entitled to enter:

- a Mixed Team Relay team of two (2) women and two (2) men.
- a Relay Team of four (4) women
- a Relay Team of four (4) men.

All other criteria regarding quotas listed in **D.1 through D.4** also apply for the host country. The athlete(s) selected to fill the host country quota places must meet the athlete eligibility requirements as defined in **Section C**.

Even if the host country - CONI – rejects their allocated quota in the Relay event(s) and/or Mixed Team Relay, CONI may nevertheless enter one (1) skater in each of the individual distances.



## E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following the completion of the four (4) ISU designated ISU Short Track World Tour competitions and based on the respective SOQC the ISU will inform NOCs by 12 December 2025 of their allocated respective total number of quota places and the number of skaters each NOC can enter per individual distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm to the ISU the use of quota places by 16 January 2026.

## F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Between 17 and 22 January 2026, the ISU will reallocate unused quota places to NOCs based on the applicable SOQCs. NOCs will be requested to confirm within 24 hours whether they accept the reallocation of quota places, but at the latest on 22 January 2026.

A reallocation of an unused quota place that results in an NOC receiving at least two (2) skaters per gender **will not** affect the already assigned Mixed Team Relay starting places as described in **D.3**.

Unused Relay quota places will be reallocated to the NOC with the next placed Team of the Relay SOQC. This reallocation **will not** result in the effected NOC being allocated a fifth (5th) quota place for that gender regardless of the number of assigned quota places in the individual events as described in **D.2.2** and **D.4**.

## G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
<b>Qualification</b>	
1 August 2025	ISU announces qualifying competitions (ISU Short Track World Tour competitions) determining the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC).
15 September 2025 – 5 December 2025	ISU Short Track World Tour competitions determining the SOQCs. ISU Short Track World Tour #1, 9-12 October 2025, Montréal (CAN) ISU Short Track World Tour #2, 16-19 October 2025, Montréal (CAN) ISU Short Track World Tour #3, 20-23 November, Gdansk (POL) ISU Short Track World Tour #4 ,27-30 November, Dordrecht (NED)
<b>Inform and confirm quota allocation</b>	
12 December	Publication of SOQC
12 December 2025	ISU to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places
16 January 2026	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of quota places, both for event/distance and in total.
<b>Reallocation of quotas</b>	



17-22 January 2026	ISU to inform NOCs regarding the reallocation of quota places that will have to be confirmed by the NOC within 24 hours. Lack of a NOC response to the ISU within the deadline will be considered as a refusal rejection of the offered quota place.
23 January 2026	ISU to reallocate any unused quota places.
<b>26 January 2026</b>	<b>Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries deadline</b>
<b>TBD*</b>	<b>Milano Cortina 2026 Delegation Registration Meetings</b>
<b>6 – 22 February 2026</b>	<b>Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026</b>

\*To Be Determined