

Communication No. 2407

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ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2021/22 & Qualification procedure for the Olympic Winter Games 2022

1. World Cup Competitions

The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2021/22 will be presented under the title “ISU World Cup Short Track” and a specific logo. For the season 2021/22 the ISU has designated the following Competitions as World Cup Competitions serving as Olympic Winter Games Qualifying Competitions in accordance with Rule 284, paragraph 6, and Rule 286.

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>	
1	Beijing	CHN	October 21-22, 2021 October 23-24, 2021	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
2	Nagoya	JPN	October 28-29, 2021 October 30-31, 2021	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
3	Debrecen	HUN	November 18-19, 2021 November 20-21, 2021	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session
4	Dordrecht	NED	November 25-26, 2021 November 27-28, 2021	Qualifying Session WORLD CUP Session

Organizers of these World Cup Competitions are required to observe the conditions of the 2021 ISU Regulations and the most recent edition of the Memorandum for hosting ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions.

2. Announcement

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

3. 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 and second days are dedicated to the Qualifying Sessions with qualifying rounds only. On the third and fourth day all remaining qualifying rounds (if needed) will be held in the morning, and the afternoons will be for the World Cup sessions including Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.
- d) Competitors who:
 - qualified for the Heats, but did not qualify for the Quarter-Finals for 500 and 1000 meters,
 - were in the top 40 from the Quarter-Finals but did not qualify for the Semi-Finals for 1500 meters,

and Mixed Teams who:

-qualified for the Quarter-Finals but did not qualify for the Semi-Finals 2000m Relay during the Qualifying Sessions,

can enter the Special Ranking Final Session the for the distance concerned, except those who were given a sanction (Rule 297, paragraph 7), or who did not start or failed to finish in a race in the Qualifying Session.

- e) 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. B-Finals with only one (1) Skater / Team will not be skated, and the qualified Skater / Team will then be assigned the first finish position for the 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 Special Ranking Final Sessions, are specified by the ISU Short Track Technical Committee.
- f) Planned number of Skaters/Teams per Race:

Maximum planned number of Competitors	500	1000	1500	Relay
Preliminaries (Qualifying Session)	5	5	7	
Heats or Quarter Finals (Qualifying Session)	5	5	7	5
Special Ranking Final session	5	5	7	
Quarter Finals (World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)		
Semi Finals (World Cup Session)	5 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4
Finals (World Cup Session)	4 *)	5 *)	7 *)	4 *)

*) See Rule 295, paragraph 2.e)

- g) Payments to Officials must be in accordance with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 137, paragraph 6.b) and ISU Communication No. 2096.
- h) 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).
- i) At each Competition an ISU Technical Committee Representative will be assigned (Rule 288).

4. Distances and program

- a) The distribution of distances for all the World Cup Competitions and the respective World Cup sessions will be as follows:

Individual Distances for Women and Men				Relay Distances			
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
1500m, 500m Qualifying rounds	1000m Qualifying rounds	1500m, 500m	1000m	Mixed Teams 2000m Qualifying rounds	Women 3000m, Men 5000m Qualifying rounds	Women 3000m,,Men 5000m Semi Finals	Women 3000m, Men 5000m Finals Mixed Teams 2000m Semi Finals and Finals

- b) The program for each World Cup Competition is set as follows:
- Day -1 - Official Training
- Official Opening
- Day 1 - Qualifying Session Women & Men 1500m, 500m & Mixed Team Relay 2000m
- Day 2 - Qualifying Session Women & Men 1000m & Relay 3000m (Women) & 5000m (Men)
- Day 3 - Special Ranking Final Session (1500m, 500 m)
- WORLD CUP Session (1500m, 500m & 3000m Women and 5000m Men Relay Semi-Finals)
- Day 4 - Special Ranking Final Session (1000m, 2000m Mixed Team Relay)
- WORLD CUP Session (1000m & Mixed Team Relay Semi Finals & all Relay Finals)

The detailed program of the Qualifying Sessions and of the Special Ranking Final Sessions, will be made by the Competitors' Steward based on the number of entries. For all individual distances and relays the Qualifying Sessions will include all qualifying rounds necessary to qualify Skaters or Teams for the World Cup sessions (quarter finals for 500 and 1000 meters, semi-finals for 1500 meters and for all relay distances).

- c) The program for each day of the World Cup Sessions will follow a standardized schedule similar to the schedule of the Championships with the addition of the Mixed Team Relay between the individual distances and the other Relays.
3000m and 5000m Relay B Finals may be raced during the Sunday Special Ranking Final Session.

World Cup Session

<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>
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Women	4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Women
3	Semi-Finals	1500	Men	4	Quarter-Finals	1000	Men
	Ice Resurfacing				Ice Resurfacing		
1	Final B	1500	Women	2	Semi-Finals	1000	Women
1	Final A	1500	Women	2	Semi-Finals	1000	Men
	Medals on ice	1500	Women		Ice Resurfacing		
1	Final B	1500	Men	1	Final B	1000	Women
1	Final A	1500	Men	1	Final A	1000	Women
	Medals on ice	1500	Men		Medals on ice	1000	Women
	Ice Resurfacing			1	Final B	1000	Men
4	Quarter-Finals	500	Women	1	Final A	1000	Men
4	Quarter-Finals	500	Men		Medals on ice	1000	Men
	Ice Resurfacing				Ice Resurfacing		
2	Semi-Finals	500	Women	2	Semi-Finals Relay	2000	Mixed
2	Semi-Finals	500	Men		Ice Resurfacing		
	Ice Resurfacing			1	Final B Relay	2000	Mixed
1	Final B	500	Women	1	Final A Relay	2000	Mixed
1	Final A	500	Women		Medals on ice	2000	Mixed
	Medals on ice	500	Women		Ice Resurfacing		
1	Final B	500	Men	1	Final A Relay	3000	Women
1	Final A	500	Men		Medals on ice	3000	Women
	Medals on ice	500	Men	1	Final A Relay	5000	Men
	Ice Resurfacing				Medals on ice	5000	Men
2	Semi-Finals Relay	3000	Women				
2	Semi-Finals Relay	5000	Men				

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

- d) There will be no Warm Up sessions on Day 1 and Day 2, and no Warm Up sessions before the blocks of Ranking Finals on Day 3 and Day 4. There will only be Warm Up sessions scheduled before the Main Programs of Day 3 and Day 4.
- e) The Organizing Committee may suggest the starting times on each day in consultation with the ISU.
- f) No other Short Track Speed Skating events are allowed in the same facility during the ISU World Cup Competitions.

5. Entries

- a) In accordance with Rule 286, paragraph 3, the entries at a World Cup Competition 2021/22 shall be restricted to a maximum of six (6) Competitors per category (Women, Men) for each ISU Member, covering both individual and relay distances.
- 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 minimum 4, maximum 6 Competitors; Mixed Team Relay entries: one (1) Team per ISU Member, consisting of minimum 2 Women and 2 Men, and maximum 4 Women and 4 Men.
- d) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for the ISU World Cup Short Track.
- e) By making an entry for a World Cup Competition the ISU Member confirms that, if qualified, the ISU Member will participate in the Relay competition at relevant ISU Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022. The ISU Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU in writing before the last ISU World Cup Competition of the season (Rule 286, paragraph 4).

6. World Cup entries by Host ISU Member

Entries by the Host Member directly to the World Cup session will not be accepted, see Rule 295, paragraph 2 I). This means that the same rules for entries apply for all ISU Members for these Olympic Winter Games Qualifying Competitions.

7. Required Qualifying Times

- a) All Skaters entered for a World Cup Competition must have achieved an ISU qualifying time over the distance of 500 meters. The ISU Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee has determined qualifying times required for participation in the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2021/22 as follows:

Every ISU Member can enter one (1) Skater per category that has achieved the following qualifying time:
Women 500 meters: 50,80
Men 500 meters: 47,40

The qualifying times required for any additional Skaters entered by an ISU Member, are:
Women 500 meters: 49,53
Men 500 meters: 46,22
- b) The result must have been achieved at the latest seven (7) days before the respective ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating in one of the following Competitions:
 - ISU Championships;
 - ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions;
 - International Short Track Speed Skating Competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication published by the ISU;
 - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned;
 - Other Short Track Speed Skating 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 a Starter, listed in the ISU Communication "List of Referees, Starters and Competitors Stewards for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating" for the respective season, must have been officiating.

- f) A Protocol and a Program of the competition must be available.
- g) For a Skater to be qualified for participation in the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2021/22 only results achieved after July 1, 2019, will be considered.
- h) Unless the qualifying time has been achieved in an ISU Event, ISU Members entering participants must submit verification of the qualifying times achieved by each Competitor. This documentation must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat at the latest one (1) week before the start of the Event concerned. The Representative of the Technical Committee for the Competition will review the documents and confirm whether the qualifying criteria has been respected and if the entry can be accepted.
- i) A request for a special time trial for ISU Members that had no access to competitions and still are challenged to find a competition before the World Cup Competition can be made to the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee. Specific conditions will apply, including the presence of an ISU or a W Official (as per ISU Communication No. 2394) on site, a certificate of the measurement of the track and the videorecording of the time trial races.

8. Lane Positions

In each round the positions at the start line are determined in accordance with Rule 296, paragraph 8.

9. Drawing and progression

- a) 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 296 of the 2021 ISU Regulations. Progression to subsequent Qualifying Rounds shall be according to Rule 295, paragraph 2. From the Qualifying Rounds for 500 and 1000 meters a number of Skaters will qualify for the Quarter-Finals to be held during the World Cup Session, and from the Qualifying Rounds for the 1500 meters a number of Skaters will qualify for the Semi-Finals to be held during the World Cup session. The detailed progressions are published in the Qualification Table for 2021-2022.

10. Classifications at each 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 295). The classification of Competitors (individual Skaters or Teams) will be based on the results by Blocks in the following order: Final A, Final B, Semi-Finalists, Quarter-Finalists (500m, 1000m), Special Ranking Finals, other qualifying rounds.
- First to be listed will be Competitors who have qualified for the World Cup Session in accordance with Rule 295, using the results of the respective Block of the World Cup Session.
 - Any persisting tie between Competitors qualified for the World Cup Session will be broken according to the results of those Competitors in the Qualifying Session.
 - Any Competitor who received a penalty, did not start, or failed to finish in the first round of the World Cup Session will be ranked last in this Block. If this applies to more than one Competitor, they will be ranked according to their results in the Qualifying Session.
- Then the remaining Competitors who have participated in the Special Ranking Final Session will be ranked in accordance with Rule 295, using the results of the Special Ranking Final Session.
 - Each Race of the Ranking Final Session will be considered as a Block, so that any Competitor who was given a penalty, did not start or failed to finish in the Special Ranking Final Session will be ranked last in the Race they were scheduled to participate in. If this applies to more than one Competitor, they will be ranked according to their results in the Qualifying Session.
 - Any persisting tie will be broken according to the results of the Competitors concerned in the Qualifying Session.
- Any remaining Competitors will be ranked in accordance with Rule 295, using the results in the Qualifying Session.
 - Any Competitor who did not finish, received a penalty or was shown a yellow card (Rule 297, paragraph 7) in the first round of the Qualifying Session will be listed thereafter, in accordance with Rule 295.
- Competitors who have been entered but did not participate, due to whatever reason, will not be listed.

11. Points scoring

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

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	10000	16	352	31	14
2	8000	17	281	32	13
3	6400	18	225	33	12
4	5120	19	180	34	11
5	4096	20	144	35	10
6	3277	21	115	36	9
7	2621	22	92	37	8
8	2097	23	74	38	7
9	1678	24	59	39	6
10	1342	25	47	40	5
11	1074	26	38	41	4
12	859	27	30	42	3
13	687	28	24	43	2
14	550	29	19	44	1
15	440	30	15	45*	1

* Skaters ranked 46th and beyond will also receive 1 point

- 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 10000, 8000, 8000, 5120, etc.

12. World Cup 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) Distance Classifications at World Cup Competitions will be considered.
 b) 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.
 c) For the purpose of establishing the Special Classifications over the Relay Distances to qualify for the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022, a Distance Classification will be used with only European ISU Members, see Rule 286, paragraph 4.d).
 d) For the purpose of establishing the Special Classifications over the Relay Distances to qualify for the ISU 4 Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022, a Distance Classification will be used with only 4 Continents ISU Members, see Rule 286, paragraph 4.d).

13. 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 meter Relay for Women, 5000 meter Relay for Men and 2000 meter for Mixed Teams, the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC) will be established in accordance with Rule 284, paragraph 4.

The ISU is monitoring closely the Covid-19 pandemic situation and will make regular assessments regarding the feasibility of hosting the scheduled World Cup Competitions. In the case that some Competitions could not be held, the ISU will issue a new Communication that will address the effects on the criteria for the World Cup Classification and Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC).

14. Qualification procedure for the Olympic Winter Games 2022 (Refer to Rule 284, paragraph 3 and Rule 286)

As per Rule 284, paragraph 3, the quota places for the 2022 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 Cup 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 per NOC for the Olympic Winter Games 2022 in Beijing.

15. World Ranking

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and following the cancellation of all World Cup Competitions of the season 2020/21, the ISU Council approved the application of Rule 286, paragraph 9.b) that World Cup results from the season 2019/20 is used for the World Ranking replacing the cancelled World Cup season 2020/21. Considering the standing practice over years, points achieved in the best 6 out of 8 World Cup results from the season 2019/20 will form the World Ranking at the opening of the season 2021/22 for individual distances and best 4 out of 6 World Cup results for the Relay Women, Relay Men, and Mixed Gender Relay.

The results of World Cup 1 Beijing, World Cup 2 Nagoya, and World Cup 3 Debrecen of the season 2021/22 will subsequently replace one by one the results of the first 3 World Cup Competitions of the season 2019/20. Once all 4 World Cup Competitions of the season 2021/22 are completed, the best 3 results out of 4 from these World Cup Competitions will be used for the remaining of the season.

16. Prize Money

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

Individual distances												
	500 m				1000 m				1500 m			
	Men		Ladies		Men		Ladies		Men		Ladies	
1 st place	US\$	15'000	US\$	15'000	US\$	15'000	US\$	15'000	US\$	15'000	US\$	15'000
2 nd place	US\$	12'000	US\$	12'000	US\$	12'000	US\$	12'000	US\$	12'000	US\$	12'000
3 rd place	US\$	9'000	US\$	9'000	US\$	9'000	US\$	9'000	US\$	9'000	US\$	9'000
4 th place	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000	US\$	7'000
5 th place	US\$	6'000	US\$	6'000	US\$	6'000	US\$	6'000	US\$	6'000	US\$	6'000
6 th place	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000
7 th place	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000
8 th place	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500	US\$	3'500
9 th place	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000
10 th place	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500	US\$	2'500

Team competitions						
	Relay				Mixed Gender Relay	
	Men		Ladies			
1 st place	US\$	12'000	US\$	12'000	US\$	8'000
2 nd place	US\$	8'000	US\$	8'000	US\$	6'000
3 rd place	US\$	5'000	US\$	5'000	US\$	4'000
4 th place	US\$	4'000	US\$	4'000	US\$	3'000
5 th place	US\$	3'000	US\$	3'000	US\$	2'000

Total Prize Money	US\$	489'000
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ATTACHMENT A - Qualification system for XXIII Winter Olympics Games, Beijing 2022



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR XXIV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES, BEIJING 2022

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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. ATHLETES QUOTA

B.1 Total Quota for Sport / Discipline:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	52	4	56
Women	52	4	56
Total	104	8	112

B.1.1 Maximum Event/Distance Specific Quota

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

B.2 Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota 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	
Total	10 (with Relay Teams) 6 (without Relay Team)	



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B.3 Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place/s is/are allocated to the NOC. The selection of athletes for its allocated quota places is at the discretion of the NOC subject to the eligibility requirements

Quota places per gender are earned by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the National ISU Members (NFs) from the four (4) Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) per gender and from the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) of the Mixed Team Relay.

Each SOQC is based on three (3) best results out of four (4) results over the respective distance achieved at the four (4) ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions designated by the ISU that will be held between September and December 2021 (for more details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications that will be published on the ISU website, 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

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force included 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 these athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

C.1 Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 must be born before 01 of July 2006.

C.2 Additional IF Requirements:

As per ISU Regulations, only NFs (ISU Members) are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Process
<u>D.1</u>	<p>D.1. Quota places allocated to NOCs with qualified Relay teams</p> <p>The eight (8) highest ranked NFs/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/NF ranked 8th.</p> <p>NOCs/NFs qualified for the Relay events are allocated four (4) quota places per Gender.</p>
<u>D.2:</u>	<p>D.2. Quota places allocated based on qualified starting places in Individual distances</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/NFs in the order of the respective SOQC:</p> <p>NOCs/NFs 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/NFs having skaters ranked 2nd get one (1) starting place, etc, respecting the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The maximum number of starting places per NOC/NF is three (3) skaters per distance;• The number of starting places in the respective distances stays within the event specific quota for that distance as per B.1.1. 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. <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">• Men's 500m• Women's 500m• Women's 1000m• Men's 1000m• Men's 1500m• Women's 1500m <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>



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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Process
	<p>D.2.2 A fifth (5th) quota place will be allocated to NOCs/NFs that are qualified for a Relay event as per D.1 as soon as the NOC/NF have been assigned a total of eight (8) starting places for the individual distances for the same gender.</p> <p>D.2.3 NOCs/NFs 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 Host Country Places Section).</p>
<u>D.3</u>	<p>D.3. Quota places allocated based on qualified starting places in Mixed Team Relay</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/NFs 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 best placed NOC (not yet qualified for the event) from the Mixed Team Relay SOQC to reach 12 teams for this event.</p>
<u>D.4</u>	<p>D.4 Allocation of remaining quota places</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 D.2 and D.3.2, one (1) additional quota place will be allocated to NOCs qualified for a Relay event</p>



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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Process
	<p>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 preference for an additional quota place would then be for 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 preference for the additional quota place would be given to the NOC of the Relay team with the highest number of points in the SOQC. If a tie persists, the preference will be for the NOC with the best Ranking achieved in the Relay events at any of the ISU World Cup Short Track 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 there would still be 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 D.4.1.</p>
D.5	<p>D.5 Further allocation of event starting places (within allocated quotas)</p> <p>D.5.1 If the entered athletes (by name) will 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/NFs 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 D.5.1 (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 vacant, 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 not qualified through the qualifying procedure, the host NOC/NF will be entitled to:

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

If not qualified through the qualifying procedure, the host NOC/NF 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.



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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**.

If the host NOC/NF forfeits its right to participate in the Relay event(s) and/or Mixed Team Relay, the host NOC/NF 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 World Cup Short Track Competitions and based on the respective SOQC the ISU will inform NOCs/NFs by 13 December 2021 of their respective total number of quota places and the number of skaters each NOC/NF can enter per individual distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm to the ISU the use of quota places by 14 January 2022.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Between 17 and 21 January 2022, the ISU will redistribute unused quota places to NOCs/NFs based on the applicable SOQCs. NOCs will be requested to confirm within 24 hours whether they accept the offered reallocation of quota places, but at the latest on 21 January 2022.

A reallocation of unused quota place that results in an NOC/NF 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/NF 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

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 August 2021	ISU announces qualifying competitions (ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions) determining the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC).
	15 September 2021 – 5 December 2021	ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Competitions determining the SOQCs. World Cup 1 (TBD*) World Cup 2 (TBD*) World Cup 3 (TBD*) World Cup 4 (TBD*)
Accreditation deadline	TBD*	Beijing 2022 Accreditation deadline
Inform and confirm	13 December 2021	Publication of SOQC
	13 December 2021	ISU to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	14 January 2022	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of quota places, both per event/distance and in total.
Reallocation	17 – 21 January 2022	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 of the offered quota place.



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Period	Date	Milestone
	22 January 2022	End of reallocation process
Sport Entries deadline	24 January 2022	Beijing 2022 Sport Entries deadline
Delegation Registration Meetings	TBD*	Beijing 2022 Delegation Registration Meetings
Games Time	4 – 20 February 2022	Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022

*To Be Determined