

c) For each of the distances a classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraphs 6 and 7;

### **Winner**

5. a) The winner is the Skater having attained the highest rank according to Rule 295, paragraph 8, at the conclusion of the Championships.

b) The winning team of the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships for the relay competition is the one which has been declared winner of the final race.

c) For Titles see Rule 133.

## **E. Olympic Winter Games**

### **Rule 284**

#### **Distances**

1. For the Olympic Winter Games the distances are:

a) 500, 1000 and 1500 meters individual distances for Ladies and Men;

b) 3000 meters relay for Ladies;

c) 5000 meters relay for Men;

#### **Entry quotas**

2. a) For each edition of the Olympic Winter Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) stipulates an overall maximum number of Skaters to be entered into Short Track Speed Skating events (IOC Quota), with a target number for each gender. If for either Ladies or Men the respective IOC quota would not be reached according to the Qualifying System described in the ISU Regulations, the respective unused number of quota places would be credited and added to the quota of the other gender.

b) The total overall number of entered Short Track Speed Skaters per ISU Member, respectively National Olympic Committee (NOC quota) will be maximum 10 Skaters; maximum 5 Ladies, respectively 5 Men (for ISU Member/NOC qualified for the relay event) and maximum 3 Ladies, respectively 3 Men (for ISU Member/NOC not qualified for the relay event).

#### **Qualification system**

3. a) General

Quota places 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 four (4) Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) resulting from the two (2) ISU World Cup Competitions designated by the ISU to be held during October – December prior to the Olympic Winter Games. The four (4) SOQCs will be for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters each for Ladies and Men, 3000

meters relay Ladies and 5000 meters relay Men. As per ISU Regulations, only ISU Members are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions which include ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions.

Upon confirmation by the ISU of the quota places earned by the ISU Members/NOCs, the subsequent entries by name to the Olympic Winter Games to be made within the applicable deadlines, are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member/NOC subject to the entered Skaters being eligible according to ISU and IOC rules.

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

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

b) Host ISU Member/NOC

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

- Ladies and Men relay;

- 1 Skater in each individual event/distance both Ladies and Men.

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

c) Relay

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

d) Individual distances

ISU Members/NOCs qualified for the relay events may enter a maximum of 5 Skaters in total. The Skaters competing in the individual events must be among the Skaters in the relay team.

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

- i) the number of quota places per ISU Member/NOC has reached the maximum of 3 Skaters per distance;

ii) the number of Skaters on the respective distances has reached the maximum number of Skaters for that distance; i.e. the maximum number of Skaters over 500 and 1000 meters will be 32. The maximum number of Skaters over 1500 meters will be 36;

iii) the total number of Skaters per category (Ladies/Men) has reached the IOC quota;

iv) if the number of athletes per distance has not reached the maximum number of Skaters (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) on one or more distances, and the process of simultaneously qualifying can not be continued without exceeding the IOC quota, then Skaters will be added on a one-by-one basis until the IOC quota has been reached. The next available skater(s) per distances with the highest rank will be added on the respective distance. In the case of a tie the shortest distance will prevail.

v) If according to sub-paragraph i), ii), iii), iv) above the number of actually entered Skaters by name has not reached the maximum per distance (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) then the ISU Member/NOCs having Skaters entered as per sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii) and iv) above, will be allowed to enter the same Skaters in the respective distance(s) in the order of the respective SOQC, up to the maximum of 3 Skaters per distance. Consequently this will not affect the total number of entered Skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.

vi) In the exceptional case that the number of skaters per distance can not be filled (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) after applying the procedures in the sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii), iv) and v) above then ISU Members/NOCs who have qualified for the Relay but who have no individual competitors will be allowed to enter Skaters on the respective distance(s). In the case of a tie the Relay team with the highest rank will prevail. Consequently this will also not affect the total number of entered Skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.

#### **Process of confirmation of places**

4. After the designated ISU World Cup Competitions will be completed and based on the resulting SOQC, the ISU will inform the ISU Members/NOCs of their respective total number of quota places and the number of Skaters each ISU Member/NOC can enter per individual distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm to the ISU the use of quota places within a specific deadline to be announced through an ISU Communication.

#### **Reallocation of unused quota positions**

5. Unused quota places will be redistributed to ISU Members/NOCs based on the different SOQCs. NOCs will be requested to confirm within 3 days whether they accept the offered reallocation of quota places, but at the latest within the deadline to be announced through an ISU Communication.

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

### **Qualifying Timeline**

6. Qualifying timelines will be defined and communicated through a specific ISU Communication.

### **Medal assignments at Olympic Winter Games**

7. a) For the Olympic Winter Games only, Finals A and B will take place for the 500, 1000 and 1500 meter individual final races, and for the Ladies 3000 meter relay and Men's 5000 meter relay final races.

b) The Finals A and B are created so that, to the extent possible, the three IOC medals with accompanying diplomas and the five additional IOC diplomas (together referred to as the "IOC Awards") available for each race are actually awarded to eight skaters or eight relay teams.

c) The eight IOC Awards are conferred on skaters or teams in the order of finish (from first to last), starting with the Final A, and thereafter, as necessary to fill the IOC Award positions, continuing with skaters or teams (from first to last) finishing the Final B.

d) Vacancies in the eight IOC Award positions may be created in the Final A or B race by: (i) skater or team disqualification (DQ), (ii) skater or team did not start (DNS) or (iii) skater or team did not finish (DNF).

e) A DQ, DNS or DNF skater or team in the Final A or Final B is not eligible to receive an IOC Award. The next finishing skater or team, and the succeeding finishing skaters or teams, whether in the Final A or the Final B, considered in their respective finishing sequence (from first to last), move up. Finishing time established by any skater or team is not a qualifying factor.

f) For the avoidance of doubt, vacancies in the eight IOC Award positions due to DQ, DNS or DNF shall be filled as follows:

i) If a DQ, DNS or DNF occurs in the Final A creating a vacancy in the IOC Award positions, the next-ranking skater or team who finished the Final A race, moves up to fill the vacancy. This advancement procedure is followed in like manner for additional vacancies in IOC Award positions until no finishing skaters or teams from the Final A remain available to be advanced.

ii) If one or more of the IOC Award positions remains vacant after the above procedure for filling IOC Award vacancies with Final A finishers is completed, the next-ranking skater or team (or skaters or teams as the case may be) finishing the Final B moves up to fill the IOC award vacancy or vacancies.

g) Any skater or team not finishing the Final A or Final B is not eligible for an IOC Award, and if this results in less than eight skaters or teams being available for an IOC Award, the vacant IOC Award position(s) shall not be filled and the award(s) shall not be conferred.