

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1629

ISU WORLD STANDINGS FOR SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE ISU SEASON'S WORLD RANKING (Replaces ISU Communication 1460)

During its recent meeting, the ISU Council decided to implement two types of World Standings/Ranking, namely

- the “**ISU World Standings**” which is taking into account results of the preceding two seasons and the current season and remains the basis for the draws at ISU Events and part of the criteria for the selection of competitors for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and other ISU Events designated by the Council.

and

- the “**ISU Season’s World Ranking**” which is based on the results of the current ongoing season only. It has the main purpose to reflect the current competitive performances of the skaters and give the public and the media an indication of the current actual competitiveness of the skaters.

Compared to Communication No. 1460, specific changes have been applied in item C.1.6. for clarification and item C.4 (Distribution of points for ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final) which now reflect better the weight between all events valid for ISU World Standings /ISU Season’s World Ranking points.

A. ISU WORLD STANDINGS FOR SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE

(valid and officially used for all draws and as a skater's selection criteria for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and other ISU Events designated by the Council)

1. OBJECTIVES

To present an objective and accountable standings system for all skaters in Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance during a particular season which takes into account the results of the preceding two seasons ensuring that skaters who were unable to compete for a certain period of time remain in the World Standings and are considered according to their true basic competitiveness. The ISU World Standings are used as basis for all draws in ISU Events as well as one of the skaters selection criteria for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and other ISU Events designated by the Council.

2. PRINCIPLES

2.1 Based on results of the preceding two seasons and the current season, weighted with a different percentage (factor) see paragraph C.2.4;

2.2 The amount of points to score for each competitor/couple depends on

2.2.1 the final placement;

2.2.2 the total amount of points designated for that particular event.

2.3 Within the preceding two seasons and the current season the following events will be considered for the ISU World Standings order, season's factors as per C.1. to be considered:

2.3.1 **ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games:** The best result by points per season; the best two results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season;

2.3.2 **ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final:** The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season;

2.3.3 **ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final:** The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season;

2.3.4 **International Senior Calendar Competitions:** The two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season;

2.3.5 For **Pairs** either the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating or the ISU (Senior) Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be considered for points. The applicable events will be based on the two best results by points per season; the best four results by points over a period not longer than 2 completed seasons plus the current season;

2.3.6 After the current season's ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the longest standing results (i.e. those from 3 seasons before the current season) will be deleted.

2.4 Pairs and Ice Dance couples with a new partner will start with 0 points. There is no transfer of points to either partner; the previous partnership will be removed from the World Standings.

2.5 The ISU World Standings order will be updated after each event mentioned in paragraph C.1.

2.6 Only eligible persons will be considered in the ISU World Standings.

B. ISU SEASON'S WORLD RANKING

(to reflect the ranking taking into account results of the current season only)

1. OBJECTIVES

To present to the public at large and the media, an acceptable and accountable standings system of all skaters in Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance **for the current season giving an indication of the current actual competitiveness of the skaters.**

As this ranking order does not protect skaters who were unable to participate in events of the previous season(s), only the World Standings System as introduced under paragraph A. of this Communication shall be used as the basis for the draws at ISU Event and as a criteria for the skaters selection for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and other ISU Events designated by the Council.

2. PRINCIPLES

2.1 Based on results of the current season.

2.2 The amount of points to score for each competitor/couple depends on

2.2.1 the final placement;

2.2.2 the total amount of points designated for that particular event.

2.3 Within the period as indicated above, the following events will be considered for the ranking order:

2.3.1 **ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games:** The best result by points of the current season;

2.3.2 **ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final:** The two best results by points of the current season;

2.3.3 **ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final:** The two best results by points of the current season;

2.3.4 **International Senior Competitions:** The two best results by points of the current season;

2.3.5 For **Pairs** either the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating or the Senior Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be considered for points. The applicable event will be based on the two best results by points of the current season.

2.4 Pairs and Ice Dance couples with a new partner will start with 0 points. There is no transfer of points to either partner; the previous partnership will be removed from the ISU Season's World Ranking.

2.5 The ISU Season's World Ranking order will be updated after each event mentioned in paragraph C.1.

2.6 Only eligible persons will be considered in the ISU Season's World Ranking.

C. ELIGIBLE EVENTS / COMPETITIONS AND POINT SYSTEM FOR A AND B

1. ELIGIBLE EVENTS / COMPETITIONS AND CONDITIONS

- 1.1 ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games.
- 1.2 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events (senior) including the Final.
- 1.3 ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events including the Final.
- 1.4 International Senior Competitions, provided there are minimum 8 single skaters, respectively 6 Ice Dance couples out of four ISU Members present respectively 5 Pairs out of three ISU Members.
- 1.5 Events, mentioned under paragraph 1.4, in which the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the two (2) Technical Specialists) are from three (3) different ISU Members. (It is recommended that participating ISU Members, before entering their skaters, check with the organizing Members of International Competitions whether this requirement will be fulfilled).
- 1.6 Regional International Competition (e.g. Nordics, Asian Winter Games etc.) or competitions, which are open only for special groups of skaters (e.g. Universiade, events with invitations only to designated Members (except the ISU Grand Prix events), etc.) will **not** count for the ISU World Standings/Season's World Ranking (The International Competitions falling into this category will be identified in the Event Calendar published on the ISU website www.isu.org).

2. PLACES CONSIDERED FOR POINTS / FACTORS PER YEAR

- 2.1 ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games
 - 2.1.1 World Figure Skating Championships;
 - 2.1.2 Olympic Winter Games;
 - 2.1.3 European Figure Skating Championships;
 - 2.1.4 Four Continents Figure Skating Championships;
 - 2.1.5 Junior World Figure Skating Championships;
 - 2.1.6 Points for Events, mentioned under paragraph 2.1.1 to 2.1.5 will be awarded to competitors having reached and finished the final Free Skating / Free Dance.
- 2.2 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final
 - 2.2.1 Senior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events places 1 - 8
 - 2.2.2 Senior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final places 1 - 6
 - 2.2.3 Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events places 1 - 10
 - 2.2.4 Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final places 1 - 8
- 2.3 International Senior Competitions
 - International Senior Competition with the restriction as to C.1.5 and C.1.6 places 1 - 5
- 2.4 Weight (Factor) per season
 - 2.4.1 Current and intermediate season's earned points will count 100 %
 - 2.4.2 Previous season's earned points will count 70 %

3. POINTS AVAILABLE

3.1	World Figure Skating Championships	max. available points: 11.043
3.2	Olympic Winter Games	max. available points: 11.043
3.3	European Figure Skating Championships	max. available points: 7.729
3.4	Four Continents Figure Skating Championships	max. available points: 7.729
3.5	Junior World Figure Skating Championships	max. available points: 4.601
3.6	Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final	max. available points: 3.748
3.7	Grand Prix of Figure Skating events	max. available points: 2.278
3.8	Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final	max. available points: 1.994
3.9	Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events	max. available points: 1.630
3.10	International Senior competitions	max. available points: 1.024

4. DISTRIBUTION OF POINTS (10% steps)

Place	WC/ OWG	EC/FC	WJC	GPF	GP	JGPF	JGP	IC
1.	1200	840	500	800	400	350	250	250
2.	1080	756	450	720	360	315	225	225
3.	972	680	405	648	324	284	203	203
4.	875	612	365	583	292	255	182	182
5.	787	551	328	525	262	230	164	164
6.	709	496	295	472	236	207	148	
7.	638	446	266		213	186	133	
8.	574	402	239		191	167	120	
9.	517	362	215				108	
10.	465	325	194				97	
11.	418	293	174					
12.	377	264	157					
13.	339	237	141					
14.	305	214	127					
15.	275	192	114					
16.	247	173	103					
17.	222	156	93					
18.	200	140	83					
19.	180	126	75					
20.	162	113	68					
21.	146	102	61					
22.	131	92	55					
23.	118	83	49					
24.	106	74	44					
Event	11'043	7'729	4'601	3'748	2'278	1'994	1'630	1'024

WC = World Championships
 EC = European Championships
 FC = Four Continents Championships
 GPF = Grand Prix Final
 GP = Grand Prix
 JGP = Junior Grand Prix
 IC = International Senior Competitions

OWG = Olympic Winter Games
 WJC = World Junior Championships
 JGPF = Junior Grand Prix Final

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