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GENERAL

Rule 101

Regulations

All Competitions must be conducted strictly in accordance with the ISU Regulations in effect at the time such events are held.

Rule 102

General Rules

- a) The Star Class and Danubia series are open to any ISU member.
- b) The categories are Junior D, Junior C, Junior B, Junior A, both Male and Female. In addition there are the categories Ladies and Men.
- c) For the categories Junior A, B, C and D the age limits are specified in Rule 108, paragraph 1 c.
- d) The categories Ladies and Men include only the skaters who have reached the age of 19 before July 1st preceding the competition.
- e) Entries can only be accepted if a skater is entered into the correct age category that their birth date qualifies them for.
- f) When a skater enters the Star Class and Danubia series they have to, as part of their entry data, announce which ISU member they are representing, this is to be in accordance with ISU eligibility Rules. Skaters can only qualify for the Europa Cup Final by participating in the qualifying events in the region to which the ISU Member they represent belongs.

Qualification into the Europa Cup Final

- g) The final ranking will only consist of skaters from one of the two regions (East or West):

Danubia Series (Eastern Region) 22 members		Star Class (Western Region) 14 members	
Armenia	Latvia	Belgium	Italy
Austria	Lithuania	Denmark	Luxemburg
Azerbaijan	Montenegro	Finland	Netherlands
Bosnia Herzegovina	Poland	France	Norway
Bulgaria	Romania	Germany	Spain
Croatia	Russia	Great Britain	Sweden
Czech Republic	Serbia	Greece	Switzerland
Estonia	Slovakia		
Georgia	Slovenia		
Hungary	Turkey		
Israel	Ukraine		

- h) At the end of each series of competitions a Qualification Ranking List will be drawn up. Only skaters that have participated in a minimum of 50% of their region's qualifying events (Danubia Open Series or Star Class series) will be in the Qualification Ranking List. If this minimum number of competitions is an odd number, then the minimum number will be rounded off to the nearest higher number.
- i) From the Qualification Ranking List of the Danubia and Star Class Series the top 8 ranked skaters in each category (Junior A, B, C, and D Male and Female, Ladies and Men) will qualify for participation in the Europa Cup Final. Only the named skater can qualify for the final, through the relevant series in their home region, as listed in point (a). If he/she is not able to participate in the final then the next skater in the Qualification Ranking List will qualify. However, there is a restriction to a maximum of 3 skaters per category per ISU member.
- j) Only for the category Ladies and the category Men : in these categories skaters who have participated in a World Cup Competition and/or an ISU Championships, during the respective season, are excluded from the Qualifying Ranking List.
- k) Each ISU member has the right to enter one male and one female relay team of 4 or 5 skaters from the competitors for the categories Junior A, B, C only. Team members must have qualified and participate in the individual competition.

Organisation of the Europa Cup Final

- l) There should be an interval of at least 21 days between the last qualifying Star Class/Danubia series competitions and the Europa Cup Final.

- m) Each regional Coordination Group will send the List of Qualified Athletes to the organising committee of the Europe Cup Final and publish the complete final Ranking on their respective websites within 3 days after the last competition of the Series.
- n) The organising committee for the finals will then invite through the National governing body (ISU Member) the qualified skaters, within 7 days of the final qualifying event or 14 days before the start of the Europa Cup Final.
- o) Skaters that are not able to take up their qualifying place should notify the organising committee of the finals within 10 days of Europa Cup Final. This will enable time for the organising committee to invite a replacement skater from the ranking list.
- p) In case the ISU Development Program will not financially support the Ladies/Men Categories the participants in these categories will have to pay their own costs.
- q) The organising member of the Europa Cup Final will including among the invited officials;
 - a. The referee (from the guest region to the host organising member),
 - b. A First Assistant Referee (from the Host Region),
 - c. Three assistant referees (two host region one from the guest region)
 - d. Two starters (one from each region)
 - e. Competitor stewards (one from each region)
 - f. Members of the region co-ordination groups
- r) The above people will be reimbursed for a minimum of travel and accommodation during the event. Actual costs of travel will only be reimbursed if reasonable and on the production of a bona fide receipt. Where possible officials should travel together by car.
- s) Officials should be invited by the organizing committee at least 30 days prior to the event and should confirm their participation in writing within 7 days at the most indicating how they would prefer travelling and estimating costs as well as any other lodging requirements they may have. Travel expenses are to be agreed with the organizers in advance.
- t) The Coordinating Groups of both Series will send proposals for the above listed Official to be invited, in due time. If there are valid reasons the Organizers can reject the proposal from the respective Coordinating Group but cannot invite other Officials. In that case the Coordination Group will make a new proposal immediately.

Rule 103

Definition of Competitions

1. **StarClass Competitions**
 - a) StarClass Competitions for Junior C and D;
 - b) StarClass Competitions for Junior A, Junior B, Ladies and Men;

Rule 104

Age limits

For StarClass Competitions the following age categories are used:

Category	Age before July the 1st preceding the Competition:
<u>StarClass A</u>	17 and 18
<u>StarClass B</u>	15 and 16
<u>StarClass C</u>	13 and 14
<u>StarClass D</u>	10, 11 and 12;
<u>StarClass Ladies/Men</u>	above 19

In the case of a very low number of entries in a Category then this category may be combined with the next higher category. See Rule 109.

Rule 105

Date of announcement

The announcement of a StarClass Competition must be published in English, six (6) weeks before the first day of the competition.

Distribution of the Announcement

Organizers of each Competition must send their announcement in electronic format to the ISU Secretariat for publication on the ISU Home page. Further the announcement must be published on the homepage of the series and copies must be sent by email to as many clubs as possible.

Rule 106

Contents of announcements

Every announcement of a Competition must include the following general items:

- a) a statement regarding the place where the competition will be held;
- b) a statement regarding the type of the rink (natural or artificial, open air or indoor);
- c) the dates and starting times of the competition;
- d) a confirmation of the time when the Competitors must be present on site
- e) Name and telephone, or other contact data, to whom Competitors can report their due arrival
- f) the date of closing of entries;
- g) the character of the prizes.
- h) a statement regarding the track, which latter must be in accordance with ISU Rule 280; also the ice surface and the type of barriers surrounding the ice;
- i) the maximum number of Skaters;
- j) a statement regarding the type of race in accordance with ISU Rule 294 and 295;
- k) StarClass Logo, Danubia Logo
- l) summary of data required for seeding purposes
- m) Any financial requirements imposed by the Organizing Committee for making on-site arrangements.

Rule 107

Entries

Entries must include:

- a) the title of the competition;
- b) the name of the Club and ISU Member making the entry;
- c) the number of athletes in each category
- d) the number of coaches and team leaders

Procedures

- a) For StarClass Competition all entries must be made through www.ShorttrackOnline.info.
- b) Other Entries can be made by the Club, or the Member to which the club is affiliated, and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail to the body or person and within the time limit (closing date) designated in the Announcement for the competition. Entries by fax or email must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously to the Organizers.
- c) In principle entries can only be made by the Member of the International Skating Union. With the approval of the respective Member the Clubs belonging to this Member may be active in this matter and take care of the actual administrative process to make the entries.
- d) For StarClass Competitions the athletes will always participate under the name of their club. Athletes entered as Members of a National Team will be recorded with the text '(NT)' behind their family name to confirm their status as National Team members.
- e) The entry must fulfill all requirements of the ISU Regulations (insurance, etc.)

Entries

The number of competitors, substitutes, coaches and team leaders shall be entered at least 30 days before the first day of the competition. The number of other personnel traveling with the team shall also be communicated separately at least 30 days before the competition.

Final entries

Final entries shall be communicated to the organizing committee at the latest on the fifth (5) day before the first day of the competition and must contain;

- a) the given name (first) and surname of the competitor;
- b) date of birth of each competitor;
- c) data requested for seeding purposes;
- d) the International Registration Numbers (UPID)
- e) the date and time of arrival and departure of competitors and those accompanying them;
- f) a financial statement by the respective Club/ISU Member that all costs occurred will be covered.

Presence

Competitors must be present at the site of the competition two (2) hours before the starting time as published in the announcement, or the Organizing Committee must confirm their arrival in the city of the competition; Competitors who fail to report in due time will be excluded from participation

Checking of entries

Organizers must consult with the respective Coordination Group to determine the eligibility of entered athletes to participate in each category.

A copy of the Entry including the name of the skater, club, date of birth, and if applicable qualifying time, distance, date and which competition it was achieved at, must be sent by email to iangooch@btinternet.com for StarClass Competitions

Post entries

- a) All entries arriving after midnight (local time at the site of the competition) on the day for the closing of entries are post entries;
- b) In case of exceptional circumstances a post entry may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizer;
- c) Post entries may be accepted only up to the time when the starting order is drawn.

Rule 108

Entrance Fees

- a) An Entrance Fee of 10 euro for StarClass Competitions must be paid to the Organizers for each accredited person, e.g. for every athlete and for every coach/team leader. If there is more than one coach and one teamleader.
- b) If accepted by the Organizers the equivalent amounts may also be paid in other currencies.
- c) For entries with more than 10 skaters the payment must be in advance.
- d) A confirmation of the entry and the payment will be sent immediately by the organizers.

Rule 109

Validity of events

A competition in a category will take place if at least six(6) competitors have been entered and if four(4) of them appear at the start.

If the competition does not take place in a category due to an insufficient number of competitors then the competitors concerned are allowed to start in the next category of older competitors.

If the competition in the oldest category cannot take place due to an insufficient number of competitors then the competitors are allowed to start with the next younger category.

If two or more categories are racing together then the awards in the respective Competition will be given as if it was one (1) category. For the StarClass Classification and the Qualifying Ranking List in the StarClass Series the athletes in each of the combined categories will be awarded points per category.

Rule 110

On site Medical services

- a) emergency medical personnel and an appropriately trained medical doctor must be present at the rinkside during all scheduled practice sessions and competitions.
- b) An ambulance must be accessible within five (5) minutes for the treatment of ill or injured Skaters. If the response time is more than five (5) minutes, an ambulance must be on site; In this respect an ambulance is a car which has life-saving equipment and is suitable for the transport of injured people.
- c) The Medical Staff must have equipment to deal with Cut Resistant Uniforms.
- d) A medical room must be close to the ice surface and accessible by ambulance for the treatment of ill or injured Skaters. The medical room and/or the ambulance must have the equipment to treat and stabilize cardiovascular collapse, respiratory compromise, lacerations (minor and major), extremity, spinal and head trauma.
- e) The Chief Medical Officer is responsible for prearranging liaison with the clinics, hospitals, and appropriate specialist for the care of competitors during competition.
- f) The Organizers shall provide without charge emergency medical services for all participants at competition and practice.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole obligation of each Member participating in these International Competitions, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the ISU Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

Responsibility

The Organizing Committee, the Member to which the Organizing Committee is affiliated and the ISU assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the Competition.

Rule 111

Officials

The Organizing Committee, or its respective ISU Member, is entitled to appoint the Officials.

The Coordinating Group will send proposals for the Officials to be invited, in due time.

The advice will be so that not always the same Officials are invited and that young Officials on the International List can get good experience at international level. In this matter the Coordination Group works closely together with the ISU Technical Committee.

If there are valid reasons the Organizers can reject the proposal from the respective Coordinating Group but cannot invite other Officials. In that case the Coordination Group will make a new proposal immediately.

Restrictions applying to appointed Officials:

All Officials must be eligible persons.

Qualifications of Officials

- a) All Officials must be on the ISU List of Officials for international Competitions or on the ISU List for Championships.
- b) At least 3 Officials in the functions Referees, Starter or Competitors Steward must be on the respective List for Championships Officials
- c) At least 1 Referee and any one other major official must be of foreign nationality.

STARCLASS COMPETITIONS

Rule 201

Designation of StarClass Competitions

In order to be designated as a StarClass Competition the organizers must agree that the respective international competition will be held in accordance with these agreements, made by Western European Members of the ISU on the occasion of their Annual Planning Meeting.

For StarClass Competitions the organizers must provide sufficient ice team over 3 days. Between the start and the finish of the competition no other activities should be scheduled on the ice. In other words the ice must be available from early Friday afternoon until late Sunday morning.

The organizers of the international competitions, designated as StarClass Competitions, must have proven experience and their Competitions must have been held for a number of years and/or have been proposed by the Coordination Group.

During the Annual Planning Meeting these competitions are designated.

Organizers of international Competitions can apply to have their competition designated as 'StarClass' Competition.

Once a Star Class Competition has been allotted the respective ISU Member must communicate the competition as international Competition to the ISU General Director (see ISU Regulations Rule 104).

Organization

The Organizers of StarClass Competitions are expected to do their utmost to prepare a high level Competition. In this respect it is expected that :-

- In due time before the Competition a good Press Release is distributed to Local Press and Media
- The Competition uses the StarClass Logo
- That some form of sponsoring is obtained
- The Results are sent to the Press on each day of the Competition
- An Awards Ceremony is held according to ISU Procedures only for the places 1 –2 –3 of the Competition Overall Classification.
- Skaters should be on the platform in the Official dress of club or country (warm-up uniform), and not in jeans!
- An Information booklet is available for spectators.
- Information is being sent to Local Schools duly before the Competition
- At least one protocol for each participating club is made available.
- The results are published on the Internet
- Opening Ceremony is held with the national anthem of organizers.
- The ice-rink should be exclusively dedicated to the StarClass competition from Friday 9 a.m. to Sunday 3 p.m.. No other event should be scheduled during the week-end (no hockey, public sessions, etc) to allow for equipment to be left safely overnight.
- Track stewards must be experienced skaters, must wear helmet covers and be dressed appropriately. They should know the essential requirements for a Short Track competition and for good ice preservation.
- Board padding must be of high quality for the safety of the skaters. Pads must be fastened to one another and tied to the boards.
- Essential food and drinks must be provided for free to the skaters.
- Organizing committees whose venues are located far from airports, railways, motorways, must provide transport from a convenient location, easy to reach by all teams, at a very reasonable cost.

Coordination Group

In order to coordinate the activities of the Organizers of 'StarClass' Competitions and to decide on unforeseen matters arising in between European Annual Planning Meetings, a Coordination Group is appointed annually at the European Annual Planning Meeting. This group is responsible to coordinate the 'StarClass' series of competitions, to monitor and decide upon the entries in liaison with the organizers, they also adjudicate over any questions or queries that may arise.

Further a group, consisting of representatives of West and East Europe will observe and guide the Qualifying and Invitation process for the final.

Communication

Each Organizer of a ‘StarClass’ Competition will designate a liaison person who will be the first contact for the Coordination Group. Similarly each Member may also designate a liaison person. All Communication will preferably take place by email.

Applications for StarClass Competitions

Applications for Competitions must be made to the Coordination Group in due time for the annual planning Meeting, accompanied by a statement of the suggested dates and place.

Rule 202

StarClass Competitions

a) The StarClass Competitions are held over the following distances.

	First Distance	Second Distance	Third Distance
StarClass Junior A	1500	500	1000
StarClass Junior B	1500	500	1000
StarClass Junior C	1500 (1000 *)	500	1000
StarClass Junior D	1000 (777 **)	500	777
StarClass Ladies/Men	1500	500	1000

*) for the Category ‘StarClass Junior C’ the A and B finals shall be over 1500m all other finals/qualifying rounds can be skated over 1000m.

***) for the Category ‘StarClass Junior D’ the A and B finals shall be over 1000m all others can be skated over 777m All First Distances for all categories will be treated as 'long' distances.

- b) On all distances there may be qualifying rounds depending on the number of entries in which the competitors qualify for the final according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.
- c) All distances must be skated according to the All-Final System.
- d) Based upon the number of competitors entered, the qualifying procedure shall be in accordance with the Qualifying Tables in Rule 401.
- e) The Competitions are held over three (3) days;
- f) For StarClass Competitions with Junior C and Junior D the program will be:

Day 1

H	777	Jun D	
SF	777	Jun D	up to gr.B
SF	1000	Jun D	gr.A
F	777	Jun D	up to gr.C
F	1000	Jun D	gr.B+A
H	500	Jun D	
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H	1000	Jun C	
SF	1000	Jun C	up to gr.B
SF	1500	Jun C	gr.A
F	1000	Jun C	up to gr.C
F	1500	Jun C	gr.B+A
H	500	Jun C	

Day 2

QF	500	Jun D	
SF	500	Jun D	
F	500	Jun D	
H	777	Jun D	
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QF	500	Jun C	
SF	500	Jun C	
F	500	Jun C	
H	1000	Jun C	

Day 3

QF	777	Jun D	
QF	1000	Jun C	
SF	777	Jun D	
SF	1000	Jun C	
F	777	Jun D	up to gr.C
F	1000	Jun C	up to gr.C
F	777	Jun D	Gr.B+A
F	1000	Jun C	Gr.B+A

g) For StarClass Competitions with Junior A, B, Ladies and Men the program will be:

Day 1

H	1500	Jun B	
SF	1500	Jun B	
F	1500	Jun B	
H	500	Jun B	
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H	1500	Jun A	
H	1500	Lad/Men	
SF	1500	Jun A	
SF	1500	Lad/Men	
F	1500	Jun A	
F	1500	Lad/Men	
H	500	Jun A	
H	500	Lad/Men	

Day 2

QF	500	Jun B	
SF	500	Jun B	
F	500	Jun B	
H	1000	Jun B	
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QF	500	Jun A	
QF	500	Lad/Men	
SF	500	Jun A	
SF	500	Lad/Men	
F	500	Jun A	
F	500	Lad/Men	
H	1000	Jun A	
H	1000	Lad/Men	

Day 3

QF	1000	Jun B	
QF	1000	Jun A	
QF	1000	Lad/Men	
SF	1000	Jun B	
SF	1000	Jun A	
SF	1000	Lad/Men	
F	1000	Jun B	
F	1000	Jun A	
F	1000	Lad/Men	

h) The starting times on each day may be determined by the organizing committee. Each day's program can be divided in two parts. Semi-finals and finals must be in one part and not separate. When each part (session) starts it will be

held without any intermission or breaks other than to resurface the ice or give the athletes the rest time according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

- i) Relays Races may be added to the program and must have a demonstrational character. No awards may be given for these Races. Teams may be mixed, boys and girls, and formed from all categories.

Qualification

Skaters may be entered who have attained any one of the Qualifying Times in a Mass Start Competition. (Listed on a Members Calendar, ISU International Calendar and ISU events.)

Proof must be supplied by submitting time, date and venue of the Event.

These entries will be checked by the StarClass Coordination Group.

	500 m	777 m	1000 m
StarClass Ladies Junior D	00:57:00	01:29:00	
StarClass Ladies Junior C	00:54:00		01:51:00
StarClass Ladies Junior B	00:52:00		01:48:00
StarClass Ladies Junior A	00:51:00		01:47:00
StarClass Ladies	00:51:00		01:47:00
StarClass Men Junior D	00:56:00	01:26:00	
StarClass Men Junior C	00:51:00		01:46:00
StarClass Men Junior B	00:50:00		01:45:00
StarClass Men Junior A	00:49:00		01:43:00
StarClass Men	00:49:00		01:43:00

Only times skated within the current or the preceding season will be accepted as qualifying times.

StarClass Classification

Each StarClass Competition is concluded with a Competition Overall Classification. On the basis of this Competition Overall Classification the participants are awarded points for the Qualifying Ranking List and the StarClass Classification. These points and all related procedures to determine the Classifications are equal to the points and procedures for World Cup competitions. See the respective ISU Communication. Skaters that were entered but did not start will not receive any points.

The StarClass Classification will be calculated following the principles of the World Cup Series with the addition that all results will count. After the last StarClass Competition of the season prizes will be awarded for this classification.

To determine the Qualification into the Europe Cup Final a separate Qualification Ranking List is calculated following the principles of the World Cup Series. Only skaters that have participated in a minimum of 50% of their region's qualifying events (Danubia Open Series or Star Class series) will be in the Qualification Ranking List. If this minimum number of competitions is an odd number, then the minimum number will be rounded off to the nearest higher number.

Rule 203

Expenses

- For StarClass Competitions the costs of Board and Lodging are the responsibility of the participants.
- Organizers are required to announce various possibilities for board and lodging close to the competition site. The costs of Board and Lodging should not exceed the amount of 50 euro per person per night. Should the official hotel not be within walking distance of the rink or easy to reach by public transport, the organizers must provide shuttle buses between the hotel and the rink.
- For StarClass Competitions the organizing Club, or the Member to which it is affiliated, may provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals of all competitors and as many officials of those Members invited to participate as it desires to invite, but is not required to do so.
- Organizers must check IF the ambulance service to the closest hospital has a cost, in which case this should be indicated in the announcement

ALL FINALS SYSTEM

Rule 301

All Finals System

The 'All Finals System' is a Qualification Process through which all participants qualify from their first preliminary round up to a Final.

During each qualifying round, except the first qualifying round, there are different groups in which the athletes participate. The group with the highest ranked skaters is called Group A. All other groups are subsequently called B, C, D, etc.

The lower rank groups will always skate first.

After each Qualifying Round/Group a part of the participants qualify for the corresponding high group in the next round and the remaining participate for a lower group.

Depending on the qualifying schedule the next group for which one has qualified might not be a part of the next qualifying round. In that case the respective athletes move directly to the next qualifying round.

If there are 2 skaters to qualify for the lowest Final then this Final will be skated as normal. If there is 1 skater to qualify for the lowest final then this final will not be skated but the respective Ranking will be awarded.

Number of Skaters per Race

The maximum number of skaters in quarter finals, semi-finals and finals is limited for each category following the principles of I.S.U. Rule 282, paragraph 2 for the Top Level Races of the All Finals System only. In all other Races the Number of Skaters may be higher depending on the number of Entries.

Distance	Round	Jun A	Jun B	Jun C	Jun D	Star	Lad/Men
500	Fin	4	4	4	4	4	4
500	SF	4	4	4	4	4	4
500	QF	4	4	4	4	4	4
777	Fin				4		
777	SF				4		
1000	Fin	4	4	4	6	4	4
1000	SF	4	4	4	6	4	4
1500	Fin	6	6	6		6	6
1500	SF	6	6	6		6	6

Conditions of contest

- a) Final Points will be awarded in the Finals A and B only. The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with the first place in Final A and after all places in Final A have been awarded, the remaining points will be awarded to the Final B in descending order starting with the first place.
- b) In the case of a penalty in the Final A, the Skater(s) concerned will be awarded a number of points equal to the winner of the Final B.
- c) In the case of a penalty in the Final B, the Skater(s) concerned will not be awarded any points.
- d) Skater(s) who are declared finished by the Referee will be assigned the corresponding number of points.
- e) No points will be awarded to Skater(s) who did not start, failed to finish, received a yellow card or received a red card.
- f) In the case of a tie, all Skaters involved in a tie will receive the points awarded for that finish position (e.g. tie on 2nd both Skaters will receive 21 pts). If two Skaters are involved in a tie, the points for the following finish place will not be awarded, in the case of three Skaters involved, the following 2 finish places will not be awarded.
- g) For each of the distances a classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraph 6 and 7.
- h) The final classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraph 8;

Winner(s)

The overall winner is the Skater having attained the highest rank according to Rule 295, paragraph 8, at the conclusion of the Competition;

Seeding Procedure

For the first round of the first distance the participants with a ranking in the StarClass Classifications will be seeded first according to this ranking. Then the skaters will be seeded on the basis of the personal best time supplied with the Final Entries.

For Juniors A,B,C and D categories the first round of the first distance the participants will be seeded on the best 500m supplied with the final entries.

For all other qualifying rounds the Seeding Procedure for the Top Level Races of the All Finals System shall be in accordance with I.S.U. Rule 296. The Competitors Steward will make up the races of the Lower Level Races of the All Final System as much as possible in conformity with I.S.U. Rule 296.

Distance Classification

For each of the distances a classification will be made in which the participants are ranked:

- by group/block;
- by position
- by best time.

Group/block : on a distance, skated as an All Finals System, the Group is the Final in which the skater finishes. If the skater is excluded from a final, or any other preceeding round, then he is ranked accordingly. This means a penalty amongst the best 16 on a distance (Quarter Final) results in a rank on place # 16.

Group/block : On a distance skated with elimination (Knock Out System) the group is the Qualifying round that the skater skates last, i.e. Finalists, Semi-Finalists, Quarter-Finalists, etc.

Position : first the position (finish place) within the respective group decides the ranking. In the case of a tie the position (finish place) within subsequent previous qualifying rounds determines the ranking.

Best Time : if the results by group and by position result in a tie, then the best time in any race over the distance decides the ranking.

Overall Classification

a) For the Final Classification (and the current overall classification) the Skaters having scored Final Points and having qualified for the Super Final, are ranked first:

- by total number of Final Points;
- by position (finish place) on the Super Final;
- by combined ranking over all Distance Classifications;
- by the highest ranking achieved in one of the distances and subsequent other best rankings;
- by best time over the longest distance on the program.

QUALIFYING TABLES

Rule 401

Qualifying Tables

The Qualifying Tables issued by the ISU Technical Committee must be applied.

Junior D	500	Table Short Distance / Standard
	777	Table Middle Distance / Standard
	1000	Table Long Distance / Standard
All other categories	500	Table Short Distance / Standard
	1500	Table Long Distance / Standard
	1000	Table Middle Distance / Standard

In case there is a very low or a very high number of entries the tables 'Soft' or 'Strong' respectively may be used in consultation with the Referee and the Competitors Steward.

ALL FINALS SYSTEM

Rule 501

All Finals System Sanctions

In the case of two yellow cards in the same competition the skater will be shown a red card which means exclusion from the Competition. For red cards see the ISU Regulations.

For clarification the following table shows for each possible sanction the consequences depending on the respective round.

	1st Round	Intermediate Rounds	Final
Red Card	No results on this distance. . No further participation in the competition. No distance ranking No overall ranking	No results on this distance. No further participation in the competition No distance ranking No overall ranking	No results on this distance. No further participation in the competition. . No distance ranking No overall ranking
Yellow Card	No results on this distance. No further participation on the distance. No distance ranking..	No results in this race. No further participation on the distance. No distance ranking.	No results in this race. No distance ranking.

	Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on this distance	Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on this distance.	Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on this distance.
Penalty	No results in this race.	No results in this race.	No results in this race. Distance ranking equal to last place in this group. No medals awarded.
DNF	No results in this race.	No results in this race.	No results in this race. Distance ranking equal to last place in this group. No medals awarded.
DNS with Medical Reason 1st distance *)	Impossible. See Rule 141. Skaters who are not able to physically and mentally compete safely cannot be considered as competitor and are excluded.	No results in this race. No further participation on this and the next distances.. Distance ranking will be according to the results so far. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on the other distances. Reinstatement only with medical certificate	No results in this race. No further participation on the next distances.. Distance Ranking will be according to the results so far. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on the other distances. Reinstatement only with medical certificate
DNS with Medical Reason 2nd or 3rd distance *)	No results in this race. No further participation on this and the next distance. No distance ranking. Reinstatement only with medical certificate	No results in this race. No further participation on this and the next distance. Distance ranking will be according to the results so far. Reinstatement only with medical certificate	No results in this race. No further participation on the next distance.. Distance ranking will be according to the results so far. Reinstatement only with medical certificate
DNS 1st distance *)	No results in this race. Withdrawal from the competition. No distance rank No overall rank	No results in this race. Withdrawal from the remainder of the competition. Ranking will be according to the results so far. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on the other distances.	No results in this race. Withdrawal from the remainder of the competition. Ranking will be according to the results so far. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on the other distances.
DNS 2nd or 3rd *) distance	No results in this race. Withdrawal from the remainder of the competition. No distance ranking. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on this distance.	No results in this race. Withdrawal from the remainder of the competition. Ranking will be according to the results so far. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on any missing distance.	No results in this race. Withdrawal from the remainder of the competition Ranking will be according to the results so far. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on any missing distance.

* Note 1: In case of a DNS for a non-medical reason, the referee, solely at his discretion, in very exceptional cases may decide that the reason for the DNS is valid (p.e. defective equipment beyond the skater's fault) and that reinstatement is possible.

* Note 2: In case of a reinstatement the skater will be allowed to compete in the next distance(s). If the reinstatement is effective at the beginning of a next competition day and (a) preliminary round(s) on a distance have been skated already on the day before, then the skater will be placed in the lowest level group of the first round that will be skated on that day

Note 3 : If a skater is not able to continue to participate due to medical reasons then this must be reported to the Referee in writing. This document can be made by a medical doctor, but it can also be written by a teamleader or coach. In this case the Referee may consult the competition doctor and ask for an examination. The same procedure applies for an athlete to return into the competition.

ORGANISATION

Rule 601

Communications during Competitions

All official communications during Competitions must be in English.

Rule 602

Awards

- a) The Organizing Committee, or the Member to which it is affiliated, must obtain awards for the first three places in the overall classification in each category.
- b) For each distance awards may be given to the first three competitors in the final.
- c) Awards may be medals, trophies, and/or money prizes.

Award Ceremony

- a) When the competition has been completed and the results have been calculated, the final placements are announced and first the champion and then the second and third placed competitors are called to the winners' platform;
- b) after the completion of each distance event (excluding super finals) awards may be given to the winners, the second and third placed Skaters respectively in each distance, but no anthem shall be played or flags hoisted;

Rule 603

Results

All results of StarClass competitions are published on www.ShortTrackOnline.info.