

International Masters' Short Track Committee (IMSTC)

MASTERS' GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING Season 2007/2008 (as of 01 Okt 2007)

Definition:

Any skater from the age of 30 can race in the Masters category; skaters members of national teams or aggregates and professional skaters are excluded.

Subdivision of the Master Category:

Skaters of the Master Category are divided into age groups with 5 years spans (30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, etc.). By 'age', it is to be understood that reached during the current racing season beginning July 1st to June 30th of the following year. In case of an insufficient number of skaters in any category, one or more can be combined and/or Ladies and Men may race together and/or a combined classification produced. The organization will decide this consulting with the officials.

Requisites:

The Master skater must be a member of a club affiliated to the national federation.

Races:

Three different types of races are possible; standard short track, pursuit and relay. It is up to the organization of any single event to decide which of the above it wants to adopt, the racing distances, the racing method (all final or knock out) and the type of final classification (one for all categories or one for each).

Individual Short Track:

Races will be run with mass start (all skaters on the same starting line - traditional short track) with no more than 4 participants for each race.

Distances: Racing distances can be 500m (4.5 laps), 777m (7 laps), 1.000m (9 laps) and 1500 m (13,5 laps).

Races: races for all rounds and all distances will have a maximum of 4 skaters even of different categories.

Make up of Races: for the purpose of making up the first qualifying round of the first distance, a national ranking will be kept by the Group of Officials.

Pursuit:

Races will have two skaters on the two opposite starting lines of the straights. In case of an odd number of skaters, there will be a race with only one skater.

Distances: Racing distances can be 500m (4.5 laps), 777m (7 laps), 1.000m (9 laps) and 1500 m (13,5 laps).

Races: races will be made with two skaters even of different categories.

Classification: a distance classification will be made according to the times skated by each skater.

Relay:

Races will be run with a mass start (traditional short track) and will not have more than 3 teams with 3 skaters each.

Distances: Races will be held on a 2000m distance (18 laps)

Open Competitions:

All competitions will be open to all skaters, ladies and men.

Protocol:

The official protocol will show the age group next to the family name of each skater according to the Master IMSSC and IMSSG (ISU) regulations. It is therefore necessary that each skater indicates his/her age group in the final entries.

Points:

According to national and international ISU regulations.

Participation in competitions abroad:

According to the national rules

Racing Rules:

Unless otherwise specified, national rules and international ISU rules are applicable.

Safety:

The track's boards will be padded with a minimum of 50 protective mats (2 x 1 x 0.25). Skaters must wear at least the minimum protective garments: helmet complying with ASTM standards, neck protection, gloves, knee and shin protections.