

MEMORANDUM
for the
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in
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and the Qualifying Competitions
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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

Definition of Competitions

- 1. Junior Europa Cup Final**
- 2. Danubia Competitions**
 - a) Danubia Competitions for Junior C and Novice;
 - b) Danubia Competitions for Junior A and B;
 - c) Danubia Competitions for all categories
- 3. StarClass Competitions**
 - a) StarClass Competitions for Junior C and Novice;
 - b) StarClass Competitions for Junior A and B;

Rule 103

Age limits

For Star Class Competitions, Danubia Competitions and the Junior Europa Cup Final, the following age classifications are used:

Category	Age before July the 1st preceding the Competition:
A	17 and 18
B	15 and 16
C	13 and 14
Novice	10, 11 and 12; (applicable to Star Class and Junior Europa Cup Final)
Novice A	(Only applicable to Danubia Competitions)
Novice B	(Only applicable to Danubia Competitions)
Novice C	(Only applicable to Danubia Competitions)
Senior	above 19
StarClass	'StarClass' is a separate category of participants, both ladies and men, with an age in any of the above categories for which the participants qualify by a time limit. (Only applicable to Star Class competitions)

Rule 104

Date of announcement

The announcement of a Star Class or Danubia 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 105

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 295;
- k) Star Class 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 106

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 Star Class Competition all entries must be made through www.ShorttrackOnline.info. For Danubia Competitions a similar service is available under www.shorttracklive.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) Entries in the 'StarClass' and Danubia Cup Competitions 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 Star Class 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 StarClassCompetitions
bodacs@freemail.hu for Danubia 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 107

Entrance Fees

- a) An Entrance Fee of 10 euro for StarClass/Danubia Competitions and an Entrance Fee of 15 euro for the Junior Europa Cup Final 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 108

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 Classification in the respective Series the athletes in the respective categories will be awarded points per category.

Rule 109

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 110

Officials

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

It is strongly recommended that Organizers correspond the names of the officials they would like to invite with the StarClass Coordination Group or the Danubia Coordination Group respectively before any invitation is made. Each Coordination Group will advise 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 both Coordination Groups will work closely together with the ISU Technical Committee.

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.

JUNIOR EUROPA CUP FINAL

Rule 201

Junior Europa CupFinal

From both the StarClass and the Danubia Series 8 skaters in each category will be invited to the Junior Europa Cup Final in accordance with the respective Official Classification.

Qualification to the Junior Europa Cup Final will be individually. That is only the named skater can qualify for the Junior Europa Cup Final, through the relevant series of competitions in the region in which they reside in, as designated by the coordination groups of both series. If he/she is not able to participate in the Junior Europa Cup Final then the next skater in the classification will qualify.

There will be a limit of 3 skaters from any one country from the final classification until the 8 places are filled per category.

	<i>Ladies</i>		<i>Men</i>	
	<i>East</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>West</i>
<i>Junior A</i>	8	8	8	8
<i>Junior B</i>	8	8	8	8
<i>Junior C</i>	8	8	8	8
<i>Junior Novice</i>	8	8	8	8

a) The Junior Europa Cup is held over the following distances.

	First Distance	Second Distance	Third Distance
Junior A	1500	500	1000
Junior B	1500	500	1000
Junior C	1500	500	1000
Junior Novice	1000	500	777

- 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 ISU 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 decided by the Referee after consultation with the Competitors Steward following the ISU Guidelines;
- e) The Competition is held over three (3) days;

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
H 1000 JunNov	SF 500 JunNov	SF 777 JunNov
H 1500 Jun C	SF 500 Jun C	SF 1000 Jun C
SF 1000 JunNov	F 500 JunNov up to gr.B	SF 1000 Jun B
F 1000 JunNov up to gr.B	F 500 Jun C up to gr.B	SF 1000 Jun A
F 1500 Jun C up to gr.B	F 500 JunNov Gr.A	F 777 JunNov up to gr.D
F 1000 JunNov Gr.A	F 500 Jun C Gr.A	F 1000 Jun C up to gr.D
F 1500 Jun C Gr.A	H 777 JunNov	F 1000 Jun B up to gr.D
H 500 JunNov	H 1000 Jun C	F 1000 Jun A up to gr.D
H 500 Jun C	SF 500 Jun B	F 777 JunNov Gr.A
H 1500 Jun B	SF 500 Jun A	F 1000 Jun C Gr.A
H 1500 Jun A	F 500 Jun B up to gr.B	F 1000 Jun B Gr.A
F 1500 Jun B up to gr.B	F 500 Jun A up to gr.B	F 1000 Jun A Gr.A
F 1500 Jun A up to gr.B	F 500 Jun B Gr.A	F Relay
F 1500 Jun B Gr.A	F 500 Jun A Gr.A	
F 1500 Jun A Gr.A	H 1000 Jun B	
H 500 Jun B	H 1000 Jun A	
H 500 Jun A	SF Relay	
H Relay		

- f) The starting times on each day may be determined by the Organizing Committee in agreement with the respective Coordination Group. 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 ISU Rule 295, paragraph 2.
- g) Relays are held after the conclusion of the individual races. Qualifying rounds of the Relays may be held on each day of the competition provided they are held after the conclusion of the individual races of the day.

Conditions of contest

- a) For the Overall Classification points (Final Points) are only awarded in the Final 'A'.
- b) The final classification will be made according to ISU Rule 295, paragraph 8;
- c) For each of the distances a classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraph 6 and 7.

Winner

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

Rule 202

Officials

The Organizing Committee holding the competition, or its respective ISU Member, is entitled to appoint the Officials, in agreement with the StarClass Coordination Group and the Danubia Coordination Group.

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 with the mark for World Cups 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.
- d) For the Junior Europa Cup Final; at least one (1) Referee, one (1) Starter and one (1) Competitors Steward must be of the Region not hosting the Final. These Officials will be proposed by the respective Coordination Group.

Rule 203

Expenses Junior Europa Cup Final

- a) For the Junior Europa Cup Final the costs of Board and Lodging will be supplemented by the Organizers, provided the ISU Development is supporting the competition. This may either be in the form of hotel accommodation or a per diem amount. Hotel accommodation should be such that, preferably not more than two competitors are accommodated in one room, but in no event shall more than three competitors be assigned to one room. The accommodation must be of an acceptable standard with facilities for meals at times compatible with the schedule of the skating events.
- b) Any participant having special requirements for his or her accommodations must inform the organizing Member or Organizing Committee in due time and shall pay any difference in cost required in advance.
- c) The Organisers may provide hotel accommodation at designated hotels or give a financial contribution. If hotel accommodation is provided any participant who elects to stay at a hotel other than the one designated is not entitled to receive any per diem amount. Such participants are responsible for notifying the organizing Member or affiliated club of their local addresses.
- d) Single bedrooms should be provided for Referees, Starters and Competitors Stewards where possible, but in no circumstances shall Officials be required to share accommodations with competitors.
- e) An organizing Member or Organizing Committee holding the Junior Europa Cup Final may also provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals for as many other officials as it desires to invite.
The following should be included among the invited officials:
 - at least one ISU Council Member
 - at least one ISU Technical Committee Member
 - at least the ISU Development Coordinator

Payment of travel expenses will be supplemented by organizers provided the following are observed:

- the ISU Development is supporting the competition
- costs are reasonable and based at actual
- public transport is used in all cases if available
- pre agreement with Organizing Committee is obtained

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	Novice	Star	Senior
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

Points

5. a) Final Points will be awarded in the final of the highest Group 'A' races only. No points will be awarded to Skaters in case of a penalty, yellow card or failing to finish the race;

b) The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with first place;

c) In the case of a tie, the points are determined by combining the points of the positions involved and equally distributing to the respective participants.

Seeding Procedure

For the first round of the first distance the participants with a ranking in the StarClass or DanubiaCup 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 Novice 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; Finalists, Semi-Finalists, Quarter-Finalists, etc.;
- by position (finish place) within the respective group;
- by position (finish place) within the subsequent previous qualifying round;
- by best time in any race over the distance concerned.

Skaters who are disqualified or failed to finish in the first round will be ranked last with a ranking equivalent to the number of competitors plus 1.

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 Novice	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.

DANUBIA SERIES

Rule 501

Danubia Series

To be supplied by Danubia Coordination Group.

DanubiaCup Classification

Each DanubiaCup Competition is concluded with an Overall Classification.

On the basis of this Overall Classification the participants are awarded points for the Danubia Cup Classification. The DanubiaCup Classification, which is the basis to qualify for the Final

STARCLASS COMPETITIONS

Rule 601

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 time 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 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 Star Class 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 602

StarClass Competitions

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

	First Distance	Second Distance	Third Distance
Junior A	1500	500	1000
Junior B	1500	500	1000
Junior C	1500 (1000) *)	500	1000
Junior Novice	1000 (777) **)	500	777
StarClass & Seniors	1500	500	1000

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

***) for the Category ‘Novice’ 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 Star Class Competitions with Junior C and Novice the program will be:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
H 777 Jun Nov	QF 500 Jun Nov	QF 777 Jun Nov
SF 777 Jun Nov up to gr.B	SF 500 Jun Nov	QF 1000 Jun C
SF 1000 Jun Nov gr.A	F 500 Jun Nov	SF 777 Jun Nov
F 777 Jun Nov up to gr.C	H 777 Jun Nov	SF 1000 Jun C
F 1000 Jun Nov gr.B+A	QF 500 Jun C	F 777 Jun Nov up to gr.B
H 500 Jun Nov	SF 500 Jun C	F 1000 Jun C up to gr.B
H 1000 Jun C	F 500 Jun C	F 777 Jun Nov Gr.A
SF 1000 Jun C up to gr.B	H 1000 Jun C	F 1000 Jun C Gr.A
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		

g) For Star Class Competitions with Junior A, B, StarClass and 'Senior the program will be:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
H 1500 Jun B	QF 500 Jun B	QF 1000 Jun B
SF 1500 Jun B	SF 500 Jun B	QF 1000 Jun A
F 1500 Jun B	F 500 Jun B	QF 1000 Star/Sen
H 500 Jun B	H 1000 Jun B	SF 1000 Jun B
H 1500 Jun A	QF 500 Jun A	SF 1000 Jun A
H 1500 Star/Sen	QF 500 Star/Sen	SF 1000 Star/Sen
SF 1500 Jun A	SF 500 Jun A	F 1000 Jun B
SF 1500 Star/Sen	SF 500 Star/Sen	F 1000 Jun A
F 1500 Jun A	F 500 Jun A	F 1000 Star/Sen
F 1500 Star/Sen	F 500 Star/Sen	
H 500 Jun A	H 1000 Jun A	
H 500 Star/Sen	H 1000 Star/Sen	

- 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	1000 m	1500 m
	Mass Start	Mass Start	Mass Start
Ladies Star Class	53.8	1.48.4	2.46.5
Ladies Jun A EuroStar	53.8	1.48.4	2.46.5
Ladies Jun B EuroStar	53.8	1.48.4	2.46.5
Ladies Jun C EuroStar	56.5	1.53.9	2.54.8
Ladies Novice EuroStar	59.7	2.00.2	
Men Star Class	51.0	1.45.4	2.39.9
Men Jun A EuroStar	51.0	1.45.4	2.39.9
Men Jun B EuroStar	51.0	1.45.4	2.39.9
Men Jun C EuroStar	53.5	1.50.7	2.47.9
Men Novice EuroStar	56.5	1.56.9	

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

Only senior skaters or juniors who have achieved the time limit for the StarClass category have the option to participate in either the StarClass or Junior age categories. This decision can only be taken at the beginning of the season, but it is strongly recommended for Juniors to skate in their Age category.

Juniors who have not achieved the StarClass Time Limit can only skate in the category to which they, on the basis of their age belong, provided the respective time limit has been complied with.

Only participants in the A, B, C and Novice Junior categories are able to qualify for the Junior Europa Cup.

Conditions of contest

- For the Overall Classification points (Final Points) are only awarded in the Final 'A'.
- The final classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraph 8;
- For each of the distances a classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraph 6 and 7.

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;

StarClass Classification

Each StarClass Competition is concluded with an Overall Classification. On the basis of this Overall Classification the participants are awarded points for the StarClass Classification. These points and all related procedures to determine the StarClass Classification 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, which is the basis to qualify for the Final, will be calculated following the principles of the World Cup Series with the addition that the best 2 results will count.

Rule 603

Expenses

- For Star Class 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 Star Class 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 604

All Finals System Sanctions (StarClass Competitions)

Due to the All Final Systems sanctions are implemented differently. A skater having a penalty in a qualifying round will be allowed to skate in the next round, but on a level one stage lower than if she/he would have finished last in her/his race.

At the same moment, the best skater from that lower level (i.e. the heat-winner with the best time) is promoted to the higher level replacing the skater who received the penalty.

If two or more skaters get a penalty in the same group they will be replaced by the heat-winners in the order of the times skated. After all heat-winners are promoted to the higher level the skater who finished as second with the fastest time will

promote etc.

Skaters who have received a penalty on the same distance during a preceding qualifying round cannot be promoted.

If a skater gets a second penalty on the same distance he/she will be disqualified, i.e. be shown a yellow card. The skater will not be allowed to proceed in the All Final System for that distance.

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 The best i.e. fastest in the next lower group is promoted to the higher level group.	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.. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on this distance	No results in this race. No further participation on the distance. No distance ranking. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on this distance. The best i.e. fastest in the next lower group is promoted to the higher level group.	No results in this race. No distance ranking. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on this distance.
Penalty	No results in this race. Skater continues in the lower group in the next round.	No results in this race. Skater is moved down to a lower level group. The best i.e. fastest in this group is promoted to the higher level group.	No results in this race. Distance ranking equal to last place in this group. No medals awarded.
2nd Penalty in the same distance	= Yellow Card	= Yellow Card	= Yellow Card
DNF	No results in this race. Skater continues in the next round as if finished on the very last place.	No results in this race. Skater continues in the next round as if finished on the very last place.	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 can not 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	No results in this race. No further participation on the next distances.. Distance Ranking will be according to the results

		far. Overall ranking according to the results, including a virtual rank on the other distances. Reinstatement only with medical certificate	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 (i.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 team leader 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 701

Order of Competitions

- a) Preferably the Junior Europa Cup Final will be scheduled to commence on a date after the fourth Monday in February.
- b) If possible, the Junior Europa Cup Final should be held after the World Junior Championships.
- c) There should be an interval of at least 15 days between the last StarClass/Danubia Competition and the Junior Europa Cup Final.

Rule 702

Communications during Competitions

All official communications during Competitions must be in English.

Rule 703

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 704

Results

All results of StarClass competitions are published on www.ShortTrackOnline.info. In cooperation with the Danubia Series the results will also be submitted to the website of the Danubia Series as advised.

Each Official and each Club must receive a copy of the part of the protocol related to the event in which they participated.