

## Communication No. 2508

### Uniforms/Racing Suits/Clothing

*(Replaces ISU Communication No. 2221)*

#### A. Markings

Rule 102, paragraph 6 as adopted by the 2022 ISU Congress in Phuket reads as follows (underlining reflects changes adopted by the 2022 ISU Congress):

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- a) In all ISU Figure Skating Championships, ISU Events, and all other Figure Skating competitions organized under the jurisdiction of the ISU, Competitors, team officials, Coaches and service personnel may display on their persons and their clothing their own name and the name and/or logo of their ISU Members and/or official ISU Member country abbreviation and/or official ISU Member country name with letters of maximum 15 cm high. In addition they may display on their person and their clothing not more than six advertising markings, trademarks, logos or other distinguishing signs (hereafter called “markings”), provided they are dignified and with a maximum of 60 cm<sup>2</sup> each and do not refer to tobacco or alcohol while being off the ice including in the “kiss and cry” area, the television interview area, during the official warm-up before the competitive performance and during practice sessions. One marking of the clothing supplier may also be displayed, not larger than 30 cm<sup>2</sup>. No markings are permitted on boots or blades, except for the boot manufacturer’s name on the boot heel not larger than 10 cm<sup>2</sup> and one engraved identification of the manufacturer not larger than 20 cm<sup>2</sup> on each blade and each blade guard. Markings may be measured by the Officials for compliance while being worn. During the competitive performance, the exhibition at the end of an event and for the medal award ceremony no markings on Skaters costumes are allowed, but only the above-referenced markings on boots and blades. Skater’s costumes may, however, carry the Skater’s and his ISU Member’s name and/or logo and/or official ISU Member abbreviation. In other off-ice areas additional markings with no limitation in size are allowed. However, such additional markings must be authorized by the respective ISU Member.
- b) In all ISU Championships and all other competitions in Speed Skating or Short Track Speed Skating organized under the jurisdiction of the ISU, team officials, Coaches, service personnel and Competitors of the same national team (entered by the same ISU Member) must wear identical uniforms while within the premises of the arena or ice track during the whole period of the Championships or competition including official practice sessions, which clearly identify their country, with a design, as prescribed by the ISU Members which enter the Skaters for competition. The ISU Members have the obligation to submit the design of the team uniform (skin suit, warming up jacket and zipper trousers, podium and team personnel jacket) to the ISU. The team officials, Coaches, service personnel and Skaters may display on their clothing and on technical equipment their own name and the name and/or logo of their ISU Member and/or official ISU Member country abbreviation (as per paragraph (vii) below). In addition, they may display on their person and their clothing, advertising markings, trademarks, logos or other distinguishing signs (hereafter called “markings”) that do not refer to tobacco and alcohol in the competition area, in the television interview area and during the award ceremonies, in accordance with the following:
- i) The table below shows the allowed total maximum size of all markings (excluding manufacturer trademarks) and the maximum number and sizes per marking on the racing suit and warm up suits (jacket and zipper trousers), safety equipment and Team uniforms.

The racing suit is considered as consisting of two pieces: one piece upper body (including cap in Speed Skating) and one piece lower body. All markings shall be dignified.

Place of the markings	Maximum size per marking	Number of markings	Total maximum Size
Upper body (above the waist including arms, headgear and helmet)	50 cm <sup>2</sup>	Maximum 6	650 cm <sup>2</sup>
Lower body (below the waist)	250 cm <sup>2</sup>	Maximum 2	

If a manufacturer also acts as sponsor (in ISU Events only), in addition to the manufacturer trademarks according to paragraph 6.b)ii) only one advertising marking of the manufacturer can be exposed on the entire uniform to a maximum size of 50 cm<sup>2</sup>. Such marking shall be placed on the upper body.

In Mass Start at ISU Speed Skating Events and in ISU Short Track Speed Skating Events, two places on the sides of the helmets are reserved for the Skaters' numbers.

In ISU Events, the front part of helmets is reserved for usage by the ISU. For each season, ISU Members may ask for the release of the front part of the helmet for their own markings for a certain period. If the ISU gets a sponsor agreement, at any time during a season, the ISU will cancel the release of the front part for the Events or periods for which they have the sponsor.

Armbands and helmet covers are in the exclusive domain of the ISU. Organizing Committees may request permission from the ISU to place markings on the armbands.

- ii) Only manufacturer's trademarks as stated below are allowed on the technical equipment such as skates/boots, glasses, gloves, shin guards, headgear, neck and ankle protectors, blade guards and on clothing. Skates are considered as consisting of six pieces, namely two boots and two blades and two constructions for connecting the blades to the boots. The manufacturer's trademarks shall reflect standard commercial practices.

The table below shows the allowed maximum sizes and number of manufacturer's trademarks. It is not allowed to include manufacturer's trademarks in other markings or combine manufacturer's trademarks with other markings.

Item	Total maximum size	Max. size per marking	Number of markings
<b>Skates</b>			
Pair of boots	40 cm <sup>2</sup>	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	2 (1 on each boot)
Pair of blades	40 cm <sup>2</sup>	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	2 (1 on each blade)
Pair of connecting constructions	12 cm <sup>2</sup>	6 cm <sup>2</sup>	2 (engraved) (1 on each construction)
<b>Competition Speed Skating racing suit</b>			
Upper body (incl. cap)	60 cm <sup>2</sup>	30 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
Lower body		30 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>Competition Short Track racing suit and warming up suit</b>			
Upper body	60 cm <sup>2</sup>	30 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
Lower body or trousers		30 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>Sport and Technical equipment</b>			
Headgear	16 cm <sup>2</sup>	8 cm <sup>2</sup>	2
Glasses	16 cm <sup>2</sup>	8 cm <sup>2</sup>	2
Pair of Gloves	16 cm <sup>2</sup>	8 cm <sup>2</sup>	2 (1 on each glove)
Neck protector	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
Ankle protector	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
Blade guards	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	1

Instead of a trademark, the Skater's own name may be placed (printed, engraved, embroidered, etc.) on any piece of equipment, with the same size restrictions as for trademarks.

- iii) In general, up to two manufacturer trademarks (maximum of 20 cm<sup>2</sup> per manufacturer trademark) are allowed on helmets. No manufacturer trademarks are allowed on armbands and helmet covers.
- iv) The determination of the design, without any commercial images or registered trademarks, and markings on the clothing of Competitors and team officials, Coaches and service personnel of the same national team, is the sole right and responsibility of the national associations as ISU Members to ensure compliance with this Rule. It is recommended that the ISU Members consider providing the use of markings to the athletes or personnel;
- v) Markings may be measured by the Officials for compliance while being worn;
- vi) The racing and warm-up suits of the Skaters must display the name of the country or its official ISU abbreviation (letters of minimum 5 cm and maximum 15 cm high). In Speed Skating the country name or abbreviation shall be placed on the back of the upper body. In Short Track Speed Skating the country abbreviation shall be placed on the external part of both lower legs, the size of the characters not to be smaller than 7 cm high and the letters shall be placed vertically from knee to ankle.

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It is herewith clarified that the allowed display of the name of the Skater and/or logo of their ISU Member Federation and/or official ISU Member country abbreviation do not count towards the allowed maximum number and maximum size of markings indicated in the above Rule.

## **B. Designs for Short Track Speed Skating racing suits**

- a) Racing suits shall have a design clearly distinguishing the participating ISU Members (nations).
- b) The front and back part of the upper body of the racing suits shall clearly show the national flag. Simple artwork can be accepted. For those ISU Members having flags similar to other ISU Members in shape and color (i.e. Netherlands, France, Luxembourg – Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria - Germany, Belgium, etc.) a unique artwork shall be defined showing the national flag on the upper body of the racing suits and using the national colors for the remaining part of the racing suits. Official country abbreviation must be displayed on the external part of both lower legs, each letter not smaller than 7 cm high and the letters shall be placed vertically from knee to ankle. If desired, country names may also be displayed either in horizontal or vertical layout on the back part of the upper body. This provision does not apply to national team uniforms but is intended for racing suits only. As for national team uniforms, Rule 295, paragraph 11 applies.

## **C. Enforcement of ISU Communication No. 2477 regarding Safety measures and Design requirements for Speed Skating racing suits used in Mass Start, Team Pursuit and Team Sprint races**

### **Racing suit design guidelines for ISU Senior Events**

In order to clearly identify and recognize the athletes and national teams competing in Mass Start and Team races and to create a TV and spectator friendly exposure, design guidelines for racing suits as indicated below shall be respected:

- a) Racing suits show a design clearly distinguishing the participating ISU Members (nations).
- b) The racing suits clearly show the national identity / flag colors. Simple artwork can be accepted. For all ISU Members having flags similar to other ISU Members in shape and color (i.e., Netherlands – France, Italy – Hungary – Bulgaria, Germany – Belgium, etc.) a unique artwork shall be defined showing the national colors for the remaining part of the Racing Suits.
- c) The country name or official ISU abbreviation must be displayed on the back part of the racing suit.

This also means that ISU Members may use racing suits with one design for Mass Start/Team competitions and with a different design for individual distances.

## **Safety measures**

For all ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games, the safety measures listed in ISU Communication No. 2477 must be strictly respected.

### **D. Enforcement of ISU Communication No. 2400 regarding Cut Resistant Clothing in Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2477 regarding Safety measures for Speed Skating Mass Start and Team races**

As confirmed during the 2022 ISU Congress in Phuket, THA, ISU Communications No. 2400 and 2477 have a continued validity and must therefore be respected regarding cut resistant clothing in Short Track Speed Skating and for Speed Skating Mass Start, Team Pursuit and Team Sprint.

### **E. Helmets for Speed Skating Team competitions at ISU Events**

For Team Pursuit and Team Sprint races in Speed Skating, all Skaters of the same Team shall wear a helmet with a similar design, preferably displaying the colours and elements of their national flag.

### **F. Personalized Helmets in Short Track Speed Skating**

As confirmed during the 2022 ISU Congress in Phuket, THA, ISU Communication No. 2404 has a continued validity and must therefore be respected regarding personalized helmets design in Short Track Speed Skating. Please also observe Rule 295, paragraph 12.

### **G. Enforcement of Rule 291, paragraph 1.b) – Cut resistant gloves or mitts in Short Track Speed Skating**

For all ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games, only cut resistant gloves or mitts shall be used. Gloves or mitts must be predominantly white. The only colour exception is for the allowed Trademarks markings.

### **H. Monitoring Compliance for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating**

In order to monitor compliance with the above-mentioned Rules and to avoid that ISU Members would use similar racing suits (clashing colour/design), the ISU initially imposed through ISU Communication 1452 that each Speed Skating ISU Member has the obligation to submit to the ISU Secretariat the design/photographs of their national team uniforms intended to be used by its participants (i.e. in particular for the Skaters but also the Coaches, other team officials and service personnel) in ISU Championships and all other competitions in Speed Skating or Short Track Speed Skating organized under the auspices of the ISU involving national teams.

It is, herewith, clarified, that this obligation exists only when an ISU Member intends to acquire new Speed Skating/Short Track Speed Skating uniforms/racing suits. In this case, such ISU Member has the obligation to send to the ISU Secretariat (by email) colour photographs or designs ("jpg" or "pdf" format) of the team uniform (racing suit, warming up jacket and zipper trousers, podium and team personnel jacket) as well as all information that could be relevant for the ISU in considering whether or not the design complies with Rule 102, paragraph 6.b) and whether very similar uniforms are already being used by another ISU Member. When sending this information, ISU Members shall indicate whether the submitted design/colour is new or the same as used during preceding season(s). The colour codes of the colours used shall be indicated. **It is herewith reminded that designs must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat before the racing suits are actually manufactured allowing the ISU Members to possibly amend their design in case of clashing colour/design with already existing and approved racing suits or other non-compliance with the design requirements specified in Section B (Short Track Speed Skating) or Section C (Speed Skating) above.**

In case of racing suits with similar colours/design among ISU Members, the ISU Members having presented their proposal first will be given preference.

In case of new uniforms and in particular in cases of clashing colours/designs with currently approved uniforms, a designated monitoring group appointed by the ISU Council shall examine the submitted design. The conclusions and response of this monitoring group will be limited to the overall design and colour of the uniforms and will in no case comment on or approve advertising markings or trademarks (type, size and location) which are clearly defined in Rule 102, paragraph 6.b) and for which no interpretation is needed.

The ISU will post the photographs of the ISU Members uniforms on its website (<http://www.isu.org>) in the "Extranet Area" allowing ISU Members to check the existing colours and designs of the racing suits of other ISU Members, and by this enabling them to avoid ordering racing suits with similar design and colours.

#### **I. Enforcement of Rule 102, paragraph 6 – Advertising marking/manufacturer trademarks Skaters uniforms/clothing, penalties for non-compliance**

As already outlined in previous ISU Communications (1428, 1452, 1514, 1625, 1878, 2055 and 2221), the ISU Council herewith reiterates that ISU Members are responsible to ensure compliance of their Skaters with the ISU Regulations relating to trademarks and advertising markings, as defined in Rule 102, paragraph 6. The Council has decided that non-compliance with Rule 102, paragraph 6 will engender the following consequences:

- a) If the non-compliance is being detected on site of a competition before the start or in between segments/races of a competition, the concerned Skater(s) may start or continue the participation in the competition (including practice/training sessions) only if the cause for non-compliance has been removed, for example by covering the relevant advertising markings/manufacturer trademarks with a tape or by changing the uniform/clothing. The relevant decision will be taken by the ISU Representative for ISU Championships, for other ISU Events by the ISU Event Director/Manager or (for the Speed Skating Branch only, the Representative of the ISU Technical Committee), or by the Referee for International Competitions.
- b) In case of evidence for non-compliance, regardless of whether the Skater was able to compete or not as per sub-paragraph a) above, a warning will be issued to the ISU Member of the concerned Skater(s) and a penalty fine of CHF 1'000 per Skater concerned will be imposed upon the Member.
- c) Skaters of ISU Members having been subject to paragraph b) above will not be allowed to participate in subsequent ISU Events or International Competitions until the ISU Representative for ISU Championships, for other ISU Events the ISU Event Director/Manager or (for the Speed Skating Branch only the Representative of the ISU Technical Committee) or the Referee for International Competitions in attendance at such subsequent competition(s) ascertains that the Skater(s) uniform/clothing is in compliance with the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communications.

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