

# Challengers' Cup Speed Skating 2007/2008

## Rules

1. Challengers' Cup in Speed Skating 2007/2008 is a series of competitions open to all ISU Members. For the season 2007/2008 it includes the following competitions:

- Hamar, Norway                    17.-18.11. 2007
- Hoorn, Netherlands            26.-27.1. 2008
- Berlin, Germany                1.-2.3. 2008

2. The standard program for each competition is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> day: 500 Ladies/Men, 1000 Ladies/Men, 1500 Men, 3000 Ladies

2<sup>nd</sup> day: 500 Ladies/Men, 1000 Ladies/Men, 1500 Ladies, 5000 Men

Each entered skater may compete in a maximum of 2 distances per day.

3. Each ISU Member have the right to enter 2 (two) competitors per event.

However, an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 8 skaters per event, if all the entered skaters have achieved the following qualifying time for the distance concerned in an approved competition (electronic timekeeping):

	Ladies	Men
500	42,00	38,50
1000	1.24,00	1.17,00
1500	2.10,00	1.58,00
3000	4.37,00	
5000		7.20,00

Qualifying times must have been reached (by electronic timekeeping) after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, in an ISU announced competition or in a competition recognised by the ISU Member concerned.

4. Ranking, grouping and drawing

a) Ranking of entered skaters

For the drawing of pairs for the respective distances, the competitors will be ranked in each distance according to the following principles:

For the first competition:

According to their best times achieved for the distance concerned in approved competition (electronic timekeeping) after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

For the second and third competitions:

According to their best times achieved for the distance concerned in approved competition (electronic timekeeping) after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

b) Grouping and drawing:

The competitors for each distance will be grouped according to the following criteria:

- The 8 best ranked skaters will be in group 1, starting last in the event

- The skaters ranked from 9 to 16 will be in group 2, starting next to last in the event

The principle of 8 skaters is each group will be followed until all entered skaters have been grouped. In case of a tie in the ranking, the grouping will be decided by drawing of lot.

For the 500 and 1000 m on the second day, the skaters will be ranked according to their results from the first day, and they will start in the opposite starting lane. Skaters who did not compete on the first day will be ranked according to paragraph a) above, and be drawn to form pairs, so that the skater(s) with the lowest rank will start in the first pair. If there will be empty lanes in the pairs composed of skaters who competed on the first day, then these lanes will be filled up with by the best ranked of those skaters who did not compete on the first day.

5. For each event, based on the results, the skaters will be awarded the following Challengers' Cup points:

Rank	1500 and longer	500 and 1000
1	100	50
2	80	40
3	70	35
4	60	30
5	50	25
6	46	23
7	42	21
8	38	19
9	34	17
10	30	15
11	28	14
12	26	13
13	24	12
14	22	11
15	20	10
16	18	9
17	16	8
18	14	7
19	12	6
20	10	5
21	8	4
22	6	3
23	4	2
24	2	1

If two or more skaters have obtained the same rank, each skater receives the full points score for his tied rank.

6. The winners of the Challengers' Cup Speed Skating 2007/2008 are the Lady and Men achieving the most points in total after the 3 competitions are concluded.

7. Preliminary entries with information about the number of skaters and team leaders (if possible with names) must be sent to the organisers no later than during the second last Monday before the start of the competition.

Final entries with information about skaters, distances and ranking times must be sent to the organisers no later than during the last Tuesday before the start of the competition.

An appointed group of speed skating statisticians will be responsible for the final authorization of the ranking lists (based on applicable ranking times) for each distance.

8. The participating teams will be responsible for their travel and board and lodging expenses for the competition.

The organisers have to pay board and lodging for the Referees and starters, which will be appointed by the organising ISU Member federation.

9. If otherwise not mentioned in this rules, the competitions will be organised according to the ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating.