

GUIDELINES FOR ISU EVENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SPORT SPECIFIC ANNEX – SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

MASKS

Skaters are exempted from wearing masks during:

- Training on-ice
- Competing on-ice

Referees are exempted from wearing masks/mouth-nose face protection when officiating on ice.

ACCREDITATION

Only the following number of Team Officials can receive an accreditation:

For Teams entering 1 up to 6 Skaters

#	Function
1	Team Leader
1	Coach
1	Doctor
1	Physio
1	Equipment Technician

For Teams entering 7 up to 12 Skaters

#	Function
1	Team Leader
2	Coaches
1	Doctor
2	Physios
2	Equipment Technicians
1	Team Video Specialist

If a maximum number of persons allowed at the same time in the venue is set by the Public Health Authorities of the hosting ISU Member, the ISU Event Coordinator in agreement with the OC Covid-19 Responsible Manager will issue the necessary guidelines.

ACCREDITED PERSONS' CONDUCT

- All Skaters shall come to the venue ready for ice training or competitions thus avoiding using the dressing rooms. Only skates and technical equipment shall be worn at the last moment.
- All equipment brought by Skaters or Team or ISU Officials to the facility shall be packed together in one bag per Skater.

- Sharing of individual equipment (i.e. helmets, gloves, racing suits) is prohibited, in particular ensuring that water bottles and cups are not shared.
- If bikes are used by several athletes for warming up, the handlebars and the seat must be cleaned by the Skater with sanitizer after each use. Wipes and sanitizer to be provided by the OC.
- When the mask is removed for training or competition, it must be stored in a separate bag (ziplock or similar) and not left on benches, chairs or on the floor.
- No VIP Guests shall be invited and accredited as Event attendees must be restricted as much as possible.

VENUE FACILITIES

Dressing rooms

- The use of dressing rooms shall be limited as much as possible.
- If possible and available, areas with temporary division walls shall be identified and installed to separate each single team.
- If large dressing rooms are available, it may be divided into two or more separate areas using temporary division walls.
- Each Skater shall clean his place when leaving the dressing room.

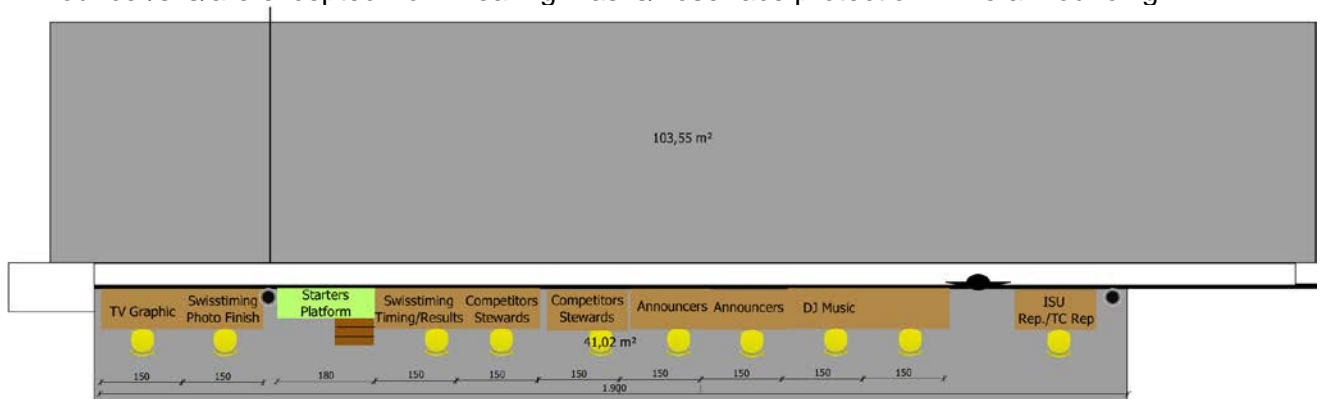
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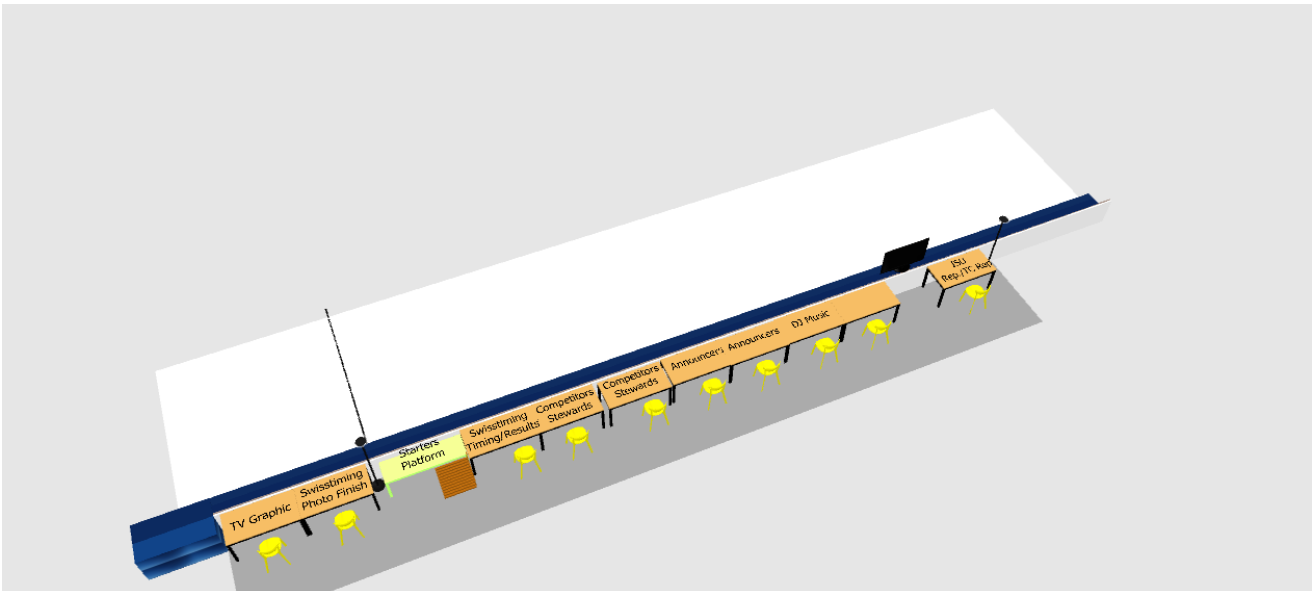
Video Replay room

- Only the TV operator and the Assistant Video Referee are authorized in the room.

Officials platform

- Table setups and working spaces shall have a physical distance of at least 1.5 meters. All details shall be defined with the ISU Event Coordinator.
- Access to the platform, other than those operating, is prohibited.
- If due to the social distancing on the platform the available space is not sufficient, some functional technical positions may be moved to another location in agreement with the ISU Event Coordinator and the service providers.
- Announcer/s is/are exempted from wearing masks/nose-face protection while announcing.





Training

- For weight room training, if applicable, the maximum number of persons allowed at the same time shall respect the local laws (based on the size of the weight room) and physical distancing of at least 1,5 meters (2m recommended especially with increased respirations) shall apply.
- On-ice training shall be arranged with smaller number of Skaters and over shorter periods of time. Details to be provided by the ISU Event Coordinator and the OC based on the overall number of entries.

Warm-up Area

- Access control for warm-up area to avoid too many people at the same time.
- Maximum one (1) coach or Team leader per Team.
- Other team members shall not enter the warm-up area except in case of emergency.
- OC to provide volunteers for the constant disinfection of the stationary bikes and/or other equipment.

Track Stewards room

The access to and use of the dressing room shall be limited to the Track stewards only.

FIELD OF PLAY

Photographer's area

- On the photo stand, all available positions must be pre-marked based on the distance guidelines.

Media and TV

- In the Mixed Zone, the media representatives must always keep at least 1.5 meters distance from the Skaters and use different microphones, one for the journalist and one for the Skater. The Skater's microphone shall be cleaned and sanitized after each interview.
- Floor markings or fences must be placed.

Heat Box

- The location and setup of the heat box and the "Final A area" shall be defined together with the ISU Event Coordinator.
- Chairs or benches shall allow a social distancing of at least 1 meter.
- Access to Team Officials is prohibited.
- A pre-heat box shall be defined in the case the Heat box is not big enough.

- Floor markings shall be placed to position the athletes before entering the ice keeping the social distancing of at least 1 meter without using the face mask.
- For the “Final A area” the same principles shall apply.
- In the case of the same entry and exit door a precise flow of the athletes shall be defined and coordinated by the Heat box steward and the volunteers.

Coaches Box

- Floor markings must be placed respecting the distance guidelines.
- The setup and installation of the coaches’ box shall be defined together with the ISU Event Coordinator.
- One entry staircase and one exit staircase are mandatory.
- If limited space is not allowing such a configuration then the coaches box will not be used.

Field of play volunteers

- Field of play volunteers shall remain in their dedicated area and not move during races.
- For padding pushers the physical distancing shall be respected as much as possible during set back of the padding.

Location/area for Team members filming races

- Pre-marked areas for each single team shall be identified.

MEETINGS

Team Leaders Meeting

- **It is highly recommended to organize the Team Leaders’ Meeting virtually, i.e. Zoom video conference, Microsoft Teams, etc.**
- If a meeting room of adequate size is available in the hotel or at the ice rink, the room must be prepared with at least 1,5 meters between each seat and each row of seats.
- One (1) Team leader or Coach per ISU Member is allowed unless hosted virtually.

Non-Event related Meeting

- Non-event related meetings shall not be held at an ISU Short Track Speed Skating Event.