

Speed Skating – 1,500 metres, Men

Times Contested	21
Total Competitors	602
Total Nations	37

Year	Event	Competitors	Nations
1924	1,500 metres, Men	22	9
1928	1,500 metres, Men	30	14
1932	1,500 metres, Men	18	6
1936	1,500 metres, Men	37	15
1948	1,500 metres, Men	45	14
1952	1,500 metres, Men	39	13
1956	1,500 metres, Men	54	18
1960	1,500 metres, Men	48	16
1964	1,500 metres, Men	54	20
1968	1,500 metres, Men	53	18
1972	1,500 metres, Men	39	16
1976	1,500 metres, Men	30	18
1980	1,500 metres, Men	36	16
1984	1,500 metres, Men	40	20
1988	1,500 metres, Men	40	20
1992	1,500 metres, Men	46	21
1994	1,500 metres, Men	44	17
1998	1,500 metres, Men	44	18
2002	1,500 metres, Men	48	17
2006	1,500 metres, Men	41	14
2010	1,500 metres, Men	37	14

Medals Won by Nations

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Norway	8	7	8	23
2	3	Netherlands, The	3	6	4	13
3	2	Soviet Union	4	2	2	8
4	4	United States	3	3	1	7
5	5	Finland	2	-	2	4
6	6	Canada	1	1	1	3
7	9	Sweden	-	1	1	2
=8	=7	German Demo. Rep.	1	-	-	1
=8	=7	Italy	1	-	-	1
10	10	Austria	-	-	1	1
Totals (21 events)			23	20	20	63

* Two firsts/no second in 1956/1960. Two seconds/no third in 1968.

Most Gold Medals

- 2 Clas Thunberg (FIN)
- 2 Johann Olav Koss (NOR)
- 2 Yevgeny Grishin (URS)

Most Medals

- 3 Ådne Søndrål (NED/111)
- 2 Yevgeny Grishin (URS/200)
- 2 Johann Olav Koss (NOR/200)
- 2 Clas Thunberg (FIN/200)
- 2 Ard Schenk (NED/110)
- 2 Kees Verkerk (NED/110)

2	Roald Aas (NOR/101)
2	Shani Davis (USA/020)
2	Ivar Ballangrud (NOR/011)
2	Rintje Ritsma (NED/011)

Youngest Competitors

15-132	Im Ri-Bin (PRK-1984, *6 October 1968)
16-084	Kim Hwang-Hyun (PRK-1984, *24 November 1967)
16-315	Craig McNicoll (GBR-1988, *11 April 1971)
17-164	Charles Thaon (FRA-1928, *3 September 1910)
17-181	Sun Longjiang (CHN-2010, *23 August 1992)
17-185	Na Yun-Su (KOR-1980, *20 August 1962)
17-212	Yeo Sang-Yeop (KOR-2002, *22 July 1984)
17-238	Choi Jae-Bong (KOR-1998, *19 June 1980)
17-244	Eric Heiden (USA-1976, *14 June 1958)
17-279	Gaétan Boucher (CAN-1976, *10 May 1958)

Youngest Medalists

19-131	Villy Haugen (NOR-1964, *27 September 1944)
20-282	Ådne Søndrål (NOR-1992, *10 May 1971)
20-348	Eric Flaim (USA-1988, *9 March 1967)
21-101	Kees Verkerk (NED-1964, *28 October 1942)
21-151	Jack Shea (USA-1932, *7 September 1910)

Youngest Gold Medalists

21-151	Jack Shea (USA-1932, *7 September 1910)
21-252	Eric Heiden (USA-1980, *14 June 1958)
23-109	Johann Olav Koss (NOR-1992, *29 October 1968)

Oldest Competitors

46-326	Franz Krienbühl (SUI-1976, *24 March 1929)
44-258	Fred Dix (GBR-1928, * June 1883)
42-032	Frank Stack (CAN-1948, *1 January 1906)
40-154	Charles de Ligne (BEL-1936, *12 September 1895)
39-298	Hans van Helden (FRA-1988, *27 April 1948)
38-329	Franz Krienbühl (SUI-1968, *24 March 1929)
38-300	Ralf Olin (CAN-1964, *12 April 1925)
37-318	Colin Coates (AUS-1984, *4 April 1946)
37-190	Jan Langedijk (NED-1948, *27 July 1910)
37-119	Ab Hardy (CAN-1948, *6 October 1910)

Oldest Medalists

34-315	Clas Thunberg (FIN-1928, *5 April 1893)
31-342	Ivar Ballangrud (NOR-1936, *7 March 1904)
31-341	Derek Parra (USA-2002, *15 March 1970)
31-337	Roald Aas (NOR-1960, *25 March 1928)
30-297	Clas Thunberg (FIN-1924, *5 April 1893)

Oldest Gold Medalists

34-315	Clas Thunberg (FIN-1928, *5 April 1893)
31-341	Derek Parra (USA-2002, *15 March 1970)
31-337	Roald Aas (NOR-1960, *25 March 1928)

Closest Finish in Event

tie	Yevgeny Grishin (URS/RUS)/Yury Mikhaylov (URS/RUS) (1956)
tie	Yevgeny Grishin (URS/RUS)/Roald Aas (NOR) (1960)

Biggest Margin of Victory in Event

1.6	Kees Verkerk (NED-1968)
0.71	Enrico Fabris (ITA-2006) (modern)

Best Finishes by Nations

AUS	7	Colin Hickey (1956).
AUT	3 / Bronze	Michael Hadschieff (1988).
BEL	17	Gaston Van Hazebroeck (1924); Bart Veldkamp (1998).
BLR	35	Vitaly Novichenko (1994).
CAN	1 / Gold	Gaétan Boucher (1984).
CHN	18	Liu Yanfei (1992).
DEN	13	Kurt Stille (1960).
EST	19	Christfried Burmeister (1928).
EUN	10	Igor Zhelezovsky (1992).
FIN	1 / Gold	Clas Thunberg (1924); Clas Thunberg (1928).
FRA	4	Hans van Helden (1984).
FRG	12	Gerd Zimmermann (1972); Herbert Schwarz (1976); Herbert Schwarz (1980).
GBR	=11	Terry Malkin (1964).
GDR	1 / Gold	André Hoffmann (1988).
GER	6	Olaf Zinke (1992); Peter Adeberg (1994).
HUN	10	Zoltán Eötvös (1928); Ferenc Lőrincz (1952); Iván Ruttkay (1948).
ITA	1 / Gold	Enrico Fabris (2006).
JPN	5	Toru Aoyanagi (1988).
KAZ	16	Sergey Tsybenko (2002).
KOR	5	Mo Tae-Beom (2010).
LAT	10	Alberts Rumba (1924).
LTU	25	Kęstutis Bulota (1928).
MGL	31	Nyamdavaa Tömörbaataryn (1980).
NED	1 / Gold	Kees Verkerk (1968); Ard Schenk (1972); Mark Tuitert (2010).
NOR	1 / Gold	Charles Mathiesen (1936); Sverre Farstad (1948); Hjalmar Andersen (1952); Jan Egil Storholt (1976); Johann Olav Koss (1992); Johann Olav Koss (1994); Ådne Søndrål (1998); Roald Aas (1960).
NZL	40	Andrew Nicholson (1998).
POL	11	Paweł Jaroszek (1994).
PRK	14	Ri Sung-Ryool (1964).
ROU	22	Tibor Kopacz (1984).
RUS	4	Ivan Skobrev (2010).
SUI	27	Franz Krienbühl (1976).
SWE	2 / Silver	Åke Seyffarth (1948).
TCH	15	Bohumil Jauris (1956).
UKR	10	Yuriy Shulha (1994).
URS	1 / Gold	Ants Antson (1964); Yevgeny Grishin (1956); Yury Mikhaylov (1956); Yevgeny Grishin (1960).
USA	1 / Gold	Jack Shea (1932); Eric Heiden (1980); Derek Parra (2002).
YUG	39	Behudin Merdović (1988).

1,500 metres, Men – Olympic Record Progression

2:54.4	16	André Gegout	FRA	Chamonix	1924
2:20.8	1	Clas Thunberg	FIN	Chamonix	1924
2:20.2	2	Ivar Ballangrud	NOR	Garmisch	1936
2:19.2	1	Charles Mathiesen	NOR	Garmisch	1936
2:17.6	1	Sverre Farstad	NOR	St. Moritz	1948
2:09.4	3	Toivo Salonen	FIN	Cortina	1956
2:08.6	=1 WR	Yevgeny Grishin	URS	Cortina	1956
2:08.6	=1 WR	Yury Mikhaylov	URS	Cortina	1956

2:07.1	11	Aleksandr Kerchenko	URS	Grenoble	1968
2:05.0	=2	Ard Schenk	NED	Grenoble	1968
2:03.4	1	Kees Verkerk	NED	Grenoble	1968
2:02.96	1	Ard Schenk	NED	Sapporo	1972
2:00.87	3	Hans van Helden	NED	Innsbruck	1976
1:59.38	1	Jan Egil Storholt	NOR	Innsbruck	1976
1:57.95	6	Jan Egil Storholt	NOR	Lake Placid	1980
1:55.44	1	Eric Heiden	USA	Lake Placid	1980
1:52.12	2 WR	Eric Flaim	USA	Calgary	1988
1:52.06	1 WR	André Hoffmann	GDR	Calgary	1988
1:51.29	1	Johann Olav Koss	NOR	Lillehammer	1994
1:50.96	9	Christian Breuer	GER	Nagano	1998
1:50.49	7	Hiroyuki Noake	JPN	Nagano	1998
1:50.04	5	K. C. Boutiette	USA	Nagano	1998
1:49.75	4	Jan Bos	NED	Nagano	1998
1:47.87	1 WR	Ådne Søndrål	NOR	Nagano	1998
1:45.98	11	Dmitry Shepel	RUS	Salt Lake City	2002
1:45.51	6	Nick Pearson	USA	Salt Lake City	2002
1:44.57	2 WR	Jochem Uytdehaage	NED	Salt Lake City	2002
1:43.95	1 WR	Derek Parra	USA	Salt Lake City	2002