

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships

Dordrecht, The Netherlands January 11-13, 2019

Media Information



MEMORANDUM FOR GUIDANCE IN HOSTING ISU EVENT

Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU European Short Track Championships in Dordrecht, The Netherlands. The event will be held at the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht from January 11-13, 2019.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Dordrecht and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The press centre and press tribune will be open and operational for the first practice/training session on Friday January 11 at 09.00 AM.

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If you require further information or have any questions, please contact:

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Media Accreditation

All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (www.isu.org) under «Media Accreditation».

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only.

Writing press, photographers, non-right holding media and freelancers

- Writing Press (newspaper, magazine, internet, agencies and ISU Member Federations): maximum two professionals per organization
- **Photographer:** maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)
- Television non-right holder: maximum three professionals per organization
- Radio non-right holder: maximum one professional per organization
- Freelancer: A freelance journalist or photographer is a full time professional editor or photographer, who is not employed by an agency or newspaper a self-employed professional. A freelance editor or photographer <u>must provide</u> <u>written evidence</u> that he/she operates on behalf of a clearly identified media. A freelance editor or photographer operating under his/her own account will not be accepted.

The total number of accredited media representatives will be subject to capacity. The Organizing Committee (OC) and ISU reserve the right to refuse any accreditation should the number of applications exceed given space or if any requested information / documentation has not been provided in due time.

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **Monday 7 January 2019**. All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information can be requested:

- 1. Copy of current professional media or journalist card
- 2. ID photo in .ipa.
- 3. If not in possession of a professional media card, a comment must be added to the note box provided and a letter from your editor confirming your assignment must be uploaded to your application.

Rights holding TV and radio

All right holding media must also apply for accreditation via OMAS. Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team media@isu.ch in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster:

NOS

Monique Hamer

Email: Monique.Hamer@nos.nl

Accreditation Confirmation

If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic email of confirmation will be issued. You may be asked to present a copy of the email of confirmation to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. <u>Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.</u>

Once accepted, you will receive a confirmation with more information on where to pick up the accreditation, opening times and map of the venue.

Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

Media Facilities at the venue

There will be working desks, power, wired and wireless internet and TV screens available in the Media Centre. We are expecting a lot of media, therefore we kindly ask you to be flexible and use the work space as efficiently as possible.

Media Tribune and TV Commentator positions

The Media Tribune is located at the left side of the venue. More information will be provided in the confirmation letter once the accreditation request is accepted.

Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition.

The Mixed Zone is split into five main sections and follows a pre-determined priority order:

- Quick Quotes available through the ISU website
- Rights holders TV and radio broadcasters who have pre-booked positions
- ENG crews
- Written press
- Non-rights holders

All athletes must pass through the Mixed Zone on completion of every event. Media may also approach coaches for interviews in their designated section, if required. The Media Operations team will make sure skaters go through the mixed zone, fulfil any media requests but are also responsible to make sure that the medalists get to their

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ceremony on time and will return to the Mixed Zone to finish TV interviews, and will then attend the press conference.

The Mixed Zone is located at ground floor level near the Heatbox Out.

Material Available

Press Conference: Hotel van der Valk, Ridderkerk on January 9, 2019 at 13.00 - 15.00.

Please email your request to be present to the OC Press Officer Press Releases: Official OC website / ISU Press Release Page

Flash Quotes: **ISU Event page**

Media Guide: ISU Media Guide Page

Image Gallery: <u>ISU Event page / ISU News Page</u> Event Social Media: <u>Facebook / Twitter / Instagram</u>

ISU Social Media: ISU Facebook / ISU Twitter / ISU Instagram

Hashtags: #EuroShortTrack #OneHandDown #EKShorttrack #ShortTrackSkating

Media Accommodation

Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

Media Hotels

For hotels go to www.booking.com. A hotel in the area of Bastion Dordrecht will be approximately an 8 minute walk from the Sportsboulevard.

Transportation for Schiphol to Dordrecht

From Schiphol to Dordrecht you can take the train. It costs €15,30 per person. There are 3 options:

- Take the Intercity to Brussel-Zuid/Midi: this train takes 1 hour and 11 minutes.
- Take the Intercity to Rotterdam Central Station, when on Rotterdam Central station change trains and take the train to Brussel-Zuid/Midi. This train takes 1 hour and 10 minutes.
- Take the Intercity to Dordrecht: this train takes 1 hour and 11 minutes.

Telecommunications

For more information regarding how to book additional services, such as dedicated internet line in the media centre, media tribune or rink side for agency photographers, please contact the OC press officer: Carl Mureau via C.Mureau@knsb.nl

Competition information

Schedule: <u>ISU Event page</u> Entry List: <u>ISU Event page</u> Results: <u>ISU Event page</u> Rankings: <u>ISU Event page</u>

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