



DEZILVERENBAL



WORLD'S FASTEST SKATE SHOW

MARCH 21, 2018

ELFSTEDENHAL LEEUWARDEN

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On behalf of the Organising Committee of De Zilveren Bal we have the honour and pleasure to invite you for the third edition of De Zilveren Bal, which will be held at the following date and location:

MARCH 21TH, 2018

LEEWARDEN (THE NETHERLANDS)

**IISTEDENHAL
FRYSLÂNPLEIN 1
8914 BZ**

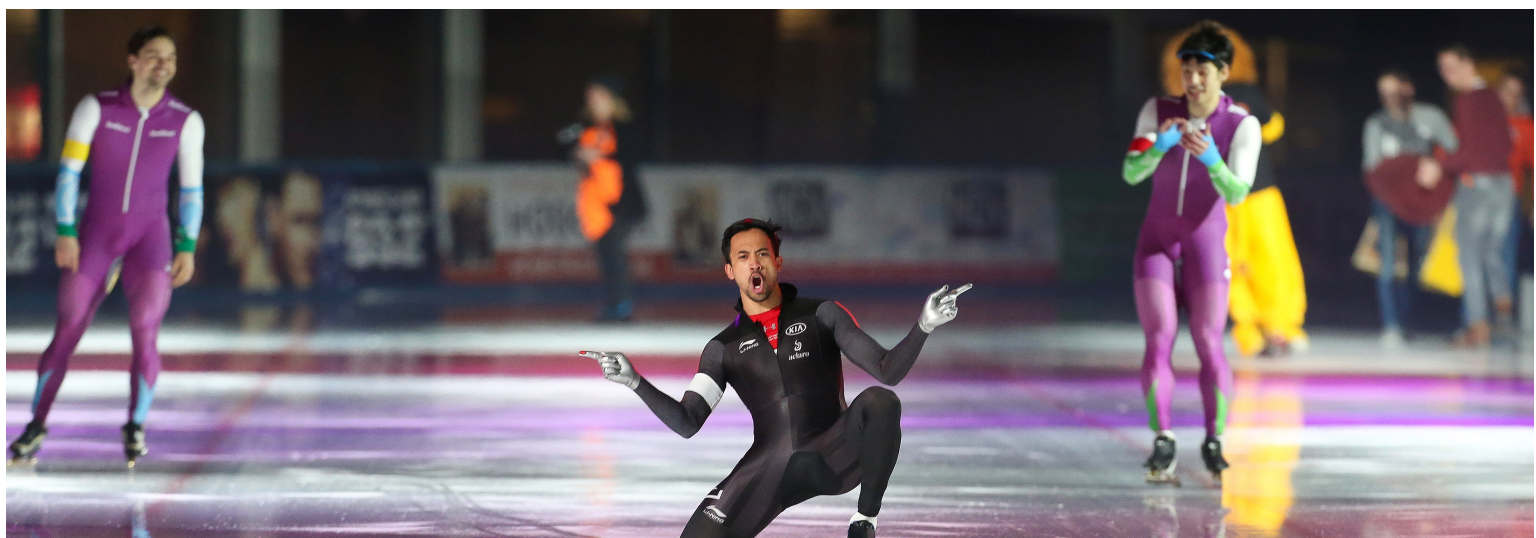


COMPETITION

De Zilveren Bal, "The Silver Ball", is world's fastest skate show. It is an event where the combination of high level sports and entertainment give a unique experience to both participants and spectators. Each time three skaters will race against each other over 100m. Eventually, after three elimination rounds, the three fastest men and women will go through to the final races. There they will determine who takes the win! Between the races the audience will be entertained in a modern and innovative way. There is never a silent moment! For this event the IJStedehal in Leeuwarden will be transformed into a real sports theatre with lights, sound and visual effects.

The name of this event is based on the rich Frisian history. In 1784 Joseph van Lingen, proprietor of the hostel De Gouden Bal, "The Golden Ball", announced the first speed skating race on the canals of Leeuwarden. Eventually, this resulted in the true tradition of the race De Gouden Bal, which still exists today. This race for women is still organised whenever Mother Nature is favourable. Unfortunately this doesn't happen very often. In consultation with the board of De Gouden Bal, the name De Zilveren Bal is chosen for this indoor speed skating show. 2018 will be a special year. Leeuwarden, capital of Friesland, will be Cultural Capital of Europe. During the whole year Leeuwarden will show its culture and traditions to the world. The organisation of De Zilveren Bal highly intends to contribute to that.

The first and second edition of De Zilveren Bal were a huge success. In 2016 the Canadians Gilmore Junio and Heather McLean took the win. In 2017 it was up to Dai dai Ntab and Floor van den Brandt from the Netherlands to take the prizes home. Participants, spectators, sponsors and the media are full of praise for this modern and innovative event. For 2018 the organising committee intends to organize a youth tournament for Dutch juniors previous to the main event. The entertainment will be spectacular again and unique in regard to Leeuwarden as Cultural Capital of Europe 2018.



ORGANISING COMMITTEE (OC)

The race is hosted by the foundation De Zilveren Bal. The board of the foundation is as follows:

- Rieks Hemmen (chairman)
- Vika Starygina (treasurer)
- Matthijs van Zeijl (secretary)

Tournament director is Jan Ykema, winner of a silver medal in the 500m at the 1988 Olympic Games in Calgary.

REGULATIONS

The competition will be held under the ISU rules and conditions included in this announcement.

LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility with respect to medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage sustained or caused in connection with this competition. Each member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

TRACK

A standard indoor speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the IJStedenhal, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Leeuwarden, in accordance with ISU Rule 203 and Rule 227.

PARTICIPANTS

There will be 33 male and 33 female participants. Spots are filled as follows:

- 20 skaters will represent The Netherlands
 - 10 spots are available for foreign skaters*
 - 3 participants will enter via wildcards, indicated by the OC
- *All unfilled international spots will be filled with extra Dutch skaters

The Organising Committee has the right to change the number of participants from 33 to 30 per category. In this case, this will affect the spots for the Dutch skaters.

ENTRIES

Dutch participants

Dutch participants are selected using the 100m overall list of the KNSB (until 01-02-2018) and on the opening times of the 500m during the National distance Championship, Olympic Qualification Tournament and National Sprint & Allround Championships. Dutch skaters will be invited by the Organising Committee via email. Dutch participants can confirm or decline their invitation on www.inschrijven.schaatsen.nl.

Entry opens on 5th February 2018 12:00 and closes on 11th March 2018 24:00.

International participants

International participants can enter the competition if they meet the time limits for De Zilveren Bal. Limits for participation of international participants are: 10,40 (male) and 11,30 (female). International participants can only be registered by the ISU Member that represents them. This can be done by e-mail to info@dezilverenbal.nl. The first 10 registrations will be invited. Unused international spots will be given to Dutch skaters.

Entry closes on **11th March 2018 at 24:00**.

ENTRANCE FEES

There are no entrance fees for competing in De Zilveren Bal.

RACES

There will skate three competitors in every heat. The warming up lane will also be used as a race lane. There will be four rounds. After each round skaters will be eliminated. Eventually, three skaters will make it to the fourth and final round. This form of this competition is in accordance with ISU Rule 253, paragraph 4. a.

	Participants		Races	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Round 1	33	33	11	11
Round 2	21	21	7	7
Semi Finals	9	9	3	3
Finals	3	3	1	1

ELIMINATION PROCEDURE

After each round some skaters will be eliminated. This goes as follows:

- After round 1 the fastest 21 skaters will make it to round 2.
- After round 2 the fastest 9 skaters will make it to the semi finals.
- The winner of each semi final will make it to the finals.

TIMEKEEPING

Timekeeping will be done by transponder times, photo finish and manual timekeeping. This is in accordance with ISU Rule 247.

RACE INFORMATION AND RESULTS

Race information will be posted on www.schaatsen.nl and will also be sent to international participants by email. Results of De Zilveren Bal are in accordance with Rule 265, paragraph 1.a. and will be posted on the website above and also on www.dezilverenbal.nl.

ACCREDITATIONS

Participants, staff, officials and media each receive an accreditation. This accreditation gives entry to restricted areas. Restricted areas will be under supervision. There is one (1) accreditation for a coach available per team. Coaches must register by e-mail to info@dezilverenbal.nl.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

18:00	Registration open for participants
18:40-19:00	Warming up on ice
19:00-19:15	Ice preparation
19:30	Start Round 1
20:00	Start Round 2
20:30-20:50	Ice preparation
21:00	Start semi finals
21:25	Start finals
21:45-22:00	Price winning ceremony

PRIZES

There is prize money for both men and women who finish in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The winners receive a unique silver ball.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Doctors and paramedics will be present on the day of competition. There will be an adequate response time for ambulances to be on site in case of need.

PARKING

Parking facilities for competitors and visitors are on the parking area directly next to the IJStedenhal ice rink. Parking is free.

TRANSPORTATION

The organising committee will arrange transportation for all international participants from and to the airport and between the hotel and to the ice rink for the competition.

LIVESTREAM

The Organising Committee intends to broadcast the event live on the Internet.

HOTELS

The participants, coaches and staff are responsible for their own accommodation and meals. The Organising Committee can recommend the following hotels:

Van der Valk Hotel Wolvega-Heerenveen

www.hotelwolvega.nl

27 minute drive to the ice rink

WTC Hotel Leeuwarden

www.Westcordhotels.nl/wtc

Next to the ice rink (5 minute walk)

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