The International Skating Union, Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the:

**European Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2019**
January 11 to 13, 2019
to be held at the Sportboulevard,
Dordrecht, The Netherlands

**General Regulations**
The ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2019 will be conducted in accordance with the 2018 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members (Rule 131).

**Distances**
- Individual: 1500, 500, 1000, 3000 meters Ladies and Men
- Relay: 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

**Program**
The below program is subject to change depending on the final entry of Skaters.

**Thursday, 10 January 2019**
- 08.00 Official Training
- 19.00 Opening Meeting

**Friday, 11 January 2019**
- 10.00 and 17.00 Qualifying Rounds 1500, 500, 1000 meters Ladies & Men

**Saturday, 12 January 2019**
- TBA Ranking Finals 1500, 500 meters Ladies & Men
- 14.20 Opening Ceremony *
- 14.32 Semi-Finals & Finals 1500 meters Ladies & Men
  - Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 500 meters Ladies & Men
  - Semi-Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
  - Semi-Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
  - Awards Ceremony

**Sunday, 13 January 2019**
- TBA Ranking Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men
- 14.47 Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men
- Super-Finals 3000 meters Ladies & Men
- Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
- Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
- Awards Ceremony
- 20.00 Closing Banquet

* only if applicable
**Track Conditions**

The Sportboulevard Dordrecht has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 2128. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

**Entries**

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Short Track Speed Skating on www.isu.org, section Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **November 30, 2018** (Rule 295, paragraph 4).

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:
- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Access to Closing Banquet (if held);
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System at the latest by 20:00 hrs (local time) on **Sunday January 6, 2019** (Rule 295, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:
- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Dordrecht at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, January 10th or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Championships. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded.

e) Please note that for all persons entered by the ISU Members, the procedures regarding the Declaration for Competitors and Officials (all team Officials requiring an accreditation) entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication No. 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.
**Individual Entries:**
In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2, each ISU Member has the right to enter at least one (1) Competitor in each category.

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2201 “Entries for ISU Championships”, the following ISU Members may enter more than one (1) Competitor in total in the respective category. Each ISU Member may enter the substitutes corresponding with the number of entries.

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**Relay Entries:**
ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum of five (5) Competitors which will include all Competitors for both competitions: Individual and Relay.

In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2 b), only the twelve (12) highest ranked European ISU Members, based on a special Relay Classification over the 2 most recent World Cup Competitions held in Europe, can enter a Relay Team Ladies and/or Men in the respective category at the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2019.

Special attention must be paid to Rule 286, paragraph 4 regarding the fact that the participation is known before the start of the second (2nd) World Cup Competition held in Europe prior to the next edition of the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships.
Qualifying Times:
Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times over 500 meters, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2201, paragraph 4.2, as follows:

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For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2017 and the final entry deadline specified in the paragraph “Entries” above.

Points and Classification
In accordance with Rule 295.

Titles and Medals
The winners of the Championships (according to Rule 133) will bear the title:

- European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2019
  or
- Lady European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2019

- European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2019
  or
- Ladies European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2019

- European Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2019
  or
- Lady European Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2019

The European and Lady European Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.
The European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed Relay Teams will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

Prize money will be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No 1976, or any further update of this Communication.
Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, January 10 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided on Tuesday January 8 and Wednesday January 9. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged € 150,-. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. Payment for additional practice ice time must be paid in Euro to the Organizing Committee upon arrival. For practice ice time prior to the official practice, please inform the Organizing Committee using the attached form. Medical coverage will be provided for the official and additional practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140.

If teams wish to use the strength training facility, they have to book directly. The facilities can be booked on Tuesday from 8.00-10.00 hrs and 12.00-17.30 hrs, Wednesday from 8.00-14.30 hrs, Thursday from 8.00-17.00 hrs. The training facilities are inside the ice rink and only accessible on competition days without appointment. Please contact Ms. Jeannette Hoftijzer (00316-26860581) directly for prices and booking at info@topperformancedelta.nl.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1922 & 2117 or later updates).

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2019. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accreditation:

For the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships an online accreditation tool is created. To obtain your accreditation you need to fill in the online form preferable before the 21st of December 2018, but certainly before January 6, 2019. Without submitting a passport photo* in the online tool it is not possible to obtain an accreditation. Please use the following link: http://scoorjetoegang.nl/ek-shorttrack-2019/ek-shorttrack-teams/

*The photo on the accreditation has to be uploaded in JPG or JPEG and can’t be larger than 250kb. It must be a standing passport photo (without other objects or people in the photo).
Accommodation and Meals
The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and meals starting with lunch on Thursday 10 January until lunch on Monday 14 January (for those departing in the afternoon) for all participating Skaters, maximum five (5) Ladies and five (5) Men, plus one Team leader from each participating ISU Member. All teams arriving before Thursday 10 January or leaving after Monday 14 January or bringing in more than the officially designated number of participants will be responsible for their own costs and are kindly requested to settle the amount due on site, at the applicable rate, upon arrival.

An invoice will be sent prior to the start of the event. Payment should be done before arrival per bank transfer, or can also be done in cash (in EURO) or by Credit card at the OC office upon arrival. Only Mastercard or Visa will be accepted. For Credit card payment a surcharge of 3% is applicable.

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Official Hotels
The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotels:

POSTILLION DORDRECHT (Teams and ISU officials)
Rijksstraatweg 30
3316 EH Dordrecht
http://www.postillionhotels.com/hotels/postillion-hotel-dordrecht

VAN DER VALK HOTEL RIDDERKERK (Teams)
Krommeweg 1
2988 CB Ridderkerk
www.valk.com
https://www.hotelridderkerk.nl

Single Room (per person, per night): € 163,- (limited availability, including breakfast, lunch and dinner)
Twin Double Room (per person, per night): € 126,- (including breakfast, lunch and dinner).

STAY OKAY (no official hotel, no transportation)
Baanhoekweg 25
3313 LA Dordrecht
0031-78-6212167
Email: dordrecht@stayokay.com
http://www.stayokay.com
For prices (depending on the number of persons and availability), please contact the hotel directly

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than December 3, 2018.
Cancellation policy: Federations are allowed to reduce up to a maximum of 25% of the reserved number of rooms free of charge, between 15 days and 7 days before the arrival date. In case of reductions exceeding the % as set out in this agreement, rooms will be fully charged for the pre-booked period, unless the OC can resell the room.

In case of cancellation 7 days or less before the arrival date, the customer is obliged to pay 100% of the Reservation Value to the OC.

Transportation
The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between Rotterdam Airport and the official hotels, from Monday, 7 January to Monday, 14 January. Participants arriving and departing from Schiphol Airport will pay a transportation fee of 25 EURO per person one way (for arrival of an entire team. Prices will be higher for transport outside the travel of the team. To be advised upon request). Participants arriving and departing from other airport(s) or train/bus stations will be responsible for the transport costs. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves, or the OC will quote an individual rate.

The Organizing Committee will also provide free transportation for all participants between the official hotel and Sportboulevard Dordrecht during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Tuesday January 8.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than December 3, 2018. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Medical Insurance
It is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in an ISU Event (as defined in Rule 107), to provide medical insurance for their Skaters. Proof of such can be requested by the Organizing Committee.

Entry Visa Requirements
Should you need assistance to obtain a Dutch entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee.

Media Accreditation
Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System https://www.isu.org/media-accreditation-system

Information for the media will be available on the ISU website in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:
Mr. Carl Mureau, Press Officer: c.mureau@knsb.nl
The Organizing Committee
All entries, hotel reservation and media accreditation requests, as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

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Mrs. Gitta Hanrath
Valschermkade 30
1059 CD Amsterdam
The Netherlands
Tel: 0031 20 570 90 60
shorttrack@tigsports.nl

Website
All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website:
www.schaatsen.nl

Live results will be available at the following website:
www.isu.org