

ISU ***WORLD SHORT TRACK
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021***



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MARCH 5-7, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENT



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

 **World Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2021**

March 5 – 7, 2021

**to be held at the Optisport Sportboulevard,
Dordrecht, the Netherlands**

General Regulations

The ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021 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 and agreement with the host broadcaster.

Thursday, March 4, 2021	08.00	Official Training
	19.00	Opening Meeting
Friday, March 5, 2021	10.00	Qualifying Rounds 1500, 500, 1000 meters Ladies & Men
	16.00	Qualifying Rounds 1500, 500, 1000 meters Ladies & Men
Saturday, March 6, 2021	TBA	Ranking Finals 1500, 500 meters Ladies & Men
	13.35	Opening Ceremony *
	13.47	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, March 7, 2021	TBA	Ranking Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men, Final B Relays Ladies and Men
	14.02	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

** only if applicable*

Track Conditions

The Optisport Sportboulevard 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) Preliminary Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **January 22, 2021** (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 **February 28, 2021** (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) 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 281, paragraph 2, each ISU Member has the right to enter at least one (1) Competitor in each category.

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2356 "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.

Ladies

Belgium	2 competitors	Japan	2 competitors
Canada	2 competitors	Kazakhstan	2 competitors
China	3 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Poland	2 competitors
France	2 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors	Slovak Republic	2 competitors
Hungary	2 competitors	USA	2 competitors
Italy	3 competitors		

Men

Australia	2 competitors	Japan	3 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Kazakhstan	2 competitors
Canada	3 competitors	Latvia	2 competitors
China	3 competitors	Netherlands	2 or 3 competitors*
France	2 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Russia	2 competitors
Hungary	2 competitors	Turkey	2 competitors
Italy	3 competitors	USA	2 competitors
Israel	2 competitors		

**) In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2.a): If the Host ISU Member has not qualified 3 Skaters then the Host ISU Member may nevertheless choose to still enter 3 Skaters and have the original number of qualified Skaters as their maximum number of Skaters to qualify for the same following Championship.*

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.

For the Relay competitions, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2356, only the eight (8) highest ranked ISU Members in the World Ranking Relay at the end of season 2019/20 can enter a Relay Team in the respective category in the Relay competitions at the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021. The following ISU Members are qualified for the Relay competitions, in case of an ISU Member withdrawing, the reserve list of ISU Members will apply:

Relay Ladies	Relay Men
Netherlands	Russia
Canada	Republic of Korea
China	China
Republic of Korea	Hungary
Russia	Netherlands
Italy	Canada
USA	Japan
Japan	Italy

Reserve Relay Ladies	Reserve Relay Men
France (1st reserve)	Kazakhstan (1st reserve)
Poland (2nd reserve)	France (2nd reserve)
Hungary (3rd reserve)	USA (3rd reserve)
Kazakhstan (4th reserve)	Belgium (4th reserve)
Ukraine (5th reserve)	Poland (5th reserve)
Great Britain (6th reserve)	Latvia (6th reserve)

Qualifying Times:

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times over 500 meters, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2356, paragraph 5.2, as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
500 m	49,000	45,800

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2018 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:

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2021

Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2021

World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2021

Ladies World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2021

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2021

Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2021

The World and Lady World Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies World 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. 2218, or any further update of this Communication.

Team Officials Accreditations

Following the ISU Guidelines for ISU Events During COVID-19 Pandemic, only the following number of Team Officials can receive an accreditation:

For Teams entering 1 up to 5 Skaters

#	Function	Price	Accreditation Access
1	Team Leader	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Coach	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Doctor	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Physio	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Equipment Technician	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area

For Teams entering 6 up to 10 Skaters

#	Function	Price	Accreditation Access
1	Team Leader	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
2	Coaches	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Doctor	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
2	Physios	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
2	Equipment Technicians	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Team Video Specialist	Free	Blue – 2 – Athletes Lounge, Dressing Rooms & Team Seats

Note: 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.

Accreditation System

An online accreditation tool has been created for the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021. To obtain your accreditation, you need to fill out the online form preferably before February 12, 2021, but at the latest by February 26, 2021. Without submitting an ID picture* in the online tool, it is not possible to obtain an accreditation. The accreditation link will be sent to all ISU Members latest by January 24th, 2021.

*The picture on the accreditation has to be uploaded in JPG or JPEG and cannot be larger than 250kb. It must be an ID picture (without other objects or people on the picture).

Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, March 4 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided on Tuesday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 3. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged € 180,-. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. In the case of special restrictions and the consequent need to split team in single training sessions or smaller training groups, the training times might be reduced to 40 minutes per session. 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. Medical coverage will be provided for the official and additional practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140.

If teams wish to use the gym/weight room training facility, they have to book directly. The facilities can be booked on:

Tuesday March 2	from 08.00 till 18.30 hours.
Wednesday March 3	from 08.00 till 15.00 hours.
Thursday March 4	from 08.00 till 17.00 hours.

The training facilities are inside the ice rink and only accessible on competition days without appointment. Please contact Ms. Jeannette Hoftijzer (0031 6 2686 0581) directly for prices and booking at

jeannette@jeramovement.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 Nos. 2243 (update of this Communication to be released shortly and enter into force on January 1, 2021) and 2344.

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 World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Face Masks

No advertising marking is allowed on face masks. Face masks may display one (1) manufacturer trademark/identification of maximum 8cm². In addition, ISU Member's name and/or abbreviation and/or national flag and/or Skater's name may be displayed on the face mask.

Accommodation and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and meals starting with lunch on Thursday March 4, 2021, until lunch on Monday March 8, 2021 (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 March 4, 2021 or leaving after Monday March 8, 2021 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.

The accommodation provided by the OC will be for the amount based on double room occupancy. If a team chooses to stay in single rooms (upon availability) the difference in price will be at the expenses of the participating team.

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>

Van der Valk Hotel Dordrecht (Teams)

Laan van Europa 1600
3317 DB Dordrecht

www.vandervalkhoteldordrecht.nl

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **January 22, 2021**.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows:

Single Room, limited availability: € 181,- (including breakfast, lunch & dinner)
(per person, per night)

Double Room (per person, per night): € 141,- (including breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Cancellation policy: Federations are allowed to reduce the reserved number of rooms free of charge until six (6) weeks before arrival. In case of cancellation up to one (1) month before arrival date, the customer is obligated to pay 50% of the reservation value to the Organizing Committee. If canceled within one (1) month before arrival, rooms will be fully charged.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between Rotterdam Airport and the official hotels, from Sunday, February 28 to Monday, March 8.

Participants arriving and departing from Schiphol Airport will pay a transportation fee of € 35,- 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 Organizing Committee will quote an individual rate.

The Organizing Committee will also provide free transportation for all participants between the official hotels and Optisport Sportboulevard during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

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 **February 12, 2021**. 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-centre/accreditations/media>
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

Phone: 0031 8848 92 000

Mobile: 0031 6 5574 7998

E-mail: c.mureau@knsb.nl

Impacts of COVID-19 on the Event

During the current COVID-19 pandemic the health and safety of all participants at the ISU Events including the athletes, team members, officials, volunteers, service providers, broadcasters, media, and spectators needs to be given additional attention.

Therefore, each participant is required to carefully read the ISU Guidelines for ISU Events During COVID-19 pandemic (General Guidelines and Short Track specific Guidelines).

- ISU Guidelines for ISU Events During COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://isu.org/inside-isu/covid-19>

As stated in the Guidelines, all accredited persons are required to stay within the official Event locations only (Ice Rink, Hotel, Official Transportation).

All Skaters and Team Officials (Team leaders, Coaches, Team Doctors, Physio and Team Technician) shall arrive at the official hotel not later than Monday, March 1, 2021.

All Team Members must take a COVID-19 PCR test not more than 72h before prior to the arrival at the site of the Championships, only participants with a negative test result will be admitted on the Dutch territory. The test result must be sent to the OC before traveling to the Event. Participants without such negative PCR test will not be authorized to enter the Official Transportation and Officials Hotels.

Upon arrival at the official hotel a second PCR test will be conducted on all participants. Until that result is known, all team members will be in isolation in their hotel room. Room service will be provided. Only upon receipt of a negative second PCR test result Team members can enter the bubble and start training. In order to avoid the transmission of COVID-19, participants and Team Members will not be allowed to leave the safe bubble area (hotel, official transportation, venue). Because of the time needed to analyze all samples and get the results back, all participants shall arrive at the official hotel preferably on Sunday February 28, but in any case, not later than Monday March 1, 2021.

Arrival after Monday, March 1, 2021 is not allowed.

The following basic COVID-19 protection measures must be respected at all times by all participants:

- Keep social distance of 1,5m
- Wash your hands carefully and as often as possible
- Mandatory wearing of a mask to cover mouth and nose at all times (except when skating)
- Daily non-contact temperature measurement

In the event of a competition cancelation, (due to COVID-19) the host organizer will NOT be responsible for costs (travel, hotel etc.) made by an invited member.

We will continue to keep you informed about important news and any changes.

The Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservation and media accreditation requests, as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

Mrs. Berdine Schaap
Valschermkade 30
1059 CD Amsterdam
the Netherlands
Phone: 0031 20 570 90 60
E-mail: berdine@tigsports.nl

Website

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event websites:

<https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2021/3/isu-wk-shorttrack/>
www.wkshorttrack.com

Live results will be available at the following website:

www.isu.org

ISU “Inside Events” mobile application

Daily information, results and changes in schedules (race, training, transportation, etc.) will be communicated to the teams on the board of the Team Hotel as well as on the ISU “Inside Events” mobile application.

This mobile application makes the information delivery faster, contains all relevant information for participants, reduce paper needs and notify participants in case of any changes or urgencies through push notification possibilities.

The “Inside Events” app is available free of charge on Android and Apple systems and is compatible with both tablets and smartphones. It can be downloaded with the below QR codes or directly on the app stores.

Each ISU Event will have its own unique password that will be provided on site to participating Athletes, Officials, and Team Delegations.



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