

MINSK - BELARUS  
17 - 18 MARCH 2018



**WORLD CUP**  
SPEED SKATING



**ISU World Cup Speed Skating Final  
Minsk, Belarus**



# ANNOUNCEMENT

March 17-18, 2018

Minsk-Arena, Belarus

Ladies and Men - All Distances



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On behalf of the Skating Union of Belarus, and the Organizing Committee,  
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to the

## ISU WORLD CUP

### SPEED SKATING FINAL

2017/18

which will be held at the Minsk-Arena  
in Minsk, Republic of Belarus  
on March 17 and 18, 2018

The Competition will be held under the 2016 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2112.

#### PROGRAM:

Friday, 16 March:	16:00	Team leaders' Meeting, Minsk-Arena, Conference hall
	18:00	Opening draw, Minsk-Arena, Conference hall
Saturday, 17 March:	15:00	500m Ladies (1st) 500m Men (1st) Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men 3000m Ladies 5000m Men
Sunday, 18 March:	15:00	500m Ladies (2nd) 500m Men (2nd) 1500m Ladies 1500m Men Team Sprint Ladies Team Sprint Men Mass start Ladies Mass start Men

#### TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Minsk-Arena, an artificially frozen *indoor* skating rink in Minsk. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside warm-up lane is 7 meters.

#### ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraph 3.3.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org), section Speed Skating or <http://isu.events/login.php>

***Preliminary entries***, giving the estimated number of Competitors & substitutes and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be submitted at the latest **by Saturday February 17, 2018**.

***Final entries*** including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must be submitted at the latest **by 12:00 noon (local time) on Monday March 12, 2018** (see also ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraph 3.3.5).

**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 Communications No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communications.

**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.**

*Entry Quotas will be announced by the ISU in due time according to ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraph 3.3.3.  
No promotion from B Division results at the ISU World Cup in Erfurt (January 19-21, 2018) for the World Cup Final will apply.*

#### **COMPETITION FORMAT AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE MASS START EVENTS**

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 253, paragraph 4 b) in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraphs 4.3 and 5.5, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2038 or any further updates.

#### **COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS**

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261, paragraph 1 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraph 4.2.1, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

#### **COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM SPRINT EVENTS**

Team Sprint races will be skated according to Rules 261, paragraph 3 and 265, paragraph 7 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraph 4.2.2, with teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 3 laps both for Ladies and for Men.

#### **GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES**

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraph 5.

#### **PRIZES AND POINTS**

For each event World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2112, paragraphs 6 and 8 accordingly.

#### **ANTI-DOPING**

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications Nos. 1922 and 2117 or any further update of these Communications).

#### **TRAINING TIMES**

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training from Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

The speed skating track will be open for trainings for entered Competitors from Monday, 26 February, 2018. Each training session (90 minutes) will be charged 10 Euro per skater. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, 16 March, 2018 from 10:00 to 12:00 AM.

Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

#### **LIABILITY**

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Skating Union of Belarus and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

The deadline to submit the Accommodation request is **by 12:00 noon (local time) on Monday March 12, 2018.**

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials.

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the Competitors in the following hotels:

Hotel "Victoria Olimp" \*\*\*\*

Minsk, Pobeditelej ave, 103; tel. +3751730875555;

[www.olimphotel.by](http://www.olimphotel.by);

[reservation@olimphotel.by](mailto:reservation@olimphotel.by)

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night):

80 Euro

Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night):

105 Euro

Hotel "Slavyanskaya" \*\*\*

Minsk, Narochanskaya str.6; tel. +375173591500, +375173591509;

[www.slavyanskaya-minsk.by](http://www.slavyanskaya-minsk.by);

[booking@slavyanskaya-minsk.by](mailto:booking@slavyanskaya-minsk.by),

[info@slavyanskaya-minsk.by](mailto:info@slavyanskaya-minsk.by).

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night):

60 Euro

Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night):

85 Euro

The lunch and dinner will be served at Minsk-Arena Sport Complex. The meal vouchers can be purchased at the accreditation. The price for lunch and dinner will be 20 Euro each per person. Meals are available daily at the venue and by additional request at the official hotels (in this case the price for each meal will be 30 Euro).

\*Payment: in BYN (Belarus rubles) or Credit card (Visa, MasterCard).

## TRANSPORTATION

Minsk National Airport, <http://airport.by/en>, connects with direct flights to a large number of European Capital cities.

A transportation service will be provided to all arriving and departing teams between *Monday, March 12, 2018 and Monday, March 19, 2018*. Transportation will be provided from and to the National Airport Minsk and from and to the Minsk Central Railway Station. The price for transportation to and from the airport is 30 Euro per person (both ways) and the price of transportation to and from the central railway station is 15 Euro (both ways).

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but not later than **Thursday, March 8, 2018**.

## VISA INFORMATION

According to Belarus Decree of visa-free entry and exit of foreign nationals, **citizens of 80 countries\*** can enter Belarus for up to **5 days\*\*** and exit from the territory of Belarus **only through the "Minsk National Airport"**.

The given order of visa-free movement through the airport **does not extend to persons coming to Belarus by plane from the Russian Federation, as well as to those who intend to fly to the airports of the Russian Federation** (such flights are considered as internal ones and do not have border control).

For citizens of China a valid multiple visa of the EU member states or Schengen zone with a mark in passport on crossing the border of these states and tickets with confirmation of departure from "Minsk National Airport" within 5 days from the date of entry is a **compulsory additional requirement**.

For obtaining the complete information about visa, please visit <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/>.

For Teams, who would like to stay in Belarus more than 5 days, Entry visa is required.

Upon receipt of copies of passports and completed visa information form (attached) for competitors, coaches and team officials, the Skating Union of Belarus will issue letters of invitation. This letter needs to be presented at the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in the respective country in order to issue the visas. Only those ISU Members, who do not have Belarus Embassies in their countries will receive visas at Minsk National Airport by arrival.

To facilitate the issuing of visa at the airport, please complete the Visa Application form, <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/info/visa-applications.html> in advance and provide a passport photograph. In the Republic of Belarus the medical insurance policy is obligatory. It is different from European medical insurance. It is obligatory and is available to be purchased at the airport on arrival. The cost is up to 10 Euro. For questions on visa application procedures, please contact Mr. Nikita Babicki, e-mail: [eldemersel@gmail.com](mailto:eldemersel@gmail.com) Please send to the OC copies of passports and completed visa information form as soon as possible. For those participants, who will have their visas issued at the airport, please inform the OC in advance.

## ACCREDITATIONS

The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Additional fee *50 Euros* for each extra accreditation must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Minsk Arena "VIP 3" entrance** upon arrival.

## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website(s): [www.skating.by](http://www.skating.by)