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SPEED SKATING



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Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval

16 - 18 November 2018

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On behalf of the Japan Skating Federation, and the Organizing Committee,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

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2018/19

which will be held at the Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval
in Obihiro-city, Japan
on Friday, November 16 to Sunday, November 18, 2018

The Competition will be held under the 2018 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2192.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2019, ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2019, ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2019 and ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2019.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, November 15:	16:00 18:00	Team leaders' Meeting, Tokachi Plaza Opening draw, Tokachi Plaza
Friday, November 16:	12:00*	Division B: 500m Ladies (1 st) 500m Men (1 st) Mass Start Ladies (Semi-Finals) Mass Start Men (Semi-Finals)
	15:30	Division A: Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men 500m Ladies (1 st) 500m Men (1 st)
Saturday, November 17:	11:30*	Division B: 500m Ladies (2 nd) 1500m Men 1500m Ladies 500m Men (2 nd)
	15:30	Division A: 500m Ladies (2 nd) 1500m Men 1500m Ladies 500m Men (2 nd) Mass Start Ladies (Final) Mass Start Men (Final)
Sunday, November 18:	10:00*	Division B: 1000m Ladies 1000m Men 3000m Ladies 5000m Men
	14:30	Division A: 1000m Ladies 1000m Men 3000m Ladies 5000m Men Team Sprint Ladies Team Sprint Men

* The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced at the Team leaders' meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results) for determining the awarding of World Cup points and prize money.

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Obihiro-city. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside warm-up lane is 5 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2192, paragraph 3.1.3.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on 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 Wednesday, October 17.

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, November 12 (see also ISU Communication No. 2192, paragraph 3.1.1).

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.

According to ISU Communication No. 2192, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are

	ISU	LADIES				ISU	MEN				ISU
	Member	500	1000	1500	3000 5000	Member	500	1000	1500	5000 10000	Member
1.	AUS	1	1	1	1	AUS	2	2	1	1	AUS
2.	AUT	2	2	2	1	AUT	1	1	1	1	AUT
3.	BEL	1	1	1	2	BEL	1	2	2	2	BEL
4.	BLR	1	1	1	2	BLR	2	2	1	1	BLR
5.	CAN	4	3	4	4	CAN	5	4	5	4	CAN
6.	CHN	4	4	3	3	CHN	3	1	1	1	CHN
7.	TPE	2	2	2	1	TPE	1	1	1	1	TPE
8.	CZE	2	2	3	3	CZE	1	1	1	1	CZE
9.	DEN	1	1	1	1	DEN	1	1	1	2	DEN
10.	EST	1	1	1	2	EST	1	1	1	1	EST
11.	FIN	2	1	1	1	FIN	3	2	1	1	FIN
12.	FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	1	2	FRA
13.	GER	3	1	3	4	GER	3	3	2	3	GER
14.	ITA	2	3	2	2	ITA	1	1	3	4	ITA
15.	JPN	5	5	5*	5	JPN	5*	5*	5*	5*	JPN
16.	LAT	1	1	1	1	LAT	1	2	2	2	LAT
17.	KAZ	2	2	1	1	KAZ	2	3	1	2	KAZ
18.	KOR	5	3	2	2	KOR	4	4	3	3	KOR
19.	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	NED
20.	NOR	2	4	3	4	NOR	4	3	5	4	NOR
21.	NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	2	2	NZL
22.	POL	1	2	4	2	POL	4	4	4	1	POL
23.	RUS	5	5	5	4	RUS	4	4	5	4	RUS
24.	SWE	1	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	1	2	SWE
25.	SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	1	2	SUI
26.	USA	4	3	4	3	USA	2	5	4	1	USA

* as hosting ISU Member

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance. All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 2192, paragraph 3.1.2.

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. 2192, paragraphs 4.3 and 5.6, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2195 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. 2192, paragraph 4.2.1 and 5.7, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2195 or any further updates.

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. 2192, paragraph 4.2.2 and 5.7, with teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 3 laps both for Ladies and for Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2195 or any further updates.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2192, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event, World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2192, paragraphs 6 and 7.2 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 speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, November 12, 2018. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, November 15, 2018.

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, Japan Skating Federation 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

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

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel(s) will be as follows (including all taxes):

Hotel Grand Terrace Obihiro

Single Room occupancy: 16,500 JPY (approx. 149 USD) per person per night. Prices including meals and drinks.

Double Room occupancy; 14,500 JPY (approx. 131 USD) per person per night. Prices including meals and drinks.

Tokachi Gardens Hotel and Apa Hotel Obihiro-Ekimae

Single Room occupancy: 15,500 JPY (approx. 140 USD) per person per night. Prices including meals and drinks.

Double Room occupancy; 13,500 JPY (approx. 122 USD) per person per night. Prices including meals and drinks.

Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro

Single Room occupancy: 18,900 JPY (approx. 170 USD) per person per night. Prices including meals and drinks.

Double Room occupancy; 16,900 JPY (approx. 152 USD) per person per night. Prices including meals and drinks.

Cancellation policy:

Two weeks before arrival: 20%

One week before arrival: 50%

One day before arrival or No-show: 100%

Payment: Cash in JPY or credit card (VISA, Master, AMEX, Diners).

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

OFFICIAL HOTELS

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

Hotel Grand Terrace Obihiro

11-2, Minami, Nishi 1-jo, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-0011, Japan

Tel: +81-155-27-0109 Fax: +81-155-27-1016

<http://breezbay-group.com/hgt-obihiro/>

Tokachi Gardens Hotel

11-16, Minami, Nishi 2-jo, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-0012, Japan

Tel: +81-155-26-5555 Fax: +81-155-21-0500

<https://www.gardenshotel.jp/>

APA Hotel Obihiro-Ekimae

12-8, Minami, Nishi 1-jo, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-0011, Japan

Tel: +81-155-23-5111 Fax: +81-155-23-5112

https://www.apahotel.com/hotel/hokkaido/08_obihiro-ekimae/

Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro

13-1, Minami, Nishi 2-jo, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-0012, Japan

Tel: +81-155-24-1234 Fax: +81-155-28-3553

<https://www.jrhotels.co.jp/obihiro/english/>

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel(s).

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be arranged between New Chitose (Sapporo) International Airport and/or Obihiro Airport (Domestic) and the official hotels from Monday, November 12 until Monday, November 19, 2018. The travel expense will be 3,000 JPY per person (one way) by bus for every team member (*1,000 JPY from/to Obihiro Airport). Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

Shuttle bus service will be operated between the official hotels and the ice rink during days of official training and competitions, starting from Monday, November 12, 2018.

Information about the date and time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials must be submitted via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

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.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or Japan Skating Federation 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):

https://live.isureresults.eu/events/2019_JPN_0001/schedule

<https://www.jsfresults.com/InterNational/2018-2019/wcss/>