



WORLD 'S FASTEST SKATE SHOW

INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

WEDNESDAY 11/03
ELFSTEDENHAL LEEUWARDEN



DEZILVERENBAL

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

MARCH 11TH, 2020

LEEWARDEN (THE NETHERLANDS)

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Competition

De Zilveren Bal, "The Silver Ball", is a 100 meter sprint Championship. It is the world's fastest skate show. It is an event where the combination of high level sports and entertainment gives a unique experience to both participants and spectators. Each time three skaters will race against each other over 100 meter. 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 dull moment! For this event the IJStadion in Leeuwarden will be transformed into a real sports theatre with lights, sound and visual effects.

De Zilveren Bal was first hosted in 2016 and will this season celebrate its fifth anniversary. Winners of De Zilveren Bal are:

2016

Heather McLean (CAN)
Gilmore Junio (CAN)

2017

Floor van den Brandt (NED)
Dai dai Ntab (NED)

2018

Karolina Erbanová (CZE)
Michel Mulder (NED)

2019

Yuma Murakami (JAP)
Angelina Golikova (RUS)

Organising Committee (OC)

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

- Riex Hemmen (chairman)
- Sjoerd van der Boom (treasurer)
- Matthijs van Zeijl (secretary)

The Tournament Director is Jan Ykema, winner of the silver medal in the 500 meter 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 Organising 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:

Cat.		Women	Men
1	International participants (X = max. 10)	X	X
2	Dutch participants group 1	12	12
3	General classification Sprint League	8-Y	8-Y
4	Dutch participants group 2	10-X+Y	10-X+Y
5	Wild cards	3	3
	Total amount of participants	33	33
6	Reserve	14	14

X: The number of international participants.

Y: Skaters within the top 8 of the Sprint League general classification after three races, who already qualified for De Zilveren Bal in category 2.

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

Selection criteria & entries

Participants are divided in six categories. All Dutch participants will be invited by the Dutch federation (KNSB). Dutch participants can confirm or decline their invitation on www.inschrijven.schaatsen.nl.

Cat 1. International participants

International participants can enter the competition if they meet the time limits for De Zilveren Bal. Limits for participation for international participants are: 10.40 (male) and 11.30 (female). This can be a 100 meter race, or opening during the 500 meter. The time must be skated during the 2019-2020 season.

International participants can only be registered by the ISU Member who represents them. This can be done by email to info@dezilverenbal.nl with their name, country, age and fastest season 100 meter time. The first 10 registrations per category will be accepted. Unused international spots will be given to Dutch skaters. Entry closes on February 22nd 2020 at 24:00.

Cat 2. Dutch participants group 1

Based on the 100 meter VANTAGE list - Dutch times - (until 27-01-2020) and on the 100 meter opening times of the 500 meter during the World Cup Qualification Tournament, National Distance Championship and National Sprint & Allround Championships. Entry opens on January 27th 2020 at 12:00 and closes on March 6th 2020 at 24:00.

Cat 3. General classification Sprint League

Numbers 1 – 8 of the general classification after three races of the Sprint League. Entry opens on February 23rd 2020 at 12:00 and closes on March 6th 2020 at 24:00.

Cat 4. Dutch participants group 2

Selection criteria are equal to category 2. Entry opens on February 23rd 2020 at 12:00 and closes on March 6th 2020 at 24:00.

Cat 5. Wild cards

Wild cards are given by the organization.

Cat 6. Reserve

Selection criteria are equal to category 2. Entry opens on February 23rd 2020 at 12:00 and closes on March 6th 2020 at 24:00.

Entrance fees

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

Races

Three competitors skate in every race. 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. The 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 final.

Timekeeping

Timekeeping will be done 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. There is one (1) accreditation for a coach available per team. Coaches must apply for their accreditation via email 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
20:45-21:05	Ice preparation
21:05	Start semi finals
21:45	Start finals
22:00-22:15	Prize winning ceremony

Prizes

There is prize money for both men and women.

1 st place:	€1000,-
2 nd place:	€500,-
3 rd place:	€250,-

The winners also receive a unique silver ball and there can also be extra prizes that would be presented by the event sponsors.

Livestream

The event will be broadcasted live on an online platform.

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 to and from the airport and between the hotel and the ice rink for the competition and other activities.

Hotels

The Organising Committee will arrange accommodation (including meals) for all international participants from March 8th until March 12th. Coaches and staff are responsible for their own accommodation and meals. The Organising Committee can recommend the following hotel:

Van der Valk Hotel Wolvega-Heerenveen

www.hotelwolvega.nl

27 minute drive to the ice rink