

# ISU World Cup Speed Skating Tomaszów Mazowiecki, Poland November 22-24, 2019

**Media Information** 



Polish Speed Skating Association looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU World Cup Speed Skating in Tomaszów Mazowiecki, Poland. The event will be held at the Arena Lodowa from November 22-24, 2019.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Tomaszów Mazowiecki and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The press centre and press tribune will be open and operational for the first practice/ training session on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 9:00.

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If you require further information or have any questions, please contact:

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### **Media Accreditation**

**All media** must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (<a href="www.isu.org">www.isu.org</a>) under «<a href="mailto:Media Accreditation">Media Accreditation</a>».

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only.

#### Writing press, photographers, non-right holding media and freelancers

- Writing Press (newspaper, magazine, internet, agencies and ISU Member Federations): maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)
- **Photographer:** maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)
- Television non-right holder: maximum three professionals per organization
- Radio non-right holder: maximum one professional per organization
- **Freelancer:** A freelance journalist or photographer is a full time professional editor or photographer, who is not employed by an agency or newspaper a self-employed professional. A freelance editor or photographer <u>must provide written evidence</u> that he/she operates on behalf of a clearly identified media. A freelance editor or photographer operating under his/her own account will not be accepted.

The total number of accredited media representatives will be subject to capacity. The Organizing Committee (OC) and ISU reserve the right to refuse any accreditation should the number of applications exceed given space or if any requested information / documentation has not been provided in due time.

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **November 8, 2019**. All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information can be requested:

- 1. Copy of current professional media or journalist card
- 2. ID photo in .ipg.
- 3. If not in possession of a professional media card, a comment must be added to the note box provided and a letter from your editor confirming your assignment must be uploaded to your application.

#### Rights holding TV and radio

All right holding media must also apply for accreditation via OMAS. Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team <a href="media@isu.ch">media@isu.ch</a> in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster.

#### **Accreditation Confirmation**

If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic email of confirmation will be issued. You may be asked to present a copy of the email of confirmation to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. <u>Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.</u>

Accreditations can be picked up at the front desk of the Ice Arena, next to the main entry from 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

<u>Polish Speed Skating Association Facebook / Polish Speed Skating Association Instagram</u>
<u>ISU Facebook / ISU Instagram / ISU Twitter / ISU YouTube / ISU Weibo</u>

# **Visa Application**

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

#### **Media Facilities at the venue**

Media Facilities at the venue will provide work desks, power, wired and wireless internet,
 TV screens, lockers.

#### **Media Tribune and TV Commentator positions**

Media tribune will be located in the corner behind the finish line 500m. It can be
accessed directly from the press center. In the media tribune there will be 6 tabled
positions, 25 non-table seats. There will be wireless Internet connection, TV screen and
lockers will be located in the press center.

#### **Mixed Zone**

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition. It is split into five main sections and follows a pre-determined priority order:

- Quick Quotes available through the ISU website
- Rights holders TV and radio broadcasters who have pre-booked positions
- ENG crews
- Written press
- Non-rights holders

All athletes must pass through the Mixed Zone on completion of every event. Media may also approach coaches for interviews in their designated section, if required. The Media Operations team will make sure that skaters go through the mixed zone, fulfil any media requests but are also responsible to make sure that the medallists get to their ceremony on time and will return to the Mixed Zone to finish TV interviews, and will then attend the press conference.

The Mixed Zone is located at ground floor level and can be accessed via stairs located opposite the media centre entrance on the concourse.

#### **Material Available**

- Media Guide
- Image Gallery: Pictures on the ISU News Page can be used with credit as indicated
- Social Media:
  - Polish Speed Skating Association Facebook
  - o Polish Speed Skating Association Instagram
  - o ISU Facebook
  - o ISU Instagram
  - ISU Twitter
  - o ISU YouTube
  - o ISU Weibo
- Hashtags: #SpeedSkating

#### **Media Accommodation**

The OC has designated two official media hotels. Shuttle transportation will be arranged from all the official media hotels to the main venue and the practice arena. Shuttle schedules will be provided on site. Please be advised that the <u>transportation service will only be available for the designated official media hotels.</u>

Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

We recommend to make a hotel reservation ahead of time due to a limited number of rooms at the two official media hotels.

#### **Media Hotels**

#### Karczma Spalska (mid-range option)

Phone: +48 784 036 974

Website: www.karczmaspalska.pl

Location: Hubala 2, 97-215 Spała (15 minutes drive from the Ice Arena in Tomaszów

Mazowiecki)



- 70 person- accommodation
- restaurant
- parking
- wi-fi
- check-in from 16.00, check-out until 11.00

SGL room price 170 PLN per room per night including breakfast TWIN room price 270PLN per room per night including breakfast

Pre-reservation for the dates: November 18-25, 2019 valid until October 30, 2019.

#### \*\*\* Hotel Mazowiecki (mid-range option)

Phone: +48 44 724 64 01, +48 44 724 64 02

Website: www.hotel-mazowiecki.pl

Location: St. Anthony's Street 19, 97-200 Tomaszów Mazowiecki (1,5 kilometers from the Ice

Arena in Tomaszów Mazowiecki)



- 46 comfortable rooms some of them are air-conditioned, wi-fi
- 2 conference halls
- parking
- check-in begins at 14.00 and ends at 12.00 the next day
   The restaurant is open from Monday to Saturday from 17.00 to 23.00 and Sunday from 12.00 to 18.00

SGL room price 150 PLN per room per night including breakfast TWIN room price 190 PLN per room per night including breakfast

Pre-reservation for the dates: November 18-25, 2019 valid until October 30,2019.

# **Reservation Payment Conditions**

- Reservation code: "World Cup"
- Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.
- Payment: Cash in PLN or credit card (VISA, MasterCard) at the front desk.

# **Transportation & Telecommunications Transportation**

- 1. On request, the Organizing Committee will provide bus transportation from Sunday, November 17, until Monday, November 25, 2019 between:
  - Warsaw International Airport "Chopin" or Warsaw Central Railway Station and the official hotels (Price: 50 Euro per person one way for groups of 4 or more. For groups of up to 3 persons the price will be 70 Euro one way per person)
  - Łódz Fabryczna Railway Station and the official hotels (Price: 30 Euro per person one way for groups of 4 or more. For groups of up to 3 persons the price will be 40 Euro per person one way)
- Shuttle transportation will be arranged from two remote hotels to the main venue once a day
  to the venue and once a day back to the hotels. Exact shuttle schedules will be provided on
  site. Please be advised that the <u>transportation service will only be available for the remote
  media hotels recommended by OC.</u>

#### **Telecommunications**

All media areas will have a media dedicated WIFI internet access at the press tribune and in the press centre. There will also be limited number of cabled internet connections.

#### **Useful Information**

Current exchange rate as of August 21, 2019: 1 EUR= 4,35 PLN 1 USD= 3,92 PLN

Polish VAT rates: basic: 23%

lowered: 8%, 5%, 3%

Emergency numbers:
Police 997
Ambulance 998
Fire brigades 999

European emergency number 112

# **Competition information**

**Entry List & Results** 

More information will be provided on the ISU Event Page

# For any additional questions or information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Official Website

**ISU Event Page**