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ISU World Cup Speed Skating

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Media Information



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Skating Union of Belarus looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU World Cup Speed Skating in Minsk, Belarus. The event will be held at the Speed Skating Stadium from 15-17 November, 2019.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Minsk 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 November 15, 2019 at 10.30

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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 (www.isu.org) under «[Media Accreditation](#)».

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 must provide written evidence 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 1**. 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 .jpg.
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 media@isu.ch in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster. For any questions or requests, TV rights holders may also contact OC TV manager:

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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. Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.

Accreditation can be picked up in the hall of the Victoria Olimp Hotel. You can get there by shuttle from the Minsk arena.

Visa Application

According to the Presidential Decree, effective from **July 27, 2018**, foreign citizens of **74 countries can enter Belarus for up to 30 days** and exit from the territory of Belarus only through the State border checkpoint of the Republic of Belarus “**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).

The term of visa-free stay is calculated in calendar days; the first day corresponds to the date of arrival, the last day coincides with the date of departure (regardless of the time of arrival and/or departure).

Visa-free regime does not extend to holders of diplomatic, service, special and other passports equivalent to them.

The trip is carried out for private, business, tourist or other purposes not related to employment, commercial activity and education, if the term of education exceeds 30 days.

To enter the Republic of Belarus in the visa-free regime via the checkpoint “Minsk National Airport”, foreign nationals should have the following documents:

- a valid **ordinary** passport. The passport must be valid at least 90 days beyond intended date of departure from the Republic of Belarus;
- financial means: amount equivalent to not less than 2 base rates for each day of stay or 50 base rates if the stay is full 30 days, in Belarusian rubles or foreign currency;
- a medical insurance policy with coverage for at least 10 000 euros, valid in Belarus during the whole duration of stay.

For citizens of Vietnam, Haiti, Gambia, India, China, Lebanon, Namibia, Samoa 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 30 days from the date of entry is a **compulsory additional requirement**.

NB: When staying in Belarus **for more than 5 working days**, foreign citizens need to **register with the divisions on citizenship and migration of the territorial bodies of internal affairs**. When staying in hotels, hostels, sanatoriums and other collective accommodation facilities the registration of foreign citizens is carried out by the administrations of such facilities by default upon check-in.

The term of visa-free stay cannot be extended beyond the established 30 days.

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

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

The Organizing Committee provides all media facilities (work desks, power, wireless internet, TV screens, and lockers) in the press-center.

Media Tribune and TV Commentator positions

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The media tribune is equipped with special work places with desks, wired internet and water. The cost of such a work place is 75 Euros for three days.

The other seats on the media tribune are not equipped with work desks and wired internet. Wi-fi only. Media tribune has no TV-screens or lockers.

Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition.

The Mixed Zone 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
- 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.

Material Available

- [Press Releases](#): To receive ISU Press Releases, please subscribe [here](#)
- [Media Guide](#)
- [Image Gallery](#)
- Social Media:
 - Skating Union of Belarus: [Instagram](#)
 - ISU: [Instagram](#) / [Facebook](#) / [Twitter](#) / [YouTube](#) / [Weibo](#)
- Hashtags: #SpeedSkating

Media Accommodation

The OC has designated two official media hotels within walking distance to the main venue and the practice arena.

Media Hotels

Hotel "Slavyanskaya"

<http://slavyanskaya-hotel.hotelinminsk.com/en/>

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The hotel comprises of 126 rooms including 78 Twin, 42 Double and 6 Lux rooms. Two rooms are fully equipped for comfort and convenience of disabled guests. Modern furnished rooms are equipped with beds with orthopedic mattresses and soft bedclothes, LED TVs and lights. Each room has large bathroom. The hotel was projected and constructed with the usage of up-to-date and advanced technologies. The building has a conditioning system, safe fire-alarm and fire-fighting systems, electronic access to rooms and free Wi-Fi. Automatic control system is set to provide quick and high-quality service to our guests.

A breathtaking panoramic view from the upper floors of the hotel will impress guests with the magnificent sights of the city.

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Check out time: 12.00

Sport Time Hotel

<http://www.sporttime-hotel.by/>

Minsk, Myastrovskayast, 2

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“Sport Time” is an ideal accommodation for those who save their time and money. This is a new and modern hotel which belongs to the hotels chain “Time”. The category of the hotel is two stars by Belarusian classification. The hotel offers new, clean, comfortable rooms for a reasonable price with all conditions for a comfortable stay. The hotel provides free Wi-Fi on the whole territory. The café offers the following dining options: buffet breakfast, complex meals, a la carte menu. The hotel has single, superior single, triple, and quadruple rooms, also a few suites and two special rooms for physically challenged. The guests can reach the sports complex Minsk-arena in 5–10 minutes. It takes 15 minutes to get to the center by bus.

Rates and current exchange rate of national currency up against the USD \$/Euro

- **1 USD — 2.060 BYN**
- **1 Euro — 2.270 BYN**

Transportation & Telecommunications

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Considering that the hotel is located very close to the Skating Rink, no shuttle buses will be provided.

HOW TO GET TO MINSK

ACCESS BY AIR



Minsk National Airport is the main air gateway of Belarus. It is situated 42 km away from the centre of Minsk and 33 km away from the city Ring Road. You can easily and quickly get to Minsk from the airport by:

- **PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** regular-route busses No300Э, 173Э.
- **SHUTTLE BUSES:** No. 1400-TK and 1430-TK
- **TAXI:** call 7788; 135; 152; 7778; 7565; 7220.
- **PERSONAL VEHICLES:** route M2 (Moscow highway) (there is a possibility to rent a car on site – call 7373).

ACCESS BY TRAIN

One of the most convenient ways to get to Minsk is travelling by train. The Minsk railway station is located in the city center. Its address is Privokzalnaya Square, 3 and you can easily get to your hotel from there by public transport or by taxi. To get to the Speed Skating Stadium (the "Minsk-Arena" public transport stop) you should:

- take the **Bus** No.1, 119c;
- take the **shuttle buses** No. 1109; 1073; 1056.



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ACCESS BY CAR

It is possible to travel to Belarus by car. The long-distance highway E30 connects Minsk with Europe. It is a toll road with a 1 USD charge for passenger vehicles. There are several Belarus border crossings and an extensive road network running across the country.

Telecommunications

OC member Evgenia Shavel provides information on internet connection and booking of additional services such as dedicated internet line in the press center, press tribune.

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Competition information

[Entry List & Results](#)
[ISU Event Page](#)

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