EUROPEAN SPEED * SKATING

ANNOUNCEMENT

HEERENVEEN, NED Thialf

January 07-09, 2022



On behalf of KNSB, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

BUROPEAN SPEED SKATING

CHAMPIONSHIPS[®] 2022

which will be held in Heerenveen, Netherlands on January 7-9, 2022

PROGRAM

Thursday, January 6, 2022	16:30	Medical Meeting, virtual
	17:30	Team Leaders Meeting and
		Opening Draw, virtual
- Friday, January 7, 2022	18:50	Official Opening
	18:55 – 21:24*	Team Sprint Women
		Team Pursuit Men
		3000m Women
		1000m Men
Saturday, January 8, 2022	14:30 – 17:46*	Team Sprint Men
		500m Women
		5000m Men
		1500m Women
Sunday, January 9, 2022	14:05- 17:43*	Team Pursuit Women
		1500m Men
		1000m Women
		500m Men
		Mass Start Women
		Mass Start Men

* Estimated ending time

REGULATIONS

The ISU European Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2022 will be held in accordance with the 2021 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU), relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 2426, and Guidelines for ISU Events During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to a European ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 2) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 2426.

ISU COVID-GUIDELINES

All participating teams MUST follow the ISU COVID-Guideline for the event: <u>file (isu.org)</u>. Detailed COVID protocol will be described in Team Information.

TRACK

In accordance with Rule 203 and 227, a standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out in Thialf, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Heerenveen. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 4 meters. In accordance with Rue 228 a protective inflatable padding system will be installed around the track.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the individual/team races will bear the titles: "Women European _____ Speed Skating Champion for 2022" and "European _____ Speed Skating Champion for 2022", respectively. All winners will be awarded the ISU Championships "gold" medal. The Skaters or teams placed second and third will be awarded the ISU Championships "silver" and "bronze" medals, respectively. See Rule 133, paragraph a).

Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2368, or any further update of this Communication.

ENTRIES

Entries for the ISU European Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2022 will only be accepted for Skaters who have reached the qualifying times for the event concerned, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2426, paragraph 4.2.1.

The maximum number of entries for an ISU Member will be 10 Skaters per gender in total (substitutes included).

European ISU Members may enter a maximum of three (3) Skaters in each individual distance, except for Mass Start Women and Mass Start Men where the maximum entry quotas per European ISU Member is two (2). The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member will be announced by the ISU following the results of the qualifying competitions (ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions held in November and December 2021), in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4, and ISU Communication No. 2426.

The total maximum number of Competitors for each distance will be limited as follows:

500 meters Women and Men	20 Skaters
1000 meters Women and Men	20 Skaters
1500 meters Women and Men	20 Skaters
3000 meters Women and 5000 meters Men	16 Skaters
Mass Start Women and Men	24 Skaters
Team Pursuit Women and Team Pursuit Men	6 Teams
Team Sprint Women and Team Sprint Men	6 Teams

Entries can **only** be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events available at <u>www.isu.org</u>, section Speed Skating or at <u>http://isu.events/login.php</u> and respecting the following deadlines:

Preliminary entries	December 20, 2021
Accommodation Request	December 4, 2021 (preliminary) - December 20, 2021 (final)
Arrival & Departure / Transport	December 24, 2021
Accreditation Request for Team Officials	December 24, 2021
Final Entries	January 3, 2022 – 12.00 noon (local time)

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 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, 208 and ISU Communications No. 1628 and 1797.

CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

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.

DRAWING

The drawing will be made in accordance with Rules 239, 240 (paragraph 5) and 242.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications Nos. 2344 and 2366 (or any further update of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, KNSB and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with this Championship. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

FACE MASKS

No advertising marking is allowed on face masks. Face masks may display one (1) manufacturer trademark/identification of maximum 8cm2. In addition, ISU Member's name and/or abbreviation and/or national flag and/or Skater's name may be displayed on the face mask.

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday January 3, 2022. Trial starts will be organized upon request on Thursday January 6, 2022. Requests can be send to <u>oc@houseofsports.nl</u> by Monday January 3, 2022 at the latest.

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

ISU Members may ask for changes in the training schedule latest **by December 24, 2021.** Decisions on changes' request will be taken by the Organizing Committee in consultation with the ISU.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Thursday, January 6 until lunch on Monday, January 10, 2022 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships <u>(not for the substitutes)</u> and 1 Team leader or coach for each ISU Member. Expenses of other Skaters and officials (i.e. reserves, substitutes, coaches, other team staff members and accompanying persons) other than those mentioned above, and expenses before or after the period mentioned above, will be at their own expense.

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

OFFICIAL HOTELS

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the Hotel Van der Valk Wolvega (Atalanta 10, 8472 CA Wolvega) and Hotel Van der Valk Sneek (Burgemeester Rasterhofflaan 1, 8606 KZ Sneek).

Due to COVID-19 measures it is not possible to stay at another hotel. The OC and Van der Valk will do their utmost best to service you at the highest level.

Hotel prices:

Single room with full board (meals & drinks) for 1 person - €140,- / \$164,- * Double room with full board (meals & drinks) for 2 persons - €190,- / \$222,- *

* Price in Euro is fixed. US Dollar depending on Euro exchange currency.

Cancellation policy:

Cancellation is free of charge until December 20, 2021. Cancellation between December 20, 2021 – January 1, 2022 is charged with 15% fee. Cancellation after January 1, 2022 is charged with 30 % fee.

All additional costs must be paid at check out. Any additional costs such as laundry / drinks / additional costs can be paid by credit card.

Mentioned rates are incl. VAT and excl. tourist tax.

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation by Van der Valk, from January 3, 2022 to January 10, 2022 from and to the Schiphol Airport, at participating Teams' expense. A special low-rate will be agreed upon based on the Teams' travel details. Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service.

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotels and the ice-rink from Monday January 3, 2022.

The Organizing Committee must be informed via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events about the date and time of arrival and departure of the Competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by December 20, 2021.

VISA REQUIREMENTS & COVID-19 PANDEMIC ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the KNSB if you need an invitation letter for the visa.

Please submit all this information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

Furthermore, please note that all information regarding the Covid-19 pandemic-related travel & access restrictions/arrangements will be available in the ISU Events app and on the following website:

https://www.rivm.nl/en/coronavirus-covid-19/current-information or https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/checklist-entry

and by contacting the OC via oc@houseofsports.nl.

ACCREDITATIONS

A color picture must be sent to the OC (by December 24, 2021 at the latest) for each team member for preliminary printing of the accreditation (*.jpg format, size 35 per 44 mm, white background).

Only the following number of Team Officials can receive an accreditation:

Туре	Number of accreditations per Competition
Team Leader	1 accreditation
Coaches, medical & technical staff	 1 competitor* - 1 accreditation 2 to 3 competitors - 2 accreditations 4 to 6 competitors - 3 accreditations 7 to 9 competitors - 4 accreditations 10 to 11 competitors - 5 accreditations 12-13 competitors - 6 accreditations 14-15 competitors - 7 accreditations 16-17 competitors - 8 accreditations 18-19 competitors - 9 accreditations 20 competitors - 10 accreditations

Competitor = competing skater (substitutes excluded)

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be addressed to:

Phone: +31 20 4969 9173 E-mail: <u>oc@houseofsports.nl</u> Contact person: Michelle Karemaker

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System <u>https://www.isu.org/media-centre/accreditations/media</u> Information for the media will be available on the ISU website in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

Mobile: +31 65 5747998 E-mail: c.mureau@knsb.nl Contact person: Mr. Carl Mureau

WEBSITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website: <u>www.schaatsen.nl</u>

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website: <u>https://live.isuresults.eu/events/2022_NED_0001/schedule</u>

ISU "INSIDE EVENTS" MOBILE APPLICATION

Daily information, results and changes in schedules (race, training, transportation, etc.) will be communicated to the teams on the board of the Team Hotel as well as on the ISU "Inside Events" mobile application. This mobile application makes the information delivery faster, contains all relevant information for participants, reduce paper needs and notify participants in case of any changes or urgencies through push notification possibilities.

The "Inside Events" app is available free of charge on Android and Apple systems and is compatible with both tablets and smartphones. It can be downloaded with the below QR codes or directly on the app stores. Each ISU Event will have its own unique password that will be provided on site to participating Athletes, Officials, and Team Delegations.



