



WORLD SPEED SKATING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

HEERENVEEN
NETHERLANDS
2-5 MARCH 2023



ANNOUNCEMENT

HEERENVEEN, NED
Thialf

March 02-05, 2023

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



WORLD SPEED SKATING

CHAMPIONSHIPS[®] 2023

which will be held in Heerenveen, Netherlands on March 2-5, 2023

PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 1, 2023	16:00	Team leaders Meeting, virtual (MS Teams)
	17:30	Medical Meeting, virtual (MS Teams)
	18:00	Opening Draw, virtual (MS Teams)
Thursday, March 2, 2023	18:14	Opening
	18:20 - 22:16*	3000m Women 5000m Men Team Sprint Women Team Sprint Men
Friday, March 3, 2023	19:00 - 21:32*	Team Pursuit Women Team Pursuit Men 500m Men 500m Women
Saturday, March 4, 2023	13:30 - 17:39*	Semi-Final Mass Start Men Semi-Final Mass Start Women 1000m Men 1000m Women Final Mass Start Men Final Mass Start Women
Sunday, March 5, 2023	12:45 - 17:57*	1500m Men 1500m Women 10 000m Men 5000m Women

* Estimated ending time

REGULATIONS

The ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2023 will be held in accordance with the 2022 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU), relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 2514.

Participation in the Championships is open to Skaters who belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1) that has been allocated quota place(s) for the Championships, and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 2514.

TRACK

Thialf is an indoor artificially frozen ice rink with a standard track of 400 meters and inner and outer curves with radii of 26 and 30 meters respectively. The width of the inside training track is 4 meters. In accordance with Rule 228 a protective inflatable moveable Sidijk padding system will be installed around the track.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the individual/team races will bear the titles: "Women World Speed Skating Champion ____ for 2023" and "World Speed Skating Champion ____ for 2023", 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. 2516, or any further update of this Communication.

ENTRIES

Entries for the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2023 will only be accepted for Skaters who have reached the qualifying times for the event concerned, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2514, paragraph 4.2.1.

ISU Members may enter a maximum of three (3) Skaters in each individual distance, except for 5000m Ladies, 10 000m Men, Mass Start Ladies and Mass Start Men where the maximum entry quotas per 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 #1 to #6 held during the season 2022/23), in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.1, and ISU Communication No. 2514. The total number of Competitors for each distance will be limited as follows:

500 meters Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
1000 meters Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
1500 meters Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
3000 meters Ladies and 5000 meters Men	20 Skaters
5000 meters Ladies and 10 000 meters Men	12 Skaters
Mass Start Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
Team Pursuit Ladies and Team Pursuit Men	8 Teams
Team Sprint Ladies and Team Sprint Men	8 Teams

Entries can **only** be made using the ISU Online Entry System (OES) for Speed Skating Events available at www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or at <https://ssk-entries.isu.org/> and respecting the following deadlines:

Preliminary entries	February 13, 2023
Accommodation Request	February 13, 2023
Arrival & Departure	February 13, 2023
Accreditation Request for Team Officials	February 13, 2023
Final Entries	February 27, 2023 – 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. 2526, 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 drawings will be made in accordance with Rules 239 and 240, paragraph 5.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

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 27 February. Trial starts will be organized on Wednesday March 1, 2023.

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 February 16, 2023. 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 Wednesday, March 1 until lunch on Monday, March 6, 2023 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships (not for the substitutes) 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 HOTEL

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

Hotels Van Der Valk Wolvega/Sneek/Emmeloord/Leeuwarden.

For more information, please see the Hotel Information document.

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

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

Single Room occupancy: €159,50* per room per night. Price including meals and drinks.

Double Room occupancy; €219,50* per room per night. Price including meals and drinks.

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

Cancellation policy: please see the Hotel Information document.

Payment (before check-in): Via invoice or cash in Euro or credit card (all CC accepted)

Accommodation requests can only be made directly with the Organizing Committee via the OES (<https://ssk-entries.isu.org/>).

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation by Van der Valk, from Monday February 27, 2023 to Monday March 6, 2023 from and to the Schiphol Airport, at the participating Teams' expense. A special low-rate will be agreed upon based on the Teams's travel details.

(A price estimate is €150,- in total per ride (up to a maximum of 6 persons per ride). Groups with 30 persons or more will be transferred with a coach/touring car service at a rate of €595,- per ride. Prices are excluding taxes and including fuel.)

Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service. 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.

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotels and the ice-rink starting Monday February 27, 2023.

VISA REQUIREMENTS & COVID-19 PANDEMIC ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the OC if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

- First name;
- Last name;

- Passport number;
- Date of birth.

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

To facilitate immigration procedures all Event participants (Skaters, Team staff, Officials) need to present a personal invitation letter for the Event on arrival in the Netherlands. Personal information as specified above for Visa application must therefore be submitted to the OC not later than October 1, 2022.

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

<https://www.rivm.nl/en/coronavirus-covid-19/current-information>
or Quarantine Travelcheck COVID-19 | Rijksoverheid.nl

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

ACCREDITATIONS

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

Type	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 20-21 competitors - 10 accreditations ..etc.
ISU Member Officials** (No access to athletes zone)	Up to maximum 3 accreditations

* Competitor = competing skater (substitutes excluded)

** President, Vice Presidents, CEO, General Secretary, Managers, etc.

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. A fee of EUR 250 for each extra Team Officials/Federation Officials accreditation must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be addressed to:

Phone: +31 20 4969 9173

E-mail: oc@houseofsports.nl

Contact person: Fleur de Bouter

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

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

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

Phone: +31651130659

E-mail: H.Nieuwenburg@knsb.nl

Contact person: Hans Nieuwenburg

WEBSITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:

<https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2023/3/isu-wk-afstanden/>

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website:

https://live.isureresults.eu/events/2023_NED_0002/schedule

ISU “INSIDE EVENTS” MOBILE APPLICATION

Daily information, link to 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.



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