

# ANNOUNCEMENT Seinäjoki / Finland Jääurheilukeskus

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On behalf of Finnish Speed Skating Association, and *Seinäjoen Urheilijat*, We have the honor and pleasure to invite you to *a* Competition of the

#### ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2022/23

which will be held at the *Jääurheilukeskus* in Seinäjoki, Finland on December 3-4, 2022

The Competition will be held under the 2022 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating, ISU Communication No. 2507 and Guidelines for ISU Events During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

#### PROGRAM

Friday, Dec. 2, 2022	16:00 18:00	Team leaders' Meeting, Online Opening draw, Online		
Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022	TBD	Women Men Women Women Men	1000m 10000 3000m 3000m Team Pursuit Team Pursuit	
Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022	TBD	Women Men Men Women Men Women Men	*SF MS *SF MS 500m 500m 1500m 1500m MS Finals MS Finals	

Quartet starts will be used in the 3000m (it may also be used for 1000 and 1500m) according to ISU Communication No. 2507, paragraph 5.1).

#### TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Jääurheilukeskus, an artificially frozen outdoor skating rink in Seinäjoki. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 25 and 29 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 3 meters.

## ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2507, paragraph 4.

As per ISU Rule 108, participation in the Juniors division is open to:

• Juniors A and B born in the period 1 July 2003 – 30 June 2007

Participation in the Neo-seniors division is open to:

• Skaters born in the period 1 July 1999 – 30 June 2003

Entries can only be made using the New ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on <u>www.isu.org</u>, section Speed Skating or <u>https://ssk-entries.isu.org/</u> and respecting the following deadlines:

*Preliminary entries*, giving the estimated number of Competitors and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and Team leader must be communicated at the latest by **October 15, 2022**.

*Final entries* including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the Team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on **November 21, 2022**.

Preliminary entries	15 October 2022
Accommodation Request	15 October 2022
Arrival & Departure	1 November 2022
Accreditation Request for Team Officials	15 November 2022
Final Entries	28 November – 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 No. 1628, need to be strictly observed. For more details, please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communications No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

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.

# ENTRY QUOTAS

An ISU Member<sup>1</sup> may enter a maximum of 10 Competitors per category (10 Ladies and 10 Men).

Subject to the qualifying times criteria listed below, maximum 4 Competitors for 500 and 1000m, maximum 3 Competitors for 1500 and 3000m and maximum 2 Competitors for Mass Start may be entered for each individual event in each Division (Juniors & Neo-seniors).

For the Mixed Team Relay event an ISU Member may enter maximum one team in each division. One (1) Junior Skater may take part in Mixed Team Relay event in the Neo-senior Division but not vice versa.

<sup>1</sup> Reference is made to ISU Communication No. 2469, paragraph 2.a) according to which and until further notice, no individual belonging to the Russian Skating Union and Skating Union of Belarus shall be invited, entered and allowed to participate in International Competitions, ISU Championships and other ISU Events.

## **QUALIFYING TIMES**

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2507, paragraph 4.3:

	JWC 1-2 (juniors only)			JWC-3 (final)* and JWC 1-3**				
	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m
Women	45,00	1.30,00	2.20,00	5.00,00	42,50	1.25,00	2.12,00	4.45,00
Men	41,00	1.22,00	2.07,00	4.25,00	38,50	1.16,00	1.58,00	4.05,00
For the Mass start and Team competitions: any of the above distance Qualifying times apply.								ng times apply.
Women	In each division an ISU Member may enter maximum one							
Man	Skater per gender with the following Qualifying times					1.25,00		
Men	applying for 1000m, Mass start and Team competitions							

\* For skaters without JWC points.

\*\* For Neo-seniors for JWC 1-3.

For a result to be a valid as a qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2021 and the entry deadline for the ISU Junior World Cup Competition concerned. Documentation (specifying date and venue of the competition) of the achieved time must be available.

## MASS START RACES

Mass start races will be organized in accordance with Rule 257, Rule 265, paragraph 6 and ISU Communication No. 2477 (or any further update).

## **TEAM PURSUIT RACES**

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 256, paragraph 1, 265, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 2477 (or any further update), with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

## **GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES**

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to ISU Communication No. 2507, paragraph 6.

# POINTS

For each distance Junior World Cup points will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2507, paragraph 7.2.

## PRIZES

Prizes will be presented to the three (3) best Skaters in each event (distance) in each Division. Junior World Cup points gained will count towards the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking 2022/23.

#### ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 2344 & 2366 or any further update of these Communications).

#### **TRAINING TIMES**

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday November 28, 2022, at 10:00. Trial starts will be organized on Friday December 2, 2022, at 10:00 and 11:00. Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

#### LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Finnish Speed Skating Association and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

#### **BOARD AND LODGING**

The Organizing Committee will cover room and meal expenses at the official Hotel(s) for up to two (2) Skaters or, alternatively, for one (1) Skater and one (1) Team leader from each participating ISU Member (based on one double room or two single rooms), beginning with dinner on the evening of Friday December 2 and ending with breakfast on the morning of Monday December 5, 2022.

## HOTEL RESERVATION / OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the Competitors in the following hotels: Scandic Seinäjoki Kauppakatu 10 60100 Seinäjoki Finland Tel: +358624130019 seinajoki@scandichotels.com

Prices for room (and meals) not covered by the Organizing Committee will be as follows: Single Room occupancy: 135€per person per night, including taxes. Price including meals and drinks Double Room occupancy; 85€ per person per night, including taxes. Price including meals and drinks Triple Room occupancy; 75€ per person per night, including taxes. Price including meals and drinks

Payment: invoice will be sent in advance. Teams have to pay the invoice before November 10. No check-in without payment.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel(s). 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. Names and functions of all team officials must

be submitted together with the final entries for the competition, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2279, paragraph 10.

## TRANSPORTATION

Helsinki international airport has connections from various cities in the world. From Helsinki airport there is two different ways to travel to Seinäjoki

Railway connection straight from Helsinki airport to Tikkurila and change to a train to Seinäjoki. Traveling time to Tikkurila is appr. 10 minutes. Trains go every 10-15 minutes Schedule for the local train: <u>https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares/single-tickets</u>

From Tikkurila to Seinäjoki trains go appr. every hour. The traveling time is about 3 hours. Tickets and schedule: <u>https://www.vr.fi/en</u>

Other option is to fly to Vaasa which is about 70km from Seinäjoki. Various Taxi companies arrange transportation from Vaasa Airport to Seinäjoki. There is also a bus connection.

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed via the ISU Online Entry System about the time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but not later than Monday November 7, 2022.

The Organizing Committee will provide Transportation between the official hotel(s) and the ice rink from Friday December 2, 2022, until the Competition is finished.

Additional transportation for the training days can be arranged with a cost of 10€ per person per day. The distance from the official hotel to Ice rink is 2,0km

## **VISA REQUIREMENTS & COVID-19 PANDEMIC ACCESS RESTRICTIONS**

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Finnish Speed Skating Association, janne.hanninen@luisteluliitto.fi if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

- Name and Surname
- Date of birth
- passport number
- Date of issue
- Expiry date
- Traveling dates

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 on the following website: <u>https://valtioneuvosto.fi/en/information-on-coronavirus/current-restrictions/travel-to-and-from-finland</u> and by contacting Dr. Raimo Rintala <u>raimorintala@yahoo.com</u>

## **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES**

All inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or Finnish Speed Skating Association at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

Organizing Committee Finnish Speed Skating Association janne.hanninen@luisteluliitto.fi Media accreditation Finnish Speed Skating Association slloffice@luisteluliitto.fi

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on www.isu.org

#### 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.



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