



WORLD CUP
SPEED SKATING



ANNOUNCEMENT

HEERENVEEN - The Netherlands
Thialf Stadium

November 18-20, 2022



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On behalf of the KNSB, and Organizing Committee,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING

2022/23

which will be held at the Thialf Stadium
in Heerenveen, The Netherlands
on 18- 20 November 2022

The Competition will be held under the 2022 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating, ISU Communication No. 2505 and Guidelines for ISU Events During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2023, ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2022, and ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2022

PROGRAM:

Thursday, November 17	16:30	Team leaders' Meeting, virtual/online
	17:30	Medical Meeting, virtual/online
	18:00	Opening draw, virtual/online

Friday November 18th	TBD	Division B	1.000m Women
			1.000m Men
	16:45	Division A	MS SF1 Women
			MS SF2 Women
			MS SF1 Men
			MS SF2 Men
			1.000m Women
			1.000m Men
			MS Final Women
			MS Final Men
Saturday November 19th	TBD	Division B	1.500m Women
			500m Men
			5.000m Men
	14:45	Division A	1.500m Women
			500m Men
			5.000m Men
			Team Sprint Women
Sunday November 20th	TBD	Division B	1.500m Men
			500m Women
			3.000m Women
	13:30	Division A	1.500m Men
			500m Women
			3.000m Women
			Team Sprint Men

* The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced during the Online Team leaders' meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results) for determining the awarding of World Cup points and prize money.

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at 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 warm-up lane is 4 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2505, paragraph 3.1.

Entries can only be made using the New ISU Online Entry System (after September 20th, 2022) for Speed Skating Events on www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or <https://ssk-entries.isu.org/> and respecting the following deadlines:

Preliminary entries	October 14, 2022	https://ssk-entries.isu.org/
Accommodation Request	October 14, 2022	https://ssk-entries.isu.org/
Arrival & Departure	November 1, 2022	https://ssk-entries.isu.org/
Accreditation Request for Team Officials	November 1, 2022	https://ssk-entries.isu.org/
Final Entries	November 14, 2022– 12.00 noon (local time)	https://ssk-entries.isu.org/

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 Communications.

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.

According to ISU Communication No. 2505, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are

#	ISU Member	WOMEN				ISU Member	MEN				ISU Member
		500	1000	1500	3000 5000		500	1000	1500	5000 10000	
1.	ARG	2	1	1	1	ARG	1	1	1	1	ARG
2.	BEL	2	1	1	1	BEL	1	2	3	2	BEL
3.	BLR ¹	2	3	3	3	BLR ¹	2	2	1	1	BLR ¹
4.	CAN	4	4	5	4	CAN	4	5	4	4	CAN
5.	CHN	4	4	4	4	CHN	4	3	4	1	CHN
6.	CZE	1	2	3	3	CZE	1	1	1	1	CZE
7.	EST	1	1	1	1	EST	2	2	1	1	EST
8.	FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	1	2	FRA
9.	GBR	1	2	1	1	GBR	1	2	2	1	GBR
10.	GER	2	1	2	4	GER	3	4	3	4	GER
11.	ITA	1	1	2	3	ITA	4	2	2	4	ITA
12.	JPN	5	4	5	5	JPN	5	4	5	5	JPN
13.	KAZ	2	3	3	2	KAZ	1	2	2	2	KAZ
14.	KOR	3	3	2	2	KOR	4	3	2	2	KOR
15.	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	NED
16.	NOR	3	2	2	4	NOR	4	4	5	5	NOR
17.	NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	2	2	NZL
18.	POL	4	4	3	3	POL	4	4	2	1	POL

19.	RUS ¹	5	5	5	5	RUS ¹	4	4	4	5	RUS ¹
20.	SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	<u>2</u>	2	SUI
21.	SWE	1	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	1	2	SWE
22.	TPE	2	2	2	1	TPE	1	1	1	1	TPE
23.	USA	4	4	4	3	USA	3	4	4	4	USA

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance. All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 2505, paragraph 3.1.2.

¹ 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.

COMPETITION FORMAT AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE MASS START EVENTS

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 253, paragraph 4 b) in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2505, paragraphs 4.3 and 5.6, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2477 or any further updates.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM SPRINT EVENTS

Team Sprint races will be skated according to Rules 261, paragraph 3 and 265, paragraph 7 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2505, paragraph 4.2 and 5.7, with teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 3 laps both for Ladies and for Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2477 or any further updates.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2505, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event, World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2505, paragraphs 6 and 7.2 accordingly.

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).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Tuesday November 14, 09:00 hrs. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday November 17, 2022.

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 November 4, 2022. Decisions on changes' request will be taken by the Organizing Committee in consultation with the ISU.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, KNSB 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 World Cup Speed Skating. 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.

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials.

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/>).

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

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

Hotel Van Der Valk Wolvega/ Sneek/ Emmeloord.

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).

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation by Van der Valk, from Saturday November 12, 2022 to Monday November 21, 2022 from and to the Schiphol Airport, at the participating Teams' expense. A special low-rate will be agreed upon based on the Teams' 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 November 14, 2022.

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. 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 websites:

<https://www.rivm.nl/en/coronavirus-covid-19/current-information>

or

[Quarantine Travelcheck COVID-19 | Rijksoverheid.nl](https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/coronavirus-covid-19/quarantaine)

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

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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.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or KNSB at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

Organizing Committee KNSB

All inquiries should be addressed to:

Phone: +31 20 4969 9173

E-mail: oc@houseofsports.nl

Contact person: Fleur de Bouter

Media accreditation

Mobile: +31 65 5747998

E-mail: c.mureau@knsb.nl

Contact person: Mr. Carl Mureau

WEBSITE

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website(s):

www.isu.org

<https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2022/11/isu-world-cup-2-langebaan/>

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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