

# SALT LAKE CITY, USA JANUARY 19-21, 2024

# ANNOUNCEMENT

**#SPEEDSKATING** 







### **I FOUR CONTINENTS SPEED SKATING**

## **CHAMPIONSHIPS<sup>®</sup> 2024**

which will be held in Salt Lake City, USA on January 19-21, 2024

#### PROGRAM

Thursday, January 18, 2024	16:00	Team Leader Meeting, virtual
	17:00	Medical Meeting, TBD
	18:00	Opening Draw, virtual
Friday, January 19, 2024	17:00 (TBD)	Opening Remarks
	17:30 – 19:52*	Team Sprint Women
		Team Sprint Men
		1500m Women
		1500m Men
Saturday, January 20, 2024	14:00 – 17:27*	500m Women
		500m Men
		3000m Women
		5000m Men
Sunday, January21, 2024	14:00 – 17:15*	Team Pursuit Women
		Team Pursuit Men
		1000m Women
		1000m Men
		Mass Start Women
		Mass Start Men

\* Estimated ending time

#### REGULATIONS

The ISU Four Continents Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2024 will be held in accordance with the 2022 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 2591.

Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to a Four Continents ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 2) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 2591.

#### TRACK

The Utah Olympic Oval 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 Rue 228 a protective movable padding system will be installed around the track.

#### TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the individual/team races will bear the title: "Four Continents \_\_\_\_\_Speed Skating Champion for 2024". 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 Four Continents Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2024 will only be accepted for Skaters who have reached the qualifying times for the event concerned, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2591, paragraph 4.2.1.

Four Continents 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 Four Continents 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 2023), in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.5 and ISU Communication No. 2591.

The total 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	20 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>https://ssk-entries.isu.org/</u> and respecting the following deadlines:

Preliminary entries incl. Accreditation Request for Team Officials	December 15, 2023
Accommodation Request	December 27, 2023
Arrival & Departure / Transportation Requests	December 27, 2023
Final Entries	January 15, 2024 – 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 drawing will be made in accordance with Rules 239, 240 (paragraph 5) and 242.

#### 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, US Speedskating 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.

#### TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, January 15, 2024. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

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 January 5, 2024. 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, DoubleTree by Hilton Airport, from lunch on Thursday, January 18, 2024, until breakfast on Monday, January 22, 2024 (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. 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 arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the

DoubleTree by Hilton Airport 5151 Wiley Post Way Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Hotel prices:

Single room for 1 person - US \$255.97\* per room per night Double room for 2 persons – US \$333.97\* per room per night

Rate is inclusive of tax and full board. \*rate might slightly change in case of state tax increase.

Cancellation policy:

80% attrition rate after December 27, 2023. Meaning you can cancel free of charge up to 72h before arrival 20% of the rooms you reserved. You are responsible for payment of 80% of the rooms reserved. Any additional rooms cancelled within 72h of arrival will be charged at the rate of one night. Early Departure Fee equal of one nights room rate, plus applicable fees and taxes.

Room availability is on a first-come-first-serve basis. A limited number of rooms is available. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel. Hotel(s) will not be responsible for any lost and/or stolen items if left in the hallways or in unlocked rooms.

Payment: Major Credit Card or prior wire transfer (Visa, Master, American Express, Discover)

#### TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from and to Salt Lake City International Airport at a charge of \$20/person. 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 hotel and the ice-rink starting Monday, January 15 afternoon.

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 27, 2023.

#### **VISA REQUIREMENTS**

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

• Please complete provided Visa Invitation Information Form with all needed data

#### Visa Requirements:

Please check well before your departure on what your countries specific visa requirements and processing times will be to enter the United States.

OC is not responsible for any visa denial. If you encounter issues please inform the OC as soon as possible and we will do our best to provide help within our abilities.

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

#### ACCREDITATIONS

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

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 20-21 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:

mriser@uolf.org mwohlrab@usspeedskating.org

#### 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:

bsmith@uolf.org arummler@usspeedskating.org

#### WEBSITE

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

https://utaholympiclegacy.org/oval-events/?month=2024-01

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website: <u>https://live.isuresults.eu/events/2024\_USA\_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.



