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ANNOUNCEMENT

#SPEEDSKATING

















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

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING

2023/24

which will be held at the National Speed Skating Oval (Ice Ribbon)
In Beijing, China
on 17-19 November

The Competition will be held under the 2022 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2587.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2024, ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2024, ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024, Single Distances & Team Competitions format, ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024, Sprint & Allround Combinations format.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, November 16:	16:00 17:00 18:00	Team leaders' Meeting, Online Medical Meeting, National Speed Skating Oval Opening draw, Online		
Friday, November 17:	13:30*		1500m Women 500m Men 500m Women 1500m Men	
	17:00	Division A:	1500m Women 500m Men 500m Women 1500m Men	
Saturday, November 18:	12:30*	Division B:	1000m Women 500m Men 5000m Men Team Sprint Men Mass Start Women	
	17:00	Division A:	1000m Women 500m Men 5000m Men Team Sprint Men Mass Start Women	
Sunday, November 19:	13:00*	Division B:	500m Women 1000m Men 3000m Women Team Sprint Women Mass Start Men	
	17:00	Division A:	500m Women 1000m Men 3000m Women Team Sprint Women Mass Start 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

The National Speed Skating Oval (Ice Ribbon) is an indoor artificially frozen ice rink with a standard track of 400 meters and inner and outer curves with radii of 26 and 35 meters respectively. The width of the inside training track is 5 meters. In accordance with Rue 228 a protective moveable padding system will be installed around the track.

ENTRIES

Entries for these competitions will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2587, paragraph 3.1.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on https://ssk-entries.isu.org/ and respecting the following deadlines:

Preliminary entries & Accommodation Request	17 October			
Accreditation Request for Team Officials	17 October			
Transportation Requests	17 October			
Final Entries	13 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 Communications.

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.

According to ISU Communication No. 2587, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

	ISU		WOMEN		ISU	MEN			ISU		
#	Member	500	1000	1500	3000 5000	Member	500	1000	1500	5000 10000	Member
1.	AUT	2	2	2	1	AUT	1	1	2	1	AUT
2.	BEL	2	2	2	2	BEL	2	2	3	2	BEL
3.	CAN	5	5	5	5	CAN	5	5	4	4	CAN
4.	CHN	5*	5*	5*	5*	CHN	5*	5*	5*	5*	CHN
5.	CZE	1	1	3	3	CZE	1	1	1	1	CZE
6.	DEN	1	1	1	1	DEN	1	1	1	2	DEN
7.	ESP	2	1	1	1	ESP	2	2	1	1	ESP
8.	EST	1	1	1	1	EST	2	2	1	1	EST
9.	FIN	1	1	1	1	FIN	1	1	2	1	FIN
10.	FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	1	2	FRA
11.	GBR	2	2	2	1	GBR	1	2	1	1	GBR
12.	GER	2	2	2	4	GER	3	4	3	4	GER
13.	HUN	1	1	1	2	HUN	1	1	1	1	HUN
14.	ITA	1	1	2	2	ITA	2	2	3	4	ITA
15.	JPN	5	4	5	5	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN
16.	KAZ	3	4	3	2	KAZ	2	3	3	3	KAZ
17.	KOR	4	4	3	3	KOR	4	3	3	3	KOR
18.	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	NED
19.	NOR	3	2	3	4	NOR	4	4	5	5	NOR
20.	NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	1	2	NZL
21.	POL	4	4	3	3	POL	4	4	1	2	POL
22.	ROU	1	2	1	1	ROU	1	1	1	1	ROU
23.	SUI	1	2	2	2	SUI	1	1	2	2	SUI
24.	SWE	1	1	1	2	SWE	1	1	1	1	SWE
25.	USA	5	5	5	3	USA	4	4	5	4	USA

^{*} as hosting ISU Member

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance¹.

All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 2587, 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 257 and Rule 265, paragraph 6 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2587, paragraph 5.6, with distances of 16 laps for both Women and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2584 or any further updates.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM SPRINT EVENTS

Team Sprint races will be skated according to Rule 256, paragraph 2 and Rule 265, paragraph 7 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2587, paragraphs 4.2 and 5.7, with teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 3 laps both for Women and for Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2584 or any further updates.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2587, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event, World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2587, 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 Monday, November 13, 2023. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 10:00am-10:45and 11:00am-11:45. 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 3, 2023*. 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, Chinese 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 World Cup Speed Skating. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials. Accommodation requests of participating Skaters and team officials should be submitted through the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

The cost of a room and meals at the official hotel(s) will be as follows (including all taxes):

Single Room occupancy: EUR 145 (RMB 1145) per room per night. Price including meals and drinks. Double Room occupancy: EUR 200 (RMB 1600) per room per night. Price including meals and drinks.

Cancellation policy:

- (1) 17 October 2023: submit the hotel reservation information before this date, and the member federations will need to pay 50% of the total room rate as a deposit before 20 October after receiving the invoices.
- (2) From 18 October 2023 to 02 November 2023: 20% of the rooms booked can be cancelled free of charge.
- (3) 06 November 2023: Deadline to pay the remaining room rate.
- (4) From 07 November 2023, 100% of the room rate will be charged for room cancellation.

Accommodation requests can only be made directly with the Organizing Committee via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

Payment method:

Payments shall be made via bank transfer. If any additional reservation is needed after 06 November, the participants can pay by credit card (VISA, Master, JCB) at the hotel. Any handling fees incurred during the payment process shall be borne by the payer.

Contact information of the Organizing Committee for hotel reservation:

Contact: Ms. LI Jing

Mobile: 86 10 13910228619

E-mail: Reception SS2023@126.com

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

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

Beijing Continental Grand Hotel

Address: No.8 Beichen East Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel(s). The standard price is in RMB and payment by teams shall be made based on the RMB/EUR exchange rate on the date of payment.

TRANSPORTATION

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.

Airport pick-up and drop-off:

Based on actual needs, the Organizing Committee will arrange shuttle bus service for participating teams from 13 to 20 November. The pick-up and drop-off locations are (1) Beijing Capital International Airport; (2) Beijing Daxing International Airport

- (1) Rate: One-way: EUR 30 (RMB 240) per person
- (2) Service request submission: If you need pick-up or drop-off services at the airport, please send the arrival and departure date and time, flight number and other relevant information to the Organizing Committee via ISU OES before 17 October, and complete the payment. If you are bringing large luggage (e.g., bicycle, massage table, etc.), please indicate the luggage type and quantity in the OES system.
- (3) Please note: If any member of a participating team chooses to go by themselves, they can take a taxi at the airport. The taxi should be paid in cash in RMB, and credit card payment is not supported; if the ISU marketing agencies or sponsors need the Organizing Committee to provide paid pick-up and drop-off services, please provide relevant information via OES system..

Contact information of the Organizing Committee for airport pick-up and drop-off services:

Contact: LIN Zhiqiang Mobile: 13601269323

E-mail: Transport_SS2023@126.com

Transport between hotel and venue

From 13 to 19 November, the Organizing Committee will provide free shuttle bus service for participating teams between the official hotel (competitors and ISU hotel) and the venue, and media shuttles will be provided between the media hotel and the venue.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

E-mail: csa@chinacsa.net.cn Tel.: +86 010-8831 8803 Contact: Rocky Wei

For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

Full name Gender Date of birth Passport No.

Capacity (competitor, coach, team official, etc.)

Contact info E-mail

Arrival and departure dates

The embassy or consulate to issue the visa

^{*} as a hotel for competitors and the ISU

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 China. Personal information as specified above for Visa application must therefore be submitted to the OC not later than 17th October 2023.

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 accreditationsetc.
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 Chinese Skating Association at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

Organizing Committee Chinese Skating Association Media accreditation

E-Mail: SSoes2023@163.com E-mail: csa@chinacsa.net.cn E-Mail: xinwen@tyj.beijing.gov.cn

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Ms. Lucy XU Contact: Rocky Wei Ms. Kun ZHANG

WEBSITE

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

Result website: https://app.isuresults.eu/events
Official event website: www.chinacsa.net.cn

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.



