

# ANNOUNCEMENT



**ISU European Short Track  
Speed Skating Championships® 2015  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Dordrecht  
The Netherlands**



The International Skating Union, Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the:



## **European Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2015**

**January 23 to 25, 2015**

**to be held at the Sportboulevard,**

**Dordrecht, The Netherlands**

### **General Regulations**

The **ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2015** will be conducted in accordance with the 2014 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all European ISU Members. Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members (Rule 131).

### **Distances**

Individual	500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters Ladies and Men
Relay	3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

### **Program**

The below program and starting times are subject to change depending on the final entry of Skaters and agreement with the host broadcaster.

Thursday, 22 January 2015	08.00	Official Training
	19.00	Opening meeting
Friday, 23 January 2015	11.15	Qualifying Rounds 1500, 500, 1000 meters Ladies & Men
Saturday, 24 January 2015	tba	Ranking Races 1500, 500 meters Ladies & Men
	14.02	Semi-Finals & Finals 1500 meters Ladies & Men
		Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 500 meters Ladies & Men
		Semi-Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		Semi-Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
		Awards Ceremony
Sunday, 25 January 2015	tba	Ranking Races 1000 meters Ladies & Men
	14.02	Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men
		Super-Finals 3000 meters Ladies & Men
		Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
		Awards Ceremony
	18.00	Closing Banquet

### **Track Conditions**

The Sportboulevard Dordrecht has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

## **Entries**

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System at:

<http://www.shorttrackonline.info/entry.php?country=ISU>

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **December 12, 2014** (Rule 295, paragraph 4).

ISU members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Access to Closing Banquet;
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than **January 18, 2015** (Rule 295, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Dordrecht at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, January 22nd or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the competition. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded.

e) Please note that for all persons entered by the Members, the procedures in regard to 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 Communication No. 1797 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No.1420, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

## **Individual Entries:**

In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2, each ISU Member has the right to enter at least one (1) Competitor in each category.

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 1891 "Entries for ISU Championships", the following ISU Members may enter more than one (1) Competitor in total in the respective category. Each ISU Member may enter the substitutes corresponding with the number of entries.

## **Ladies**

Austria	2 competitors	Latvia	2 competitors
Belarus	2 competitors	Lithuania	2 competitors
Bulgaria	2 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Poland	2 competitors

France	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Slovak Republic	2 competitors
Great Britain	3 competitors	Sweden	2 competitors
Hungary	3 competitors	Ukraine	2 competitors
Italy	3 competitors		

#### **Men**

Belarus	2 competitors	Israel	2 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Italy	3 competitors
Bosnia/Herzegovina	2 competitors	Latvia	3 competitors
Bulgaria	2 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
Croatia	2 competitors	Poland	2 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
France	3 competitors	Spain	2 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Turkey	2 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors	Ukraine	2 competitors
Hungary	2 competitors		

#### **Relay Entries:**

ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum of five (5) Competitors which will include all Competitors for both competitions: Individual and Relay.

In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2b, only the twelve (12) highest ranked European ISU Members, based on a special Relay Classification over the 2 most recent World Cup Competitions held in Europe, can enter a Relay Team Ladies and/or Men in the respective category at the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2015. Special attention must be paid to Rule 286, paragraph 4 regarding the fact that the participation is known before the start of the second (2) World Cup Competition in Europe prior to the next edition of the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships.

#### **Qualifying Times:**

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times over 500 meters, in accordance with ISU Communication 1891, paragraph 1.1, as follows:

	Ladies	Men
500 m	49,00	47,00

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2014 and the final entry deadline specified in the paragraph "Entries" above.

#### **Points and Classification**

In accordance with Rule 295, paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8.

### **Titles and Medals**

The winners of the Championships (according to Rule 133) will bear the title:

**European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2015**

or

**Lady European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2015**

The European and Lady European Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The winning team of the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2015 for the Relay competition will bear the title European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2015, and will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed relay teams will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

Prize money will be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No 1509, or any further update of this communication.

### **Ice Training**

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, January 22nd for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided on Tuesday January 20 and Wednesday January 21, 2015. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged € 130,-. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. Payment for additional practice ice time must be paid to the Organizing Committee per banktransfer. For practice ice time prior to the official practice, please inform the Organizing Committee using the attached form in the online entry form. Medical coverage will be provided for the official and additional practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140

### **Anti-Doping**

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1765, 1800, 1871 & 1872 or later updates).

### **Liability**

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2015. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

### **Accommodation and Meals**

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and meals starting with lunch on Thursday January 22nd until lunch on Monday January 26<sup>th</sup> (for those departing in the afternoon) for all participating Skaters, maximum five (5) Ladies and five (5) Men, plus one team leader from each ISU Member. All teams arriving before Thursday January 22nd or leaving after Monday January 26<sup>th</sup> or bringing in more than the officially designated number of participants will be responsible for their own costs and are kindly requested to settle the amount due on site, upon arrival.

Methods of payment: The OC will send each participating member an invoice and full payment can be made per bank before arrival of the team. All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

### **Official Hotels**

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotels;

#### POSTILLION DORDRECHT (Teams and ISU officials)

Rijksstraatweg 30

3316 EH Dordrecht

<http://www.postillionhotels.com/hotels/postillion-hotel-dordrecht>

Single Room (per person, per night): € 141,- (limited availability, including breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Twin Double Room (per person, per night): € 111,- (including breakfast, lunch and dinner)

#### VAN DER VALK HOTEL DORDRECHT (Teams)

Laan van Europa 1600

3317 DB Dordrecht

[www.valk.com](http://www.valk.com)

Single Room (per person, per night): € 149,- (limited availability, including breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Twin Double Room (per person, per night): € 119,- (including breakfast, lunch and dinner)

#### STAY OKAY (no official hotel, no transportation)

Baanhoekweg 25

3313 LA Dordrecht

0031-78-6212167

Email: [dordrecht@stayokay.com](mailto:dordrecht@stayokay.com)

<http://www.stayokay.com>

For prices (depending on the number of persons and availability), please contact the hotel directly

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **December 12, 2014**.

### **Transportation**

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between **Rotterdam Airport** and the official hotels, from Monday, January 19, 2015 to Monday, January 26, 2015. Participants arriving and departing from Schiphol airport will pay a transport fee of € 25,- per person, single trip. Teams arriving per train/bus will be responsible for their own transport costs. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

The Organizing Committee will also provide free transportation for all participants between the official hotel and the ice rink during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Tuesday January 20, 2015.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **December 12, 2014**.

Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

### **Medical Insurance**

It is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in an ISU Event (as defined in Rule 107), to provide medical insurance for their Skaters. Proof of such can be requested by the Organizing Committee.

### **Entry Visa Requirements**

Should you need assistance to obtain a Dutch entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee.

### **Media Accreditation:**

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System

<http://www.wingsmedia.it/isu/>

Information for the media will be available on the ISU website in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

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Tel: +31 205709060

Email : [shorttrack@tigsports.nl](mailto:shorttrack@tigsports.nl)

### **The Organizing Committee**

All entries, hotel reservation and media accreditation requests, as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

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Tel: +31 88 489 2000, Fax: +31 88 4892099, [wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl](mailto:wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl)

### **Website**

Results and other information concerning the competition will be available at the following website: [www.schaatsen.nl](http://www.schaatsen.nl)

Live results will be available at the following website: <http://shorttrack.sportresult.com/>