ANNOUNCEMENT



Dresden / Germany

February 6 to 8, 2015





On behalf of DESG – Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e. V., the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ISU World Cup Short Track 2014/15 which will be held at the EnergieVerbund Arena Dresden, Germany from February 6 to 8, 2015

The competition will be held under the 2014 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1918, or any further update of this Communication.

General Regulations

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2014 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the ISU World Cup Short Track 2014/15.

Distances

Individual 500, 1000, 2x1500 meters Ladies and Men Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

Thursday, February 5	07:00*	Official Practice
Friday, February 6	[TBA*]	Qualifying session
Saturday, February 7	08:00*	Qualifying session (Repechage)
		1000m, 1500m (1) meters Ladies and Men
	15:00	World Cup session
		1000m, 1500m (1) meters, Semi-Finals Relay Ladies and Men
Sunday, February 8	08:00*	Qualifying session (Repechage)
		500m, 1500 (2) meters Ladies and Men
	15:00	World Cup session
		500m, 1500m (2) meters, Finals Relay Ladies and Men

^{*} Starting times to be decided upon receipt of the number of final entries.

Track Conditions

The EnergieVerbund Arena 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 for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating on <u>www.isu.org</u>, section Short Track Speed Skating.
- b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **December 26, 2014.**
 - 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 (if held);
 - 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 using the Online Entry System not later than **February 1, 2015** (see ISU Communication No. 1895, 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 Dresden at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, February 5, 2015 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Cup 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 regarding the Declaration for Competitors and Officials (all team Officials requiring an accreditation) entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication No. 1628need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication Nos.1628and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

Citizenships/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

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.

World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No.1895, paragraph 10.

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 & 1872or later updates).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, February 5, 2015 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from February 2, 2015. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged € 120.00. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, DESG 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 World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation. The cost of a room **per person and night** at the official hotel **including full board** is as follows:

Single Room € 99.00Twin Room* € 88.00Double Room** € 79.00

*limited availability, reservations FCFS

**king-size bed

Payment: Cash; in EUR or Credit card; Visa, Mastercard, American Express

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Official Hotel

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

NH Dresden Neustadt

Hansastr. 43

01097 Dresden

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **December 19, 2014**.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will organize and provide one transfer each way free of charge for each team between Dresden Airport and the official hotel from Sunday, February 1 to Monday, February 9, 2015.

Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves (€15.00).

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotel and EnergieVerbund Arena during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Monday, February 2.

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 **January 29**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Organizing Committee - Entries and Inquiries

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Website

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website: www.shorttrack-events.de

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