

ANNOUNCEMENT

ISU SHANGHAI TROPHY

in Short Track Speed Skating and
Synchronized Skating



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INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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The International Skating Union (ISU), the Chinese Skating Association (CSA) and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite ISU Members with qualified skaters to participate in the

2016 ISU Shanghai Trophy March 4 – 6, 2015 Short Track Speed Skating

1. General Regulations

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014, the 2014 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and relevant ISU Communications. Participation is restricted to Skaters of ISU Members having been invited based on the criteria outlined in this Announcement.

Distances

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

2. Program/Schedule

As per Appendix A

3. Entries/Participation Short Track Speed Skating

3.1 Skaters of ISU Members ranked in the first 24 Ladies/Men in the Overall Classification of the 2015/16 ISU World Ranking Lists stated after the World Cup 4.(see Rule 286, paragraph 9/d) will earn **personal entry quotas and will be invited** for the 2016 ISU Shanghai Trophy Short Track Competition. If more than three (3) Skaters from the same ISU Member achieve a position in the top twenty-four (24), the quota place(s) will be assigned to the next best ranked ISU Member until the 24 places can be filled.

3.2 The Six (6) International Mixed Relay Teams will be composed by the ISU based on the Overall Classification of the 2015/16 ISU World Ranking Lists.

The methodology to distribute the Skaters among the six (6) teams will be as follows:

The first (1), second (2), twenty-third (23) and twenty-fourth (24) ranked Skaters will form the first team, the third (3), fourth (4), twenty-first (21) and twenty-second (22) will form the second team, and so on until the six (6) teams are formed.

3.3 Entries

- a) Only ISU Members can register Entries using the ISU Online Entry System on www.isu.org, section Short Track Speed Skating.
- b) **Entries with** the name of Competitor(s), one (1) Team leader and the requirements for accommodation must be submitted by **January 22, 2016** (see Rule 295, paragraph 4).
- c) ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will not receive their final invitation by the Organizing Committee.
- d) **Final Entries** must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System not later than **February 28, 2016** (see Rule 295, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:
 - Names of the Competitors per category with their International Registration Numbers;
 - Confirmation of participation in the Relay event.Final entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries, see Rule 115.
- e) Competitors must be present in Shanghai at the latest at **18:00 hours on Thursday, March 3, 2016** or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the Competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the ISU Shanghai Trophy Competitions. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded.
- f) 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 Communication No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of these Communications.

3.4 Citizenship/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1420 (or any update of this Communication), 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.

3.5 Seeding Procedure

The make-up of the first qualifying round of each distance shall be based on the current distance ranking following the principles of Rule 296, of the 2014 ISU Regulations. Progression to subsequent qualifying rounds shall be according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

3.6 Conditions of Contests

Distance Classifications shall be made according to Rule 295, paragraph 6) over each Individual and Relay Distances. No World Cup points can be earned at the 2016 ISU Shanghai Trophy Competition.

4. Track Conditions

The Crown Indoor Stadium has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective self-standing 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.

5. Official Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training at Crown Indoor Stadium from **Tuesday, March 1, 2016** for all participating Skaters and for the non-participating National Relay Team members.

6. Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1871, 1872, 1922 & 1941 or any further updates).

7. Official Hotels

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

Regal Shanghai East Asia Hotel
800 Ling Ling Road (Inside Shanghai Stadium), Shanghai, China.
Email: info@regalshanghai.com
Telephone: (86 21) 6057 6888
Fax: (86 21) 6426 5888
Website: <http://www.regalhotel.com/regal-shanghai-east-asia-hotel/en/home/home.html>

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee ASAP but not later than **February 19, 2016**.

8. Travel Expenses, Accommodation and Meals

8.1 Travel Expenses

All travel expenses for the participating Skaters and their accompanying staff must be covered by the participating ISU Member itself.

The ISU will cover travel expenses for the invited Referees, Starters and Competitors Stewards at economy rates from their home to Shanghai and return. The flight bookings will be made through the ISU Secretariat.

8.2 Accommodation and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide and cover the following expenses for the participating Skaters and one (1) Team leader, Referees, Starters and Competitors Stewards as follows:

- Hotel accommodation and Meals (beginning with lunch on Tuesday, **March 1, 2016** and ending with breakfast on Monday, **March 7, 2016**)
- Access to Closing Banquet

The schedule for additional training sessions will be arranged by the Organizing Committee.

Teams and Officials, arriving earlier or leaving later than the period as mentioned above need to cover the expenses by themselves.

All other Team Officials, Coaches and Medical staff should bear their own expenses for accommodation and meals.

Members having Skater(-s) invited for the Shanghai Trophy and entered qualified Relay Teams for the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Seoul have the right to take also the unqualified Relay Team members (max. 4) to Shanghai on their own charge.

The cost of a room (including three meals) at the official hotel is as follows:

- Single Room (per person, per night): CNY 1200
- Double Room (per person, per night): CNY 900

The above prices include three meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Payment: Cash; in Chinese Yuan or Credit card.

All arrangements for accommodation must be made through the Organizing Committee and all fees for accommodation must be paid directly to the Organizing Committee. All other additional costs (extras) must be paid directly to the hotel.

9. Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation between Shanghai Airport and the official hotel, starting **Tuesday, March 1 until Monday, March 7, 2016**.

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotel and Crown Indoor Stadium during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

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 not later than **February 19, 2016**.

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

10. Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Chinese Skating Association 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 Shanghai Trophy Short Track Speed Skating.

Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto. Such insurance must assure full medical coverage as well as the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

11. The Organizing Committee

All entries, Hotel reservation and Media accreditation requests, as well as other inquiries should be simultaneously addressed as soon as possible as described below:

Chinese Skating Association (CSA)

Mr. Chen Yao

Email: 13901954100@163.com

Phone: +86 139 019 54100

Mr. György Martos

ISU Council member

E-mail : gmartos@t-online.hu

12. Prize Money

Short Track Speed Skating

Prize Money will be awarded as follows:

	500 m				1000 m				1500 m			
	Men		Ladies		Men		Ladies		Men		Ladies	
1 st place	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000	US\$	3000
2 nd place	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500	US\$	2500
3 rd place	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250	US\$	2250
4 th place	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000	US\$	2000
5 th place	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750	US\$	1750
6 th place	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500	US\$	1500
7 th place	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250	US\$	1250
8 th place	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000	US\$	1000
9 th place	US\$	750	US\$	750	US\$	750	US\$	750	US\$	750	US\$	750
10 th place	US\$	500	US\$	500	US\$	500	US\$	500	US\$	500	US\$	500

Relay Teams	Men		Ladies	
1 st place	US\$	6000	US\$	6000
2 nd place	US\$	5000	US\$	5000
3 rd place	US\$	3000	US\$	3000
4 th place	US\$	2000	US\$	2000

Prize money will be transferred to the respective ISU Member by bank transfer. The current withholding tax of China will be deducted.

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The International Skating Union (ISU), the Chinese Skating Association (CSA) and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite ISU Members to participate in the

ISU Shanghai Trophy March 4 – 6, 2016 Synchronized Skating

Participation is restricted to Synchronized Skating Teams of ISU Members having been invited based on the criteria outlined in this Announcement.

1. General Regulations

Participation in the “ISU Shanghai Trophy” is open to **the top five (5) placed ISU Members of the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2015 and one (1) Team of the hosting ISU Member.**

Each participating Team must belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided the ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 4 a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements according to Rule 109, paragraphs 1 and 2 d) and ISU Communication No. 1420 (or any update of this Communication). In case that any of the invited Team(s) is not able to participate, the next ranked ISU Member from the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2015 can be invited.

Each participating team must consist of sixteen (16) Skaters and may have up to a maximum of four (4) alternates listed on the Team Entry Form (Rule 800, paragraph 2 a) and 2 c).

2. Program/Schedule

As per Appendix A and B (Preliminary Event Schedule)

3. Technical Data

The ISU Shanghai Trophy will take place at the “Crown Indoor Stadium”, heated, air conditioned and artificial ice rink with an ice surface of 30m x 60m.

The Short Program and Free Skating Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2015/16 are listed in all pertinent ISU Communications.

Short Program

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, but may be less, Rule 952, paragraph 1

Free Skating

Duration: 4 minutes, 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds

4. Entries of Synchronized Skating Teams

The following ISU Members are qualified for participation or as substitute in accordance with the criteria of the placement of the ISU Members at the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2015 and in case of a tie the better place of the respective ISU Member in the ISU World Standings for Synchronized Skating:

ISU Member country	Order of qualification
Canada	1 st
Finland	2 nd
Russia	3 rd
Sweden	4 th
United States of America	5 th

Substitutes

Germany	1 st substitute
Japan	2 nd substitute
Italy	3 rd substitute

Each ISU Member, qualified for participation as above, may enter with one Team, who has participated in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2015 or is ranked amongst the top 10 places of the ISU World Standings for Synchronized Skating at the time of the entry deadline **February 3, 2015**.

ISU Members must enter their invited Teams (including Skaters (16 plus 4 alternates), 1 Coach, 1 Team Manager) by name on the official entry forms. **The Final Entries** as well as **the Entry of Judges** (see para 5.1) must reach the following by **February 3, 2016**:

Organizing Committee

Chinese Skating Association (CSA)

Mr. Chen Yao

Email: 13901954100@163.com

Phone: +86 139 019 54100

ISU Secretariat

Patricia Mayor

E-mail: entries@isu.ch

Mrs. Marie Lundmark

ISU Council member

E-mail: lundmark.marie@gmail.com

Preliminary Entries must reach the Organizing Committee, the ISU Secretariat and Marie Lundmark by **December 16, 2015**.

All Teams must return the "Program Content Sheet" together with the entry forms to the Organising Committee. It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

5. Officials

5.1 Judges

The invited participating ISU Members (5) may nominate one (1) Judge with the qualification "International" or "ISU". The entered Judges must be listed on the current ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2015/16.

5.2 Referee, Technical Panel

The Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists (2), and Data & Replay Operators will be appointed by the ISU.

5.3 Meetings for ISU Event Officials

The Initial Judges Meeting will be held on March 3, 2016 (time and place tba).

The Judges' Round Table Discussion will be held on Saturday evening, March 5, 2016.

All other official meetings for Technical Panels, Referees and Technical Controllers will be announced in the detailed schedule in due time.

6. Travel Expenses, Accommodation and Meals

6.1 Travel Expenses

All travel expenses for the participating Teams and their accompanying staff must be covered by the participating ISU Member itself.

The ISU will cover travel expenses for the invited Referee, Technical Controller, the two (2) Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges (5) at economy rates from their home to Shanghai and return. The flight bookings will be made through the ISU Secretariat.

6.2 Accommodation and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide and cover the following expenses for the participating Teams (Skaters (20) and one (1) Coach, the Referee and Judges, the Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators as follows:

- Hotel accommodation and Meals (beginning with lunch on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 and ending with breakfast on Monday, March 7, 2016)
- Access to Closing Banquet

The schedule for additional training sessions will be arranged by the Organizing Committee.

Teams and Officials, arriving earlier or leaving later than the period as mentioned above need to cover the expenses by themselves.

All other Team Officials, Coaches, Medical staff, and Chaperones should bear their own expenses for accommodation and meals.

The cost of a room (including three meals) at the official hotel is as follows:

- Single Room (per person, per night): CNY 1200
- Double Room (per person, per night): CNY 900

The above prices include three meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Payment: Cash; in Chinese Yuan or Credit card.

All arrangements for accommodation must be made through the Organizing Committee and all fees for accommodation must be paid directly to the Organizing Committee. All other additional costs (extras) must be paid directly to the hotel.

7. Official Practices

Official Practice for Teams will begin **on Tuesday, March 1, 2016** and all Teams must be present in Shanghai at the latest on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at **18.00 for the Team Leaders Meeting.**

The detailed practice and competition schedule will be communicated to all participating Teams later on.

8. Music

In accordance with Rule 823, paragraph 1, Teams shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD or any other approved format. The discs must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the Team and by the coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Each program (Short Program/Free Skating) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc. Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating programs must be listed for each Team on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Forms.

9. Arrival & Departures of Teams

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 not later than February 3, 2016.

10. Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation between Shanghai Airport and the official hotels, from Tuesday, March 1, 2016 until Monday, March 7, 2016.

The OC will also provide transportation between the official Hotel and Crown Indoor Stadium during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

11. Official Hotel

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Website: <http://www.regalhotel.com/regal-shanghai-east-asia-hotel/en/home/home.html>

For Hotel reservations see item 6.2.

12. Liability

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in the ISU Shanghai Trophy, to provide medical and accident insurance for their Athletes, Officials and other members of the ISU Member's Team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The ISU, the Chinese Skating Association and the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU SHANGHAI TROPHY by Teams and Officials.

13. Anti-Doping Controls

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communication No 1922 & 1941 or any other update of this Communication).

14. The Organizing Committee

All Entries, Hotel reservation and Media accreditation requests, as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to the Chinese Skating Association as described below:

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15. Prize Money

The Organizing Committee will provide Prize Money for the final placed Synchronized Skating Teams as follows:

		FINAL RESULT		GALA EXHIBITION
1 st place	US \$	9'000	US \$	2'500
2 nd place	US \$	8'000	US \$	2'000
3 rd place	US \$	7'000	US \$	1'500
4 th place	US \$	5'000	US \$	1'000
5 th place	US \$	4'000	US \$	1'000
6 th place	US \$	3'000	US \$	1'000

Grand Total for six (6) Teams: USD 45'000.00

Prize money will be transferred to the respective ISU Member by bank transfer. The current withholding tax of China will be deducted.