

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel(s) will be as follows:  
*Single Room occupancy; € 67,50 - € 133,00 per person per night. Prices including meals.*  
*Double Room occupancy; € 39,75 - € 94,75 per person per night. Prices including meals.*  
 All arrangements for accommodation must be made through the Organizing Committee.

#### OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservations for the Competitors in the following hotels:

- a Hotel Golden Tulip Tjaarda at Oranjewoud, phone +31(0) 513 433533, fax +31(0) 513 433599, e-mail: [info@tjaarda.nl](mailto:info@tjaarda.nl)
- b Fletcher Hotel De Heidehof at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 630200, fax +31(0) 513 630201, e-mail: [info@hotelheidehof.nl](mailto:info@hotelheidehof.nl)
- c Hotel van der Valk at Wollega, phone +31(0) 561 692800, fax +31(0) 561 692805, e-mail: [info@wolvega.valk.nl](mailto:info@wolvega.valk.nl)
- d Holland Inn Hotel at Wollega, phone +31(0) 561 618847, fax +31(0) 561 618591, e-mail: [hotelwolvega@gmail.com](mailto:hotelwolvega@gmail.com)
- e Hajé Hotel at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 618618, fax +31(0) 513 629100, e-mail: [heerenveen@hajerestaurants.com](mailto:heerenveen@hajerestaurants.com)
- f Huis ten Wolde at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 535400, e-mail: [info@huistenvolde.nl](mailto:info@huistenvolde.nl)
- g Hotel van der Valk at Sneek, phone +31(0) 515 481818, fax +31(0) 515 481808, e-mail: [info@sneek.valk.com](mailto:info@sneek.valk.com)
- h Hampshire Hotel-de Eese at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 511452, fax +31(0) 521 511316, e-mail: [info.eese@hampshire-hotels.com](mailto:info.eese@hampshire-hotels.com)

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel(s). 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. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the competition, in accordance with ISU Communication No.1808, paragraph 10.9.

#### TRANSPORTATION

There is a direct railway connection from Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol to Heerenveen. Arriving at Heerenveen railway station, please call telephone number +31 (0) 513 637738 for transportation to the hotel. On request bus transportation from Schiphol Airport to Heerenveen can be arranged. For further information on this, please address the Organizing Committee. A shuttle bus service will be available for transportation between hotels and the ice rink from Monday March 10, 2014.

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the Competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but no later than Friday March 7, 2014.

#### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

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

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website(s):  
<http://schaatsen.nl/wc-heerenveen>

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website:  
<http://live.isu.eu/2013-2014/heerenveen-1>



## Essent ISU World Cup Final Announcement

Friday 14 to Sunday 16 March 2014  
 Thialf Heerenveen



Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Official Sponsors



On behalf of the KNSB and the Organizing Committee,  
consisting of members of the board of directors  
of the Royal Ice club Thialf at Heerenveen and representatives of the KNSB,  
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to the final competition in the

## ESSENT WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING 2013/2014

which will be held at the indoor ice-rink Thialf  
in Heerenveen, the Netherlands

on Friday, March 14, Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16, 2014.

The competition will be held under the 2012 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1808.

### PROGRAM

Thursday, March 13:	16.00 18.00	Team leaders' Meeting, Ice Stadium Thialf Opening draw, Ice Stadium Thialf
Friday, March 14:	16.15	Division A: 1500m Ladies 1000m Men Mass start Ladies Mass start Men
Saturday, March 15:	14.15	Division A: 3000m Ladies 1500m Men 500m Ladies (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 500m Men (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Team Pursuit Men
Sunday, March 16:	13.30	Division A: 500m Ladies (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 5000m Men 1000m Ladies 500m Men (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Team Pursuit Ladies

### TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the Ice Stadium Thialf, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Heerenveen. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of each lane of the competition track is 4 meters and there is an inside training lane with width of 4 meters.

### ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 3.3.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org), section Speed Skating or [www.k4sport.ru/login.php](http://www.k4sport.ru/login.php)

*Preliminary entries*, giving the number of Competitors & substitutes and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be communicated at the latest by **Tuesday, February 11, 2014**.

*Final entries* including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on **Tuesday, March 11, 2014** (see also ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 3.3.3).

**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. 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 Communication.

According to ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 4.1.5 entries may only be made for Skaters who fulfilling following criteria by the deadline for final entries:

- for 500m, 1000m and 1500m: Skaters placed among the 24 best in the current World Cup ranking for the distance concerned;
- for 3000m/5000m: Skaters placed among the 20 best in the current World Cup long distances ranking;
- for the Mass start event: Skaters placed among the 24 best in the current World Cup ranking and Skaters placed among the 8 best in the current Grand World Cup;
- for each of the individual events the winner(s) of the Division B race(s) in the preceding World Cup Competition (Inzell, March 7-9, 2014);
- for Team Pursuit the 4 best ranked national teams in the current World Cup ranking. If some of these teams would not be entered, they will be replaced by the next ranked team(s).

The entry quotas given in ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 3.3.2 apply as maximum entry quotas for the Members.

### COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 4.2, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

### COMPETITION FORMAT & ENTRY QUOTAS FOR THE MASS START EVENTS

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 253, paragraph 4 b in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 4.3, with distances of 15 laps for Ladies and 20 laps for Men. Further details are posted on the ISU web site. The maximum entry quota per ISU Member will be restricted to 3 Competitors per category.

### GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 5.

### PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to the ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraphs 6 and 8.

### ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1693, 1694, 1765 and 1800 or any further update of these Communications).

### TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, March 10, 2014. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, March 13, 2014. Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

### CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS & 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.

### LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the KNSB 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 Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Each 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.