EUROPEAN SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS CHELYABINSK 2015

ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2015
Chelyabinsk, Russia

Announcement

January 10-11, 2015
Ice Rink “Uralskaya Molniya”
Chelyabinsk, Russia

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On behalf of the Russian Skating Union, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

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which will be held in Chelyabinsk, Russia on January 10-11, 2015

PROGRAM

Friday, January 09	16:00	Team Leaders Meeting, Radisson Blu Hotel
	18:00	Opening Draw, Radisson Blu Hotel
Saturday, January 10	15:40	Opening Ceremony
	16:00	500 m, Ladies
		500 m, Men
		3000 m, Ladies
		5000 m, Men
		Drawing for Sunday's distances
Sunday, January 11	16:00	1500 m, Ladies
		1500 m, Men
		5000 m, Ladies
		10 000 m, Men
		Awards Ceremony

REGULATIONS

The ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2015 will be held in accordance with the 2014 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 1897.
Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to a European ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 1897.

TRACK

The Ice Rink "Uralskaya Molniya" is an indoor artificially frozen ice rink with a standard track of 400 meters and inner and outer curves with radii of 26 and 30 meters respectively. The width of the inside training track (warmup lane) is 5,65 meters.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the Championships are the Skaters with the lowest total of points after 4 distances have been completed (Rule 265, paragraph 2 and 268, paragraph 1).
The winners will bear the titles: "Lady European Speed Skating Champion for 2015" and "European Speed Skating Champion for 2015", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph a), and will each be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third in the final classification after 4 distances will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals, respectively.
Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1509, or any further update of this Communication.

ENTRIES

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events available at www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or at www.k4sport.ru/login.php.
Each European ISU Member may enter 1 Lady and 1 Man, subject to achieved qualifying times as defined in ISU Communication No. 1897.

According to ISU Communication No. 1891 and Rule 208, paragraph 5 c), the following ISU Members have the right to enter more than one Competitor per gender:

Ladies

Belgium	2 competitors	Norway	2 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Poland	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
Italy	2 competitors	Switzerland	2 competitors
Netherlands	3 competitors		

Men

Austria	2 competitors	Norway	3 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Poland	3 competitors
Italy	2 competitors	Russia	2 competitors
Latvia	2 competitors	Sweden	2 competitors
Netherlands	3 competitors		

The Preliminary entry with the number of Competitors and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be submitted at the latest by December 23, 2014 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and substitute(s) available to compete, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must be submitted at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on January 7, 2015 (See Rule 208, paragraph 9).
Each ISU Member may enter 1 substitute per gender.

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 1628 need to be strictly observed.
For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, 208 and ISU Communications No. 1628 and 1797.

CITIZENSHIP/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.

DRAWING

The drawings will be made in accordance with Rules 239 and 240. For the third distance only 24 Competitors will be admitted, see Rule 240, paragraph 5 b). For the last distance (5000 meters Ladies, 10000 meters Men) the number of Skaters to qualify will be 8, see Rule 240, paragraph 4 a).

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications No. 1765, 1800, 1871 and 1872 or any further updates of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, the Russian Skating Union and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with this Championship. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered competitors from Monday, January 5, 2015. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, January 9, 2015. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

BOARD AND LOADGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Friday, January 9 until lunch on Monday, January 12, 2015 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships and 1 team leader or coach for each ISU Member. Expenses

of other Skaters and officials (i.e. coaches, other team staff members and accompanying persons) other than those mentioned above, and expenses before or after the period mentioned above, will be at their own expense.

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the

Radisson Blu Hotel, Chelyabinsk
454091 Chelyabinsk, Truda st 179
T: +7 351 216 77 77, F: +7 351 216 00 21
http://radissonblu.com/hotel-chelyabinsk/

Hotel prices:

Single room with full board for 1 person – 110 EURO
Double room with full board for 2 persons – 150 EURO

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Monday, January 5, 2015 to Monday, January 12, 2015 from and to the Chelyabinsk international airport Balandino. Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service.

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel and the ice-rink from Monday, January 5, 2015.

The Organizing Committee must be informed about the date and time of arrival and departure of the competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by December 15, 2014.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Russian visitor's visa will be required for all participants, substitutes and officials, Therefore it is strongly recommended to submit to the Russian Skating Union as soon as possible, but not later than December 10, 2015, the attached visa application table together with a readable colour passport copy of good quality for each potential team member and team official in order to have the issuing of the necessary visa completed in due time.
According to the Law of the Russian Federation, the Russian Skating Union does not guarantee visa obtaining for team members and team officials if above-mentioned documents are received later than December 10, 2015.
Please contact the Organizing Committee if you need an invitation letter for the visa.
Please, note that the period from December 29, 2014 till January 12, 2015 is a period of official public holidays in Russia, so governmental agencies will be closed and will operate in restricted mode.

PHOTO FOR ACCREDITATION

Please, send the colour photo for all team members for preliminary printing of accreditation (*.jpg format, size 35 per 44 mm, white background)

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be sent to both addresses:

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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.

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WEB SITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:
http://essc2015.com/en/

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website:
http://live.isuresults.eu/2014-2015/chelyabinsk