WORLD ALLROUND SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS CALGARY 2015

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships Calgary, Canada

Announcement

March 7-8, 2015, Olympic Oval

Ladies & Men

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

WORLD ALLROUND SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2015

which will be held in Calgary, Canada on March 7-8, 2015.

PROGRAM

Friday, March 6	16:30	Team Leaders Meeting, Best Western Village Park Inn
	19:30	Opening Draw, Aloft Calgary University
Saturday, March 7	11:45	Opening Ceremony
	12:00	500 m Ladies 500 m Men 3000 m Ladies 5000 m Men
	18:00	Drawing for Sunday's distances, Best Western Village Park Inn
Sunday, March 8	11:00	1500 m Ladies 1500 m Men 5000 m Ladies 10000 m Men Awards Ceremony

REGULATIONS

The ISU World Allround 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 an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 1897.

TRACK

The Olympic Oval 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 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 winner will bear the title: "Lady World Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2015" and "World Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2015", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph b), 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.
The entry quotas will be determined partly by the results from the World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2014 and partly by results achieved during the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competition in Hamar, NOR, on January 31-February 1, 2015, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 4. The actual entry

quotas will be published by the ISU and communicated to the ISU Members concerned in due time before the deadline for final entries.

According to ISU Communication No. 1891 and Rule 208, paragraph 4, the following ISU Members have been pre-allocated entry quotas:

Ladies

Canada	1 competitor	Poland	2 competitors
Japan	1 competitor	Russia	2 competitors
Netherlands	2 competitors		

Men

Belgium	1 competitor	Norway	2 competitors
Canada	1 competitor *	Poland	2 competitors
Latvia	1 competitor	Russia	2 competitors
Netherlands	2 competitors		

** as hosting ISU Member*

The above entry quotas may be increased (to a maximum of 3 Competitors) based on results achieved at the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competition in Hamar, NOR, on January 31-February 1, 2015.
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 communicated to the Organizing Committee at the latest by February 17, 2015 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and substitute(s) (s) available to compete (maximum one per gender), 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 March 4, 2015 (See Rule 208, paragraph 9).

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 last distance (5000m Ladies and 10000m Men) the number of Skaters to qualify will be 8 (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, Speed Skating Canada 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, March 2, 2015. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, March 6, 2015. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Friday, March 6 until lunch on Monday, March 9, 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 and must be submitted no later than Friday, February 6, 2015.

Unused World Championship block reserved rooms will be released back to the hotel as of Monday, February 9, 2015. Rates and availability cannot be guaranteed after this date. Teams who do not arrive on scheduled date will be charged for unused reserved rooms.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

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

Best Western Village Park Inn
1804 Crowchild Trail NW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
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Phone: +1.403.289.0241
Toll free: +1.888.774.7716
Fax: +1.403.289.4645
Email: info@villageparkinn.com
Website: www.villageparkinn.com

Hotel prices for other Skaters and team officials (i.e. coaches, other team staff members and accompanying persons) other than those mentioned above, and before or after the period mentioned above:

Single Room occupancy: $145.00 CAD ($130.00 USD) per person per night. Prices include taxes.
Double Room occupancy: $72.50 CAD ($65.00 USD) per person per night. Prices include taxes.

Payment: Cash in CAD$, credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express), or wire transfer.

All arrangements for accommodation must be made through the Organizing Committee.The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel.

Teams must advise the Organizing Committee of their desire to enjoy daily meals in the hotel's team dining room (3 meals per day are available starting Monday March 2). Meal vouchers will be provided upon check-in.

Single Room occupancy: $220.00 CAD ($197.00 USD) per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities.
Double Room occupancy: $148.00 CAD ($133.00 USD) per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be arranged between Calgary International Airport and the official hotel from Monday, March 2 until Monday March 9, 2015. The Organizing Committee must 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, February 13, 2015.

Teams arriving before March 2 are responsible for arranging their own airport transfers and associated costs. Teams are invited to contact the event's contracted shuttle company Airport Shuttle Express to arrange for airport transfers outside of the Organizing Committee's obligation. The contact information is:
Joanne Townshend
joannet@airportshuttleexpress.com
www.airportshuttleexpress.com

The Organizing Committee is not responsible for transportation arrangements and associated costs for team officials who do not accompany their team members. Those team officials arriving separate from the team can travel via taxi from the airport or if a scheduled airport transfer is preferred, please contact Airport Shuttle Express.

A shuttle service will be operated between the official hotel and the Calgary Olympic Oval during the days of official training and competitions. Weekday shuttle service will be limited to scheduled official training times only.

ACCREDITATIONS

The organizer is not obligated 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. An additional fee of $75.00 CAD ($67.00 USD) for extra accreditations must be paid to the Organizing Committee upon arrival to the Team Services office.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Organizing Committee if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Passport Number
- Function

Please submit this information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be addressed to:

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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.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

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WEB SITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website: www.speedsk8.ca

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