

OFFICIAL HOTELS

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the teams 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 Wolvega, phone +31(0) 561 692800, fax +31(0) 561 692805, e-mail: info@wolvega.valk.nl
- d Holland Inn Hotel at Wolvega, phone +31(0) 561 618847, fax +31(0) 561 618591, e-mail: hotelwolvega@gmail.com
- e Huis ten Wolde at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 535400, e-mail: info@huistenwolde.nl
- f Hotel van der Valk at Sneek, phone +31(0) 515 481818, fax +31(0) 515 481808, e-mail: info@sneek.valk.com
- g Hampshire Hotel-de Eese at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 511452, fax +31(0) 521 511316, e-mail: info.eese@hampshire-hotels.com
- h Hotel Restaurant Lunia at Oldeberkoop, phone +31(0) 516 452555, fax +31(0) 516 452929, e-mail: info@lunia.nl

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotels.

Hotel prices:

Single room with full board for 1 person € 68,50 - € 136,50

Double room with full board for 2 persons € 137,00 - € 195,00

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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 February 9, 2015.

Information about the date and time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials must be submitted via the ISU Online System for Speed Skating Events no later than Thursday February 5, 2015.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

- Surname and first name(s) and date of birth of all team members,
- Date of Arrival and Departure of all team members.

Please submit all these 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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e-mail: OC.Thialf@knsb.nl

MEDIA ACCREDITATION - INQUIRIES

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:

Mr. H. Snoep,
press officer KNSB
phone: +31 88 48 92 000
fax: +31 88 4892 099
e-mail: h.snoep@knsb.nl

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website:

<http://www.schaatsen.nl/wsd2015-heerenveen>

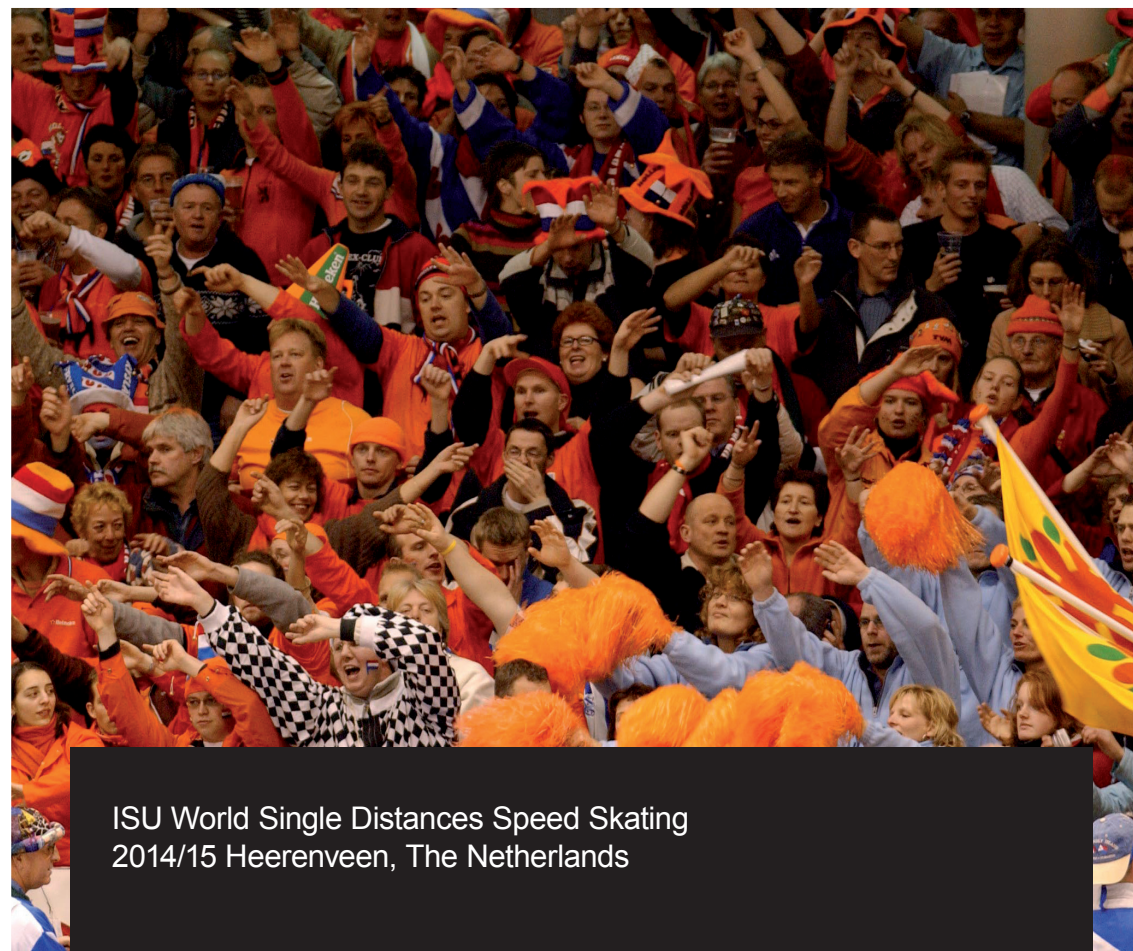


WORLD SINGLE DISTANCES SPEED SKATING

CHAMPIONSHIPS



HEERENVEEN
2015



ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating
2014/15 Heerenveen, The Netherlands

Announcement

Februari 12,13, 14 and 15, 2015
Thialf – Heerenveen, The Netherlands
Ladies and Men – All Distances

Official sponsors of the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating



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 a competition in the



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which will be held at the indoor ice-rink Thialf
in Heerenveen, the Netherlands
on Thursday, February 12, Friday February 13, Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15, 2015.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, February 11:	16.00 18.00	Team Leaders Meeting, Ice Stadium Thialf Opening Draw, Ice Stadium Thialf
Thursday, February 12:	17.50 18.00	Opening Ceremony 3000m Ladies 10 000m Men
Friday, February 13:	18.00	1000m Ladies 1500m Men 5000m Ladies Team Pursuit Men
Saturday, February 14:	13.00	5000m Men 500m Ladies 1 st Race 1000m Men 500m Ladies 2 nd Race Team Pursuit Ladies
Sunday, February 15:	13.15	500m Men 1 st Race 1500m Ladies 500m Men 2 nd Race Mass start Men Mass start Ladies

REGULATIONS

The ISU World Single Distances 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.

TRACK

The Ice Stadium Thialf 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 is 4meters.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the Distances will bear the titles: “Lady World Speed Skating Champion _ meters for 2015” and “World Speed Skating Champion _ meters for 2015”, respectively (Rule 133, paragraph c). The winners of the Mass start competitions will bear the titles “Lady World Speed Skating Mass Start Champion for 2015” and “World Speed Skating Mass Start Champion for 2015”. The winners of the Team Pursuit competitions will bear the titles “Ladies World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2015” and “World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2015”. All winners will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third 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.

Entries for the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2015 will only be accepted for Skaters who have reached the qualifying times for the event concerned, as listed in ISU Communication No. 1897.

ISU Members may enter a maximum of three (3) Skaters in each individual distance, except for 5000m Ladies, 10 000m Men, Mass start Ladies and Mass start Men where the maximum entry quotas per ISU Member is two (2). The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member will be announced by the ISU following the results of the qualifying competitions (ISU World Cups held during November and December 2014), in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 3.
The total number of Competitors for each distance will be limited as follows:

500 meters Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
1000 meters Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
1500 meters Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
3000 meters Ladies and 5000 meters Men	20 Skaters
5000 meters Ladies and 10 000 meters Men	12 Skaters
Mass start Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
Team Pursuit Ladies and Team Pursuit Men	8 Teams

The Preliminary entry with 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 submitted at the latest by January 25, 2015 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes (maximum 1 per distance), 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 February 9, 2015 (See Rule 208, paragraph 9). If a Member would like to make use of an allocated reserve quota place for an event, then this shall be indicated by including a substitute for the event concerned.

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 and 208

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 Rule 240, paragraph 6.

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 KNSB 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, February 9, 2014. Trial starts will be organized on Wednesday February 11, 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 Wednesday February 11, 2015 until lunch on Monday February 16, 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.