WORLD SPRINT SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS ASTANA 2015

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ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships
Astana, Kazakhstan

Announcement

February 28 - March 1, 2015, Alau Ice Palace

Ladies & Men

Official Sponsors of the ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships

On behalf of National Skating Federation of Kazakhstan and Department of Sport of Ministry Tourism & Sport, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

WORLD SPRINT SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2015

which will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan on February 28 – March 1, 2015

PROGRAM

Friday, February 27, 2015	16:30	Team Leaders Meeting, Ice Palace "Alau"
	18:30	Opening Draw, Ice Palace "Alau"
Saturday, February 28, 2015	17:30	500 m Ladies 500 m Men 1000 m Ladies 1000 m Men Drawing for Sunday's distances
Sunday, March 1, 2015	18:30	500 m Ladies 500 m Men 1000 m Ladies 1000 m Men Awards Ceremony

REGULATIONS

The ISU World Sprint 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

Ice Palace "Alau" is an indoor skating rink 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 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 Sprint Speed Skating Champion for 2015" and "World Sprint 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 Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2014 and partly by results achieved during the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competition in Heerenveen, NED, on February 7-8, 2015, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 6. The actual entry quotas which will apply will be communicated by the ISU to the ISU Members concerned in due time before the deadline for final entries.

According to ISU Communication No. 1891 and Rule 208, paragraph 6, the following ISU Members have been pre-allocated entry quotas:

Ladies

Canada	1 competitor	Kazakhstan	1 competitor
China	2 competitors	Netherlands	2 competitors
Germany	1 competitor	Republic of Korea	2 competitors
Japan	2 competitors	USA	2 competitors

Men

Australia	1 competitor	Kazakhstan	2 competitors
Canada	2 competitors	Netherlands	2 competitors
Italy	1 competitor	Republic of Korea	1 competitor
Japan	2 competitors	USA	2 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 communicated to the Organizing Committee at the latest by February 10, 2015 (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 February 25, 2015 (See Rule 208, paragraph 9).
Each ISU Member may enter maximum one (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. For grouping and drawing for each distance Rule 242, paragraphs 1 and 2 apply.

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, National Skating Federation of Kazakhstan 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 Tuesday, February 24, 2015. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, February 27, 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, February 27 until lunch on Monday, March 2, 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

Hilton Garden Inn (Skaters and officials)
15, Kabanbay Batyr Avenue, Astana, 010010, Kazakhstan
Phone: +7 7172 75 67 00
Fax: +7 7172 75 67 10
E-mail: tseak_fo@hilton.com
http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/kazakhstan/hilton-garden-inn-astana-TSEAKGI/index.html

Hotel prices:

Single room for 1 person	24'975 tenge or US$ 135 (prices including breakfast)
Double room for 2 persons	13'875 tenge or US$ 75 (per person per night, prices including breakfast)
Queen Deluxe Room	34'225 tenge or US$ 185 (prices including breakfast)
King One Bedroom Suite	80'475 tenge or US$ 435 (prices including breakfast)

Single room with full board for 1 person	31'265 tenge or US$ 169
Double room with full board for 2 persons	20'165 tenge or US$ 109 (per person per night)
Queen Deluxe Room with full board	40'515 tenge (US$ 219)
King One Bedroom Suite with full board	86'765 tenge (US$ 469)

King Hotel Astana (Media)
7, Valikhanov Str, Astana, Kazakhstan
Phone: +7 (7172) 705705
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E-mail: info@kinghotelastana.com
http://www.kinghotelastana.com/

Hotel prices:

Single room for 1 person	19'500 tenge or US$ 105
Double room for 2 persons	11'000 tenge or US$ 59 (per person per night, prices including breakfast)

Single room with full board for 1 person	26'500 tenge or US$ 143
Double room with full board for 2 person	16'750 tenge or US$ 91 (per person per night)

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Monday, February 23, 2015 to Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from and to the Astana International Airport. Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service. Teams who do not stay in the Official Hotel cannot be guaranteed this transportation service.

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel and the ice-rink from Tuesday, February 24, 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 Tuesday, February 10, 2015

VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

- Country/Federation, Dates, Names, Birthdays and Passport Numbers, Citizenship
- Country where the visa will be obtained

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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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:

Media Accreditation requests should be addressed to
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WEB SITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:
http://www.skating.kz/

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