

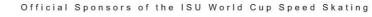


ISU World Cup Speed Skating Final 2014/15 ANNOUNCEMENT

March 21-22, 2015 Erfurt, Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Halle Ladies and Men – all distances www.eisschnelllauf-erfurt.de















On behalf of the Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e.V. and the Eissportclub Erfurt e.V. we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to the

ISU World Cup Speed Skating Final 2014/15

which will be held at the 400 meters covered ice rink of Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Halle - Erfurt, Germany on Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22, 2015

The competition will be held under the 2014 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1889.

PROGRAM

Friday, March 20, 2015	16.00	Team leaders' Meeting at the Mercure Hotel Erfurt Altstadt
	19.00	Opening draw at the Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Halle
Saturday, March 21, 2015	13.30	Opening Ceremony
	13.55	500m (1st) Ladies
		500m (1 st) Men
		1.500m Ladies
		1.000m Men
		5.000m Men
Sunday, March 22, 2015	13.00	3.000m Ladies
		500m (2 nd) Ladies
		500m (2 nd) Men
		1.000m Ladies
		1.500m Men
		Mass Start Race Ladies
		Mass Start Race Men

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the Gunda Niemann-Stirnemann-Halle, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Erfurt. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 25 and 29 meters, respectively. The width of each competition lane 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. 1889, paragraph 4.1.5.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or www.kusu.org, section Speed Skating or www.kusu.org, section Speed Skating or www.kusu.org, section Speed Skating or www.k

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 submitted at the latest by **Saturday, February 21, 2015**.

Final entries including the names of the Competitors, 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 *Wednesday*, *March 18*, *2015* (see also ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3.4.3).

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 Communications.

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.

COMPETITION FORMAT 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. 1889, paragraph 4.3, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men. Further details are given in ISU Communication No. 1914.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 5.

POINTS and PRIZES

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to the ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraphs 6 and 8. Points and prize money will also be awarded for the the overall season ranking (Grand World Cup ranking).

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 1923 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Tuesday, March 17, 2015. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, March 20, 2015.

Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e.V. 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 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.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotels will be as follows:

Single Room occupancy: 109,00 Euro room per night. Prices including meals. Double Room occupancy: 175,00 Euro room per night. Prices including meals.

Payment: Cash in Euro or Visacard and Mastercard.

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events not later than March 2, 2015.

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation in the following hotels:

for teams for officals

Radisson Blu Hotel Erfurt

MERCURE Hotel Erfurt Altstadt

Juri-Gagarin-Ring 127, D-99084 Erfurt Meienbergstraße 26-27, D-99084 Erfurt +49 (0) 361 / 55 10-0 +49 (0) 361 / 59 49-0

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

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided only from and to the Airport of Erfurt (domestic flight connections to Munich International Airport) and from and to the Erfurt Railway station (train connections to the Airports of Frankfurt, Berlin and Leipzig/Halle).

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 Entry System for Speed Skating Events not later than March 2, 2015.

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation between the hotel and the ice rink during the period of the competitions and the announced training session.

ACCREDITATIONS

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. Additional fee of 50,00 Euro for extra accreditations must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - MEDIA ACCREDITION - INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee at the address below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

ORGANIZING COMMITEE

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INFORMATION - WEBSITE

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website: www.eisschnelllauf-erfurt.de