

On behalf of the Japan Skating Federation, and the Organizing Committee,  
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING

2014/15

which will be held at the Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval  
in Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan  
on November 14 - 16, 2014

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

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2015.

Results from this World Cup Competition will serve as a basis for the seeding of Skaters for the World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2015.

**PROGRAM:**

Thursday, November 13:	16:00	Team leaders' Meeting, Tokachi Plaza
	18:00	Opening draw, Tokachi Plaza
Friday, November 14:	TBD*	Division B: 5000m Men (quartets), 500m (1st) Ladies, 500m (1st) Men, 3000m Ladies (quartets)
	15:00	Division A: 5000m Men, 500m (1st) Ladies, 500m (1st) Men, 3000m Ladies
Saturday, November 15:	TBD*	Division B: 1000m Ladies, 1000m Men
	15:00	Division A: 1000m Ladies, 1000m Men, Team Pursuit Men, Team Pursuit Ladies, Team Sprint Men, Team Sprint Ladies
Sunday, November 16:	TBD*	Division B: 1500m Ladies, 1500m Men, 500m (2nd) Ladies, 500m (2nd) Men
	14:30	Division A: 1500m Ladies, 1500m Men, 500m (2nd) Ladies, 500m (2nd) Men Mass Start Ladies, Mass Start Men

\* The starting times for the B Division races will be announced at the team leaders' meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results).

## TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Obihiro-City. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 5 meters.

## ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3.4.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org), section Speed Skating or [www.k4sport.ru/login.php](http://www.k4sport.ru/login.php)

*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 communicated at the latest by October 17, 2014.

*Final entries* including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on November 11, 2014 (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.**

According to ISU Communication No. 1889, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

Ladies	500	1000	1500	3000	Mass start		Men	500	1000	1500	5000	Mass start
AUS	1	1	1	1	1		AUS	2	2	1	1	1
AUT	2	2	2	2	1		AUT	1	2	2	1	2
BEL	1	1	2	2	2		BEL	1	2	2	2	2
BLR	2	1	1	1	1		BLR	1	1	1	1	1
CAN	4	4	4	3	2		CAN	5	4	4	2	1
CHN	4	5	3	2	1		CHN	3	2	2	2	1
CZE	2	2	3	2	1		CZE	1	1	1	1	1
DEN	1	1	1	1	1		DEN	1	1	1	1	1
EST	1	1	1	1	2		EST	1	1	1	1	1
FIN	2	1	1	1	1		FIN	3	3	1	1	1
FRA	1	1	1	1	1		FRA	2	2	3	3	1
GER	5	4	4	4	2		GER	4	3	3	5	2
HUN	2	1	1	1	1		HUN	1	1	2	1	1
ITA	2	2	2	2	2		ITA	3	2	3	2	2
JPN	5	5	5	5	2		JPN	5	5*	5*	5*	2
KAZ	2	2	2	2	1		KAZ	2	4	4	2	1
KOR	4	3	4	4	1		KOR	4	4	3	3	1
LAT	1	1	1	1	1		LAT	2	2	2	2	1
NED	5	5	5	5	2		NED	5	5	5	5	2
NOR	1	2	3	3	2		NOR	3	4	4	4	2
NZL	1	1	1	1	1		NZL	1	1	2	2	1
POL	1	4	4	5	2		POL	3	3	4	3	2
ROU	1	1	1	2	1		ROU	1	1	1	1	1
RUS	4	5	5	4	1		RUS	5	4	5	5	2
SUI	2	2	2	1	1		SUI	1	1	1	1	2
SWE	1	2	1	1	1		SWE	1	2	2	2	1
TPE	1	1	1	1	1		TPE	2	2	1	1	1
USA	5	4	4	3	2		USA	4	5	5	5	2

\* as hosting ISU Member

All other ISU Speed Skating Members may enter maximum 1 Competitor for each distance.

All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3.4.1.

### **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.

### **COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS**

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261, paragraph 1 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 4.2, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

### **COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM SPRINT DEMONSTRATION EVENTS**

Team Sprint races will be skated according to ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 4.4, with teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 3 laps both for Ladies and for Men.

### **GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES**

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 5. Team leaders must submit before noon (12:00) on Thursday November 13 a seeding of their entered Competitors, by order of quality, for all distances to be skated in the Competition.

### **PRIZES AND POINTS**

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraphs 6 and 8.

### **ANTI-DOPING**

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1765, 1800, 1871 and 1872 or any further update of these Communications).

### **TRAINING TIMES**

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, November 10, 2014. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

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, Japan Skating Federation 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**

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the accommodation needs (number and types of rooms) of each participating ISU Member as soon as possible. Please send this information to JSF by email to [entries-ss@skatingjapan.or.jp](mailto:entries-ss@skatingjapan.or.jp) not later than Friday, October 3, 2014. Detailed accommodation requests for Competitors and team officials can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events, not later than October 17, 2014.

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 hotel(s) will be as follows:

#### **Obihiro Tokyu Inn**

*Single Room occupancy: 15,000 JPY per person per night. Prices including 3 meals and taxes.  
Double Room occupancy; 14,000 JPY per person per night. Prices including 3 meals and taxes.*

#### **Tokachi Gardens Hotel and APA Hotel Obihiro-Ekimae**

*Single Room occupancy: 14,000 JPY per person per night. Prices including 3 meals and taxes.  
Double Room occupancy; 13,000 JPY per person per night. Prices including 3 meals and taxes.*

#### **Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro**

*Single Room occupancy: 17,500 JPY per person per night. Prices including 3 meals and taxes.  
Double Room occupancy; 15,500 JPY per person per night. Prices including 3 meals and taxes.  
Triple use (twin and extra bed) ; 14,500 JPY per person per night. Prices including 3 meals and taxes*

JR Inn Obihiro

*Single Room occupancy: 15,500 JPY per person per night. Prices including 3 meals and taxes.*

*\*3 meals will be provided at the Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro.(1 minute walk)*

Payment: Cash in JPY or credit card ;VISA, Master, Diners, Amex.

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

### **OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)**

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

Obihiro Tokyu Inn

Minami 11-2, Nishi 1-Jo, Obihiro-City, Hokkaido, 080-0011, Japan.

Tel: +81-155-27-0109 Fax: +81-155-27-1016

[http://www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/en/TI/TI\\_OBIHI/index.html](http://www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/en/TI/TI_OBIHI/index.html)

Tokachi Gardens Hotel

Minami 11-16, Nishi 2-Jo, Obihiro-City, Hokkaido, 080-0012, Japan.

Tel: +81-155-26-5555 Fax: +81-155-21-0500

<http://www.gardenshotel.jp/english.html>

APA Hotel Obihiro-Ekimae

Minami 12-8, Nishi 1-Jo, Obihiro-City, Hokkaido, 080-0011, Japan.

Tel: +81-155-23-5111 Fax: +81-155-23-5112

[http://www.apahotel.com.e.ju.hp.transer.com/language/hokkaido/08\\_obihiro-ekimae/](http://www.apahotel.com.e.ju.hp.transer.com/language/hokkaido/08_obihiro-ekimae/)

Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro

Minami 13-1, Nishi 2-Jo, Obihiro-City, Hokkaido, 080-0012, Japan.

Tel: +81-155-24-1234 Fax: + 81-155-28-3553

<http://www.jalhotels.com/obihiro/>

JR Inn Obihiro

Minami 12-6, Nishi 3-Jo, Obihiro-City, Hokkaido, 080-0012, Japan

Tel: +81-155-28-5600 Fax: +81-155-26-5603

<http://www.jr-inn.jp/obihiro/en/>

\*Reservations can be made at this hotel only when other hotels have been fully booked.

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

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation will be arranged between New Chitose (Sapporo) International Airport and/or Obihiro Airport (Domestic) and the Official hotels from Sunday, November 9 until Monday, November 17, 2014. The travel expense will be 3,000 JPY per person (one way) by bus for every team member (\*1,000 JPY from/to Obihiro Airport). Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

A shuttle service will be operated between official hotels and the ice rink during days of official training and competitions, starting from Monday, November 10, 2014.

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 as soon as possible, but not later than Friday, October 17, 2014.

### **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 50 USD for extra accreditations must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

## **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES**

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

### **Organizing Committee**

c/o Japan Skating Federation

Kishi Memorial Hall, 1-1-1,  
Jinnan, Shibuya-Ku, Tokyo,  
150-8050, Japan

Telephone: (+81) 3 3481 2351

Fax: (+81) 3 3481 2350

[E-mail: entries-ss@skatingjapan.or.jp](mailto:entries-ss@skatingjapan.or.jp)

### **Media accreditation**

<http://www.isu.org/en/speed-skating/series/isu-world-cup-speed-skating>

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:  
Mr. Takuya Nagata

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

<http://www.skatingjapan.jp/>