

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials. The cost of a room and meals at the official hotels will be as follows:

Single Room occupancy: € 68,50 - € 136,50 per person per night. Prices including meals.

Double Room occupancy: € 68,50 - € 97,25 per person per night. Prices including meals.

Payment: Cash in Euro's or credit card.

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

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
- b Fletcher Hotel De Heidehof at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 630200, fax +31(0) 513 630201, e-mail: 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.

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 Tuesday, February 3, 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 Friday January 31, 2015.

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 for extra accreditations must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION - INQUIRIES

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

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website:
<http://schaatsen.nl/wc-heerenveen-1415-2-en>



ISU World Cup Speed Skating
2014/15 Heerenveen, The Netherlands

Announcement

February 7 and 8, 2015
Thialf – Heerenveen, The Netherlands
Ladies and Men Sprint

Official Sponsors of the ISU World Cup 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
 Saturday, February 7 and Sunday, February 8, 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.

This World Cup Competition will serve as qualifying event for quota places at the ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2015, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1897.

PROGRAM:

Friday, February 6:	16.00	Team leaders' Meeting, Ice Stadium Thialf
	18.00	Opening draw, Ice Stadium Thialf
Saturday, February 7:	11.15*	Division B: 500m Ladies 500m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men
	15.30	Division A: 500m Ladies 500m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men
Sunday, February 8:	10.45*	Division B: 500m Ladies 500m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men
	15.00	Division A: 500m Ladies 500m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men

* The actual 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) regarding the award of World Cup points.

TRACK
 A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the Ice Stadium Thialf, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Heerenveen. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of each lane of the competition track 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 3.4.
 Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or 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 **Wednesday, January 7, 2015**.

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 Wednesday, February 4, 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.

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	Men	500	1000
AUS	2	2	AUS	3	3
AUT	3	3	AUT	3	3
BEL	2	2	BEL	3	3
BLR	3	3	BLR	2	2
CAN	5	5	CAN	5	5
CHN	5	5	CHN	4	4
CZE	3	3	CZE	2	2
FIN	3	3	FIN	4	4
FRA	2	2	FRA	3	3
GER	5	5	GER	5	5
HUN	3	3	HUN	2	2
ITA	3	3	ITA	4	4
JPN	5	5	JPN	5	5
KAZ	3	3	KAZ	5	5
KOR	5	5	KOR	5	5
LAT	2	2	LAT	3	3
NED	5	5	NED	5	5
NOR	3	3	NOR	5	5
POL	5	5	POL	4	4
RUS	5	5	RUS	5	5
SUI	3	3	SUI	2	2
SWE	3	3	SWE	3	3
TPE	2	2	TPE	3	3
USA	5	5	USA	5	5

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

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

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

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 Tuesday, February 3, 2015. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, February 7, 2015.