

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2016 Berlin, Germany

Announcement

March 5–6, 2016 Speed Skating Hall Sportforum Berlin, Germany

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On behalf of Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e.V. and Berliner Eissport-Verband e.V., we have the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2016

which will be held at the Speed Skating Hall in the Sportforum in Berlin, Germany on March 5–6, 2016.

The competition will be held under the 2014 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1959.

Program

Date	Time	Event
Friday, March 4, 2016	16:00 h	Team Leaders' Meeting, andel's Hotel
	18:00 h	Opening draw, Red City Hall
Saturday, March 5, 2016	12:00 h	Opening Ceremony
	12:30 h	500 m Men
		500 m Ladies
		5,000 m Men
		3,000 m Ladies
		Drawing for Sunday's distances
Sunday, March 6, 2016	13:30 h	1,500 m Men
		1,500 m Ladies
		10,000 m Men
		5,000 m Ladies
		Awards Ceremony

Regulations

The ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2016 will be held in accordance with the 2014 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 1964.

Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1) that has been allocated quota place(s) for the Championships, and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 1964.

Track

Speed Skating Hall Sportforum Berlin 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 2.90 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 winners will bear the title: "Lady World Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2016" and "World Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2016", 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. 1976, 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 party by the results from the World Allround Championships 2015 and partly by results achieved during the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competition in Stavanger, NOR, on January 29–31, 2016, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 4. The actual entry quotas will be published by ISU and communicated to the ISU Members concerned in due time before the deadline for final entries.

According to ISU Communication No. 1956 and Rule 208, paragraph 4, the following ISU Members have been pre-allocated entry quotas:

Ladies	
Canada	2 competitors
Czech Republic	1 competitor
Germany	1 competitor
Japan	2 competitors
Netherlands	2 competitors
Norway	1 competitor
Poland	1 competitor
USA	1 competitor
Men	
Belgium	1 competitor
Canada	1 competitor
France	1 competitor
Germany	1 competitor*
Latvia	1 competitor
Netherlands	2 competitors
Norway	2 competitors
Poland	2 competitors
Russia	2 competitors

^{*} as hosting ISU Member

Additional quota places up to the total of 24 quota places per gender (with a maximum of 3 competitors per Member) will be allocated based on results at the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competition in Stavanger, NOR, on January 29-31, 2016. See ISU Communication No. 1964 for details.

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 16, 2016 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and substitute(s) available to compete (maximum one substitute per gender), 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 March 2, 2016 (See Rule 208, paragraph 9).

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 and 240. For the last distance (5,000m Ladies and 10,000m Men) the number of Skaters to qualify will be 8 (Rule 240, paragraph 4 a).

Anti-doping control

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 1970 or any further updates of these Communications).

Liability

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e.V. and Berliner Eissport-Verband e.V. 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, March 1, 2016. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours. Trial starts will be organised on Friday, March 4, 2016.

Board and lodging

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Friday, March 4 until lunch on Monday, March 7, 2016 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships and 1 team leader or coach for each participating 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 Event as soon as possible, but not later than February 16, 2016.

Official hotel

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the:

andel's Hotel Berlin

Landsberger Allee 106

D-10369 Berlin

Telephone: +49 (0) 30 453 053 22 00 Fax: +49 (0) 30 453 053 22 99 Email: reservation@andelsberlin.com

Website: http://www.vi-hotels.com/de/andels-berlin

Hotel prices:

Single room Superior for 1 person: 104,00 € (City-Tax included) Double room Superior for 2 persons: 130,00 € (City-Tax included)

Full board: 60 € per day/person

(water, soft drinks, coffee and tea included)
Full board: 50 € per day/person (water included)
Half board: 25 € per day/person (water included)

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Tuesday, March 1, 2016 to Monday, March 7, 2016 from and to the Berlin International Airports (Schönefeld and Tegel). Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel and the ice-rink from Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

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 16, 2016.

Visa requirements

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

■ Surname, name, date of birth, passport ID, issue date, expiration date

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:

Organizing Committee

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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:

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Web site

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:

www.berlin2016.net

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website:

http://live.isuresults.eu/2015-2016/berlin