WORLD SPRINT SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships
Calgary, Canada

Announcement

February 25-26, 2017
Olympic Oval
Ladies & Men

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On behalf of Speed Skating Canada, the Organizing Committee Calgary has the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

WORLD SPRINT SPEED SKATING

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which will be held in Calgary, Canada on February 25-26, 2017.

PROGRAM

Friday, February 24	16:00	Team Leaders Meeting, Room KNB 126, University of Calgary
	19:30	Opening Draw, University of Calgary, Energy Environment Experiential Learning (EEEL) Building
Saturday, February 25	12:15	Opening Ceremony
	12:30	500 m Ladies 500 m Men 1000 m Ladies 1000 m Men
	17:00	Drawing for Sunday's distances, Room KNB 131, University of Calgary
Sunday, February 26	12:30	500 m Ladies 500 m Men 1000 m Ladies 1000 m Men Awards Ceremony

REGULATIONS

The ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2017 will be held in accordance with the 2016 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 2037.
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. 2037.

TRACK

The Olympic Oval 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 (warmup lane) 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 2017" and "World Sprint Speed Skating Champion for 2017", 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 partly by the results from the World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2016 and partly by results achieved during the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competition in Berlin, GER, on January 27-29, 2017, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 6, and ISU Communication No. 2037. 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. 2033 and Rule 208, paragraph 6, the following ISU Members have been pre-allocated entry quotas:

Ladies			
Austria	1 competitor	Kazakhstan	1 competitor
Canada	1 competitor	Netherlands	2 competitors
China	2 competitors	Norway	1 competitor
Czech Republic	1 competitor	Russia	2 competitors
Germany	1 competitor	USA	2 competitors
Japan	1 competitor		

Men			
Canada	1 competitor	Norway	1 competitors
Finland	1 competitor	Poland	1 competitor
Germany	1 competitor	Republic of Korea	2 competitors
Kazakhstan	1 competitor	Russia	2 competitors
Netherlands	2 competitors	USA	2 competitors

Additional quota places up to the total of 28 quota places per gender (with a maximum of 3 competitors per ISU Member) will be allocated based on results at ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competition in Berlin, GER, on January 27-29, 2017. See ISU Communication No. 2037 for details.

The Preliminary entry with the estimated 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 to the Organizing Committee at the latest by February 7, 2017 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and substitute(s) available to compete (maximum one (1) substitute per gender), as well as the names of the Team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is requested must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on February 22, 2017 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Please note that for all persons entered by the ISU 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. 2030, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

DRAWING

The drawings will be made in accordance with Rules 239. For grouping and drawing Rule 242 apply.

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, Speed Skating Canada 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 ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, February 20, 2017. Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, February 24, 2017.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Friday, February 24, 2017 until lunch on Monday, February 27, 2017 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships and one (1) Team leader or coach for each ISU Member. Expenses of other Skaters and officials (i.e. substitutes, 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.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

All arrangements for accommodation must be made through the Organizing Committee, by using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel.

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for all participating Skaters and team officials at the Hotel Alma.

Hotel Alma	Ph: +1.403.220.3203
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Calgary, Alberta, Canada	Fax: +1.403.284.4184
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	Website: www.hotelalma.ca

The Organizing Committee will make best efforts to accommodate all requests (single vs double rooms) while ensuring that all participating Skaters and Team officials reside at the host hotel. Teams bringing accompanying Skaters, coaches and other team staff members may be referred to the Best Western Village Park Inn.

A credit card is required at time of booking to hold hotel rooms. The host hotel will not confirm rooms without a valid credit card on file. Alternatively, teams may request a deposit invoice be sent in order to generate a wire transfer of funds to hold rooms.

Unused World Championship block reserved rooms will be released back to the hotel as of Monday, January 30, 2017. Rates and availability cannot be guaranteed after this date. Teams who do not arrive on scheduled check-in date will be charged 100% for unused reserved rooms.

Hotel rates:
Single (Eurostyle) room for 1 person: $152.00 CAD ($114.00 USD) per person per night. Prices include taxes.
Two-bedroom apartment for 2 persons: $76.00 CAD ($57.00 USD) per person per night. Prices include taxes.

Single (Eurostyle) room with full board for 1 person: $239.00 ($180.00 USD) per person per night. Prices include taxes.
Two-bedroom apartment for with full board for 2 persons: $163.00 ($123.00 USD) per person per night. Prices include taxes.

Full payment due on arrival: Cash in CAD$, credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express), or wire transfer.

Teams must advise the Organizing Committee of their desire to enjoy daily meals in the hotel's team dining room (3 meals per day are available starting Monday, February 20) no later than Friday, February 3, 2017. Meal vouchers will be provided upon check-in.

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Monday, February 20, 2017 to Monday, February 27, 2017 from and to the Calgary International Airport. The Organizing Committee is not responsible for transportation arrangements and associated costs for team officials who do not accompany their team members.

The Hotel Alma is located a short walking distance from the training and competition venue. Shuttle service between the host hotel and competition venue is not required.

The Organizing Committee must be informed via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events about the date and time of arrival and departure of the competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by Friday, February 3, 2017.

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. A fee of $75.00 CAD (cash only) per additional accreditation must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

During competition week, the Organizing Committee will send daily email updates to team leaders with new and important information related to the competition (i.e.: anti-doping, shuttle schedules, food services, etc.).

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please email Janice Dawson at Speed Skating Canada at jdawson@speedskating.ca if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

- Athlete name
- Gender
- Date of birth
- Passport number
- Team function

Please submit all these information to Speed Skating Canada 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:

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WEB SITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:
www.speedsk8.ca

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website:
http://live.isuresults.eu/2016-2017/calgary