ISU World Short Track Speed Skating
Championships 2021

Dordrecht, The Netherlands

March 5 –7, 2021

Media Information
Royal Dutch Skating Federation (KNSB) is looking forward to hosting the accredited media attending the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021 in Dordrecht, The Netherlands. The event will be held at the Optisport Sportboulevard from March 5 –7, 2021.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the International Skating Union (ISU) and the Organizing Committee have been working diligently to ensure a safe environment for the media outlets wishing to cover the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities and opportunities to cover the event.

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Media Accreditation

Pre-conditions on attending an ISU Event for all on-site media

In order for any media accreditation request to be considered members of the media must:

1. Read the Guidelines for ISU Events during the COVID-19 pandemic – For the Media ISU COVID-19 Event Guidelines
3. Present a negative PCR test, taken not later than 48 hours prior to arrival.
4. Fill in the medical questionnaire upon arrival
5. Apply for media accreditation via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS)

Media representatives are responsible for any costs related to PCR tests.

All accredited media must make themselves familiar with the following World Health Organization (WHO) publication:

Key planning recommendations for mass gatherings in the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak

The number of media accreditations issued per event will be restricted and will depend on the venue and the restrictions of the host nation. Priority will be given to media residing in the host nation.

The ISU will not be held responsible for any travel restriction or delay, even if an accreditation request has been approved.

Accreditation Procedure

All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System OMAS.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the International Skating Union (ISU) and the Organizing Committee have been working diligently over the past few months to ensure there will be ample coverage opportunities available to media outlets wishing to cover the ISU events.

There will be very strict guidelines for anyone who will be accessing the venue to ensure the health and safety of athletes, coaches, officials, media and everyone involved with the event. With this in mind, there will be three types of media accreditations issued for those wishing to cover ISU Championships.

On-site media accreditation holders will not be part of the “bubble” but will have access to the venue and as such will be required to follow all protocols that are required and adhere to the rules and restrictions. Only a very limited number of on-site media accreditations will be distributed.

- **Photographers** will have no event-level access but will be assigned photo positions in a designated area. There will be an adjacent photographer’s work area. There will be appropriate social distancing measures in place. All photographers will get a vest (bib) so they will be recognizable for the OC.
- **Representatives from print and digital media outlets** will have assigned individual work areas within the venue, which are not to be swapped or exchanged throughout the duration of the event.
• There will be no person-to-person access with athletes, coaches or officials. All interactions with athletes and coaches will be conducted via a specially designed mixed zone that will assure a safe environment for the athletes and the media.

• On-site media accreditation holders must sign the Waiver Form Pandemic Covid-19-Media.

• Test negative for COVID-19 via the testing procedures in place before entering the Arena (Optisport Sportboulevard). The testing process will require a self-isolation period while waiting for test results.

• Conduct Daily Health Checks

• Face masks are required at all times in the Arena. Only exceptions for wearing a face mask are eating or drinking (preferably while you are seated) and commentators (while they are seated at their assigned workstation).

Remote media accreditation holders will not have access to the venue and will be covering the event virtually. Those holding a remote accreditation will not have access to the venue under any circumstances.

The deadlines to apply for media accreditations are as follows:

• On-site media accreditation requests: February 26, 2021
• Remote media accreditation requests: March 3, 2021.

No late media accreditation requests will be accepted for on-site media accreditation requests.

All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information can be requested.

• Signed Waiver (On-site media accreditation requests only)
• Endorsement Letter in .pdf, .jpg, .png or .jpeg (all media except TV Right Holders and the Host Broadcaster)
• Copy of current professional media or journalist card in .pdf,.jpg,.png,.jpeg (all media)
• ID photo in .pdf, .jpg, .png or .jpeg (all media)
Rights holding TV / radio and Host Broadcaster

Right Holders are requested to reduce the number of on-site team members to a minimum still allowing a quality TV operation on-site and have the possibility of applying for either on-site or remote media accreditation.

All right holding media must also apply for accreditation as indicated above. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the Host Broadcaster (NOS):

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The Host Broadcaster (NOS) is also to apply for media accreditation via OMAS and is to contact the ISU Media Team media@isu.ch to obtain their login and further information.
Anti-COVID-19 measures

The ISU and Organizing Committee, in coordination with Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport will institute a Health & Safety Plan as outlined below to ensure the safest possible environment for all participants and the flexibility to adjust daily as needed.

Step 1 – Advance communication, education and COVID-19 screening
- 7 days from arrival: All persons will be recommended to download the “CoronaMelder” app, which allows persons who have been in the proximity of others who have tested positive for COVID-19 to be warned: https://coronamelder.nl. Please see if contact from 5 days prior to the arrival date can be avoided as much as possible. This goes for social contacts, bringing children to school, grocery shopping etc. Please follow strictly all government guidelines regarding the restriction of the virus. Health Screens will be monitored by members of the medical team. In addition, all persons are requested to start to reduce public interactions to lower the risk of being exposed to COVID-19.

Step 2 – Arrival, quarantine and testing

There are three options that the organization takes into account:

1. The press and media are present on Friday, Saturday and Sunday;
2. Press and media are present both Saturday and Sunday;
3. Press and media are only present on Sundays.

In the table below, a representation of the test moments press and media must undergo for the 2021 ISU World Short Track Championships in each of the three scenarios mentioned above:

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<td>1st</td>
<td>If the person will be present every day, the person will have to do a COVID-19 PCR test on Thursday, March 4. In case of a negative result, this person will have access to the event.</td>
<td>If the person will only be present at the weekend, the person will have to do a COVID-19 PCR test on Friday, March 5. In case of a negative result, this person will have access to the event.</td>
<td>If the person will only be present on Sunday, the person will have to do a COVID-19 PCR test on Saturday, March 6. In case of a negative result, this person will have access to the event.</td>
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<td>As the person will go home/to the hotel in between the days, they will have to do a quick test at the Test Center on Saturday, March 6.</td>
<td>As the person will go home/to the hotel in between the days, they will have to do a quick test at the Test Center on Sunday, March 7.</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>As the person will go home/to the hotel in between the days, they will have to do a quick test at the Test Center on Sunday, March 7.</td>
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In the table below, a picture of actions taken when a positive result of a COVID-19 PCR test is established:

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<td>1st Testmoment</td>
<td>Press and media should send the results of the COVID-19 PCR test to the organization as proof. If a positive result of a COVID-19 PCR is determined in the first test moment, this person will not be able to access the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht. The person will have to follow national regulations and will have to be quarantined at home.*</td>
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<td>2nd Testmoment</td>
<td>Press and media, must do a quick test before entering the building when they want to enter the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht for the second time. When a positive result of the quick test is determined, this person will not be able to access the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht. The person will have to follow national regulations and will have to be quarantined at home.</td>
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<td>3rd Testmoment</td>
<td>Press and media, must do a quick test before entering the building when they want to enter the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht for the third time. When a positive result of the quick test is determined, this person will not be able to access the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht. The person will have to follow national regulations and will have to be quarantined at home.</td>
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* If a person does not have a test at the first test moment, that person will not be given access to the Dordrecht Sportboulevard.

All persons will arrive at the venue (Optisport Sportboulevard) to be checked in to the event as follows:

- All persons will get their temperature checked (a result above 37.5 degrees Celsius is followed up by a COVID-19 Quick-Test in the Testing Center located at the parking-zone in front of the Venue)
- Show their negative PCR test results (The test must have been conducted no more than 48-hours prior to the arrival at the event.)
- Fill in a daily health check using the Smartsheet App by using the following QR-Code:
- Event orientation will be mandatory for all persons.
- Accreditation will be provided.

Once all the steps above occur, all persons will be required to quarantine in their room at the Hotel until a negative test result is returned.

**Step 3 – Daily monitoring, restricted access and cleaning**
- All persons will be required to present their valid event accreditation at designated entry doors and will have their temperature checked daily and/or each time they enter facility.
- Temperatures will be logged and anyone recording a temperature of 37.5 °C or higher will be required to quarantine and referred to local medical services. They may require a new COVID-19 test.
- All persons will be required to wear a face mask at all times while in the venue and the Hotel common areas (entryways, hallways and elevators) as they travel to their room.
- Individual working or sitting areas shall be cleaned before and after each individual usage by the individual themselves.

**Image 1: Location Testing Center**

**Accreditation Confirmation**
If the accreditation request is accepted, an email of confirmation will be issued. You may be asked to present a copy of the email of confirmation to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.

**Visa Application**
Be sure to check [https://www.government.nl/topics/immigration-to-the-netherlands/question-and-answer/which-visa-do-i-need-to-travel-to-the-netherlands](https://www.government.nl/topics/immigration-to-the-netherlands/question-and-answer/which-visa-do-i-need-to-travel-to-the-netherlands) if you may need a short-stay visa. Whether you need a visa to visit the Netherlands depends on your nationality.
Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

**Media Facilities at the venue**

**The Media Centre**
The Media Centre is the home base for all the press and media present in the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht. The Media Centre is situated in the ice hall on the first floor of the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht. The image below shows, shaded in red, the location of the Media Centre.

![Image 2: Location of the Media Centre.](image)

Workplaces will be set up in the Media Centre. These workplaces will be arranged per person. Workplaces cannot be shared. Every day you get your own workplace. These workstations will be equipped with the following materials:

1. Pen, pencil, paper;
2. Internet (if desired, wired);
3. Three-part power point.

A printer is available in the Media Center where press and media can print and/or copy. In addition, the request from the organization, as already described in this document, is that press and media clean/disinfect their workplace after use at the end of the day. In addition, a cleaning crew will keep the Media Centre clean throughout the day.

There will be 3 television screens in the Media Centre with a live feed of the Host Broadcaster (NOS) to watch all races.
How to get to the Media Centre:
**Mixed Zone**

The Mixed Zone is situated in the central hall of the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht. The image below shows, shaded in red, where the exact location of the Mixed Zone is.

*Image 2: Mixed Zone*

The Mixed Zone will contain ten (10) places where both cameras and writing press can stand. In the image below you can find a top view of the Mixed Zone. The blue line shows the backdrop that the athletes stand in front of, the orange direction shows the low separation between the interviewer and the athlete. On the ground, it will be indicated where both the athlete and press should stand (see image below). Press must wear a mask at all times while interviewing the athlete. The Mixed Zone will be monitored.
Photographer positions and workplaces
For this event, two photographer positions are available where photographers can stand along the track to take pictures. The image below shows, shaded in red, which positions around the track are reserved for photographers.

Image 3: Location of the photography positions and workplaces.

The position at the bottom left of the image is the outgoing bend towards the finish line. In this area, at least five (5) positions will be available to photographers. The position on the right side of the image is the outgoing bend after the finish line. This entire curve will be reserved for photographers. In this area, at least eight (8) positions will be available to photographers. The exact spots for photographers are indicated by the sticker below on the ground. It is important that photographers comply with the one-and-a-half-meter rule.
Writing media trackside positions

In addition to the photographers, workplaces will also be created for the writing press. These workplaces are created in the grandstand at the finish line with a maximum of ten (10). These workplaces shall be at least one and a half meters apart, so that sufficient distance can be kept between them. In addition, these workstations will be equipped with power blocks. The image below shows, shaded in red, the exact location of the workstations for the writing press.

Image 4: Workplaces writing press.

The press and media will have their own toilet block, located in the Media Centre. This toilet block is also for photographers working around the track. Press and media may not use other toilet blocks in the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht. These toilets are cleaned during the day. The map below shows the location of this toilet block in the red shaded area. This toilet block has both women's toilets and men's toilets that are separated.
The media are to respect the procedures implemented by the Organizing Committee and are not permitted to move equipment. Although the Media Center will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis, members of the media will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting their working desks before and after using it.

**Material Available**
- Press Releases: [Subscribe here to receive the Press Releases](#)
- Media Guide
- Image Gallery: Subscribe to the Press Releases [here to receive the link to the Photo Gallery](#). Pictures are also available in [News Items](#) with credit as indicated.
- Social Media:
  - Dutch content: @Schaatsen.nl (Instagram and Facebook) and @Schaatsennl (Twitter).
  - ISU content: @ISUspeedskating (Instagram), @ISU_Speed (Twitter), @ISUShortTrackSpeedSkating (Facebook), [Youtube](#) and [Weibo](#)
- Hashtags: #WorldShortTrack and #ShortTrackSkating

**Media Accommodation**
Every individual media person is responsible for arranging their own shuttle transportation and booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

**Transportation**
Every individual media person is responsible for arranging their own transportation. Useful information about public transport in the Netherlands can be found in a country-wide App named 9292. A similar route planner is NS. However, NS does not show maps, except for the railway stations of departure, transfer, and arrival and their surroundings.
Useful Information

Wifi-code
Media will receive a wifi-code when they enter the venue.

Lockers
Due to COVID-19 there won’t be any lockers at the event.

Food and Beverage
All press and media can get their food and beverage in the press room. There will be plenty of coffee, tea, water, fresh fruit and other refreshments. Lunch will also be taken care of.

Parking
Parking will be possible in the large parking zone in front of the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht. It is a different place than where press used to be able to park. Previous years the press could park in the parking garage on the left side of the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht. The address of the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht is:

Fanny Blankers-Koenweg 10, 3318 AL – Dordrecht

Upon arrival of the above address, the press must receive a ticket at the barrier, so that access to the parking lot can be provided. In the large parking zone a number of spots will be reserved for press of the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021. The image below shows, shaded in red, which parking spots are reserved for the press. These are the places closest to the main entrance of the Optisport Sportboulevard Dordrecht. To exit the parking zone you will need an exit card which will be available at the Media Centre.
Competition information
Schedule

March 5, 2021
Qualifying Day

10:00 Warming up , Ladies Group 1
10:10 Warming up , Ladies Group 2
10:20 Ice Res (Full)
10:35 Ladies 1500 meter Heats . 1 - 7
11:10 Ice Res (Track)
11:35 Ladies 500 meter Heats . 8 - 16
12:02 Ice Res (Track)
12:27 Ladies 1000 meter Heats . 17 - 25
13:03 Ice + Break
13:45 Warming up , Men Group 1
13:55 Warming up , Men Group 2
14:05 Ice Res (Full)
14:20 Men 1500 meter Heats . 26 - 32
14:55 Ice Res (Track)
15:20 Men 500 meter Heats . 33 - 41
15:47 Ice Res (Track)
16:12 Men 1000 meter Heats . 42 - 50
16:48 end

The programm is tentative and subject to change. Starting times will follow the flow of the competition.

March 6, 2021
Ranking Session

09:30 Warming up , Ladies Group 1
09:40 Warming up , Ladies Group 2
09:50 Ice Res (Track)
10:05 Warming up , Men Group 1
10:15 Warming up , Men Group 2
10:25 Ice Res (Full)
10:40 Ladies 1500 meter Rank.Finals Heats . 51 - 54
11:00 Men 1500 meter Rank.Finals Heats . 55 - 58
11:18 Ice Res (Track)
11:33 Ladies 500 meter Rank.Finals Heats . 59 - 63
11:47 Men 500 meter Rank.Finals Heats . 64 - 68
12:01 Ice Res (Full)
12:16 end

The program is tentative and subject to change. Starting times will follow the flow of the competition.

March 6, 2021
Main Session

12:30 Warming up , Ladies Group 3
12:40 Warming up , Ladies Group 4
12:50 Ice Res (Track)
13:05 Warming up , Men Group 3
13:15 Warming up , Men Group 4
13:25 Ice Res (Full)
13:40 end
13:47 Ladies 1500 meter Semi Final . 69 - 71
14:04 Men 1500 meter Semi Final . 72 - 74
14:19 Ice Res (Track)
14:36 Ladies 1500 meter Final B 75
14:43 Ladies 1500 meter Final A 76
14:51 Men 1500 meter Final B 77
14:58 Men 1500 meter Final A 78
15:03 Ice Res (Track)
15:21 Ladies 500 meter Quarter Finals . 79 - 82
15:36 Men 500 meter Quarter Finals . 83 - 86
15:50 Ice Res (Track)
16:05 Ladies 500 meter Semi Final . 87 - 88
16:13 Men 500 meter Semi Final . 89 - 90
16:21 Ice Res (Track)
16:36 Ladies 500 meter Final B 91
16:40 Ladies 500 meter Final A 92
16:46 Men 500 meter Final B 93
16:51 Men 500 meter Final A 94
16:55 Ice Res (Full)
17:12 Ladies Relay 3000 meter Semi Final . 95 - 96
17:27 Men Relay 5000 meter Semi Final . 97 - 98
17:46 Medal Ceremony
18:16 End of Day 1

*The program is tentative and subject to change. Starting times will follow the flow of the competition.*

**March 7, 2021**

**Ranking Session**

10:00 Warming up , Ladies Group 1
10:10 Warming up , Ladies Group 2
10:20 Ice Res (Track)
10:35 Warming up , Men Group 1
10:45 Warming up , Men Group 2
10:55 Ice Res (Full)
11:10 Ladies 1000 meter Rank.Finals Heats . 99 - 103
11:46 Ice Res (Full)
12:01 Ladies Relay 3000 meter Final B 109
12:08 Men Relay 5000 meter Final B 110
12:17 Ice Res (Full)
12:32 end

*The program is tentative and subject to change. Starting times will follow the flow of the competition.*

**March 7, 2021**

**Main Session**

12:45 Warming up , Ladies Group 3
12:55 Warming up , Ladies Group 4
13:05 Ice Res (Track)
13:20 Warming up , Men Group 3
13:30 Warming up , Men Group 4
13:40 Ice Res (Full)
13:55 end
14:02 Ladies 1000 meter Quarter Finals . 111 - 114
14:19 Men 1000 meter Quarter Finals . 115 - 118
14:36 Ice Res (Track)
14:51 Ladies 1000 meter Semi Final . 119 - 120
15:00 Men 1000 meter Semi Final . 121 - 122
15:09 Ice Res (Track)
15:24 Ladies 1000 meter Final B 123
15:29 Ladies 1000 meter Final A 124
15:36 Men 1000 meter Final B 125
15:41 Men 1000 meter Final A 126
15:46 Ice Res (Track)
16:01 Ladies 3000 m SF Super Final A 127
16:11 Men 3000 m SF Super Final A 128
16:18 Ice Res (Full)
16:35 Ladies Relay 3000 meter Final A 129
16:45 Men Relay 5000 meter Final A 130
16:54 Medal Ceremony
17:34 End of Day 2

The program is tentative and subject to change. Starting times will follow the flow of the competition.

Entry List
The following countries have registered for the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championship:

Austria
Belgium
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Canada
Czech republic
Croatia
France
Germany
Hong Kong
Hungary
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Kazakhstan
Latvia
Luxembourg
Philippines
Poland
Russia
Serbia
Slovenia
Slovakia
Switzerland
The Netherlands (Host)
Turkey
Ukraine
United States
United Kingdom

Results

Rankings
https://shorttrack.sportresult.com/Rankings.aspx (Download PDF)

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