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Media Information



**INTERNATIONAL
SKATING UNION**

Speed Skating Canada looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2019 in Calgary. The event will be held at the Olympic Oval from March 2-3, 2019.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Calgary and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The press centre and press tribune will be open and operational for the first practice/training session on Thursday February 28, 2019. Members of the media arriving earlier than Thursday can work in the stands and will be provided wireless access. The hours of operation for the Media Centre will be posted at the venue.

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Media Accreditation

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All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (www.isu.org) under «[Media Accreditation](#)».

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only.

Writing press, photographers, non-right holding media and freelancers

- **Writing Press** (newspaper, magazine, internet, agencies and ISU Member Federations): maximum two professionals per organization
- **Photographer**: maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)
- **Television non-right holder**: maximum three professionals per organization
- **Radio non-right holder**: maximum one professional per organization
- **Freelancer**: A freelance journalist or photographer is a full time professional editor or photographer, who is not employed by an agency or newspaper – a self-employed professional. A freelance editor or photographer must provide written evidence that he/she operates on behalf of a clearly identified media. A freelance editor or photographer operating under his/her own account will not be accepted.

The total number of accredited media representatives will be subject to capacity. The Organizing Committee (OC) and ISU reserve the right to refuse any accreditation should the number of applications exceed given space or if any requested information / documentation has not been provided in due time.

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **23:59 MT on Wednesday February 27, 2019**. All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information can be requested:

1. Copy of current professional media or journalist card
2. ID photo in .jpg.
3. *If not in possession of a professional media card, a comment must be added to the note box provided and a letter from your editor confirming your assignment must be uploaded to your application.*

Rights holding TV and radio

All right holding media must also apply for accreditation via OMAS. Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team media@isu.ch in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster:

CBC: Sibel Saunders, Business Manager, at sibel.saunders@cbc.ca

In your request, please CC the following individuals:

- Jeff Pearlman, Executive Producer. Email: jeff.pearlman@cbc.ca
- Randy Winczura, Technical Producer. Email: randy.winczura@cbc.ca

Accreditation Confirmation

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If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic 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.

Accreditation can be picked up at the front desk of the Olympic Oval on Friday March 1, 2019 between 10:00-16:00.

Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter 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 press centre will have work desks, power outlet and wireless internet for accredited media. A TV screen with live feed will be available. Refreshments will be available during competition hours. The press centre will be staffed by volunteers who can assist throughout the competition.

Media Tribune and TV Commentator positions

The media tribune is steps away from the press centre. The wireless internet access available in the press centre can also be used for the media tribune.

Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition.

The Mixed Zone is split into five main sections and follows a pre-determined priority order:

- Quick Quotes available through the ISU website
- Rights holders TV and radio broadcasters who have pre-booked positions
- ENG crews
- Written press
- Non-rights holders

All athletes must pass through the Mixed Zone on completion of every event. Media may also approach coaches for interviews in their designated section, if required. The Organizing Committee's Media Operations team of volunteers will make sure that skaters go through the mixed zone, fulfil any media requests but are also responsible to make sure that the medallists get to their ceremony on time and return to the Mixed Zone to finish TV interviews, and will then attend the press conference.

The Mixed Zone is located close to the media tribune for convenience, at ice level, just outside the Media Room.

Material Available

- Press Conference: To be determined
- Press Releases: www.speedsk8.ca / www.speedskating.ca / <https://www.isu.org/media-centre/press-releases>
- Media Guide: <https://www.isu.org/media-centre/guides/media/17522-figure-skating-media-guide-2018-19/file>
- Image Gallery: will be available in the News at <https://isu.org/isu-news/news>
- Social Media:
 - **Facebook**
Event: <https://www.facebook.com/OCCspeedsk8>
ISU: <https://www.facebook.com/ISUSpeedSkating>
 - **Twitter**
Event: [@OCC_Speedsk8](https://twitter.com/OCC_Speedsk8)
ISU: [@ISU_Speed](https://twitter.com/ISU_Speed)
 - **Instagram**
Event: [occspeedsk8](https://www.instagram.com/occspeedsk8)
ISU: [isuspeedskating](https://www.instagram.com/isuspeedskating)
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Media Accommodation

The OC has designated the below official media hotel. Media are responsible for transportation from all the official media hotels to the main venue and practice area. Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

Media Hotels

Best Western Village Park Inn
1804 Crowchild Trail NW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2M 3Y7
www.villageparkinn.com

The Best Western Village Park Inn has been hosting guests of the Organizing Committee Calgary for ISU Speed Skating competitions for over 30 years. Conveniently located a short five-minute drive or 15-minute walk from the Calgary Olympic Oval, the recently-renovated hotel offers accommodations that are classy, modern and comfortable.

Amenities include a 24-hour business centre, indoor pool and a hot tub, 24-hour state-of-the-art fitness centre and complimentary Wi-Fi to cover all your travel needs. A full-service restaurant and lounge feature daily lunch and dinner specials, as well as room service. Complimentary outdoor parking is available on surface level and heated underground parking is available for CAD \$10.00 per day per vehicle plus applicable tax.

The Organizing Committee has arranged a media block at the Village Park Onn from Wednesday February 27, 2019 to Monday March 4, 2019, A standard double-queen room is CAD \$139.00 per night plus applicable taxes based on single or double occupancy.

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Hot buffet breakfast is included. This preferential rate is availability until January 31, 2019. After this date, the preferential rate is not guaranteed and is based on space availability. To book:

Contact the hotel directly at: +1.403.289.0241 or book online:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.61027.html?groupId=Z71SS6Q1

Reservation Payment Conditions

- Individuals must refer to the group name when reserving, to receive the group rate: ISU World Allround
- A credit card must be provided by each media guest to guarantee the reservation. This credit card will be used to pay for one night and tax, should the guest cancel less than 48 hours prior to arrival or fails to arrive for the reservation.

Transportation & Telecommunications

Transportation

Media are responsible for organizing their own transportation from their hotel to the main venue and the practice rink.

Calgary lies at the intersection of the TransCanada (East-West) and the Queen Elizabeth 2 (North South) highways, offering quick and easy access to surrounding cities and towns and Banff National Park. Calgary's inner-city roadway system is easy to navigate thanks to a quadrant system using numbered streets and avenues. The University of Calgary campus (home of the Olympic Oval) and the host hotels for the ISU events are adjacent to the TransCanada Highway.

Public Transportation

Calgary Transit, the city's public transportation system, offers an extensive bus and C-train (local light rail transit) service, with routes covering the city's major communities. Bus routes also service the city's suburbs to allow for efficient travel to virtually anywhere in the city. The University of Calgary's campus and the hotel for the ISU event are within walking distance to C-train stations, offering visitors a chance to explore the city's downtown core, fine dining and major attractions. Popular visitor websites:

www.visitcalgary.com<http://www.visitcalgary.com/>

www.travelalberta.com<http://www.travelalberta.com/>

www.banfflakelouise.com<http://www.banfflakelouise.com/>

Telecommunications

Within the venue, a Media Centre for the use of accredited electronic and print journalists will be located at ice level in the Olympic Oval. A media tribune is provided rink-side with an excellent view of the field of play. The necessary internet and electronic hook-ups will be made available. Accredited media are providing wireless internet service and data line service at no cost.

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Competition information

The speed skating track will be open for entered competitors to train beginning Monday February 25. The first official practice session opens on Thursday February 28, 2019.

Friday March 1	16:00	Team Leaders Meeting Room KNB 126, University of Calgary Building
	19:30	Opening Draw, University of Calgary Energy Environment Experiential Learning (EEL)
Saturday March 2	11:45	Opening Ceremony
	12:00	500m Ladies
		500m Men
		3000m Ladies
		5000m Men
Sunday March 3	12:00	1500m Ladies
		1500m Men
		5000m Ladies
		10000m Men
		Victory Ceremony

Entry List: https://live.isuresults.eu/events/2019_CAN_0001/schedule

Results: https://live.isuresults.eu/events/2019_CAN_0001/schedule

Rankings: <https://www.isu.org/docman-documents-links/isu-files/event-documents/speed-skating-8/2018-19-4/championships-27/announcements-75/19105-isu-world-allround-championships-2019-qualification-ranking-lists/file>

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