



ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships

Heerenveen, The Netherlands

February 23 - 24, 2019

Media Information



MEMORANDUM FOR GUIDANCE IN HOSTING ISU EVENT

KNSB and House of Sports are looking forward to hosting media attending the ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships in Heerenveen, the Netherlands. The event will be held at the Thialf Ice Stadium from February 23-24, 2019.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Heerenveen 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 for the first practice/ training session on Monday February 18, 2019 at 09:00. On Saturday the centre will be open and operational from 12:00 and on Sunday from 13:00.

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Media Accreditation

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 **Friday, February 15 at 18:00**.

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:

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Accreditation Confirmation

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.

You can pick up your accreditation in the press centre on Saturday and Sunday.

Visa Application

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

- Media facilities
 - Work desks
 - Power
 - Wireless internet
 - WiFi

Media Tribune and TV Commentator positions

- Media Tribune, will be next of the media office

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 Media Operations team will make sure that skaters go through the mixed zone, fulfil any media requests but are also responsible to make sure that the medalists get to

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their ceremony on time and will return to the Mixed Zone to finish TV interviews, and will then attend the press conference.

The Mixed Zone is located at ground floor level and can be accessed via stairs located opposite the media tribune entrance on the concourse. You can follow the signs.

Material Available

- [Press Releases](#)
- [Media Guide](#)
- [Image Gallery Available in News Items \(Credit as indicated\)](#)
- Social Media:
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Twitter](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
 - [YouTube](#)
- Hashtags: #SprintSpeed, #SpeedSkating

Media Accommodation

Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

Transportation

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- Website of local tourist office: <https://www.heerenveenmuseum.nl/vwv>
- There are no Shuttle buses hotel and venues.

Competition information

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[Entry List](#)

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