



**ISU WORLD SINGLE DISTANCES SPEED
SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

HEERENVEEN, THE NETHERLANDS

FEBRUARY 11 - 14, 2021

Media Information



**INTERNATIONAL
SKATING UNION**

KNSB looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU World Speed Skating Championships (Single Distances) in Heerenveen, the Netherlands. The event will be held at the Thialf Ice Stadium from February 11 - 14, 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 European Speed Skating Championships. This document will provide all the required information to assist media to apply for media accreditation. 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](#)
2. sign the [Waiver for Attendees of ISU Events during Covid-19 Pandemic](#).
3. fill in the medical questionnaire upon arrival
4. apply for media accreditation via the [ISU Online Media Accreditation System \(OMAS\)](#)

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 the spectator seats or in a designated area. There will be an adjacent photographer’s work area. There will be appropriate social distancing measures in place.
- 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](#).
- Conduct [Daily Health Checks](#)
- Face masks are required at all times in the Arena.
- Always keep minimal distance of 1.5 metres from other persons.

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: Monday February 5, 2021

Remote media accreditation requests: Wednesday February 10, 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 expect 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: pauliene.smit@nos.nl or lonneke.hooijer@nos.nl

The Host Broadcaster 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

A full event handbook will be available prior to the event. Below are some key guidelines and restrictions that those applying for on-site media accreditation should be aware of.

The ISU and Organizing Committee 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 the ISU Events App. Health Screens will be monitored by members of **the OC/ISU 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

All persons will arrive at the venue to be checked in to the event as follows:

- Verify **ISU Events** App. If there are any doubts, the individual will have to follow-up with the local medical team or the medical liaison to determine next steps in follow-up care or further testing.
- Temperature checked.
- Event orientation will be mandatory for all persons.
- Accreditation will be provided.

Step 3 – Daily monitoring and restricted access

- 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.
- All persons will be required to wear a face mask at all times while in the venue.

Accreditation Confirmation

If the accreditation request is accepted, an e-mail of confirmation will be issued. You may be asked to present a copy of the e-mail 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

Please check [this website](#) of the Dutch Government if you need a visa to travel to the Netherlands. Also check [this website](#) concerning the special corona measures for journalist traveling to the Netherlands.

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

- At the Thialf Stadium we have a press center with a maximum of 35 covid-proof work desks. They are all provided with power and wireless internet.
- In the Photographers Working Room we have 10 covid-proof work desks, also provided with power, wireless internet and lockers.
- The Press Center is provided with tv screens.

The media are to respect the procedures implemented by the Organizing Committee and are not permitted to move equipment.

Although the press 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.

Media Tribune and TV Commentator positions

At the Media Tribune we have about 20 tabled work desks, provided with power and wireless internet. We have the same number of untabled seats.

Mixed Zone & Press Conference

All interactions between press and athletes/coaches will be conducted via a specially designed mixed zone, that will assure a safe environment for both athletes and media. No special Press Conferences will be held. All athletes will be available in the mixed zone, only on request.

Material Available

- [Press Releases: Subscribe here to receive the Press Releases](#)
- 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: [Facebook](#) / [Instagram](#) / [Twitter](#) / [YouTube](#) / [Weibo](#)
- Hashtag: #WorldSpeed

Competition information

Schedule: Please check schaatsen.nl for actual information

Entry List: Please check schaatsen.nl for actual information

Results: Please check schaatsen.nl for actual information

Rankings: Please check schaatsen.nl for actual information

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