EUROPEAN SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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The International Skating Union, Polish Speed Skating Association and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the:

European Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2021
January 22-24, 2021
to be held at the Hala Olivia,
Gdańsk, Poland

General Regulations

The ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021 will be conducted in accordance with the 2018 ISU Regulations, relevant Communications and Guidelines for ISU Events during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Participation is open to all ISU European Members. Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members (Rule 131).

Distances

Individual	1500, 500, 1000, 3000 meters Ladies and Men
Relay	3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

The below program is subject to change depending on the final entry of Skaters

Thursday, 21 January 2021	8:00	Official Training
	20:00	Opening Meeting at Hotel Novotel
Friday, 22 January 2021	10:00	Qualifying Rounds 1500, 500, 1000 meters Ladies & Men
Saturday, 23 January 2021	11:30	Ranking Finals 1500, 500 meters Ladies & Men
		Opening Ceremony *
	*TBD	Semi-Finals & Finals 1500 meters Ladies & Men
		Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 500 meters Ladies & Men
		Semi-Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		Semi-Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
		Awards Ceremony
Sunday, 24 January 2021	11:45	Ranking Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men
	*TBD	Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men
		Super-Finals 3000 meters Ladies & Men
		Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
		Awards Ceremony

Track Conditions

The Hala Olivia has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 2128 or any further update of this Communication. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Short Track Speed Skating on www.isu.org, section Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **11 December 2020** (Rule 295, paragraph 4).

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System at the latest by 20:00 hrs (local time) on **17 January 2021** (Rule 295, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) 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 No. 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

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.

COVID-19

All Skaters and Team Officials (team leasders, Coaches, Team Doctors, Physio and Team Technician) arrive at the official hotel not later than Monday, January 18, 2021.

All Team Members must take a COVID-19 PCR test not more than 72h before prior to the arrival at the site of the Championships, only participants with a negative test result will be admitted on the Polish territory. The test result must be sent to the OC before traveling to the Event.

Upon arrival at the official hotel all team members will undergo a second COVID-19 PCR test and only confirmation that the second test result is also negative, Team Members will receive their accreditation. While waiting for the result of the second PCR test, all team Members will be in isolation in their hotel room, meals will be delivered at the room door. The costs of the “on-site” PCR tests will be covered by the ISU.

Access to the official Hotel will be restricted for the participants and Team Members of the Event only.

In order to avoid the transmission of Covid-19 , participants and Team Members will not be allowed to leave the safe bubble area (hotel, official transportation, venue).
All participants and Team Members must strictly follow the "Guidelines for ISU Events during the COVID-19 Pandemic".

Face Masks

No advertising marking is allowed on face masks. Face masks may display one (1) manufacturer trademark/identification of maximum 8cm^2. In addition, ISU Member's name and/or abbreviation and/or national flag and/or Skater's name may be displayed on the face mask.

Individual Entries

In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2, each European ISU Member has the right to enter at least one (1) Competitor in each category.
In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2356 "Entries for ISU Championships", the following ISU Members may enter more than one (1) Competitor in total in the respective category. Each European ISU Member may enter the substitutes corresponding with the number of entries.

Ladies

Belarus	2 competitors	Hungary	2 competitors
Belgium	3 competitors	Italy	3 competitors
Bulgaria	2 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
Croatia	2 competitors	Poland	3 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
France	2 competitors	Slovak Republic	2 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Ukraine	2 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors		

Men

Austria	2 competitors	Hungary	3 competitors
Belarus	2 competitors	Israel	3 competitors
Belgium	3 competitors	Italy	3 competitors
Bosnia/Herzegovina	2 competitors	Latvia	2 competitors
Croatia	2 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Poland	3 competitors
France	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Turkey	2 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors	Ukraine	2 competitors

Relay Entries

European ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum of five (5) Competitors which will include all Competitors for both competitions: Individual and Relay.
In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2 b), only the twelve (12) highest ranked European ISU Members,

based on a special Relay Classification over the 2 most recent World Cup Competitions held in Europe, can enter a Relay Team Ladies and/or Men in the respective category at the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021.

Ladies		Men	
Bulgaria	Hungary	Austria	Hungary
Croatia	Italy	Belarus	Italy
Czech Republic	Netherlands	Belgium	Netherlands
France	Poland	France	Poland
Germany	Russia	Germany	Russia
Great Britain	Ukraine	Great Britain	Turkey

Qualifying Times

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times over 500 meters, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2356, paragraph 5.2, as follows:

	Ladies	Men
500 m	49,000	45,800

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2018 and the final entry deadline specified in the paragraph “Entries” above.

Points and Classification

In accordance with Rule 295.

Titles and Medals

The winners of the Championships (according to Rule 133) will bear the title:

European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2021
or
Lady European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2021

European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2021
or
Ladies European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2021

European Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2021
or
Lady European Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2021

The European and Lady European Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The Skaters placed second and

third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.
The European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed Relay Teams will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

Prize money will be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2218, or any further update of this Communication.

Team Officials Accreditations

For Teams entering 1 up to 6 Skaters

#	Function	Price	Accreditation Access
1	Team Leader	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Coach	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Doctor	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Physio	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Equipment Technician	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area

For Teams entering 7 up to 12 Skaters

#	Function	Price	Accreditation Access
1	Team Leader	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
2	Coaches	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Doctor	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
2	Physios	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
2	Equipment Technicians	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Team Video Specialist	Free	Blue – 2 – Athletes Lounge, Dressing Rooms & Team Seats

Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, 21 January 2021 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from 18 January, 2021. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged 180 €. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. In the case of special restrictions and the consequent need to split team in single training sessions or smaller training groups, the training times might be reduced to 40 minutes per session. Payment for additional practice ice time must be paid in EUR to the Organizing Committee upon arrival or in advance via bank transfer. For practice ice time prior to the official practice, please inform the Organizing Committee using the attached form. Medical coverage will be provided for the official and additional practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications Nos. 2243 (update of this Communication to be released shortly and enter into force on January 1, 2021) and 2344.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Polish Speed Skating Association and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and meals starting with lunch on Thursday, 21 January 2021 until lunch on Monday, 25 January 2021 (for those departing in the afternoon) for all participating Skaters, maximum five (5) Ladies and five (5) Men, plus one Team leader from each participating ISU Member. All teams arriving before Thursday, 21 January 2021 or leaving after Monday, 25 January 2021 will be responsible for their own costs and are kindly requested to settle the amount due on site, at the applicable rate, upon arrival.
Methods of payment: Bank transfer in advance or Cash in PLN, EUR, or Credit card; Visa, Mastercard, Diner's Club. +2% handling fee with Credit Card payment.
All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotel;
Hotel Novotel Marina (Jelitkowska 20, 80-432 Gdańsk)
The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows:

Single Room (per person, per night):	105€ full board including drinks
Double Room (per person, per night):	85€ full board including drinks

**during competition days lunch will be served at the Venue, price is included in the pricelist above*

Cancellation policy:
30% of the reserved rooms and meals can be cancelled free of charge until 18 December
10% of the reserved rooms and meals can be cancelled free of charge until 4 January
All cancellations above the mentioned limit or late cancellations will not be reimbursed or to be settled.
Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **7 December, 2021**.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between Gdańsk International Airport or Gdańsk railway station and the official hotels, from Monday, 18 January 2021 to Monday, 25 January 2021. Participants arriving and departing from other airport(s) or train/bus stations will be responsible for the transport costs. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves according to the below information.
Gdańsk International Airport: 30€/ person/ one way
Gdańsk Railway Station: 15€/ person/ one way

The Organizing Committee will also provide free transportation for all participants between the official hotel and Hala Olivia during the competition days and the training periods, starting from 18 January 2021.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **3 January 2021**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in an ISU Event (as defined in Rule 107), to provide medical insurance for their Skaters. Proof of such can be requested by the Organizing Committee.

Entry Visa Requirements

Should you need assistance to obtain a Polish entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee.

Media Accreditation

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System https://www.isu.org/media-centre/accreditations/media

Information for the media will be available on the ISU website in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

OC Press officer: Mr. Paweł Skraba

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The Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservation and media accreditation requests, as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships Organizing Committee

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Website

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website:

Official website

Live results will be available at the following website:

www.isu.org

ISU “Inside Events” mobile application

Daily information, results and changes in schedules (race, training, transportation, etc.) will be communicated to the teams on the board of the Team Hotel as well as on the ISU “Inside Events” mobile application.

This mobile application makes the information delivery faster, contains all relevant information for participants, reduce paper needs and notify participants in case of any changes or urgencies through push notification possibilities.

The “Inside Events” app is available free of charge on Android and Apple systems and is compatible with both tablets and smartphones. It can be downloaded with the below QR codes or directly on the app stores.

Each ISU Event will have its own unique password that will be provided on site to participating Athletes, Officials, and Team Delegations.

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