



Essent ISU World Cup Announcement

November 8, 9 and 10, 2013 Olympic Oval - Calgary, Canada Ladies and Men - all distances

















On behalf of Speed Skating Canada and Organizing Committee Calgary, we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ESSENT ISU

WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING

2013/14

which will be held at the Olympic Oval in Calgary, Canada on Friday November 8, Saturday November 9 and Sunday November 10, 2013

The competition will be held under the 2012 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1808.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, November 7:	16:00 18:00	Team Leaders' Meeting, Best Western Village Park Inn Opening Draw, Best Western Village Park Inn			
Friday, November 8:	11:00	Division A:	500m (1st) Ladies 500m (1st) Men 3000m Ladies 1500m Men		
	14:55	Division B:	500m (1st) Men 500m (1st) Ladies 1500m Men 3000m Ladies		
Saturday, November 9:	11:00	Division A:	500m (2nd) Ladies 1000m Men 1500m Ladies Team Pursuit Men		
	15:30	Division B:	500m (2nd) Ladies 1000m Men 1500m Ladies		
Sunday, November 10:	11:00	Division A:	500m (2nd) Men 1000m Ladies 5000m Men Team Pursuit Ladies		
	15:30	Division B:	500m (2nd) Men 1000m Ladies 5000m Men		

^{*} The above times for the B Division races are only indicative. The exact starting times for these races will be announced at the team leaders' meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results).

TRACK

The Olympic Oval is a standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Calgary, Canada. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 5 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 3.3.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or www.k4sport.ru/login.php

Preliminary entries, giving the number of Competitors & substitutes and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be communicated at the latest by October 8, 2013.

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on November 6, 2013 (see also ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 3.3.3).

Please note that for all persons entered by the 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 Communications No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

According to ISU Communication No. 1808, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

Ladies	500	1000	1500	3000 5000	Men	500	1000	1500	5000 10000
AUS	1	1	1	2	AUS	2	2	1	1
AUT	1	1	1	2	AUT	1	1	1	2
BLR	2	2	1	1	BLR	1	1	1	1
BEL	1	1	2	2	BEL	1	1	2	3
CAN	5	5	5	5	CAN	5	5	5	3
CHN	5	5	2	1	CHN	3	2	1	2
CZE	2	2	3	2	CZE	1	1	1	1
DEN	1	1	1	2	DEN	1	1	1	1
FIN	2	1	1	1	FIN	3	4	1	1
FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	2	3	3
GER	5	5	3	5	GER	4	3	2	5
ITA	3	3	1	1	ITA	2	2	3	2
JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	3	2	1
KAZ	2	2	2	1	KAZ	1	4	4	2
KOR	4	4	3	5	KOR	5	4	2	5
LAT	1	1	1	1	LAT	2	2	2	2
NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
NOR	1	1	4	4	NOR	3	3	5	3
NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	1	2
POL	1	2	4	4	POL	3	2	4	3
RUS	5	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	5
SWE	1	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	2	1
SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	1	2
USA	5	5	4	3	USA	5	5	4	4

All other ISU Speed Skating Members may enter maximum 1 Competitor for each distance.

All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 1808, paragraph 3.3.1.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 4.2, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to the ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraphs 6 and 8.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1693, 1694, 1765 and 1800 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, November 4, 2013. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, November 7, 2013. Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS & CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1420, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Speed Skating Canada, the Olympic Oval Association and the University of Calgary assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotels will be as follows:

Best Western Village Park Inn:

Single Room occupancy: \$209.00 CAD per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities. Double Room occupancy: \$142.00 CAD per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities.

Aloft Calgary University:

Single Room occupancy: \$231.00 CAD per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities. Double Room occupancy; \$153.00 CAD per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities.

Hotel Alma:

Single Room occupancy: \$217.45 CAD per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities. Double Room occupancy; \$173.00 CAD per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities. Triple Room occupancy: \$145.00 CAD per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities.

Payment: Cash in CAD\$ or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express)

All arrangements for accommodation must be made through the Organizing Committee.

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the accommodation requests of the Competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 27, 2013. Unused World Cup block rooms will be released back to the hotels as of Monday, September 30, 2013. Rates and availability cannot be guaranteed after this date. Teams who do not arrive on scheduled date will be charged for unused reserved rooms.

Teams must advise the Organizing Committee of their desire to enjoy daily meals in the hotel's team dining room (3 meals per day are available). Meal vouchers will be provided upon check-in.

OFFICIAL HOTELS

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservations for the Competitors in the following hotels:

Best Western Village Park Inn 1804 Crowchild Trail NW Calgary, Alberta, Canada

T2M 3Y7

Ph: +1.403.289.0241 Toll free: +1.888.774.7716 Fax: +1.403.289.4645

Email: info@villageparkinn.com Website: www.villageparkinn.com

The Quality Inn University has undergone complete renovations and now goes by the name:

Aloft Calgary University Ph: +1.403.289.1973 2359 Banff Trail NW Fax: +1.403.282.1241

Calgary, Alberta, Canada Email: sales@aloftcalgaryuniversity.com T2M 4L2 Website: www.aloftcalgaryuniversity.com

Hotel Alma* Ph: +1.403.220.3203
169 University Gate NW Toll free: +1.877.498.3203
Calgary, Alberta, Canada Fax: +1.403.284.4184
T2N 1N4 Email: stay@hotelalma.ca
Website: www.hotelalma.ca

*Please note the Hotel Alma is sold out.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotels. The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the competition by Wednesday, November 6, 2013, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 10.9.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be arranged between Calgary International Airport and the official hotels from Monday, November 4 until Monday November 11, 2013. The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the Competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, October 18, 2013.

Teams arriving before November 4 are responsible for arranging their own airport transfers and associated costs. Teams are invited to contact the event's contracted shuttle company Airport Shuttle Express to arrange for airport transfers outside of the Organizing Committee's obligation. The contact information is: Joanne Townshend

joannet@airportshuttleexpress.com

www.airportshuttleexpress.com

The Organizing Committee is not responsible for transportation arrangements and associated costs for team officials who <u>do not</u> accompany their team members. Those team officials arriving separate from the team can travel via taxi from the airport or if a scheduled airport transfer is preferred, please contact Airport Shuttle Express.

A shuttle service will be operated between the official hotels and the Calgary Olympic Oval during the days of official training and competitions. Weekday shuttle service will be limited to scheduled official training times only.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at the address below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website: www.speedsk8.ca.