ANNOUNCEMENT



March 14th to 16th, 2014

Maurice-Richard Arena

Montréal / Canada





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



World Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2014

March 14th to 16th to be held at the Maurice-Richard Arena, Montreal, Canada

General Regulations

The ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2014 will be conducted in accordance with the 2012 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members (Rule 131).

Distances

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

3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men Relay

Program

The below program is subject to change depending on the final entry of Skaters and agreement with he host broadcaster

Thursday, March 13 th	8:00	Official Training	
	19:30	Cocktail	
	20:00	Official Draw	
Friday, March 14 th	12:00	1500m Ladies and Men, Relay Ladies semi final	
		Awards Ceremony	
Saturday, March 15 th	12:20	500m Ladies and Men, Relay Men semi final	
	14:00	Opening Ceremony	
		Awards Ceremony	
Sunday, March 16 th	11:00	1000m, 3000m and Relay Ladies and Men	
		Awards Ceremony	
	19:30	Closing Banquet	

Track Conditions

The Maurice-Richard Arena has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding, moveable self-standing padding, in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726. 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 or www.shorttrackonline.info/entry.php?country=isu
- b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **January 31**st **2014** (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;
- Access to Closing Banquet (if held);
- 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 not later than **March 9**th, **2014** (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) Competitors must be present in Montreal at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, March 13th or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Championships. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded.
- e) 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 Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

Individual Entries:

In accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2.a), each ISU Member has the right to enter at least one (1) Competitor in each category.

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 1801 "Entries for ISU Championships", the following ISU Members may enter more than one (1) Competitor in total in the respective category. Each ISU Member may enter the substitutes corresponding with the number of entries.

Ladies

Australia	2 competitors	Hungary	2 competitors
Austria	2 competitors	Italy	2 competitors
Belarus	2 competitors	Japan	3 competitors
Bulgaria	2 competitors	Netherlands	2 competitors
Canada	3 competitors	Poland	2 competitors
China	3 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Russia	2 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Slovak Republic	2 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors	USA	2 competitors

Men

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Australia	2 competitors	Italy	2 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Japan	3 competitors
Canada	3 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
China	3 competitors	New Zealand	2 competitors
Chinese Taipei	2 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors	Ukraine	2 competitors
Hungary	2 competitors	USA	2 competitors
Israel	2 competitors		

Relay Entries:

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.

The entry quotas for the Relay competitions at the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2014 will be determined by the World Cup relay Classification in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2 c). Special attention must be paid to Rule 286, paragraph 4 regarding the fact that the participation is known before the start of the last World Cup Competition of the season.

Qualifying Times:

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times over 500 meters, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1803, paragraph 1.1, as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>	
500 m	50,00	48,00	

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2013 and the final entry deadline specified in the paragraph "Entries" above.

Citizenships/Residence Requirements and 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.

Drawing and Seeding Procedure

The drawing and seeing procedure will be carried out in accordance with Rule 296.

Points and Classification

Final points will be awarded in the final races only. No points will be awarded to Competitors or Teams in case of penalty, yellow card, red card or failing to finish the race. The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with first place according to Rule 295, paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Titles and Medals

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

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2014

or

Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2014

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters

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Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters

The World and Lady World Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The winning team of the ISU World, Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2014 for the Relay competition will bear the title World, Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies World, Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2014, and 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 1509.

Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, March 13th for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from March 10th to 12th. Each training session (50 min) will be charged 150 CDN\$. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. Payment for additional practice ice time must be paid in CDN\$ to the Organizing Committee upon arrival. 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 Code, as given in the applicable ISU

Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1693, 1694, 1765 & 1800 or later updates).

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Speed Skating Canada 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 World Short Track Speed Skating Championships

2014. Each 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 March

13th until lunch on Monday March 17th (for those departing in the afternoon) for all participating Skaters,

maximum five (5) Ladies and five (5) Men, plus one team leader from each ISU Member.

All teams arriving before Thursday March 13th or leaving after Monday March 17th or bringing in more than

the officially designated number of participants will be responsible for their own costs and are kindly

requested to settle the amount due on site, at the applicable rate, upon arrival.

Hotel

All Teams must make their reservation themselves and are responsible for the payment of all Skaters and

team Officials except those indicated in the paragraph "Accommodation & Meal" that are for the account of

the Organizing Committee.

The cost of a room (per night) and meal at the official hotel is as follows:

Room (single and double): 135 \$/ 141\$ / 147\$ CDN plus applicable local taxes

Meals: Packages for 3 meals cost 56.00\$ CDN (plus taxes and service) per day / per person

Hotel requirement must be communicated with them as soon as possible, but **no later** than January 30th.

Payment: Cash; in Canadian Dollar, bank transfer or Credit card; Visa, MasterCard, American Express.

The team leader must present a major credit card upon arrival at the hotel.

Hotel Universel

5000 East Sherbrooke Street, Montréal, Canada, H1V 1A1 (<u>www.hoteluniverselmontreal.com</u>)

Mrs Josee Noel: jnoel@hoteluniverselmontreal.com

Bank Transfer Information

Please contact Mrs Josee Noel: inoel@hoteluniverselmontreal.com

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between Montréal Airport and

the official hotels, from Sunday, **March 9**^h to Monday, **March 17**th. 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 [Taxi: 65.00\$ CDN].

The Organizing Committee will also provide free transportation for all participants between the official hotel

and Maurice-Richard Arena during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Monday 10th

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 January 30th. 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 Canada 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 http://www.wingsmedia.it/isu/

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

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

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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:

World Championships ISU Short Track - Montreal 2014

2800, Viau Street, Montréal, (Québec) H1V 3J3

+ 1-514-255-2254 (ext. 1)

Short Track Events National Office

Stéphane Bronsard, Director

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Web site

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website: www.mondial2014.ca

Live results will be available at the following website:

http://shorttrack.sportresult.com