

WORLD JUNIOR SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2017



February, 17 to 19, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENT





On behalf of the Finnish Speed Skating Association the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the



(I(J) World Junior Speed Skating Championships® 2017

which will be held in Helsinki, Finland on 17-19 February, 2017.

PROGRAM

Thursday, Feb 16 th , 2017	16:00 (4PM) 18:00 (6PM)	Team leaders Meeting, hotel Rantasipi Airport Opening Draw, hotel Rantasipi Airport
Friday, Feb 17 th , 2017	9:30 (AM) 10:00	Opening Ceremony 500 m Ladies 500 m Men 1500 m Ladies 1500 m Men Drawing for Saturday's events (at hotel)
Saturday, Feb 18 th , 2017	10:00 (AM)	1000 m Ladies 1000 m Men 3000 m Ladies (quartets) 5000 m Men (quartets) Team Sprint Ladies Team Sprint Men Drawing for Sunday's events (at hotel)
Sunday, Feb 19 th , 2017	11:00 (AM)	Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men Mass start Ladies Mass start Men Awards Ceremony

REGULATIONS

The ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2017 will be held in accordance with the 2016 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 2037. Participation in the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships is open to Junior Skaters who belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1). A Junior is a Skater who has not reached the age of 19 by July 1, 2016 (Rule 108, paragraph 1b) and has achieved the required qualifying times according to ISU Communication No. 2037.

The Championships will include the following events:

- Ladies, single distances: 500 meters, 1000 meters, 1500 meters, 3000 meters, Mass start (10 laps);
- Men, single distances: 500 meters, 1000 meters, 1500 meters, 5000 meters, Mass start (10 laps);
- Ladies, allround combination: 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters;
- Men, allround combination: 500, 1000, 1500 and 5000 meters;
- Team competitions Ladies: Team Pursuit race over 6 laps by national teams of 3 Skaters each and Team Sprint race over 3 laps for national teams of 3 Skaters;
- Team competitions Men: Team Pursuit race over 8 laps by national teams of 3 Skaters each and Team Sprint race over 3 laps for national teams of 3 Skaters;

TRACK

Oulunkylä Sport Park is an outdoor artificial ice rink with a standard track of 400 meters and inner and outer curves with radii of 25 and 29 meters respectively. The width of the inside training track is 5 meters.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the allround combination are the Skaters with the lowest total of points after 4 distances have been completed (Rule 265, paragraph 2 and 268, paragraph 1). The winner will bear the title: "Lady World Junior Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2017" and "World Junior Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2017", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph e), and will each be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third in the final classification after 4 distances will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals, respectively.

The winners of the distances will bear the titles "Lady World Junior Speed Skating Champion ____ meters for 2017" and "World Junior Speed Skating Champion____ meters for 2017", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph g), and will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third in the respective distance will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals.

The winners of the Mass start events will bear the titles "Lady World Junior Speed Skating Champion Mass Start for 2017" and "World Junior Speed Skating Champion Mass Start for 2017", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph g), and will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third in the respective distance will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals.

The winning teams of the Team Pursuit events will bear the titles "Ladies World Junior Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2017" and "World Junior Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2017" (Rule 133, paragraph f), and will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The teams placed second and third will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals.

The winning teams of the Team Sprint event will bear the titles "Ladies World Junior Speed Skating Team Sprint Champions for 2017" and "World Junior Speed Skating Team Sprint Champions for 2017" (Rule 133, paragraph f), and will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The teams placed second and third will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals.

Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1976, or any further update of this Communication.

ENTRIES

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

Each ISU Member may enter maximum 5 Ladies and 5 Men, and 1 substitute per category (Rule 208, paragraph 7). Only Skaters who have achieved, during the seasons 2015/16 or 2016/17, the qualifying times listed in ISU Communication No. 2037 may be entered:

Ladies	500 m	1000 m	1500 m	3000 m
	42,50	1.25,00	2.12.00	4.45,00
Men	500 m	1000 m	1500 m	5000 m
	38,50	1.16,00	1.58,00	7.05,00 or 3000m time of 4.05,00

To compete in the Allround event, the Skater must have been entered for all the four distances above.

To be entered for the Mass start event or for a Team event, a Skater must have achieved at least one of the above mentioned qualifying times. However, for these events an exception may be made for maximum one Skater per gender, if so requested by the ISU Member. Exceptions will only be granted for Skaters who have reached the following qualifying time limits: for Ladies: 1500 m time of 2.17,00 and for Men: 1500 m time of 2.03.00.

Further details on the entry rules are given in ISU Communication No. 2037, paragraphs 2.1 d) and 4.2 b).

The Preliminary entry with the estimated number of Competitors and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and Team leader must be communicated to the Organizing Committee at the latest by January 30, 2017 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and the substitute, 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 at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on February 14, 2017 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

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 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, 208 and ISU Communications No. 1628 and 1797.

CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

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.

DRAWING

The drawings will be made in accordance with Rules 239 and 243.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 1970 or any further updates of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, the Finnish Speed Skating Association and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with this Championship. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday February 13th at specified times, two times a day. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday February 16 at 10:05-10:50 and 11:10-11:55. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

BOARD AND LOADGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Thursday February 16, 2017 until lunch on Monday February 20, 2017 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for up to 5 Competitors (Ladies and Men respectively) and 1 Team leader or coach for each ISU Member. Expenses of other Skaters and officials (i.e. substitutes, coaches, other team staff members and accompanying persons) other than those mentioned above, and expenses before or after the period mentioned above, will be at their own expense.

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating events.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the

Hotel Rantasipi Airport

Address: Robert Huberin tie 4, 01510 Vantaa, Finland Website: http://www.rantasipi.fi/en/hotels-and-spas/airport Questions on accoomodation: tuula.puputti@luisteluliitto.fi

Hotel prices (including 3 meals and all taxes):

Single room 135 euros

Double room Unit of the strain bed to accommodate persons 105 euros/person 90 euros/person

Please note following timeline:

Dec 15th 2016 Teams to send in estimate of team size and hotel rooms needed to OC

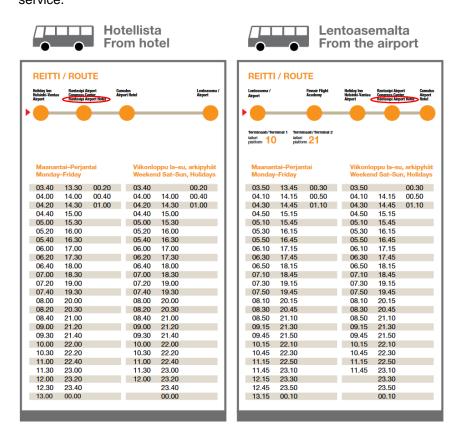
Jan 30th 2017 Teams to confirm hotel reservation to OC

Feb 14th 2017 by noon Teams to finalize the room and meal need for invoicing

After event OC to invoice the teams according numbers confirmed on Feb 14th 2017

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation for team arrivals from Monday February 13th to Monday February 20th from and to the Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service, but can use hotel's complimentary, scheduled shuttlebus service.



A limited bus service between the official hotel and the ice-rink, planned around the training times will be available Monday February 13th to Thursday February 16th, a shuttle bus service for the same route will operate during the competition days 17-19 February.

The Organizing Committee must be informed via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events about the date and time of arrival and departure of the competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by January 30th 2017.

DISTANCES

LOCATION	Helsinki-Vantaa airport	Hotel Rantasipi Airport	Oulunkylä Sport Park	Downtown Helsinki
Helsinki-Vantaa airport		3 km	13,3 km	19,5 km
Hotel Rantasipi Airport	3 km		10,7 km	16,9 km
Oulunkylä Sport Park	12,5 km	10,7 km		9,1 km
Downtown Helsinki	19,5 km	16,9 km	9,1 km	

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Finnish Speed Skating Association if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

- Name of participants
- Copy of passport for each participants
- Arrival and departure day
- Way of travel (airplane, boat, car)

Please submit all this information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

All inquiries should be addressed to:

Finnish Speed Skating Association

Mrs. Tuula Puputti, email tuula.puputti@luisteluliitto.fi or phone +358 40 5429 540

Mailing address: Radiokatu 20, 00240 Helsinki, FINLAND

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: Mrs. Suvi Sorvakko email suvi.sorvakko@juniorspeedskating.fi

WEB SITE

Results and other information concerning the competition will be available at the following website: http://www.juniorspeedskating.fi/

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