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**ISU WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING**

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Speed Skating Canada looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU World Cup Speed Skating in Calgary, Canada. The event will be held at the Olympic Oval from December 1<sup>st</sup> until December 3, 2017. This information will assist you in planning your trip to Calgary and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The press centre will be open and operational starting Wednesday morning, November 29, at 10am.

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Additional information and updates as required will be posted on the ISU website as they become available. If you need more information, or have questions, please contact:

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## **Media Accreditation Information**

**All media** must apply for media accreditation through the ISU online media accreditation system on the International Skating Union (ISU) website ([www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org)) under «Media Accreditation» or at: <http://www.isu.org/media-accreditation-system>.

Only professional journalists, editors and photographers operating for editorial purpose, or producing an item containing informative content, will be accredited. Editorial use implies use by a media organization, including: agencies, newspapers, magazines, TV, radio, Internet, and/or an extension within an existing multimedia company (newspaper, magazine, TV, agency), as well as representatives from ISU Member federations acting as media for their press and communication activities. Informative content implies editing of original information.

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is November 19, 2017. All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information could be requested:

1. Copy of current professional media or journalist card
2. ID photo in .jpg.
3. *If not in possession of a professional media card, a comment must be added to the note box provided and a letter from your editor confirming your assignment must be uploaded to your application.*

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only.

**Writing Press** (newspaper, magazine, internet, agencies and ISU Member Federations): maximum two professionals per organization

**Photographer:** maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)

**Television non-right holder:** maximum three professionals per organization

**Radio non-right holder:** maximum one professional per organization

**Freelancer:** A freelance journalist or photographer is a full time professional editor or photographer, who is not employed by an agency or newspaper – a self-employed professional. A freelance editor or photographer must provide written evidence that he/she operates on behalf of a clearly identified media. A freelance editor or photographer operating under his/her own account will not be accepted.

**The total number of accredited media representatives will be subject to space available. The Organizing Committee (OC) and ISU reserve the right to refuse accreditation should the number of applications exceed given space or if any requested information / documentation has not been provided in due time.**

**Rights holding TV and radio** must also apply for accreditation via the ISU online media accreditation system. Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team [media@isu.ch](mailto:media@isu.ch) in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact Ryan Ohashi at [ryan.ohashi@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ryan.ohashi@ucalgary.ca).

### **Accreditation Confirmation**

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

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## Media Accommodation

The OC has designated two official media hotels. Shuttle transportation will be arranged from all the official media hotels to the main venue and the practice arena. Shuttle schedules will be provided on site. Please be advised that the transportation service will only be available for the designated official media hotels.

It is the responsibility of the individual media persons to book their own accommodation and to take on any cancellation fees.

### Media Hotels

#### **Best Western PLUS Village Park Inn**

1804 Crowchild Trail NW  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2M 3Y7  
Contact: Sabrina Wong, Sales Manager  
Email: [salesmgr@villageparkinn.com](mailto:salesmgr@villageparkinn.com)  
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Phone: +1-403-289-0241  
Toll Free: 1-888-774-7716  
Fax: +1-403-220-1820  
Website: <http://www.villageparkinn.com>  
Location: (2.8 Km from Olympic Oval)  
<http://www.villageparkinn.com/location>

#### **Hotel Alma**

University of Calgary  
169 University Gate NW  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4  
Contact: Elena Sinitsyna, Sales Manager  
Email: [esinitsy@ucalgary.ca](mailto:esinitsy@ucalgary.ca)  
Phone: +1-403-220-2603  
Toll Free: 1-877-498-3203  
Fax: +1-403-284-4184  
Website: [www.hotelalma.ca](http://www.hotelalma.ca)  
Location: (400m from Olympic Oval)  
<http://www.hotelalma.ca/maps>

### Room Information

**Best Western PLUS Village Park Inn** - Website: <http://www.villageparkinn.com>

- Double queen or traditional queen (two queen beds) \$139 CAD plus 5% goods and service tax, 4% room tax and 3% destination marketing fees (\$155.68 CAD total)
- King suite (One king bed with pull-out couch) \$149 plus 5% goods and service tax, 4% room tax and 3% destination marketing fees (\$166.88 CAD total)
- Additional person per room \$10 CAD plus 5% goods and service tax, 4% room tax and 3% destination marketing fees (\$11.20 CAD total)

**Hotel Alma** - Website: [www.hotelalma.ca](http://www.hotelalma.ca)

- Single or Double Eurostyle Standard, or Two-Bedroom Student Apartment \$134 CAD plus 5% goods and service tax, 4% room tax and 3% destination marketing fees (\$150.08 CAD total)
- Single or Double One-Bedroom Suite \$169 CAD plus 5% goods and service tax, 4% room tax and 3% destination marketing fees (\$189.28 CAD total)

### Reservation Payment Conditions

- **Payment: Cash in Canadian Dollars or Credit Card**

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## **Transportation & Telecommunications**

### **Transportation**

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation between the Calgary International Airport and the official hotels, from Monday, November 27, 2017 to Monday, December 4, 2017 for members of the media.

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the Best Western PLUS Village Park Inn and the Olympic Oval during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Monday, November 27, 2017. Hotel Alma is located adjacent to the Oval.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee via the ISU Online Entry System as soon as possible, but no later than November 10, 2017. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. cameras, lighting equipment, etc.) that needs to be transported.

For more information on Calgary, visit the Tourism Calgary website: <http://www.visitcalgary.com/>  
And the Travel Alberta Website: <https://www.travelalberta.com/ca/>

### **Telecommunications**

Wi-fi and hardwire internet will be available in the Media Room.

## **Useful Information**

### **Visa Application:**

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. Visit: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

### **Online Currency Converter:**

\*Current CDN Dollar exchange rate (10/17/2017): 0.80 US Dollar; 0.68 Euro  
<http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/daily-converter/>

### **Calgary Airport Website:**

<http://www.yyc.com/>

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## Event Schedule

Friday, December 1	10:45*	Division B	3000m Ladies
	12:30	Division A	3000m Ladies 5000m Men Team Sprint Ladies Team Sprint Men
	16:50*	Division B	5000m Men
Saturday, December 2	09:45*	Division B	1000m Ladies 1000m Men
	12:00	Division A	1000m Ladies 1000m Men Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men
	16:25*	Semi – Finals	Mass Start Ladies Mass Start Men
Sunday, December 3	09:40*	Division B	500m Ladies 1500m Men
	12:30	Division A	500m Ladies 1500m Men 1500m Ladies 500m Men Mass start Men Mass start Ladies
	16:40*	Division B	1500m Ladies 500m Men

\* The actual starting times for the B Division 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) for determining the awarding of World Cup points and prize money.

***For any additional questions or information, please do not hesitate to contact:  
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