

 World
Short Track Speed Skating
Championships



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

 **World Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2019**

March 8 to 10, 2019

**to be held at the Arena Armeec,
Sofia, Bulgaria**

General Regulations

The ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2019 will be conducted in accordance with the 2018 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
Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

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

Thursday, March 7	08:00	Official Training
	19:00	Opening Meeting
Friday, March 8	10:00	Qualifying Rounds 1500, 500, 1000 meters Ladies & Men
Saturday, March 9	10:00	Ranking Finals 1500, 500 meters Ladies & Men
	13:45	Opening Ceremony
	14:02	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, March 10	10:00	Ranking Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men
		B Final 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		B Final 5000 meters Relay Men
	14:02	Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men
		Super-Finals 3000 meters Ladies & Men
		A Final 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		A Final 5000 meters Relay Men
		Awards Ceremony

Track Conditions

The Arena Armeec 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. 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 **Friday – January 25, 2019** (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 at the latest by 20:00 hrs (local time) on **Sunday, March 3, 2019** (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 Sofia at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, March 7, 2019 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 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.

Individual Entries:

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

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2201 "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

Belgium	2 competitors	Italy	2 competitors
Bulgaria	2 or 3 competitors*	Japan	2 competitors
Canada	3 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
China	3 competitors	Poland	2 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
France	2 competitors	Russia	2 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors	Slovak Republic	2 competitors
Hungary	2 competitors	USA	2 competitors

Men

Australia	2 competitors	Italy	2 competitors
Belarus	2 competitors	Japan	3 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Kazakhstan	2 competitors
Bulgaria	2 or 3 competitors*	Latvia	2 competitors
Canada	3 competitors	Netherlands	2 competitors
China	3 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
France	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Ukraine	2 competitors
Hungary	3 competitors	USA	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 2019 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. 2201, paragraph 4.2, as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
500 m	49,000	46,500

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2017 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:

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2019

or

Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2019

World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions

or

Ladies World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2019

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

or

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 World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies World 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.

Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, March 7, 2019 (8:00 to 18:00) for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from Monday, March 4 to Wednesday, March 6, 2019 (Time TBA). Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged 130 Euro. 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 [currency] 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 Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 2213 & 2214 or later updates).

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Bulgarian Skating Federation 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 2019. 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, March 7, 2019 until lunch on Monday, March 11, 2019 (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, March 7, 2019 or leaving after Monday, March 11, 2019 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.

Methods of payment: Cash in BGN, or Credit card; (Visa, Master Card).

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;

Ramada Sofia City Center

131 "Maria Louisa" Blvd.

1202 Sofia, Bulgaria

Website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/sofia-bulgaria/ramada-sofia-city-center/overview>

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than

January 25, 2019

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows:

Single Room (per person, per night): 130 euro

Double Room (per person, per night): 105 euro

All rates are per person / night with three meals and all local taxes

Cancellation policy:

All teams have to pay deposit for accommodation after receiving proforma invoice from the OC.

OC does not guarantee accommodation for the teams which have not paid the deposit.

The terms for cancellation are as follows:

Refund of deposit 100% until 25.01.2019

Refund of deposit 50% from 25.01.2019 until 15.02.2019 (included)

No refund after February 15.02.2019.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between Sofia international Airport (SOF) and the official hotels, from Monday, March 4, 2019 to Monday, March 11, 2019. 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 20 euro (per person and one way).

The Organizing Committee will also provide free transportation for all participants between the official hotel and Arena Armeec during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Monday, March 4, 2019.

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 **February 20, 2019**. 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 Bulgaria 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-accreditation-system>

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:

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2019

Organizing Committee

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Website

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

www.stworlds2019.bsf.bg

Live results will be available at the following website:

www.isu.org