



ISU WORLD CUP SHORT TRACK

**ALMATY, KAZ
DECEMBER 7-9, 2018**

ANNOUNCEMENT



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On behalf of National Skating Federation of Kazakhstan, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ISU World Cup Short Track 2018/19
Which will be held at the Halyk Arena
Almaty, Kazakhstan
On December 7-9, 2018

General Regulations

The competitions will be held under the 2018 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2193.

Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the ISU World Cup Short Track 2018/19.

Distances

Individual 500, 1000, 1500 meters Ladies and Men

Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men, 2000 meters Mixed Gender

Program

Thursday, December 6, 2018	09:00	Official Practice all day
	16:00	Medical Meeting (Halyk Arena)
	19:00	Team Leaders meeting and Welcome Reception (Almaty Hotel)
Friday, December 7, 2018	TBA*	Qualifying session Individual & Relay
Saturday, December 8, 2018	TBA	Repechage Races 1000m and 1500m (1) Ladies and Men
	14:02	World Cup session 1000m and 1500m (1) Ladies and Men Semi-final 3000m Relay Ladies and 5000m Relay Men Mixed Gender Relay 2000
	TBD	Repechage Races 500m and 1500m (2) Ladies and Men
Sunday, December 9, 2018	14:02	World Cup session 500m and 1500m (2) Ladies and Men Relay 3000m Ladies and 5000m Men Mixed Gender Relay 2000

* Final starting times to be decided upon receipt of the number of final entries.

Track Conditions

The **Halyk Arena** 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 (or any further update). 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 World Cup 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, October 26, 2018**. In addition, please send an ID picture of each Team Member to the Organizing Committee in electronic format, not later than **Monday, November 26, 2018** enabling the OC to prepare all accreditations in advance.

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 must be submitted at the latest by 20:00 hrs. (Local time) on **Sunday, December 2, 2018** (see ISU Communication No. 2193, paragraph 5), 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 Almaty at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, December 6, 2018 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Cup Competition. 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.

Citizenships/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.

World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2193, paragraph 12.

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. 1922 & 2117 or later updates).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on **Thursday, December 6, 2018** for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from **Monday, December 3, 2018**. Each training session (60 minutes) will be charged 50 000 tenge or 150 US\$. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, National Skating Federation of Kazakhstan 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 Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation.

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

Single Room (per person, per night, full board):	USD 80 per person full board
Double Room (per person, per night, full board):	USD 65 per person full board
Single Room (per person, per night, breakfast only):	USD 59 per person
Double Room (per person, per night, breakfast only):	USD 44 per person

**Payment: Cash; in cash in USD or tenges (local currency) Credit card; visa or Mastercard*

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotels:

KAZAKHSTAN HOTEL

52/2 Dostyk Avenue, +7 (727) 272 00 70, e-mail: reservation@hotelalmaty.kz

ALMATY HOTEL

85, Kabanbai Batyra street, +7 (727) 272 00 70, e-mail: reservation@hotelalmaty.kz

All accommodation reservation must be made directly with the Hotel.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will organize and provide one transportation each way, free of charge, for each team between **Almaty International Airport** and the official hotels, from **Sunday, December 2, 2018** to **Monday, December 10, 2018**.

Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves. The taxi price from the airport to the Official hotel is about USD 20.

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation between the official hotel and **Halyk Arena** during the competition days and the training periods, starting from **Monday, December 3, 2018**.

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 **Friday, November 23, 2018**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Organizing Committee – Entries and Inquiries

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or National Skating Federation of Kazakhstan at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

Organizing Committee	Media accreditation
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Website

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website: www.skating.kz

Live results will be available on www.isu.org