



INVITATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**KNSB Short Track International
Invitation Cup 2021
Heerenveen, The Netherlands**

1, 2 and 3 October 2021

Partners van schaatsend Nederland



On behalf of the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB) and its Organizing committee we have the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

16th International Short Track Invitation Cup 2021

to be held on 1, 2 and 3 October in the city of Heerenveen

Regulations

Participation in the International Short Track Invitation Cup 2021 is based on invitation only.

Officials

The allocation of officials will be the responsibility of the KNSB. Due to the COVID restrictions still in place for some countries we will appoint a national chief referee from the ISU Officials' list.

Distances

Individual: 1500m, 500m & 1000m
All distances will include Repechage races for Ladies and Men*

Important information concerning COVID-19

At the moment of writing this announcement, the world is still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. We trust this competition can take place in a situation where 100% of the attendees have been vaccinated and restrictions have been lifted. As soon as the situation globally and/or in The Netherlands changes, we will send you the applicable protocol. We will continue to keep you informed about important news and any changes. In the event of a competition cancellation, (due to COVID-19) the host organizer will NOT be responsible for costs (travel, hotel etc.) made by an invited member.

*This is subject to change

Relay: 3000m Ladies, 5000m Men
Mixed Relay: 2000m

Program*

September 29, 2021	Wednesday	08.00–17.00	Possibility for training
September 30, 2021	Thursday	08.00–17.00 20.00	Possibility for training Team Leaders Meeting, digital (a link will be sent to the Team Leader whereby he/she can take part)
October 1, 2021	Friday	09:00*	Start of Competition Qualifying rounds Ladies and Men 1500 m Qualifying rounds Ladies and Men 500 m Qualifying rounds Ladies and Men 1000 m Ladies 3000 m Relay Men 5000 m Relay Mixed Relay
October 2, 2021	Saturday	09.00* 10:00*	Warming up Ladies & Men Start of Competition Main program Ladies and Men 1500 m Main program Ladies and Men 500 m Ladies 3000 m Relay Men 5000 m Relay Mixed Relay

October 3, 2021	Sunday	10.00*	Warming up Ladies & Men
* Subject to number of countries		11:00*	Start of competition Main program Ladies and Men 1000 m Ladies 3000 m Relay Men 5000 m Relay Mixed Relay
		16:30	The Competition will end at approximately 16.30 hours (should members wish to depart on Sunday evening).

***Program & format is subject to change. When there are changes due to more/less participants we may change the program format in consultation with the participating countries.**

There will be a livestream during this competition (possibly based on pay-per-view). You can find the link on: <https://www.schaatsen.nl/live/>

Competitors must be present before 18:00 (CET) on **Thursday 30 September 2021** or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded from competition.

Track Conditions & Rink Dimensions

The ice rink has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 30x60 meters (a boardless/free standing system). Protective padding covers is in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

All skaters will skate all 3 distances 1000m, 500m and 1500m and include repechage racing over these distances. Relay entries: One (1) team per ISU member of minimum four (4), maximum six (6) competitors per category and a Mixed Relay 1 team per ISU member. The host member will be allowed enter more than one team for both the Relay and the Mixed Relay competitions. For the IIC competition the make-up of the mixed relay and the number of competitors per category is not according to the ISU regulations.

In the event of an invited member not having a 'full relay team' (four skaters) the member's team will be complemented with additional skater(s) and will be totally at the discretion of the organizing committee. In this case however, a relay team cannot score points for the overall team ranking.

Members can only enter a maximum of six (6) skaters per category that include all participants and substitutes for the individual events as well as the relay.

Entries must be sent in writing using the official Entry Forms for The International Short Track Invitation Cup and addressed to the Organizing Committee.

Preliminary Entries must be received by 31 July 2021

Final Entries by name must be received by 24 September 2021

Name changes will not be accepted after 26 September 2021.

Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, 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 and Points

The procedure for the drawing and seeding procedure and points will be sent later.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communication No. 2243 or any further update of these Communications).

Accommodation

Hotel reservation, meals and lodging expenses are at the responsibility of the participating members. Please make your hotel reservation directly with the hotel, using booking code **IIC2021**:

Official Hotels: Fletcher Hotel Heidehof
Golflaan 1
8445 SR Heerenveen
Phone: +31 513 630 200
Email: info@hotelheidehof.nl
www.hotelheidehof.nl

Hotel de Heidehof is a 5 minute walking distance from the ice rink.

Fletcher Hotel-Restaurant De Eese-Giethoorn
Duivenslaagte 2
8346 KH De Bult
Phone: +31 521 511 454
Email: Info@hoteldeese.nl
<https://www.hoteldeese.nl/nl/>

Rates for both hotels:

Single room per person per day is € 132,- (full board).
Double room per person per day is € 78,50 (full board).

Single room per person per day is € 114,- (half board).
Double room per person per day is € 71,50 (half board).

Golden Tulip Tjaarda Oranjewoud
Kon. Julianaweg 98
8453 WH Oranjewoud
Phone: +31 513 433 533
Email: info@tjaarda.nl
<https://www.tjaarda.nl/>

Rates for Tjaarda:

Single room per person per day is € 139,- (full board).
Double room per person per day is € 98,25 (full board).

Single room per person per day is € 123,50,- (half board).
Double room per person per day is € 83,25 (half board).

The prizes mentioned above are incl. all taxes.

Because the limited number of rooms in Hotel de Heidehof we ask you to inform the OC **before 31 July** about the number of rooms you will be needing. The OC will divide the teams into the several hotels, from which point you can take care of your own reservation directly with the hotel.

The OC will not provide transport during the competition, so teams without their own transportation will be accommodated in Hotel de Heidehof first.

Lunch/Catering:

Lunch during competition days will be arranged in a buffet, and will be offered during a break in the program. It is not mandatory to eat lunch in the rink. Please inform the OC latest **1 September** if you wish to use our lunch facilities. If you don't use lunch, you will also not be able to use the fruits and water made available and be responsible for your own grocery shopping.

Costs are € 17,50,- per person per day (lunch buffet, water and fruit for staff and skaters).

Liability and Medical Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB) and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with this Event. Each Member is solely responsible for providing

insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes.

The KNSB will take all the necessary precautions with regards to the COVID-19 safety and health measures, you will understand that participation is at your own risk. We will follow our national Covid-19 protocols. In the event that current or changed COVID-19 restrictions are enforced and the KNSB is forced to cancel the event, we will inform you immediately. The KNSB will not be liable for any cost incurred (flights/hotel etc) should the competition be canceled due to current or newly imposed restrictions related to COVID-19.

Transportation

Members are responsible for their own transportation upon arrival at Schiphol.

For transportation from Schiphol to Heerenveen please contact:

Besseling Travel, E-mail travel@besseling.com.

This has to be done in advance and pre-payment is required by Besseling Travel.

Please follow all measures mentioned by Besseling for travel. If you book transportation with Besseling Travel, make sure to mention that this is for the Short Track Invitation Cup.

Thialf can also be easily reached from Schiphol by train with several connections per day.

The date, airline & flight number, expected time of arrival and the time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee before **31 July 2021**, and should contain all information requested in the "TRAVEL FORM".

Organization fee

The Organization fee is € 50,- per participant to cover all the expenses for this event. Costs for ice and entry fee will be invoiced to each country and have to be paid per bank.

Entry Requirement for The Netherlands

A valid passport or acceptable certificate of identification (EU) is required of all people entering the Netherlands. Passports must be valid for longer than the period of stay in the Netherlands.

Regarding the Visa requirements: please consult with the Embassy of The Netherlands in your country in due time. If you are in need of an invitation letter, please inform the Organizing Committee with Preliminary Entry

Ice Training Sessions

Training sessions are available upon request on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 September 2021. The training fee is € 180,- per training. Training times can only be booked through this OC. Please let us know your requested times on the "TRAINING REQUEST FORM" before **1 September 2021** (first come, first serve basis). During this training session **no** First Aid support is present.

Communication

For all communication concerning the competition we use the "Sportity" app. You can download the "Sportity" app in your app store on your mobile device. After downloading you will have the option to add a channel. Submit the password to gain access to the channel regarding the information for this tournament:

The password will be given to you in the athletes information in due time.

Organizing Committee – Entries and Inquiries

All entries and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at the address below.

Organizing Committee KNSB
P.O. Box 11084
3505 BB Utrecht
The Netherlands

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