



WORLD CUP

SPEED  SKATING



ANNOUNCEMENT

HEERENVEEN - THE NETHERLANDS

Thialf Stadion

14 - 16 December 2018

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On behalf of the KNSB, and the Organizing Committee
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING

2018/19

which will be held at the indoor ice-rink Thialf
in Heerenveen, the Netherlands
on Friday, December 14, Saturday, December 15 and Sunday, December 16, 2018.

The Competition will be held under the 2018 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2192.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2019, ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2019, ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2019 and ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2019.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, December, 13:	16.00 18.00	Team leaders' Meeting, Thialf Lounge, 2 nd floor Opening draw, Thialf Lounge, 2 nd floor
Friday, December, 14:	16.00	Mass Start Semi-Finals (depending on amount of entries)
Saturday, December, 15:	10.30 14.45	Division B: 500m Ladies 1.500m Men 1.500m Ladies 500m Men Division A: 500m Ladies 1.500m Men 1.500m Ladies 500m Men Mass Start Final Men Mass Start Final Ladies
Sunday, December, 16:	9.00 14.00	Division B: 1.000m Ladies 1.000m Men 3.000m Ladies 5.000m Men Division A: 1.000m Ladies 1.000m Men 3.000m Ladies 5.000m 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.

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the Ice Stadium Thialf, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Heerenveen. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside warm-up lane is 4 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2192, paragraph 3.1.3.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or <http://isu.events/login.php>

Preliminary entries, giving the estimated number of Competitors & substitutes and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be submitted at the latest by Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must be submitted at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on Monday, December 10, 2018 (see also ISU Communication No. 2192, paragraph 3.1.1).

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 Communications No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communications.

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.

According to ISU Communication No. 2192, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are

	ISU Member	LADIES				ISU Member	MEN				ISU Member
		500	1000	1500	3000 5000		500	1000	1500	5000 10000	
1.	AUS	1	1	1	1	AUS	2	2	1	1	AUS
2.	AUT	2	2	2	1	AUT	1	1	1	1	AUT
3.	BEL	1	1	1	2	BEL	1	2	2	2	BEL
4.	BLR	1	1	1	2	BLR	2	2	1	1	BLR
5.	CAN	4	3	4	4	CAN	5	4	5	4	CAN
6.	CHN	4	4	3	3	CHN	3	1	1	1	CHN
7.	TPE	2	2	2	1	TPE	1	1	1	1	TPE
8.	CZE	2	2	3	3	CZE	1	1	1	1	CZE
9.	DEN	1	1	1	1	DEN	1	1	1	2	DEN
10.	EST	1	1	1	2	EST	1	1	1	1	EST
11.	FIN	2	1	1	1	FIN	3	2	1	1	FIN
12.	FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	1	2	FRA
13.	GER	3	1	3	4	GER	3	3	2	3	GER
14.	ITA	2	3	2	2	ITA	1	1	3	4	ITA
15.	JPN	5	5	4	5	JPN	4	3	4	3	JPN
16.	LAT	1	1	1	1	LAT	1	2	2	2	LAT
17.	KAZ	2	2	1	1	KAZ	2	3	1	2	KAZ
18.	KOR	5	3	2	2	KOR	4	4	3	3	KOR
19.	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	NED
20.	NOR	2	4	3	4	NOR	4	3	5	4	NOR
21.	NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	2	2	NZL
22.	POL	1	2	4	2	POL	4	4	4	1	POL
23.	RUS	5	5	5	4	RUS	4	4	5	4	RUS
24.	SWE	1	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	1	2	SWE
25.	SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	1	2	SUI
26.	USA	4	3	4	3	USA	2	5	4	1	USA

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance. All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 2192, paragraph 3.1.2.

COMPETITION FORMAT AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE MASS START EVENTS

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 253, paragraph 4 b) in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2192, paragraphs 4.3 and 5.6, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2195 or any further updates.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2192, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event, World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2192, paragraphs 6 and 7.2 accordingly.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications Nos. 1922 and 2117 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday December 10, 2018. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday December 13, 2018.

Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

LIABILITY

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

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel(s) will be as follows (including all taxes):

Single Room occupancy: € 72,50 - € 142,50 per person per night. Prices including meals and drinks.

Double Room occupancy; € 62,50 - € 99,25 per person per night. Prices including meals and drinks.

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the teams in the following hotels:

- a. Hotel Golden Tulip Tjaarda at Oranjewoud, phone +31(0) 513 433533, fax +31(0) 513 433599, e-mail: info@tjaarda.nl
- b. Fletcher Hotel Heidehof at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 630200, fax +31(0) 513 630201, e-mail: info@hotelheidehof.nl
- c. Hotel van der Valk at Wolvega, phone +31(0) 561 692800, fax +31(0) 561 692805, e-mail: info@wolvega.valk.nl
- d. Holland Inn Hotel at Wolvega, phone +31(0) 561 618847, fax +31(0) 561 618591, e-mail: hotelwolvega@gmail.com
- e. Huis ten Wolde at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 535400, e-mail: info@huizenwolde.nl
- f. Hotel van der Valk at Sneek, phone +31(0) 515 481818, fax +31(0) 515 481808, e-mail: info@sneek.valk.com
- g. Fletcher Hotel de Eese at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 511452, e-mail: sales@hoteldeese.nl
- h. Hajé Hotel at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 618618, e-mail: heerenveen@haje.nu

Payment: only by invoice. Every country will receive their invoice in the week of the tournament. Payment has to be done within two weeks.

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

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations less than 5 days before arrival: 100% for the first 2 days, then 50% for the remaining days.

TRANSPORTATION

There is a direct railway connection from Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol to Heerenveen. Arriving at Heerenveen railway station, please send a message a week for the tournament to Ms. Michelle Karemaker, e-mail: michelle@houseofsports.nl for transportation to the hotel. On request bus transportation from Schiphol Airport to Heerenveen and after this competition back to the Airport, can be arranged, only on Monday, December 10 and Monday, December 17. For further information on this, please send a.s.a.p. a message to Ms. Michelle Karemaker, e-mail: michelle@houseofsports.nl Shuttle bus service will be available for transportation between hotels and the ice rink from Monday, December 10, 2018.

Information about the date and time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials must be submitted via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

If you have questions about the transport, please call telephone number +31(0)6 4656 6799. This number is available from Monday, December 10, 2018 till Monday, December 17. Time: 09:00 – 17:30 hours. Please note that a second or different transportation number will be communicated before arrival in Heerenveen.

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ACCREDITATIONS

The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Additional fee of €50,00 for each extra accreditation must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or KNSB at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website(s):

https://live.isuresults.eu/events/2019_NED_0001/schedule

<https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2018/12/isu-world-cup-4-english/>