



ISU European Speed Skating Championships
Heerenveen Netherlands
January 10 – 12, 2020

Media Information



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Carl Mureau (KNSB) looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU European Speed Skatings Championships at Heerenveen, the Netherlands. The event will be held at the Thialf Ice Stadium, Pim Mulierlaan 1, Heerenveen from January 10 – 12, 2020.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Heerenveen 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 and press tribune will be open on January 10, 2020.

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Media Accreditation

All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (www.isu.org) under «[Media Accreditation](#)».

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only.

Writing press, photographers, non-right holding media and freelancers

- **Writing Press** (newspaper, magazine, internet, agencies and ISU Member Federations): maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)
- **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 capacity. The Organizing Committee (OC) and ISU reserve the right to refuse any accreditation should the number of applications exceed given space or if any requested information / documentation has not been provided in due time.

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **Friday, January 3, 2020**. All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information can be requested:

1. Endorsement Letter in .pdf, .jpg, .png or .jpeg
2. Copy of current professional media or journalist card in .pdf, .jpg, .png, .jpeg
3. ID photo in .pdf, .jpg, .png or .jpeg

Rights holding TV and radio

All right holding media must also apply for accreditation via OMAS. Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team media@isu.ch in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster via Carl Mureau: c.mureau@knsb.nl

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.

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.

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Media Facilities at the venue

The Press Centre in Thialf Ice Stadium (Pim Mulierlaan 1, Heerenveen) is provided with work desks, 220V power, wireless internet and TV screens. We have no lockers.

Media Tribune

There are about 40 tabled positions (with electric power, 220V) plus a number of non-tabled seats at the Media Tribune. At the media stand there is also wireless internet.

Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition. It is located at the athletes' tunnel that leads to the center of the Ice Rink.

Material Available

- [Press Releases](#): To receive ISU Press Releases please subscribe here
- [Media Guide](#)
- Image Gallery: Pictures are available in [News Items](#) with credit as mentioned
- Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Weibo](#)
- Hashtags: #SpeedSkating

Media Accommodation

The OC has no media accommodation available. For hotels please go to www.booking.com or [comparable websites](#). In and around Heerenveen there are many hotels and bed & breakfasts.

Transport to Dordrecht

From airport Schiphol to Heerenveen you can take the train, which will take approximately 2 hours. A one-way ticket costs about €25 per person. There are several options. Find them at www.ns.nl or download the NS Reisplanner app (for [Apple](#) or [Android](#)).

Competition information

Schedule (provisional):

Friday 10 January

Start program: 18:30 hrs

Start races: 19:30 hrs

Distances: 1500m Ladies | 1500m Men | Team Sprint Ladies | Team Sprint Men

Saturday 11 January

Start program: 12:40 hrs

Start races: 13:40 hrs

Distances: 500m Ladies | 500m Men | 3000m Ladies | 5000m Men

Sunday 12 January

Start program: 13:15 hrs

Start races: 14:15 hrs

Distances: Team Sprint Ladies & Men | 1000m Ladies | 1000m Men | Mass Start L&M

Updated information can be found at schaatsen.nl.

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