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On behalf of US Speedskating the Pettit National Ice Center has the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

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which will be held in Milwaukee, USA from January 31-February 2, 2020

PROGRAM

Thursday, January 30, 2020	17:00	Medical Meeting, Crowne Plaza
	18:00	Team leaders Meeting, Crowne Plaza
	19:00	Opening Draw, Crowne Plaza
Friday, January 31, 2020	14:15	Opening Ceremony
	14:30	500m Ladies
		500m Men
		3000m Ladies
		5000m Men
		Team Sprint Ladies
Team Sprint Men		
Saturday, February 1, 2020	13:00	1500m Ladies
		1500m Men
		Mass Start Ladies
		Mass Start Men
Sunday, February 2, 2020	13:00	1000m Ladies
		1000m Men
		Team Pursuit Ladies
		Team Pursuit Men

REGULATIONS

The ISU Four Continents Single Distance Speed Skating Championships 2020 will be held in accordance with the 2018 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 2285.

Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to a Non-European ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 3) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 2285.

TRACK

The Pettit National Ice Center is an indoor artificially frozen ice rink with a standard track of 400 meters and inner and outer curves with radii of 26 and 30 meters respectively. The width of the inside training track is 4 meters.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the individual/team races will bear the titles: "Lady Four Continents Speed Skating Champion ___ for 2020" and "Four Continents Speed Skating Champion ___ for 2020", respectively. All winners will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters or teams placed second and third will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals, respectively. See Rule 133, paragraph a).

Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2218, or any further update of this Communication.

ENTRIES

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

Entries for the ISU Four Continents Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2020 will only be accepted for Skaters who have reached the qualifying times for the event concerned, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2285, paragraph 4.2.1.

Four Continents ISU Members may enter a maximum of three (3) Skaters in each individual distance, except for Mass Start Ladies and Mass Start Men where the maximum entry quotas per Four Continents ISU Member is two (2). The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member will be announced by the ISU following the results of the qualifying competitions (ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions held in November and December 2019), in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.5, and ISU Communication No. 2285.

The total number of Competitors for each distance will be limited as follows:

500 meters Ladies and Men	20 Skaters
1000 meters Ladies and Men	20 Skaters
1500 meters Ladies and Men	20 Skaters
3000 meters Ladies and 5000 meters Men	16 Skaters
Mass Start Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
Team Pursuit Ladies and Team Pursuit Men	6 Teams
Team Sprint Ladies and Team Sprint Men	6 Teams

The Preliminary entry with 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 communicated to the Organizing Committee at the latest by January 13, 2020 (See Rule 208, paragraph 1.1.1). Please include the email address of the Team Leader traveling with the team for further communication purpose.

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and substitute(s) available to compete (maximum one (1) substitute can be entered for each event), as well as the names of the Team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is requested must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 20:00 (local time) on Monday January 27, 2020 (See Rule 208, paragraph 1.1.2). Each ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Ladies and 10 Men (substitutes included).

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 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, 208 and ISU Communications No. 1628 and 1797.

CITIZENSHIP/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.

DRAWING

The drawing will be made in accordance with Rules 239, 240 (paragraph 5) and 242.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 2213 and 2243 or any further updates of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, US Speedskating and the Pettit National Ice Center Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with this Championship. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, January 27, 2020. Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours. Trial starts will be organised on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

Trial starts will be organised on Thursday, January 30 from 14:30 – 16:00.

Monday, Jan 27: 14:30-16:30

Tuesday, Jan 28: 9:30-11:00 and 14:30-16:00

Wednesday, Jan 29: 9:30-11:00 and 14:30-16:00

Thursday, Jan 30: 9:30-11:00 and 14:30-16:00

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Thursday, January 30 until lunch on Monday, February 3, 2020 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships (not for the substitutes) and 1 Team leader or coach for each ISU Member. Expenses of other Skaters and officials (i.e. reserves, substitutes, coaches, other team staff members and accompanying persons) other than those mentioned above, and expenses before or after the period mentioned above, will be at the expense of the respective country. A prepayment of 50% of rooms not covered by the Organizing Committee (i.e. additional nights; rooms for additional coaches, medical staff and other team officials, etc.) is due to the Pettit Center by January 3, 2020. Remaining balance due upon arrival. Alternatively, teams may request a deposit invoice be sent in order to generate a wire transfer of funds to hold rooms. The meal plan will start on day of arrival (earliest Monday, January 27) with dinner and ends on Monday, February 3 with lunch.

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events. Accommodation requests have to be made no later than January 3, 2020. All unused room blocks will be released back to the hotel as of January 4, 2020 a day after the hotel cut-off date. Rates and availability cannot be guaranteed after this date.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the:

Crowne Plaza Milwaukee West
10499 W Innovation Drive
Wauwatosa, WI
53226
USA

Hotel prices:

Single room with full board (per night for one person) - US\$ 203.65 including tax and ALL meals and drinks

Double room with full board (per night for two persons) - US\$ 282.30 including tax and ALL meals and drinks

Payment: Wire transfer, cash in US Dollar or major credit card. A 50% down payment of anticipated rooms will have to be made no later than January 20 to guarantee availability of the desired rooms.

Please contact Kevin Butler at kbutler@thepettit.com for a preliminary invoice.

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System.

Cancellation policy: Teams who do not arrive on their scheduled date or cancel rooms less than 7 days prior to arrival will be charged 100% for unused reserved rooms and meals. Teams booking rooms outside of the official host hotel block will not receive any services from the Organizing Committee.

Wire Transfer Information:

Bank Name: Town Bank

Account name: Pettit National Ice Center, Inc.

Account Number: 158304

Routing Number: 075917843

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation on Monday, January 27 and Monday, February 3 from and to General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee to Crowne Plaza. Teams and team officials arriving outside those dates and/or do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service.

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel and the ice-rink from Monday, January 27 afternoon to Sunday, February 2 after conclusion of competition.

The Organizing Committee must be informed via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events about the exact date, time of arrival and departure, flight number and number of Competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by January 13, 2020.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact US Speedskating if you need a letter of invitation. For the letter of invitation please provide the following information in excel format:

- First Name, Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Function (athlete, coach, doctor etc.)
- Passport number, date of expiration, date and place of issuance

Contact Person:

Marion Wohlrab

mwohlab@usspeedskating.org

Please submit all this information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

ACCREDITATIONS

A color picture must be sent to the OC for each team member for preliminary printing of the accreditation (*.jpg format, size 35 per 44 mm, white background) no later than January 8, 2020. Failure to submit will result in accreditation without photo. The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, shuttle transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. An additional fee of US\$ 50 for each extra accreditation must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be addressed to:

Organizing Committee: Pettit National Ice Center
500 S. 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Carolyn Spiewak - cspiewak@thepettit.com
Marion Wohlrab - mwohlab@usspeedskating.org

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System <https://www.isu.org/media-centre/accreditations/media>. Information for the media will be available on the [ISU website](#) in due time.

For further information, contact the OC Press Officer:

Media Committee: Pettit National Ice Center
500 S. 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Kevin Butler - <mailto:kbutler@thepettit.com>
Peri Kinder - <mailto:pkinder@usspeedskating.org>

WEBSITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:

www.usspeedskating.org

www.speedskatingresults.com

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website:

http://live.isureresults.eu/events/2020_USA_0001/schedule

ISU "INSIDE EVENTS" MOBILE APPLICATION

Daily information, link to results and changes in schedules (race, training, transportation, etc.) will be communicated to the teams on the board of the Team Hotel as well as on the ISU "Inside Events" mobile application.

This mobile application makes the information delivery faster, contains all relevant information for participants, reduce paper needs and notify participants in case of any changes or urgencies through push notification possibilities.

The "Inside Events" app is available free of charge on Android and Apple systems and is compatible with both tablets and smartphones. It can be downloaded with the below QR codes or directly on the app stores.

Each ISU Event will have its own unique password that will be provided on site to participating Athletes, Officials, and Team Delegations.



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