

**ISU** WORLD SPEED SKATING  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**



# ANNOUNCEMENT

**HEERENVEEN, NED**

**Thialf**

**11-14 February, 2021**



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On behalf of the KNSB, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the



# WORLD SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS<sup>®</sup> 2021

which will be held in Heerenveen, Netherlands on February 11-14, 2021

## PROGRAM

Wednesday, February 10, 2021	17:30	Online Team Leaders Meeting via MS Teams in combination with the online draw <i>Invitation will be sent in due time</i>
Thursday, February 11, 2021	14:50	3000m Ladies 5000m Men
Friday, February 12, 2021	15:10	Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men 500m Men 500m Ladies
Saturday, February 13, 2021	13:45	Semi-Finals Mass Start Ladies Semi-Finals Mass Start Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men Final Mass Start Ladies Final Mass Start Men
Sunday, February 14, 2021	12:35	1500m Ladies 1500m Men 5000m Ladies 10 000m Men

## REGULATIONS

The ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2021 (Single Distances & Team Pursuit) will be held in accordance with the 2018 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU), relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 2361, Guidelines for ISU Events During the COVID-19 Pandemic and all Health Regulations guidelines edited and released by House of Sports.

Participation in the Championships is open to Skaters who belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1) that has been allocated quota place(s) for the Championships, and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 2361.

## TRACK

Thialf 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 title "World Speed Skating Champion \_\_\_\_ for 2021". 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](http://www.isu.org), section Speed Skating or at <http://isu.events/login.php>

Entries for the ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2021 will only be accepted for Skaters who have reached the qualifying times for the event concerned, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2361.

Quota places for ISU Members will be allocated for each distance/competition according to results from the World Single Distances Championships 2020 and a special qualification ranking list ("SQRL time ranking") as per Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2, based on the best results achieved in World Cup competitions counting as Qualifying

events for the World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2020 and in World Cup competitions held during the season 2020/21.

For the Mass Start the "SQRL points ranking" will be compiled by applying the maximum number of World Cup points achieved by a Skater in one single World Cup race.

The following quota places are pre-allocated based on the results from the World Single Distances Championships 2020:

- 500, 1000 and 1500 m (Ladies and Men): 14
- 3000 m Ladies and 5000 m Men: 12
- 5000 m Ladies and 10000 m Men: 6
- Team Pursuit (Ladies and Men): 6
- Mass Start (Ladies and Men): 12

The remaining quota places will be allocated according the "SQRL time/points ranking" as defined above. For ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places their best ranked Skaters for the SQRL rankings corresponding to the number of these pre-allocated quota places will be disregarded for the further allocation of quota places. Rejected pre-allocated quota places will be reallocated according to the SQRL rankings. Thus, if some Members will not use their pre-allocated quotas, these will be added to the quota places to be allocated by SQRL ranking.

Since 5000m for Ladies and 10000m for Men will not be skated at ISU World Cup Competitions in January 2021, all quota places are pre-allocated based on the qualification races from last season 2019/20.

ISU Members without a quota place will be considered with priority for reserve quota places based on 3000m respectively 5000m results at ISU World Cup Competitions held in Heerenveen in January 2021.

The concerned ISU Members shall declare their interest to ISU not later than 27 January 2021.

Pre-allocated quotas are shown in Annex#1 of ISU Communication No. 2361. Members should confirm use of pre-allocated quotas before **February 1, 2021**.

Maximum number of Skater per Member per distances/competitions are (Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.1):

- 3 Skaters for each of the: 500, 1000, 1500 (Ladies and Men), 3000 (Ladies) & 5000 (Men);
- 2 Skaters for each of the: 5000 (Ladies), 10000 (Men), Mass Start (Ladies and Men);
- 1 team for the Team Pursuit.

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 **February 1, 2021**.

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes (maximum 1 per 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 12:00 noon (local time) on **February 8, 2021** (See Rule 208, paragraph 1.1.2). If an ISU Member would like to make use of an allocated reserve quota place for an event, then this shall be indicated by including a substitute for the event concerned.

**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 and 208

#### **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 drawings will be made in accordance with Rule 240, paragraph 5

#### **ANTI-DOPING CONTROL**

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 Nos. 2344 and 2366, or any further update of these Communications.

## **LIABILITY**

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, KNSB and the 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.

## **FACE MASKS**

No advertising marking is allowed on face masks. Face masks may display one (1) manufacturer trademark/identification of maximum 8cm<sup>2</sup>. In addition, ISU Member's name and/or abbreviation and/or national flag and/or Skater's name may be displayed on the face mask. Please also refer to the documents 'Health Regulations for the participating Teams' and 'Overview' released by House of Sports.

## **TRAINING TIMES**

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday 1 February 2021 from 09:00 until 14:00. A more detailed training schedule including the use of power/strength facilities will be sent out as soon as possible.

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

Trial starts will take place upon request on Wednesday February 10. Competitors must register before Tuesday 9 January at [oc@houseofsports.nl](mailto:oc@houseofsports.nl).

## **BOARD AND LODGING**

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Wednesday February 10, 2021 until lunch on Monday February 15, 2021 (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. coaches, other team staff members) other than those mentioned above, and expenses before or after the period mentioned above, will be at their own expense.

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating events not later than February 1, 2021.

## **OFFICIAL HOTEL**

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

Van der Valk Hotel Wolvega  
Address: Atalanta 10, 8472 CA Wolvega  
E-mail: [wolvega@valk.nl](mailto:wolvega@valk.nl)  
Website: <https://www.hotelwolvega.nl/>

Van der Valk Hotel Sneek  
Address: Burgemeester Rasterhofflaan 1, 8606 KZ Sneek  
E-mail: [info@sneek.valk.com](mailto:info@sneek.valk.com)  
Website: <https://www.hotelsneek.nl/>

Van der Valk Hotel Emmeloord  
Address: Het Hooiveld 9, 8302 AE Emmeloord  
E-mail: [emmeloord@valk.nl](mailto:emmeloord@valk.nl)  
Website: <https://www.hotelemmeloord.nl/>

For hotel prices and cancellation policy, please refer to the document 'Hotel Setup' released by House of Sports.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Please read the documents for the ISU Competition Bubble.

The Organizing Committee must be informed via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events about the date and time of arrival and departure of the Competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by **February 1, 2021**.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Organizing Committee if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

- Name as in passport
- Date of birth
- Passport number
- Expiry date passport
- Function (athlete, coach, physio)

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).

Only the following number of Team Officials can receive an accreditation:

Type	Number of accreditations per Competition
Team Leader	1 accreditation
Coaches, medical & technical staff	1 competitor* - 1 accreditation
	2 to 3 competitors - 2 accreditations
	4 to 6 competitors - 3 accreditations
	7 to 9 competitors - 4 accreditations
	10 to 11 competitors - 5 accreditations
	12-13 competitors - 6 accreditations
	14-15 competitors - 7 accreditations
	16-17 competitors - 8 accreditations
	18-19 competitors - 9 accreditations
	20-21 competitors - 10 accreditations
..etc.	

\* Competitor = competing skater (substitutes excluded)

## THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be addressed to:

### Organizing Committee

Phone: +31(0) 20 4969 9173

e-mail: oc@houseofsports.nl

Contact person: Michelle Karemaker

## 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 accreditation

Mr. C. Mureau

Press officer KNSB

Phone: +31(0) 8848 92 000

Mob.: +31(0) 6 5574 7998

e-mail: c.mureau@knsb.nl

## WEB SITE

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

<https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2021/2/isu-wk-afstanden/>

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

[https://app.isuresults.eu/events/2021\\_NED\\_0005/schedule](https://app.isuresults.eu/events/2021_NED_0005/schedule)

## **ISU “INSIDE EVENTS” MOBILE APPLICATION**

Daily information, 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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