



WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING



ANNOUNCEMENT

HEERENVEEN - The Netherlands
Thialf

12 - 13 March 2022

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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 FINAL

SPEED SKATING

2021/22

which will be held at the Thialf Stadium
in Heerenveen, The Netherlands
on 12-13 March 2022

The Competition will be held under the 2021 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating, ISU Communication No. 2425 and Guidelines for ISU Events During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ISU COVID-GUIDELINES

All participating teams MUST follow the ISU COVID-19 Guideline for the event: [file \(isu.org\)](https://www.isu.org)
Additional detailed COVID-19 protocol will be described in Team Information (ISU Event App).

PROGRAM:

Friday March 11:	16:30	Team leaders' Meeting, virtual
	17:30	Medical Meeting, virtual
	18:00	Opening draw, virtual

Saturday, March 12:	13:00 – 16:55*	Ladies	500m (1)
		Men	500m (1)
		Ladies	1500m
		Men	1000m
		Men	5000m

Sunday, March 13:	13:10-18:15*	Ladies	500m (2)
		Men	500m (2)
		Ladies	3000m
		Men	1500m
		Ladies	1000m
		Men	Mass Start final
		Ladies	Mass Start final

*Estimated ending time.

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at 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. In accordance with Rule 228 a protective inflatable padding system will be installed around the track.

ENTRIES

Entries for these competitions will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2425, paragraph 3.1.

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> and respecting the following deadlines:

Preliminary entries	February 18, 2022
Accommodation Request (final)	February 27, 2022
Arrival & Departure	March 1, 2022
Accreditation Request for Team Officials	March 1, 2022
Final Entries	March 7, 2022– 12.00 noon (local time)

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. 2425, the entry quotas for this competition are restricted in accordance with paragraph 3.1.4.

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. 2425, 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. 2425, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event, World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2425, paragraphs 6 and 7.2 accordingly.

ANTI-DOPING

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).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from March 8, 09:00 hrs. Trial starts will be organized on Friday March 11, 2022 and can be booked via OC@houseofsports.nl before March 8.

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

ISU Members may ask for changes in the training schedule latest by February 25, 2022. Decisions on changes' request will be taken by the Organizing Committee in consultation with the ISU.

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.

FACE MASKS

No advertising marking is allowed on face masks. Face masks may display one (1) manufacturer trademark/identification of maximum 8cm². 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.

ACCOMMODATION/OFFICIAL HOTELS

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and Team Officials.

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the Hotel Van der Valk Wolvega (Atalanta 10, 8472 CA Wolvega) and Hotel Van der Valk Sneek (Burgemeester Rasterhofflaan 1, 8606 KZ Sneek).

Due to COVID-19 measures it is not possible to stay at another hotel. The OC and Van der Valk will do their utmost best to service you at the highest level.

Hotel prices:

Single room with full board (meals & drinks) for 1 person - €140,- / \$164,- *

Double room with full board (meals & drinks) for 2 persons - €190,- / \$222,- *

** Price in Euro is fixed. US Dollar depending on Euro exchange currency.*

Cancellation policy:

Cancellation is free of charge until February 27, 2022.

Cancellation between February 27, 2022 – March 6, 2022 is charged with 15% fee.

Cancellation after March 6, 2022 is charged with 30% fee.

All additional costs must be paid at check out. Any additional costs such as laundry / drinks / additional costs can be paid by credit card.

Mentioned rates are incl. VAT and excl. tourist tax. The tourist tax in Van der Valk Sneek is €1,25 per person per night, and in Van der Valk Wolvega it is €3,- per room per night.

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

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation by Van der Valk, from March 7, 2022 to March 14, 2022 from and to the Schiphol Airport, at participating Teams' expense. A special low-rate will be agreed upon based on the Teams' travel details. Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service.

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotels and the ice-rink from Tuesday March 8, 2022.

The Organizing Committee must be informed via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events about the travel details of the Competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by March 6, 2022.

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.

VISA REQUIREMENTS & COVID-19 PANDEMIC ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the KNSB if you need an invitation letter for the visa.

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

Furthermore, please note that all information regarding the Covid-19 pandemic-related travel & access restrictions/arrangements will be available in the ISU Events app and on the following website:

<https://www.rivm.nl/en/coronavirus-covid-19/current-information>

or

<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/checklist-entry>

and by contacting the OC via oc@houseofsports.nl.

ACCREDITATIONS

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:

Phone: +31 20 4969 9173

E-mail: oc@houseofsports.nl

Contact person: Michelle Karemaker

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation requests for the ISU World Cup Final 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:

Mobile: +31 65 5747998

E-mail: c.mureau@knsb.nl

Contact person: Mr. Carl Mureau

WEBSITE

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

www.isu.org

www.schaatsen.nl

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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