EUROPEAN SPEED SKATING

ISU CHAMPIONSHIPS

HEERENVEEN 2024

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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

ISU EUROPEAN SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2024

which will be held in Heerenveen, Netherlands on January 5-7, 2024

PROGRAM

Thursday, January 4, 2024	16:00	Team leaders Meeting, virtual (MS Teams)
	TBC	Medical Meeting, (TBC)
	18:00	Opening Draw, virtual (MS Teams)
Friday, January 5, 2024	19:29	Opening Ceremony
	19:35 – 22:17*	Team Sprint Women Team Pursuit Men 3000m Women 1000m Men
Saturday, January 6, 2024	14:30 – 17:58*	Team Sprint Men 500m Women 5000m Men 1500m Women
Sunday, January 7, 2024	14:15- 17:57*	Team Pursuit Women 1500m Men 1000m Women 500m Men Mass Start Women Mass Start Men

** Estimated ending time*

REGULATIONS

The ISU European Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2024 will be held in accordance with the 2022 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU), and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 2591.
Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to a European ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 2) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 2591.

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. In accordance with Rue 228 a protective moveable padding system will be installed around the track.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the individual/team races will bear the title: “European ___ Speed Skating Champion for 2024”. 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. 2516, or any further update of this Communication.

ENTRIES

Entries for the ISU European Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2024 will only be accepted for Skaters who have reached the qualifying times for the event concerned, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2591, paragraph 4.2.1.

The maximum number of entries for an ISU Member will be 10 Skaters per gender in total (substitutes included).
European ISU Members may enter a maximum of three (3) Skaters in each individual distance, except for Mass Start Women and Mass Start Men where the maximum entry quotas per European 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 2023), in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4, and ISU Communication No. 2591.
The total number of Competitors for each distance will be limited as follows:

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

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 https://ssk-entries.isu.org/ and respecting the following deadlines:

Preliminary entries incl. Accreditation Request for Team Officials	**December 4, 2023**
Accommodation Request	**December 18, 2023**
Arrival & Departure / Transportation Requests	**December 18, 2023**
Final Entries	**January 1, 2024 – 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 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. 2526, 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

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.

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday 1 January. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday January 4, 2024.
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 December 22, 2023. Decisions on changes' request will be taken by the Organizing Committee in consultation with the ISU.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Thursday, January 4 until lunch on Monday, January 8, 2024 (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 their own expense.

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

OFFICIAL HOTEL

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

Hotel I: Van Der Valk Wolvega (15 min)*
Hotel II: Van Der Valk Sneek (20 min)*
* The Organizing Committee and Hotel Manager will divide the Teams over the needed hotels.

Hotel prices, incl. VAT and excl. tourist tax:

Single room with full board (meals & drinks) for 1 person - €165* per room per night
Double room with full board (meals & drinks) for 2 persons - €234,50* per room per night.

*Price in Euro is fixed. Foreign currency depending on Euro exchange rate.

Cancellation policy:
*- **Deadline 18.12.23.***
- *Preliminary number of rooms per team.*
  - *Upon final order, the hotel will send a pre-payment invoice for 80% of the reservation value. This invoice must be paid no later than 01.01.24.*
  - *In case of cancellation, the price difference will be refunded to the account.*
- *If your federation wants to pay in cash or credit card upon check in please inform the OC.*
- *If the payment obligation is not met, payment is mandatory upon check in.*
- *Cancellation between 18.12.23 – 01.01.24 charged with 15% fee.*

*- **Deadline January.01.24.***
- *Final reservation;*
  - *Final number of rooms per team;*
  - *Final list of names per team.*
- *Final 20% of the payment can be made upon check-in or will be invoice upon request'*
- *Cancellation after 01.01.24 charged with 30% fee.*

All additional costs must be paid at check out.
Any additional costs such as laundry / drinks / transfers can be paid by most major credit cards and cash in Euro.

Payment (before check-in): Via invoice or cash in Euro or credit card (all CC accepted)

Accommodation requests can only be made directly with the Organizing Committee via the OES (https://ssk-entries.isu.org/login)

TRANSPORTATION

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel(s) and the ice-rink from Monday 1 January, 2024.

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 Monday December 18, 2023.

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation by Van der Valk, from Monday January 1, 2024 to Monday January 8, 2024 from and to the Schiphol Airport, at the participating Teams' expense. A special low-rate will be agreed upon based on the Teams's travel details.

(A price estimate is €195,- in total per ride (up to a maximum of 6 persons per ride). Groups with 30 persons or more will be transferred with a coach/touring car service at a rate of €695,- per ride. Prices are excluding taxes and including fuel.)

Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service. 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. A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotels and the ice-rink starting Monday January 1, 2024.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

- First name;
- Last name;
- Passport number;
- Date of birth.

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

To facilitate immigration procedures all Event participants (Skaters, Team staff, Officials) need to present a personal invitation letter for the Event on arrival in The Netherlands. Personal information as specified above for Visa application must therefore be submitted to the OC not later than November 1, 2023.

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.
ISU Member Officials** (No access to athletes zone)	Up to maximum 3 accreditations

* Competitor = competing skater (substitutes excluded)

** President, Vice Presidents, CEO, General Secretary, Managers, etc.

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. A fee of EUR 250 for each extra Team Officials/Federation Officials accreditation must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be addressed to:

Phone: +31 20 4969 9173
E-mail: oc@houseofsports.nl
Contact person: Fleur de Bouter

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:

Phone: +31651130659
E-mail: H.nieuwenburg@knsb.nl
Contact person: Hans Nieuwenburg

WEB SITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:
https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2024/1/isu-ek-afstanden/

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website:
https://live.isuresults.eu/events/2024_NED_0001/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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