

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING



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ANNOUNCEMENT

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On behalf of the Norwegian Skating Association and Stavanger Sandnes Skating Club
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

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2023/24

which will be held at the Vår Energi Arena Sørmarka
in Stavanger, Norway
on *December 01-03, 2023*

The Competition will be held under the 2022 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2587.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2024, ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2024, ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024, Single Distances & Team Competitions format, ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024, Sprint & Allround Combinations format.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, November 30:	16:00 TBC 18:00	Team Leaders Meeting, Online Medical Meeting, TBC Opening draw, Online
Friday, December 01:	16:25* 20:00	Division B: MS Women MS Men 1000 Women 1000 Men Division A: 1000 Women 1000 Men MS Women MS Men
Saturday, December 02:	09:30* 14:30	Division B: 500 Men 1500 Women 10000 Men Division A: 500 Men 1500 Women 10000 Men
Sunday, December 03:	10:40* 14:30	Division B: 1500 Men 500 Women 5000 Women Division A: 1500 Men 500 Women 5000 Women TS Men TS Women

* The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced during the Online Team leaders' meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results) for determining the awarding of World Cup points and prize money.

TRACK

Vår Energi Arena Sørmarka 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 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. 2587, paragraph 3.1.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on <https://ssk-entries.isu.org/> and respecting the following deadlines:

Preliminary entries & Accommodation booking	October 10, 2023
Accreditation request for Team Officials	October 13, 2023
Transportation booking	October 28, 2023
Final Entries	November 27, 2023 – 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. 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.

According to ISU Communication No. 2587, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

#	ISU Member	WOMEN				ISU Member	MEN				ISU Member
		500	1000	1500	3000 5000		500	1000	1500	5000 10000	
1.	AUT	2	2	2	1	AUT	1	1	2	1	AUT
2.	BEL	2	2	2	2	BEL	2	2	3	2	BEL
3.	CAN	5	5	5	5	CAN	5	5	4	4	CAN
4.	CHN	4	4	4	4	CHN	4	4	4	2	CHN
5.	CZE	1	1	3	3	CZE	1	1	1	1	CZE
6.	DEN	1	1	1	1	DEN	1	1	1	2	DEN
7.	ESP	2	1	1	1	ESP	2	2	1	1	ESP
8.	EST	1	1	1	1	EST	2	2	1	1	EST
9.	FIN	1	1	1	1	FIN	1	1	2	1	FIN
10.	FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	1	2	FRA
11.	GBR	2	2	2	1	GBR	1	2	1	1	GBR
12.	GER	2	2	2	4	GER	3	4	3	4	GER
13.	HUN	1	1	1	2	HUN	1	1	1	1	HUN
14.	ITA	1	1	2	2	ITA	2	2	3	4	ITA
15.	JPN	5	4	5	5	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN
16.	KAZ	3	4	3	2	KAZ	2	3	3	3	KAZ
17.	KOR	4	4	3	3	KOR	4	3	3	3	KOR
18.	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	NED
19.	NOR	5*	5*	5*	5*	NOR	5*	5*	5	5	NOR
20.	NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	1	2	NZL
21.	POL	4	4	3	3	POL	4	4	1	2	POL
22.	ROU	1	2	1	1	ROU	1	1	1	1	ROU
23.	SUI	1	2	2	2	SUI	1	1	2	2	SUI
24.	SWE	1	1	1	2	SWE	1	1	1	1	SWE
25.	USA	5	5	5	3	USA	4	4	5	4	USA

* as hosting ISU Member

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance¹. All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 2587, paragraph 3.1.2.

¹ Reference is made to ISU Communication No. 2469, paragraph 2.a) according to which and until further notice, no individual belonging to the Russian Skating Union and Skating Union of Belarus shall be invited, entered and allowed to participate in International Competitions, ISU Championships and other ISU Events.

COMPETITION FORMAT AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE MASS START EVENTS

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 257 and Rule 265, paragraph 6 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2587, paragraph 5.6, with distances of 16 laps for both Women and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2584 or any further updates.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM SPRINT EVENTS

Team Sprint races will be skated according to Rule 256, paragraph 2 and Rule 265, paragraph 7 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2587, paragraphs 4.2 and 5.7, with teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 3 laps both for Women and for Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2584 or any further updates.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2587, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event, World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2587, 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 Monday, November 27, 2023. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, November 30, 2023 according to the training schedule published separately.

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 November 10, 2023. 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, the Norwegian Skating Association 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.

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials.

The cost of a room and meals at the official hotel(s) will be as follows (including all taxes):

Single Room occupancy: 1690 NOK (app.152 Euro) per room per night. Price including meals (full board) and drinks.

Double Room occupancy: 2490NOK (app.224 Euro) per room per night. Price including meals (full board) and drinks.

Cancellation policy:

50% of rooms can be cancelled with no cost before October 10, 2023.

10% of rooms can be cancelled with no cost before November 01, 2023.

One room per Team can be cancelled with no cost before November 16, 2023.

After November 16, 2023 no free cancellation.

Payment: invoice will be sent in advance. Teams have to pay the invoice before November 16, 2023. No check in without payment.

Accommodation requests can only be made via the [ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events](#)

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the teams in the following hotel:

Clarion Hotel Energy Stavanger

Telephone: +47 51 34 78 00

E-mail: cl.energy@strawberry.no

Address: Ishockeyveien 24021 Stavanger, Norge

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

TRANSPORTATION

[Stavanger International Airport](#) connects with several direct flights daily to Amsterdam, Copenhagen and London Heathrow airports. Between Stavanger and Oslo International Airport Gardermoen there are flight connections almost every hour. 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](#).

If your Team needs transportation organized by the Organizing Committee, please enter all details about arrival and departure into the [ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events](#). Transportation cost per person is 25 Euro (270NOK) one way. The Organizing Committee may group different teams arriving close to each other together in a bus, therefore short waiting times may occur.

There are public bus connections (travel time appr. 20 minutes) from and to the Stavanger International Airport for transportation to the hotel, every 30 minutes (Price 158 NOK per person from Stavanger Airport to Madlakrossen), [see detailed info here](#). There is app. 5 min walk from the bus stop "Madlakrossen" to the official hotel.

Taxi transfer is available at a cost of NOK 600 – 800 one way.

Car rental office is located at the airport. [See details here](#).

!NOTE: Parking at the hotel and at the ice rink will be self-paid.

A shuttle bus service will be available for transportation between the oval and the hotel from Monday, November 27, 2023 according to a transportation schedule posted separately in the ISU Event app.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

- Name and Surname
- Date of birth
- Passport number
- Date of issue
- Expiry date
- Function in the Team

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 Event participants (Skaters, Team staff, Officials) travelling from non-European countries need to present a personal invitation letter for the Event on arrival in Norway. Personal information as specified above for Visa application must therefore be submitted to the OC not later than November 01, 2023.

ACCREDITATIONS

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

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.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or the Norwegian Skating Association at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

Organizing Committee

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Norwegian Skating Association

Mr. Håkon Dahl

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Media accreditation

Mr. Vetle Stangeland

nsfspeedskatingmedia@gmail.com

WEBSITE

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following websites:

<https://isu.org/>

<https://www.skoyteforbundet.no/world-cup---stavanger-2023/>

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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