

# ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING



OBIHIRO, JAPAN  
NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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On behalf of the Japan Skating Federation,  
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

ISU WORLD CUP

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2023/24

which will be held at the Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval  
in Obihiro, Hokkaido  
on November 10-12, 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 (WC-1 to WC-4 only), ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2024 (WC-1 to WC-4 only), ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024, Single Distances & Team Competitions format, ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024, Sprint & Allround Combinations format.

**PROGRAM:**

Thursday, November 9:	16:00	Team leaders' Meeting, Online
	17:00	Medical Meeting, Online
	18:00	Opening draw, Online
Friday, November 10:	10:22	Division B: Women 500m Men 500m Women 1000m Men 1000m
	14:30	Division A: Women 500m Men 500m Women 1000m Men 1000m Women MS Men MS
	18:05	Division B: Women MS Men MS
Saturday, November 11:	10:20	Division B: Women 500m Men 1500m Women 1500m Men TP Women TP
	14:30	Division A: Women 500m Men 1500m Women 1500m Men TP Women TP
Sunday, November 12:	10:27	Division B: Men 500m Women 3000m Men 5000m
	14:30	Division A: Men 500m Women 3000m Men 5000m MGR

\* 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

Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval 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 5 meters. In accordance with Rue 228 a protective moveable 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 Request	<b>October 12, 2023</b>
Accreditation Request for Team Officials	<b>October 12, 2023</b>
Transportation Request	<b>October 12, 2023</b>
Hotel Prepayment	<b>October 26, 2023</b>
Final Entries	<b>November 06, 2023 – 12.00 noon (local time)</b>

**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	5*	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	3	2	3	4	NOR	4	4	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 distance<sup>1</sup>. 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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 PURSUIT EVENTS**

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 256, paragraph 1 and Rule 265, paragraph 5 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2587, paragraphs 4.2 and 5.7, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Women and 8 laps for Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2584 or any further updates.

### **COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE MIXED GENDER RELAY EVENTS**

Mixed Gender Relay races will be skated according to Rule 256, paragraph 3.4 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2587, paragraphs 4.2 and 5.7, with teams of 2 Skaters each (1 Woman and 1 Man), and with distances of 6 laps. 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 6, 2023. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, November 9 at 10:00.

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 *October 27, 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, Japan Skating Federation 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):

*Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro (ISU, Team)*

*Single Room occupancy: [22,000 JPY (approx.. 151USD)] per room per night.*

*Double Room occupancy; [39,000 JPY (approx.268USD)] per room per night.*

*\* Price including meals(breakfast, lunch, and dinner) and vat.*

*Hotel Grand Terrace Obihiro (Team)*

Single Room occupancy: [19,500 JPY (approx. 134USD)] per room per night.  
Double Room occupancy; [35,000 JPY (approx.240USD)] per room per night.  
\*Price including meals(breakfast, lunch, and dinner) and vat.

**Tokachi Gardens Hotel (Team)**

Single Room occupancy: [20,500 JPY (approx. 140USD)] per room per night.  
Double Room occupancy; [39,000 JPY (approx.268USD)] per room per night.  
\*Price including meals(breakfast, lunch, and dinner) and vat.

**APA Hotel Obihiro-Ekimae (Team)**

Single Room occupancy: [16,200 JPY (approx. 111USD)] per room per night.  
Double Room occupancy; [30,400 JPY (approx.208USD)] per room per night.  
\*Only breakfast and dinner are included and vat.

\*If you pay an additional 3,300 JPY (approx.23USD) , you can have lunch at a nearby official hotel.

**Cancellation policy:**

Two weeks before arrival : 20%  
One week before arrival : 50%  
One day before arrival or No-show : 100%

Payment: Cash in JPY or credit card [VISA, Master, AMEX, Diners].All payment must be done by October 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday.

Accommodation requests can only be made directly with the Organizing Committee.

**OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)**

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

**Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro**

13-1, Minami, Nishi 2-jo, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-0012, Japan  
Tel: +81-155-24-1234 Fax: +81-155-28-3553  
<https://www.jrhotels.co.jp/obihiro/english/>

**Hotel Grand Terrace Obihiro**

11-2, Minami, Nishi 1-jo, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-0011, Japan  
Tel: +81-155-27-0109 Fax: +81-155-27-1016  
<http://breezbay-group.com/hgt-obihiro/>

**Tokachi Gardens Hotel**

11-16, Minami, Nishi 2-jo, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-0012, Japan  
Tel: +81-155-26-5555 Fax: +81-155-21-0500  
<https://www.gardenshotel.jp/>

**APA Hotel Obihiro-Ekimae**

12-8, Minami, Nishi 1-jo, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-0011, Japan  
Tel: +81-155-23-5111 Fax: +81-155-23-5112  
[https://www.apahotel.com/hotel/hokkaido/08\\_obihiro-ekimae/](https://www.apahotel.com/hotel/hokkaido/08_obihiro-ekimae/)

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

**TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation will be arranged between New Chitose (Sapporo) International Airport and/or Obihiro Airport (Domestic) and the official hotels from Monday, November 6 until Monday, November 13, 2023. The travel expense will be 5,000 JPY (Approx. 35USD) per person (one way) by bus for every team member (\*1,500 JPY (Approx. 10USD) from/to Obihiro Airport). Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

Shuttle bus service will be operated between the official hotels and the ice rink during days of official training and competitions, starting from Monday, November 6, 2023.

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

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

- Name
- Function
- The embassy or consulate general office he/she will apply his/her visa
- Flight schedule to/from Japan
- Photocopy of the passport

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

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 at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

### Organizing Committee

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## WEBSITE

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

<https://wcss2023.jp>

## 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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