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ANNOUNCEMENT

#SPEEDSKATING





























On behalf of Speed Skating Canada, and Gestion événements de patinage de vitesse, we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING

2023/24

which will be held at the Centre de glaces Intact Assurance in Quebec City, Canada on February 2 to 4, 2024

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 World Speed Skating Championships 2024, Single Distances & Team Competitions format, ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024, Sprint & Allround Combinations format.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, February 1, 2024	16:30 17:30 18:30	Team leaders' Meeting, <i>in person</i> Medical Meeting, <i>virtual</i> Opening draw, <i>virtual</i>	
Friday, February 2, 2024	9:30 *	Division B Division B Division B Division B	1000m, Women 1000m, Men 3000m, Women 5000m, Men
	13:10	2	Opening Ceremony
	13:30	Division A Division A Division A Division A	1000m, Women 1000m, Men 3000m, Women 5000m, Men
Saturday, February 3, 2024	10:00 *	Division B Division B Division B Division B	1500m, Men 500m, Women 500m, Men Mass Start, Men
	14:30	Division A Division A Division A Division A Division A	1500m, Men 500m, Women 500m, Men Team Sprint, Women Mass Start, Men
Sunday, February 4, 2024	10:00 *	Division B Division B Division B Division B	1500m, Women 500m, Men 500m, Women Team Sprint, Men
	14:30	Division A Division A Division A Division A Division A	1500m, Women 500m, Men 500m, Women Team Sprint, Men Mass Start, Women

^{*} The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced during the 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

The Centre de glaces Intact Assurance 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 4.5 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	January 03, 2024
Accreditation Request for Team Officials	January 03, 2024
Transportation Request	January 03, 2024
Final Entries	January 29, 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 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	WOMEN			ISU	MEN			ISU			
#	# Member	500	1000	1500	3000 5000	Member	500	1000	1500	5000 10000	Member
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	5*	5*	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	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 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, January 29, 2024. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, February 1, 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 Friday, January 19, 2024. 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, Speed Skating Canada 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 AND OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

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

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

Official Hotel

Hôtel Plaza Québec 3031 Bd Laurier, Québec, QC G1V 2M2 CANADA

Official Hotel

Hotel Québec 3115, avenue des Hôtels Québec QC G1W 3Z6 CANADA

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

Single Room occupancy; 285 \$ CAN per person per night. Price including meals and drinks. Double Room occupancy; 195 \$ CAN per person per night. Price including meals and drinks.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations are possible without charge until 10 days before arrival at the hotel. After this deadline, reserved rooms will be charged to the Teams.

Payment: Cash in \$ CAN or credit card (Visa or Master Card)

Accommodation requests can only be made directly with the Organizing Committee via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events

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 from Monday, January 29 to Monday, February 5, from and to the <u>Jean-Lesage International Airport</u>. Transfers must be requested in the OES no later than January 13, 2024. The OC does not guaranty the transportation of Team officials who do not travel together with their team and will treat the matter from cases to cases.

Teams wishing to arrange their own transfer may consider taxis, ride sharing and/or rental cars as options.

A shuttle bus service will be available between the Official Hotels and the ice-rink from Monday, January 29 to February 4.

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 January 13, 2024.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Speed Skating Canada at worldcup@speedskating.ca if you need an invitation letter for the visa.

Please provide participant names, roles and passport information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

For information on the current entry requirements to Canada, please visit the following links: Government of Canada - General entry requirements

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)

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.

^{**} President, Vice Presidents, CEO, General Secretary, Managers, etc.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - MEDIA ACCREDITATION - INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or Speed Skating Canada at the addresses below.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Ms Jill Lynch Speed Skating Canada worldcup@speedskating.ca +1 (587) 433-8646

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation requests for World Cup must be submitted via the ISU Online Accreditation System: <u>Media Accreditation - International Skating Union (isu.org)</u>

Information for the media will be available on the <u>ISU website</u> in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

Media accreditation
Alain Brouillette
Speed Skating Canada
communications@speedskating.ca
+1 (613) 601-2630

WEBSITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website: longue piste.ca

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

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 Hotels 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.





