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Essent ISU World Single Distances Championships

Announcement

March 21-24, 2013 Adler-Arena, Olympic park, Sochi, Russia































ESSENT W WORLD SINGLE DISTANCES SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2013

which will be held in Sochi, Russia on March 21-24, 2013.

PROGRAM DATE TIME EVENT		
Wednesday, March 20	16:00 18:00	Team Leaders Meeting, Adler-Arena Opening Draw, Adler-Arena
Thursday, March 21	16:20 16:35	Opening Ceremony on the ice 1500m Men 3000m Ladies
Friday, March 22	15:00	1000m Men 1500m Ladies 5000m Men
Saturday, March 23	13:30	1000m Ladies 10 000m Men 5000m Ladies
Sunday, March 24	15:00	500m Ladies 1 st Race 500m Men 1 st Race 500m Ladies 2 nd Race 500m Men 2 nd Race Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men

REGULATIONS

The Essent ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2013 will be held in accordance with the 2012 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications.

TRACK

Adler-Arena is an indoor artificial 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.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the Distances will bear the titles: "Lady World Speed Skating Champion _ meters for 2013" and "World Speed Skating Champion _ meters for 2013", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph c). The winners of the Team Pursuit competitions will bear the titles "Ladies World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2013" and "World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2013". All winners will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1509.

ENTRIES

Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members using the ISU Online Entry System (www.k4sport.ru) according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1754. Entries for the Essent ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2013 will only be accepted for Skaters and pursuit teams who have qualified through results achieved in Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions or in ISU Championships during the current season, according to qualification lists published by the ISU. Skaters in

a reserve list position on the qualification lists may also be entered, but their participation in the Championships will depend on the total number of entries for the distance concerned and specific conditions mentioned in Rule 208, paragraph 2.

ISU Members may enter a maximum of 3 Skaters in each distance. If more than 3 Skaters from the same ISU Member are among the qualified Skaters, the final entries from that ISU Member must indicate which of these Skaters will actually participate in the distance concerned. Remaining qualified Skaters may be entered as substitutes for the distance concerned. The total number of Competitors for each distance will be limited as follows:

500 meters Ladies and Men
24 Skaters
1000 meters Ladies and Men
24 Skaters
1500 meters Ladies and Men
24 Skaters
3000 meters Ladies and 5000 meters Men
5000 meters Ladies and 10 000 meters Men
Team Pursuit Ladies and Team Pursuit Men
24 Skaters
25 Skaters
26 Skaters
27 Skaters
28 Skaters
29 Skaters
20 Skaters
30 Skaters
40 Skaters
41 Skaters
42 Skaters
43 Skaters
44 Skaters
45 Skaters
46 Skaters
47 Skaters
48 Skaters
48 Skaters
49 Skaters
40 Skaters

The Preliminary entry with the number of Competitors & substitutes and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be communicated to the Organizing Committee at the latest by March 3, 2013 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on March 18, 2013 (See Rule 208, paragraph 9).

Please note that for all persons entered by the 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 and 208

CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1420, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

DRAWING

The drawings will be made in accordance with Rule 240, paragraph 6.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications No. 1693, 1694, 1765 and 1766 or any further updates of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, Russian Skating Union 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 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, March 18, 2013. Trial starts will be organized on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

BOARD AND LOADGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Wednesday, March 20, 2012 until lunch on Monday, March 25, 2013 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships and 1 team leader or coach for each ISU Member. Expenses of other Skaters and officials (i.e. 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.

Please make all preliminary hotel arrangements directly with the Organizing Committee, 40 days prior to arrival date, and with final confirmation not later than 5 days prior to arrival date.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

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

Hotel Vesna 219 A Lenina Street, Sochi, 352364, Russia Telephone: +7 (8622) 69-3610

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Hotel prices:

Single room for 1 person - 4600 RUR (breakfast and dinner) Double room for 2 persons - 7200 RUR (breakfast and dinner)

Single room with full board for 1 person - 5000 RUR Double room with full board for 2 persons - 8000 RUR

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from March 17, 2013 to March 25, 2013 from and to the Sochi Airport and between the official hotel and the ice rink. 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 hotel and the ice-rink on March 18-24, 2013.

The Organizing Committee must be informed about the date and time of arrival and departure of the competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by March 13, 2013. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Organizing Committee if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For accreditation and visa support procedures please refer to the relevant document at the official website: www.sochisportevents.com/en/accreditation/

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

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All entries, hotel reservation and other inquiries should be addressed to:

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WEB SITE

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