

ANNOUNCEMENT



ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships

January 13th - 15th, 2017
TORINO, ITALY



The International Skating Union, the Italian Ice Skating Federation - Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio (FISG) and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the:



European Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2017

January 13th - 15th, 2017

to be held at the Palavela,

Torino, Italy

General Regulations

The European Short Track Speed Skating Championship 2017 will be conducted in accordance with the 2016 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members (Rule 131).

Distances

Individual	1500, 500, 1000, 3000 meters Ladies and Men
Relay	3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

The below program is subject to change depending on the final entry of Skaters *and agreement with the host broadcaster*

Thursday, January 12th	08:00	Official Training
	19:00	Opening Meeting
Friday, January 13th.	09:00	Qualifying Rounds 1500, 500, 1000 meters Ladies & Men
Saturday, January 14th	09:00	Ranking Races 1500, 500 meters Ladies & Men
	13:30	Opening Ceremony
	14:02	Semi-Finals & Finals 1500 meters Ladies & Men
		Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 500 meters Ladies & Men
		Semi-Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		Semi-Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
Sunday, January 15th		Awards Ceremony
	09:00	Ranking Races 1000 meters Ladies
	14:02	Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men
		Super-Finals 3000 meters Ladies & Men
		Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
		Awards Ceremony
	20:00	Closing Banquet

Track Conditions

The Palavela has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Short Track Speed Skating on www.isu.org, section Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **December 2nd, 2016** (Rule 295, paragraph 4).

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Access to Closing Banquet (if held);
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System not later than **January 8th, 2017** (Rule 295, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Torino at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, January 12th or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Championships. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded

e) 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 No. 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No.2030, 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.

Individual Entries :

In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2, each ISU Member has the right to enter at least one (1) Competitor in each category.

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2033 "Entries for ISU Championships", the following ISU Members may enter more than one (1) Competitor in total in the respective category. Each ISU Member may enter the substitutes corresponding with the number of entries.

Ladies

Belarus	2 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors
Bulgaria	2 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors
France	3 competitors
Germany	3 competitors
Great Britain	3 competitors
Hungary	2 competitors
Italy	3 competitors *
Netherlands	3 competitors
Poland	2 competitors
Russia	3 competitors
Slovak Republic	2 competitors
Sweden	2 competitors
Ukraine	2 competitors

Men

Belarus	2 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors
Bulgaria	2 competitors
France	3 competitors
Germany	3 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors
Hungary	3 competitors
Italy	3 competitors *
Netherlands	3 competitors
Poland	3 competitors
Russia	3 competitors
Sweden	2 competitors
Switzerland	2 competitors
Turkey	2 competitors
Ukraine	2 competitors

* as hosting ISU Member

Relay Entries:**Ladies**

Belarus
Bulgaria
Czech Republic
France
Germany
Great Britain
Hungary
Italy
Netherlands
Poland
Russia
Ukraine

Men

Belarus
Belgium
Bulgaria
France
Germany
Great Britain
Hungary
Italy
Netherlands
Poland
Russia
Turkey

ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum of five (5) Competitors which will include all

Competitors for both competitions: Individual and Relay.

In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2 b), only the twelve (12) highest ranked European ISU Members, based on a special Relay Classification over the 2 most recent World Cup Competitions held in Europe, can enter a Relay Team Ladies and/or Men in the respective category at the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2017.

Special attention must be paid to Rule 286, paragraph 4 regarding the fact that the participation is known before the start of the second (2nd) World Cup Competition held in Europe prior to the next edition of the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships.

Qualifying Times:

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times over 500 meters, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1956, paragraph II.d), 1.1, as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
500 m	49,00	47,00

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2015 and the final entry deadline specified in the paragraph "Entries" above.

Points and Classification

In accordance with Rule 295, paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Titles and Medals

The winners of the Championships (according to Rule 133) will bear the title:

European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2017

or

Lady European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2017

European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2017

or

Ladies European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2017

European Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters

or

Lady European Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters

The European and Lady European Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed relay teams will

receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

Prize money will be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No 1976, or any further update of this Communication.

Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, January 12th for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from Monday January 9th. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged 130 €. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. Payment for additional practice ice time must be paid in [Euro] to the Organizing Committee upon arrival. For practice ice time prior to the official practice, please inform the Organizing Committee using the attached form. Medical coverage will be provided for the official and additional practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140.

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 (ISU Communications Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922 & 1970 or later updates).

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2017. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and meals starting with lunch on Thursday January 12th until lunch on Monday January 16th (for those departing in the afternoon) for all participating Skaters, maximum five (5) Ladies and five (5) Men plus one Team leader from each participating ISU Member. All teams arriving before Thursday January 12th or leaving after Monday January 16th or bringing in more than the officially designated number of participants will be responsible for their own costs and are kindly requested to settle the amount due on site, at the applicable rate, upon arrival.

Methods of payment: Cash in EURO or Credit card; Visa or Mastercard.

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotels;

NH LINGOTTO CONGRESS

Tel.: +39 011 6642000

nhlingotto@nh-hotels.com

Via Nizza, 262 10126 Torino - Italia

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, December 2nd 2016**.

The cost of a room and meals (*lunch, dinner*) at the official hotel is as follows:

Single Room (per person, per night):	€ 140
Double Room (per person, per night):	€ 100
The price for meal package (2 meals):	€ 70

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between Aeroporto di Torino Caselle and the official hotels, from Monday, January 9th to Monday, January 16th. Participants arriving and departing from other airport(s) or train/bus stations will be responsible for the transport costs. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves (price is about 40 €).

The Organizing Committee will also provide free transportation for all participants between the official hotel and Palavela during the competition days and the training periods, starting from January 9th.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, December 2nd 2016**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in an ISU Event (as defined in Rule 107), to provide medical insurance for their Skaters. Proof of such can be requested by the Organizing Committee.

Entry Visa Requirements

Should you need assistance to obtain an Italian (EU) entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee.

Team Accreditation

Every participant including competitors and officials are kindly asked to submit their ID picture to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible as follows:.

Photo Requirements :

File Name: Full Name+ Team+Function

Photo Size: 3.5cm × 4.5cm

File Size:50 - 100kb

File format: jpg

Media Accreditation

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System <http://www.wingsmedia.it/isu/>

Information for the media will be available on the ISU website in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

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The Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservation and media accreditation requests, as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

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Web site

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website:

www.torino2017.com

Live results will be available at the following website:

<http://shorttrack.sportresult.com/>