



ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2016 Minsk, Belarus

Announcement

9-10 January 2016 "Minsk-Arena" Speed Skating Stadium Minsk, Belarus

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which will be held in Minsk, Republic of Belarus on January 9-10, 2016.

PROGRAM

Friday, 8 January	17:30 19:30	Team Leaders Meeting, Hotel "Victoria Olimp" Opening Draw, Hotel "Victoria Olimp"
Saturday, 9 January	14:30 15:00	Opening Ceremony 500 m, Ladies 500 m, Men 3000 m, Ladies 5000 m, Men Drawing for Sunday's distances
Sunday, 10 January	15:00	1500 m, Ladies 1500 m, Men 5000 m, Ladies 10 000 m, Men Awards Ceremony

REGULATIONS

The ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2016 will be held in accordance with the 2014 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 1964

Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to a European ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 1964.

TRACK

"Minsk-Arena" Speed Skating Stadium 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 7 meters.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the Championships are the Skaters with the lowest total of points after 4 distances have been completed (Rule 265, paragraph 2 and 268, paragraph 1).

The winner will bear the title: "Lady European Speed Skating Champion for 2016" and "European Speed Skating Champion for 2016", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph a), and will each be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third in the final classification after 4 distances will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1976, or any further update of this Communication.

ENTRIES

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events available at www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or at www.k4sport.ru/login.php.

Each European ISU Member may enter 1 Lady and 1 Man, subject to achieved qualifying times as defined in ISU Communication No. 1964.

According to ISU Communication No. 1956 and Rule 208, paragraph 5 c), the following ISU Members have the right to enter more than one Competitor per gender:

Ladies

Belarus	2 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Norway	2 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Poland	2 competitors
Estonia	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Sweden	2 competitors

Men

Austria	2 competitors	Latvia	2 competitors
Belarus	2 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Norway	3 competitors
Denmark	2 competitors	Poland	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
Hungary	2 competitors	Sweden	2 competitors
Italy	2 competitors		

The Preliminary entry with the number of Competitors 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 December 22, 2015 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and substitute(s) available to compete (maximum 1 substitute per gender), as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is requested must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on January 6, 2016 (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, 208 and ISU Communications No. 1628 and 1797.

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 Rules 239 and 240. For the third distance only 24 Competitors will be admitted, see Rule 240, paragraph 5 b). For the last distance (5000 meters Ladies, 10000 meters Men) the number of Skaters to qualify will be 8, see Rule 240, paragraph 4 a).

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 1970 or any further updates of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, the Skating Union of Belarus 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, 4 January, 2016. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours. Trial starts will be organised on Friday, 8 January, 2016.

BOARD AND LOADGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Friday, January 8 until lunch on Monday, January 11, 2016 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships and 1 team leader or coach for each participating 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.

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

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

Victoria Olimp Hotel, Minsk 220020 Minsk, Ave. Pobediteley 103 Tel: +375 17 308 7777, Fax: +375 17 308 7998 http://olimphotel.by/

Hotel prices:

Single room with full board for 1 person – 110 EURO Double room with full board for 2 persons – 150 EURO

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Monday, January 4, 2016 to Monday, January 11, 2016 from and to the Minsk-2 International Airport and Minsk Central Railway Station. 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 from Monday, January 4, 2016.

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 December 22, 2015.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Skating Union of Belarus if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please fill in the visa request form (attached) and submit the form at the latest by December 5, 2015 to the Organising Committee.

For those members, who do not have the Belarus Embassy in their country, the visa could be processed in the Minsk-2 International Airport by arrival. In this case the OC should be informed beforehand latest by December 5, 2015, fill in the visa request form (attached) and submit it to the OC and the following arrangements will be fulfilled by OC.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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

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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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