

ANNOUNCEMENT

ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Final 2008/2009

February 28 – March 1, 2009

Groningen, the Netherlands

Distances Junior Ladies:

2 x 500 meters

1000 meters

1500 meters

3000 meters

Team Pursuit

Distances Junior Men:

2 x 500 meters

1000 meters

1500 meters

5000 meters

Team Pursuit

The International Skating Union, the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB), and the Organizing Committee have the honour of hosting the

 Junior World Cup Speed Skating Final 2008/2009

to be held in Groningen, the Netherlands, on February 28 and March 1, 2009.



The competition will be held under the 2008 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1518.

Program

Friday, February 27, 2009	17.30 hours: Team leaders' meeting in Kardinge Ice Stadium in Groningen 19.00 hours: Draw in Kardinge Ice Stadium in Groningen
Saturday, February 28, 2009	500m Ladies (1) 500m Men (1) 1000m Ladies 1000m Men 3000m Ladies (quartets) 5000m Men (quartets)
Sunday, March 1, 2009	500m Ladies (2) 500m Men (2) 1500m Ladies 1500m Men Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men

Track

Kardinge Ice Stadium in Groningen is an indoor artificial ice rink with a standard track of 400 meters and inner and outer curves with radii of 25 and 29 meters respectively. The width of each competition lane is 4 meters with an inside-training track of 3 meters wide.

Entries

Entries must be made according to ISU Communication No. 1518 and the ISU General Regulations, Rule 115.

Preliminary entries, giving the number of competitors, substitutes and team officials (with provisional names), must be communicated to the Organizing Committee by February 16, 2009.

Final entries must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail no later than February 23, 2009 (see ISU Communication No. 1518, paragraph 4.3).

Entries must be accompanied by the official "ISU Declaration Form" as per Rule 131. Entries by fax or e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously to the Organizers (Rule 115, paragraph 5).

The completed Declaration Form must be signed by the competitors and also by all officials (including team officials) appointed by the Member serving at an ISU Event (Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Team Officials who are requesting accreditation for the Event).

In case of competitors who are not full of age (under 18), such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law.

Each Entry Form and Declaration Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4).

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, ISU Communications Nos. 1517 and 1523 or any update of these Communications.

ENTRY QUOTAS

An ISU Member may enter a maximum of 5 competitors per category (5 Ladies and 5 Men) for an ISU Junior World Cup Competition. Subject to the qualifying times listed below, maximum 3 competitors may be entered for each individual event.

QUALIFYING TIMES

Entered skater (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances.

	<u>Junior Ladies</u>	<u>Junior Men</u>
500 m	46,00	41,50
1000 m	1.32,00	1.24,00
1500 m	2.25,00	2.10,00
3000 m	5.10,00	
5000 m		4.40,00 (3000 m)

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2007 and the entry deadline for the ISU Junior World Cup final (see Communication No 1518, paragraph 4.1).

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT COMPETITIONS

Team Pursuit competitions will be skated according to Rule 261 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1518, paragraph 5.3, with national teams of 3 skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies und 8 laps for Men.

CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication no.1420 (or any further update of this communication), 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.

GROUPING AND DRAWING

For each distance all entered skaters compete together (in the same division).

Skaters will be paired according to their individual ISU Junior World Cup rank. The starting order of the pairs shall be the opposite to the ranking order of the skaters so that the skaters with the lowest rank start in the first pair, and so on. The better ranked skater in a pair shall start in the inner lane.

Skaters without ISU Junior World Cup points (unranked skaters) shall be grouped together. The first pair drawn from this group shall start first. In the case of the odd number of participants, the first pair (first drawn group) will consist of a single skater.

For the Team Pursuit event in the ISU Junior World Cup final a maximum of 8 teams will be admitted. The selection among entered teams, as well as the starting order, will be based on the current ISU Junior World Cup Team Pursuit ranking.

POINTS SYSTEM

For each distance World Cup points will be awarded according to the ISU Communication No. 1518, paragraph 7.2.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping tests may be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communication No. 1520, 1546 & 1547 or later updates).

TRAINING-TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered competitors at:

Tuesday February 24 from 09.00 – 10.30 hours;

Wednesday February 25 from 09.00 – 10.30 hours;

Thursday February 26 from 09.00 – 10.30 hours;

Friday February 27 from 09.00 tot 10.30 hours.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU and the organizer assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

BOARD AND LODGING

The organizer will bear costs for board and lodging for 3 days, from February 27, 2009 beginning with dinner, until March 2, 2009 ending with breakfast, for 2 skaters and 1 team leader or coach from each Member, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1518 , paragraph 10f). Additional expenses for rooms and meals will have to be borne by the respective Member.

HOTEL RESERVATION

The organizer will arrange hotel reservation in the Hampshire Hotel-Plaza Groningen
Laan Corpus den Hoorn 300
9728 JT Groningen
the Netherlands

Room price (incl. breakfast): Single room € 64,-, Double room € 92,50.

TRANSPORTATION

There is a train connection from Schiphol International Airport through Groningen every hour.

There will also be a transportation service between the hotel and the ice rink.

The date, airline and flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure must be sent to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than February 23, 2009.

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