

ANNOUNCEMENT



6-7 March 2009
Utah Olympic Oval, Salt Lake City



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Distances Ladies:	100m
	500m
	1000m
	1500m
	3000m

Distances Men:	100m
	500m
	1000m
	1500m
	5000m

On behalf of U.S. Speedskating and the Utah Olympic Oval we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to the final World Cup Competition Of The Season

2008/2009 ESSENT ISU WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING

To be held at the Utah Olympic Oval
Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
On Friday, 6 March – Saturday, 7 March 2009

The competition will be held under the 2008 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1517.

Program

Thursday, 5 March	16:00	Team Leader's Meeting – Red Lion Hotel
	17:00	Opening Draw (Closed) – Red Lion Hotel
	18:00	Welcome Reception – Red Lion Hotel
Friday, 6 March	12:30	500m Men
		1000m Ladies
		1500m Men
		3000m Ladies
Saturday, 7 March	12:30	500m Ladies
		1000m Men
		1500m Ladies
		5000m Men
		100m Ladies
		100m Men

Track

The Utah Olympic Oval is a fully enclosed speed skating facility with a standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap. The width of each lane is 4 meters with an inside training lane of 4 meters wide. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters respectively.

Training Times

The Utah Olympic Oval will be open for ice and weight training for entered competitors from Monday, 2 March – Thursday, 5 March 2009. Trial starts will be held during the ice sessions on Thursday, 5 March.

The Organizing Committee will assign training times by region.

Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice rink during the official training hours.

Entries

Entries must be made according to ISU Communication No. 1517. *Preliminary entries*, giving the number of competitors, substitutes and team officials (with provisional names), must be communicated by **Monday, 16 February, 2009**.

Final entries must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than **12:00 Tuesday, 3 March, 2009** (see ISU Communication No. 1517, 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.

The entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance) for this competition are in accordance with paragraph 4.2 and 5.1.5 of Communication No. 1517. To be entered a skater must be among the top 24 World Cup ranked skaters for the distance concerned, or be the winner of the B division race in the preceding World Cup competition. The maximum entry quotas per country are:

Ladies	100/500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	Men	100/500m	1000m	1500m	5000m
AUT	1	1	2	2	AUT	1	1	1	1
BLR	4	2	1	1	BLR	1	1	2	2
CAN	5	5	5	5	CAN	5	5	5	5
CHN	5	5	5	5	CHN	5	2	3	2
CZE	1	1	2	3	CZE	1	1	1	1
DEN	1	1	1	2	DEN	1	1	1	1
FIN	1	1	1	1	FIN	5	5	2	1
FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	2	3
GER	5	5	5	5	GER	4	3	5	4
ITA	2	2	2	2	ITA	2	2	2	2
JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	4	2	3
KAZ	1	2	2	2	KAZ	1	1	3	2
KOR	4	4	4	3	KOR	5	5	3	2
NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
NOR	1	2	2	3	NOR	3	5	5	5
POL	1	2	3	3	POL	2	3	2	3
ROU	2	2	2	2	ROU	1	1	1	1
RUS	5	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	4
SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	1	2
SWE	2	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	1	3
USA	5	4	2	3	USA	5	4	4	4

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.

Grouping and Drawing Procedure

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to ISU Communication No. 1517, paragraph 6.2. The competitions over 100 meters will be conducted according to ISU Communication No. 1517, paragraph 5.2.

Prizes and Points

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1517.

Anti-Doping Control

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1520, 1546 & 1547 or any further update of these Communications).

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, U.S. Speedskating, Utah Athletic Foundation and Utah Olympic Oval assume no responsibility for liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with the Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Board and Lodging

The Organizing Committee is responsible for board and lodging at the official hotel for up to 5 competitors and 1 team leader from each Member (up to 2 double and 2 single rooms) beginning with dinner on Thursday, 5 March until breakfast on the morning of Sunday, 8 March, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1517, para 11.

Additional expenses for rooms and meals will be borne by each Member. The cost of the host hotel for participants is approximately \$110 (single occupancy including breakfast) and \$121 (double occupancy including breakfast) USD per room per night excluding taxes at the Red Lion hotel. The meal package will begin with Dinner on Monday, 4 March. Lunch is \$15 USD and Dinner is \$25 USD (including taxes). On competition days lunch will be served at the rink for all participants at no charge. Meal packages may be purchased at the hotel race office.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the host hotel. 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.

Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the competition, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1517, para 11.

Official Hotel

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the official hotels. Room requirements must be received as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday, 16 February 2009**. No services will be provided for teams not staying at the host hotel (Red Lion).

Teams:

Red Lion Hotel – Salt Lake Downtown
161 West 600 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 USA
Telephone: (+1) 801.521.7373
Fax: (+1) 801.524.0378
Website: www.redlion.com

ISU Officials & Guests Only:

Embassy Suites – Salt Lake Downtown
110 West 600 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 USA
Telephone: (+1) 801.359.7800
Fax: (+1) 801.538.0305
Website: www.embassysuites.com

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from and to Salt Lake City International Airport and between the hotel and the Utah Olympic Oval from 1 - 8 March at no expense to the participants according to the transportation plan. The date, airline and 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 **Monday, 16 February 2009**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

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Information about the competition will be available at the following website:

www.uowwcevents.com