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ESSENT ISU WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING 2009/2010

which will be held at the Speed-Skating Hall Sportforum Berlin on Friday, November 6, Saturday, November 7, and Sunday, November 8, 2009

The competition will be held under the 2008 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1578.

PROGRAM

Thursday, November 5, 2009 16:00 h Team leaders' meeting at the	Saturday, November 7, 2009 9:30 h Division B*							
Holiday Inn Berlin City East	500 m Ladies (1)/5000 m Men/ 1000 m Ladies							
19:00 h Opening draw at the Holiday Inn Berlin City East	14:00 h Division A							
	500 m Ladies (1)/5000 m Men/ 1000 m Ladies							
Friday, November 6, 2009 12:30 h Division B*	Sunday, November 8, 2009 9:00 h Division B*							
500 m Men (1)/3000 m Ladies/1000 m Men 17:00 h Division A 500 m Men (1)/3000 m Ladies/1000 m Men	500 m Ladies (2)/500 m Men (2)/ 1500 m Ladies/1500 Men 14:00 h Division A							
300 m r. ien (1), 3000 m Eddies, 1000 m r ien	500 m Ladies (2)/500 m Men (2)/ 1500 m Ladies/1500 Men							
* The above times for the R Division races are only indicative. The evact starting times for these races will be approunced at the draw meetings								

The above times for the B Division races are only indicative. The exact starting times for these races will be announced at the draw meetings for each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results).

TRACK

The track at the Sportforum Speed-Skating Hall is a standard, artificially frozen 400 m indoor speed skating track. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of each lane of the competition track is 4,00 meters and there is an inside training lane with width of 2,90 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraph 4.

Preliminary entries, giving the number of competitors, substitutes and team officials (with provisional names), must be communicated by Monday, October 12, 2009.

Final entries must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than Thuesday, November 3, 2009 (see ISU Communication No. 1578, 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. 1523 and 1578 or any update of these Communications.

ENTRY QUOTAS

According to ISU Communication No. 1578 the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

	LADIES	500 m	1000 m	1500 m	3000 m	MEN	500 m	1000 m	1500 m	5000 m
	AUT	1	1	2	2	AUT	1	1	1	1
	BEL	1	1	1	1	BEL	1	1	1	2
	BLR	4	3	1	1	BLR	1	1	1	1
+	CAN	5	5	5	5	CAN	5	5	5	5
*3	CHN	5	5	5	3	CHN	5	2	2	2
	CZE	1	1	3	3	CZE	1	1	1	1
+	FIN	1	1	1	1	FIN	5	4	1	1
	FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	2	1
	GER*	5	5	5	5	GER*	5	5	5	5
	ITA	2	2	1	1	ITA	2	2	3	4
•	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	4	2	3
	KAZ	2	2	1	1	KAZ	1	1	2	2
(•)	KOR	4	5	3	4	KOR	5	5	4	2
	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
#	NOR	1	2	2	2	NOR	2	4	5	5
	NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	1	2
	POL	1	2	3	3	POL	3	2	2	3
	ROU	1	1	2	2	ROU	1	1	1	1
	RUS	5	5	5	5	RUS	4	5	4	3
+	SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	1	2
-	SWE	2	1	1	1	SWE	1	2	3	2
	USA	5	5	4	4	USA	5	5	5	5

All other ISU Speed Skating Members may enter maximum 1 competitor for each distance. All entered skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 1578, par 4.1.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraph 6.1.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to the ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraphs 7 and 9.

ANTI-DOPING

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

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered competitors from Monday, November 2, 2009. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, November 5, 2009. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

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.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e. V. and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

BOARD AND LODGING

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraph 11 g), the Organizing Committee will cover room and meal expenses at the official Hotel for up to 5 skaters and one team leader from each participating Member, beginning with dinner on the evening of Thursday, November 5, 2009 and ending with breakfast on the morning of Monday, November 9, 2009 (see attachment for more information and hotel costs).

Additional expenses for rooms and meals will have to be borne by the respective Member.

HOTEL RESERVATION/OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the competitors in the hotel:

Holiday Inn Berlin City East

Landsberger Allee 203 D-13055 Berlin

Tel.: +49 (30) 97 80 8-401 Fax: +49 (30) 97 80 8-450 E-Mail: iris.brueckner@hibce.de

www.holidayinn.de

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms

Prices for room (and meals) not covered by the
Organizing Committee will be as follows:

Single room 65,00 €, including breakfast

Double room 85,00 € per room, including breakfast

Triple room 105,00 € per room, including breakfast

Buffet (lunch/dinner) 19,50 € per person and per meal

available to each team at the official 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. 1578, paragraph 11j.

TRANSPORTATION

The organizer will provide transportation from and to the Berlin international airports (Schönefeld, Tegel) and between the hotel and the Speed-Skating-Hall Sportforum, Berlin.

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, October 29, 2009.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website: http://www.eissport-berlin.de and http://www.desg.de