On behalf of the Korea Skating Union and Organizing Committee Seoul, we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING

2014/15

which will be held at the Taereung International Skating Rink in Seoul, Republic of Korea on Friday November 21, Saturday 22 and Sunday November 23, 2014

The competition will be held under the 2014ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1889.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2015.

Results from this World Cup Competition will serve as a basis for the seeding of Skaters for the World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2015.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, November 20:	16:00 18:00	Team leaders' Meeting, The MVL Hotel KINTEX Opening draw, The MVL Hotel KINTEX	
Friday,November 21:	10:00	Division B:	5,000m Ladies 500m (1 st) Ladies 500m (1 st) Men 1,500m Men
	15:00	Division A:	5,000m Ladies 500m (1 st) Ladies 500m (1 st) Men 1,500m Men
Saturday, November 22:	10:00	Division B:	10,000m Men 500m (2 nd) Ladies 1,000m Men 1,500m Ladies
	14:00	Division A:	10,000m Men 500m (2 nd) Ladies 1,000m Men 1,500m Ladies
Sunday, November 23:	10:00	Division B:	1,000m Ladies 500m (2 nd) Men
	13:00	Division A:	1,000m Ladies 500m (2 nd) Men Mass Start Ladies Mass Start Men Team Sprint Ladies Team Sprint Men

^{*} The starting times for the B Division races will be announced at the team leaders' meetings. The above mentioned starting times for Division B are therefore only an indication. 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

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Taereung International Skating Rink, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Seoul. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 5 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3.4.

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

Preliminary entries, giving the number of Competitors& substitutes and the number of coaches and other team staff as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be communicated at the latest by October 17, 2014.

Finalentries including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on November 18, 2014 (see also ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3.4.3).

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 Communications No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communications.

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.

According to ISU Communication No. 1889, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are

Mass Mass Ladies Men start start AUS **AUS AUT** AUT BEL **BEL BLR BLR** CAN CAN CHN CHN CZE CZE DEN DEN **EST EST** FIN FIN **FRA** FRA **GER GER** HUN HUN ITA ITA JPN **JPN KAZ** KAZ KOR* KOR* LAT LAT **NED NED NOR NOR** NZL NZL POL **POL** ROU ROU RUS RUS SUI SUI SWE **SWE** TPE TPE **USA USA**

* as hosting ISU Member

All other ISU Speed Skating Members may enter maximum 1 Competitor for each distance. All entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 1889, paragraph3.4.1.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE MASS STARTEVENTS

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 253, paragraph 4 b)in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 4.3, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM SPRINT DEMONSTRATIONEVENTS (Demonstration)

Team Sprint races will be skated according to ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph4.4, with teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 3 laps both for Ladies and for Men.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraphs 6 and 8.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1765, 1800, 1871 and 1872 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, November 17, 2014. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, November 20, 2014. Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Korea Skating Union 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 ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

ACCOMMODATION

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the accommodation needs (number and types of rooms) of each participating ISU Members as soon as possible. Please send this information by email to worldcupseoul@gmail.com not later than Friday, October 17, 2014. Detailed accommodation requests for Competitors and team officials can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events, not later than Friday, October 17, 2014. Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodations for all participating Skaters and team officials.

The cost for full board (room and 3 meals) at the official hotel will be as follows:

Single Room occupancy: 223,850 KRW(approx. US\$ 215) per person per night. Double Room occupancy:157,300 KRW(approx. US\$ 150)per person per night.

Payment: Cash in USD or credit card VISA, Master Card, American Express.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the teams in the following hotel:

The MVL Hotel KINTEX 20 Teageuk-ro, Ilsandong-gu, Goyang-si Gyeonggi-do, Korea 410-835

410-835 Website: www.mvlhotel.com

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

Phone: +82-31-927-7700

Email: info.kintex@mvlhotel.com

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be arranged between Incheon International Airport and the official hotel from Monday, November 17 until Monday November 24, 2014. The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the time of arrival and departure of the Competitors and team officials as soon aspossible, but not later than Friday,October 17, 2014. Information about the date and time of arrival and departure (including flight details) must be submitted via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

Teams arriving before November 17 are responsible for arranging their own airport transfers and associated costs. The Organizing Committee is not responsible for transportation arrangements and associated costs

for team officials who do not accompany their team members. Those team officials arriving separate from the team can travel via taxi from the airport.

A shuttle service will be operated between the official hotel and the Taereung International Skating Rink during the days of official training and competition.

ACCREDITATIONS

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. Additional fee 50 USD for extra accreditations must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - MEDIA ACCREDITATION - INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or Korea Skating Union at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website: http://skating.or.kr/speed/pds.htm?section=view&tb_gubun=sp_date&Ctg=&page=1&idx=10878