

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM SPRINT EVENTS

Team Sprint races will be skated according to ISU Communication No. 2031, paragraph 4.2, with teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 3 laps both for Ladies and for Men.

GROUING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2031, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2031, paragraphs 6 and 8.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 1970 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, December 5, 2016. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, December 8, 2016.

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, KNSB 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 ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel(s) will be as follows (including all taxes):

- *Single Room occupancy: € 72,00 - € 137,50 per person per night. Prices including 3 meals.*
- *Double Room occupancy: € 60,75 - € 98,25 per person per night. Prices including 3 meals.*

Payment: Cash in Euro's or by credit card.

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

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

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

- Hotel Golden Tulip Tjaarda at Oranjewoud, phone +31(0) 513 433533, fax +31(0) 513 433599, e-mail: info@tjaarda.nl
- Fletcher Hotel De Heidehof at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 630200, fax +31(0) 513 630201, e-mail: info@hotelheidehof.nl
- Hotel van der Valk at Wolvega, phone +31(0) 561 692800, fax +31(0) 561 692805, e-mail: info@wolvega.valk.nl
- Holland Inn Hotel at Wolvega, phone +31(0) 561 618847, fax +31(0) 561 618591, e-mail: hotelwolvega@gmail.com
- Huis ten Wolde at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 535400, e-mail: info@huizenwolde.nl
- Hotel van der Valk at Sneek, phone +31(0) 515 481818, fax +31(0) 515 481808, e-mail: info@sneek.valk.com
- Fletcher Hotel-de Eese at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 511452, e-mail: sales@hoteldeese.nl
- Hotel Restaurant Lunia at Oldeberkoop, phone +31(0) 516 452555, fax +31(0) 516 452929, e-mail: info@lunia.nl
- Hajé Hotel at Joure, phone +31(0) 513 413555, fax +31(0) 513 414365, e-mail: joure_manager@haje.nu

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

TRANSPORTATION

There is transportation available from Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol to Heerenveen (train or bus). Details (incl. phone number for transportation) will follow as soon as possible, but no later than **November 4, 2016**. For further information on this, please address the Organizing Committee.

A shuttle bus service will be available for transportation between hotels and the ice rink from **Monday, December 5, 2016**.

Information about the date and time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials must be submitted via the ISU Online System for Speed Skating Events.

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 € 50,00 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 KNSB at the addresses below.

For Media accreditations, 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:

www.schaatsen.nl/wc-heerenveen-1617-en

HEERENVEEN - THE NETHERLANDS

9 - 11 DECEMBER 2016



WORLD CUP
SPEED SKATING



ISU World Cup Speed Skating
Heerenveen, The Netherlands

Announcement

December 9, 10 and 11, 2016
Thialf – Heerenveen, The Netherlands
Ladies and Men – All Distances

Official Sponsors of the ISU World Cup Speed Skating



On behalf of the Organizing Committee,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

ISU WORLD CUP
SPEED SKATING
2016/17

which will be held at the indoor ice-rink Thialf
in Heerenveen, the Netherlands
on Friday, December 9, Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11, 2016.

The Competition will be held under the 2016 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2031.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places for the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2017 and for the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2017.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, December 8:	16.00 18.00	Team leaders' Meeting, Ice Stadium Thialf Opening draw, Ice Stadium Thialf	
Friday, December 9:	13.00*	Division B:	500m Ladies 500m Men
	16.50	Division A:	500m Ladies 500m Men Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men Mass start Ladies (Semi-finals) Mass start Men (Semi-finals)
Saturday, December 10:	11.00*	Division B:	1500m Ladies 1500m Men
	14.30	Division A:	1500m Ladies 1500m Men Team Sprint Ladies Team Sprint Men Mass Start Ladies Mass Start Men
Sunday, December 11:	09.00*	Division B;	5000m Ladies 1000m Ladies 1000m Men 10000m Men
	13.30	Division A:	5000m Ladies 1000m Ladies 1000m Men 10000m Men

* The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced at the Team leaders' 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) for determining the awarding of World Cup points and prize money.

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the Ice Stadium Thialf, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Heerenveen. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 4 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2031, 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 estimated number of the Competitors and available substitutes as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be submitted at the latest *by Wednesday, November 9, 2016*.

Final entries, 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 be submitted at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on Monday, *December 5, 2016* (see also ISU Communication No. 2031, paragraph 3.4.4).

Please note that for all persons entered by the ISU 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. 2030, 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. 2031, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are

LADIES				ISU Member	MEN			
500	1000	1500	3000/ 5000		500	1000	1500	5000 / 10000
2	2	2	1	AUT	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	2	BEL	1	1	2	2
1	1	1	2	BLR	1	1	2	2
4	4	4	4	CAN	5	5	4	4
5	5	4	4	CHN	4	4	2	2
2	3	2	2	CZE	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	DEN	1	1	1	2
2	1	1	1	FIN	3	2	1	1
1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	2	2
2	3	4	4	GER	2	2	1	4
1	1	1	1	HUN	1	1	2	1
2	1	1	2	ITA	2	1	2	4
5	5	4	5	JPN	5	4	2	3
2	2	1	1	KAZ	2	3	2	2
4	4	3	2	KOR	4	4	4	2
1	1	1	1	LAT	1	1	2	1
5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
2	3	3	2	NOR	2	4	4	4
1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	2	3
1	2	4	4	POL	4	3	4	3
4	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	5
1	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	2	1
4	4	4	1	USA	3	4	4	1

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance. However for the Mass start event, the maximum entry quota for each ISU Member is 2 Skaters per gender.

All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 2031, paragraph 3.4.3.

COMPETITION FORMAT AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE MASS START EVENTS

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. 2031, paragraphs 4.3 and 5.5, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2038.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261, paragraph 1 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2031, paragraph 4.2, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.