

ANNOUNCEMENT

2006/2007 ISU WORLD CUP SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING #5



Heerenveen, The Netherlands
February 2 - 4, 2007



The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Heerenveen Organizing Committee, on behalf of the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB) has the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating, Heerenveen, The Netherlands

to be held at the indoor ice-rink Thialf
in Heerenveen, the Netherlands
on February 2 - 4, 2007

General Regulations

The ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Heerenveen will be held in accordance with the 2006 Regulations of the International Skating Union and relevant ISU Communications.

Participation

Participation in the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Heerenveen is open to all ISU Members. Entries can be made only through the respective Members in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1431. This competition is part of the 2006/2007 ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating series.

Distances

Individual: 1500, 1000 (1), 500, 1000 (2) meters for Ladies and Men
Relay: 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

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| <u>February 1, 2007</u> | Thursday | 07:00 | Official Training Session – all day |
| | | 19:00 | Official Opening Draw |
| <u>February 2, 2007</u> | Friday | all day | Qualifying Session 1500, 1000 (1), 500, 1000 (2) meters for Ladies and Men, Relay 3000 meters Ladies, Relay 5000 meters Men. |
| <u>February 3, 2007</u> | Saturday | | Repechage Session 1500, 1000 (1) meters for Ladies and Men |
| | | 16:00 | World Cup Session Ladies and Men 1500 m Semi Finals + Finals Ladies and Men 1000 m (1) Quarter Finals, Semi Finals + Finals Ladies 3000 m Relay Semi Finals Men 5000 m Relay Semi Finals |
| <u>February 4, 2007</u> | Sunday | | Repechage Session 500, 1000 (2) meters for Ladies and Men |
| | | 16:00 | World Cup Session Ladies and Men 500 m Quarter Finals, Semi Finals + Finals Ladies and Men 1000 m (2) Quarter Finals, Semi Finals + Finals Ladies 3000 m Relay Finals Men 5000 m Relay Finals |

Competitors must be present in Heerenveen before 18:00 (CET) on Thursday February 1, 2007 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the ISU World Cup Competition. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded from Competition.

Track Conditions & Rink Dimensions

The Ice Rink in Heerenveen has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 30 x 60 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5. The standard track is an oval of 111.12 meters in accordance with rule 280.

Entries

Each Member may enter a maximum of six (6) skaters per category (Ladies and Men) for the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Heerenveen.

Individual entries for 500m, 1000m (1), 1000m (2) and 1500m are limited to three (3) competitors per distance per category. Any three (3) of the maximum six (6) competitors entered may skate each distance.

Relay entries: One (1) team per ISU member of minimum four (4), maximum six (6) competitors per category. Members can only enter a maximum of six (6) skaters which will include all participants and substitutes for the individual events as well as the relay.

Participation in relays only is not allowed.

Entries must be sent in writing using the official Entry Forms for the World Cup Short Track and addressed to the Organizing Committee.

Preliminary Entries must be received by January 5, 2007.

Final Entries must be received by January 26, 2007.

Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of 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.

Drawing and Seeding Procedure

The drawing and seeding procedure will be according to Rule 296 of the 2006 ISU Regulations.

World Cup points

The points scoring at World Cup Competitions is made in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1431, paragraph 9.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communication No. 1372 and 1373 or any further update of these Communications).

Accommodation

All meals and lodging expenses are at the responsibility of the participating Members.

All reservations must be made directly through the Organizing Committee before January 5, 2007 and should contain all the information requested in the "ACCOMMODATION FORM" here enclosed.

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation with full board for all team members (athletes and team officials) at the following prices:

Hotel van der Valk, Wolvega
tel. +31.(0) 561 692800
fax: +31.(0) 561 692805
email: hfm@wolvega.valk.com
Double room Full Board, 152,00 euro
Single room Full Board, 114,00 euro

Best Western Hotel de Heidehof, Heerenveen
tel. +31.(0) 513 630200
fax. +31.(0) 513 630201
email: deheidehof@bestwestern.nl
Double room Full Board, 159,00 euro
Single room Full Board, 124,00 euro

Hotel Tjaarda, Oranjewoud
tel. +31.(0) 513 433533
fax. +31.(0) 513 433599
email: info@tjaarda.nl
Double room Full Board 178,00 euro
Single room Full Board 134,00 euro

Liability and Medical Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB) and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with this World Cup Event. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation free of charge from SCHIPHOL AIRPORT to Heerenveen by bus from January 29, 2007 up to February 1, 2007.

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation to and from the Official Hotel to the Ice Rink from Tuesday, January 30, 2007 up to and including, Sunday, February 4, 2007 for the participants and team officials.

Transportation will be provided from the Official Hotel to SCHIPHOL AIRPORT on Monday February 5, 2007 by bus.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee before January 26, 2007, and should contain all information requested in the "ACCOMMODATION FORM" here enclosed.

Entry Requirement for The Netherlands

A valid passport or acceptable certificate of identification (EU) is required of all people entering the Netherlands. Passports must be valid for longer than the period of stay in the Netherlands.

Regarding the Visa requirements: please consult with the Embassy of The Netherlands in your country in due time.

Ice Training Sessions

All practice sessions on ice will take place at the competition venue unless indicated. The OFFICIAL PRACTICE SESSION will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2007, starting at 7.00 AM with the assistance of the ISU Technical Representative for this Event.

Teams will be assigned Official Practice Session Time when the final entries and arrival dates are received by the Organizing Committee. Team Leaders will be notified of the Official Practice Schedule at arrival.

Additional practice sessions may be reserved on January 30 and 31, 2007 to be purchased by the participating Member from the Organizing Committee at a cost of 100,00 EURO per session of 50 minutes.

By requesting unofficial practice ice times, each Member is committing to pay to the Organizing Committee the appropriate ice rental fee. Members will be charged the ice rental fee if time is scheduled whether ice is used or not. Members must pay the ice rental fee by Thursday, February 1, 2007. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

Medical coverage will be provided for official and unofficial practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or to KNSB at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please address N.S.P. as soon as possible.

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