

ANNOUNCEMENT



March 10th to 12th, 2017

**AHOY Rotterdam
The Netherlands**



The International Skating Union, the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the:

KPN  World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2017

March 10th to 12th, 2017

to be held at the Rotterdam AHOY

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

General Regulations

The KPN ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2017 will be conducted in accordance with the 2016 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members (Rule 131).

Distances

Individual 1500, 500, 1000, 3000 meters Ladies and Men
Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

The below program is subject to change depending on the final entry of Skaters and agreement with the host broadcaster

Thursday, March 9 th 2017	[9:00-21:00hrs]	Official Training
	19.00	Opening Meeting
Friday, March 10 th 2017	[TBA]	Qualifying Rounds 1500, 500, 1000 meters Ladies & Men
Saturday, March 11 th 2017	[TBA]	Ranking Races 1500, 500 meters Ladies & Men
	[TBA]	Opening Ceremony
	14.02	Semi-Finals & Finals 1500 meters Ladies & Men
		Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 500 meters Ladies & Men
		Semi-Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		Semi-Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
		Awards Ceremony
Sunday, March 12 th 2017	[TBA]	Ranking Races 1000 meters Ladies & Men
	14.32	Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men
		Super-Finals 3000 meters Ladies & Men
		Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
		Awards Ceremony
	[TBA]	Closing Banquet and party

Track Conditions

The Rotterdam AHOY has a temporary artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Short Track Speed Skating on www.isu.org, section Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **January 27th, 2017** (six weeks before first day of competition) (Rule 295, paragraph 4).

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Access to Closing Banquet (if held);
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System not later than **March 5th, 2017** (Rule 295, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Rotterdam at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, March 9th or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Championships. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded

e) 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 Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

Individual Entries:

In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2, each ISU Member has the right to enter at least one (1) Competitor in each category.

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2033 "Entries for ISU Championships", the following ISU Members may enter more than one (1) Competitor in total in the respective category. Each ISU Member may enter the substitutes corresponding with the number of entries.

Ladies

Australia	2 competitors	Hungary	2 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Italy	2 competitors
Canada	3 competitors	Japan	3 competitors
China	3 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Poland	2 competitors
France	2 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Russia	2 competitors
Great Britain	3 competitors	Slovak Republic	2 competitors
		USA	2 competitors

Men

Australia	2 competitors	Italy	2 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Japan	2 competitors
Canada	3 competitors	Kazakhstan	2 competitors
China	3 competitors	Latvia	2 competitors
France	2 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors *
Germany	2 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors	Russia	2 competitors
Hungary	3 competitors	Turkey	2 competitors
Israel	2 competitors	USA	2 competitors

** as hosting ISU Member*

Relay Entries:

ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum of five (5) Competitors which will include all Competitors for both competitions: Individual and Relay.

The entry quotas for the Relay competitions at the KPN ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2017 will be determined by the World Cup relay Classification in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2 c). Special attention must be paid to Rule 286, paragraph 4 regarding the fact that the participation is known before the start of the last World Cup Competition of the season.

Qualifying Times:

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times over 500 meters, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1956, paragraph II.d), 1.1, as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
500 m	49,00	47,00

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2015 and the final entry deadline specified in the paragraph "Entries" above.

Points and Classification

In accordance with Rule 295, paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Titles and Medals

The winners of the Championships (according to Rule 133) will bear the title:

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2017

or

Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2017

World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions

or

Ladies World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2017

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters

or

Lady World or Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters

The World and Lady World Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed relay teams will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

Prize money will be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No 1976, or any further update of this Communication.

Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, March 9th, 2017 (09.00 – 21.00 hrs) for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from March 7th, 2017 (daily 09.00 – 18.00 hrs).

Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged €150,-. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. Payment for additional practice ice time must be paid in Euro's to the Organizing Committee upon arrival. For practice ice time prior to the official practice, please inform the Organizing Committee using the attached form. Medical coverage will be provided for the official and additional practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922 & 1970 or later updates).

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, The Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the KPN ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2017. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and meals starting with lunch on Thursday March 9th, 2017 until lunch on Monday March 13th, 2017 (for those departing in the afternoon) for all participating Skaters, maximum five (5) Ladies and five (5) Men plus one Team leader from each participating ISU Member. All teams arriving before Thursday March 9th, 2017 or leaving after Monday March 13th, 2017 or bringing in more than the officially designated number of participants will be responsible for their own costs and are kindly requested to settle the amount due on site, at the applicable rate, upon arrival.

Methods of payment: Cash in Euro's or per bank transfer before arrival. Each ISU Member will receive an invoice before arrival. Payment with credit card is not possible.

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

The closing banquet will be held at The Van der Valk Ridderkerk. Dinner will only be provided there on Sunday evening. The organization is also planning to hold a Closing Party on Sunday March 12th after the dinner.

Location: Club in Rotterdam

Transport to and from the event location is provided on set times.

Costs for drinks (other than the welcoming cocktail) are at the ISU Members own expenses.

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotels;

NOVOTEL ROTTERDAM BRAINPARK (ISU OFFICIALS AND TEAMS)

K.P. van der Mandelelaan 150,
3062 MB Rotterdam

VAN DER VALK HOTEL RIDDERKERK (TEAMS)

Krommeweg 1
2988 CB Ridderkerk

Costs Full Board (including all taxes):

Single Room (per person, per night) €147 (limited availability, including breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Twin Double Room (per person, per night) €115 (including, breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Costs Bed and Breakfast (including all taxes):

Single Room (per person, per night) €115 (limited availability, including breakfast,)

Twin Double Room (per person, per night) €76 (including, breakfast,)

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **January 27th 2017**.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between **Rotterdam Airport** and the official hotels, from Sunday March 5th to Monday March 13th 2017. Participants arriving and departing from Schiphol airport will pay a transport fee of €25,- per person, one way. Teams arriving per train/bus will be responsible for their own transport costs. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation for all participants between the official hotel and the ice rink during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Tuesday March 7th, 2017.

The date, airline, 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 **February 5th 2017**.

Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in an ISU Event (as defined in Rule 107), to provide medical insurance for their Skaters. Proof of such can be requested by the Organizing Committee.

Entry Visa Requirements

Should you need assistance to obtain a Dutch entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee.

Media Accreditation

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System <http://www.wingsmedia.it/isu/>

Information for the media will be available on the ISU website in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

For Media accreditation, please contact:

Huub Snoep, Press Officer: h.snoep@knsb.nl

The Organizing Committee

Hotel reservations and other inquiries concerning accommodation, transport and visa invitation letter request, should be addressed to the OC, Mrs Sandra Vrakking, Mississippiidreef 153, 3565 CE Utrecht, The Netherlands

Tel: +31 88 489 2000, Fax: +31 88 4892099, wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl

Web site

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website:

<http://www.schaatsen.nl/kpnworldshorttrack>

Live results will be available at the following website:

<http://shorttrack.sportresult.com/>

