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The Royal Dutch Skating Federation (KNSB) looks forward to hosting media attending the KPN ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The event will be held at Rotterdam Ahoy from March 10-12, 2017.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Rotterdam and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The press centre and press tribune will be open and operational for the first practice session on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 10AM.

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Additional information and updates as required will be posted on the ISU website as they become available. If you need more information, or have questions, please contact:

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### Media Accreditation Information

**All media** must apply for media accreditation through the ISU online media accreditation system on the International Skating Union (ISU) website ([www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org)) under «Media Accreditation». Alternatively click [here](#) to get direct access.

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The total number of accredited media representatives will be subject to space available. The OC and ISU reserve the right to refuse accreditation should the number of applications exceed given space.

All media will be requested to upload a copy of their professional media card and a .jpg photograph. *If not in possession of a professional media card, a comment should be added to the note box provided.* The deadline to apply is **March 1 2017**.

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only. Up to a total of two (2) journalists and one (1) photographer per publication are welcome to apply. Major wire services and newspapers may submit a request for two (2) photographers, however, only one (1) photographer is allowed at the rink-side.

**Rights holding TV and radio** must also apply for accreditation via the ISU online media accreditation system. Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISU in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster: NOS:

Jeroen van Bommel  
Sport production NOS  
[Jeroen.van.bommel@nos.nl](mailto:Jeroen.van.bommel@nos.nl)

### Accreditation Confirmation

If the accreditation request is accepted, a Letter of Confirmation will be issued. You may be asked to present a copy of the Letter of Confirmation to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.

## Media Accommodation

The OC has designated two media hotels. Public transportation is available from all ~~the official~~ media hotels to the main venue and the practice arena.

It is the responsibility of the individual media persons to book their own accommodation and to take on any cancellation fees.

### Media Hotels

#### Top-price

**Hilton Rotterdam \*\*\*\*\***

**Weena 10**

**3012 CM Rotterdam**

**T: +31 (0)10 710 8000**

**[www.hiltonhotels.com/Rotterdam](http://www.hiltonhotels.com/Rotterdam)**

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Hilton Rotterdam is set in the heart of the vibrant city centre - alive with cafes, restaurants and cultural events. A fusion of classic elegance and stylish modernity, Hilton Rotterdam is the ultimate urban retreat. It has free WiFi in public areas available to all hotel guests.

Just in front of the metro and tram stop, the hotel is within a 5-minute walking distance of the train station. Ahoy can be reached within 10 minutes by metro.

### Mid-range

**ART Hotel Rotterdam \*\*\*\***

**Mijnsherenlaan 9**

**3081 GA Rotterdam**

**T: +31 (0)10 279 4111**

**[www.arthotelrotterdam.com](http://www.arthotelrotterdam.com)**

Set less than a minute's walk from Maashaven metro station, this modern, high-rise hotel is also 3.4 km from the Cube House, a museum in a 1970s residential complex.

ART Hotel Rotterdam has a metro stop right next to hotel. The city centre is 8 minutes from the hotel and 3 minutes from the Ahoy venue.

### Budget

**Bastion Hotel Rotterdam Zuid \*\*\***

**Driemanssteeweg 5**

**3084 CA Rotterdam**

**T: +31 (0) 10 410 1000**

**[www.bastionhotels.nl](http://www.bastionhotels.nl)**

Bastion Hotel Rotterdam Zuid is situated on the A15 and is easily accessible from Rotterdam and the rest of the country. There is free Wi-Fi.

The hotel offers comfortable rooms. In the lobby a computer with internet access is available for guests to use. Bastion Hotel Rotterdam Zuid also features an à la carte restaurant, a bar and a lounge with LCD TV, air conditioning and lounge chairs.

Every 15 minutes a direct bus service operates between the nearest station (Korperweg) and the Ahoy venue.

## Transportation & Telecommunications

### Transportation

The KPN ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships will be held in Rotterdam Ahoy. The venue is easy to reach both by public transport and by car.

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Ahoy can be easily reached by public transport. The Zuidplein underground station/bus stop is a short 5 minute walk from Ahoy. For more information on travelling by public transport, please visit [www.9292ov.nl](http://www.9292ov.nl) or [ret.nl](http://ret.nl).

Remember that you will need an OV Chipkaart public transport pass to use public transport in Rotterdam. Disposable passes for two underground journeys are available at Rotterdam Central Station at the entrance to the underground. You can also purchase an OV Chipkaart in advance from the RET webshop at [ret.nl](http://ret.nl). Ret.nl also lists additional information on travelling with the OV Chipkaart.

Ahoy is conveniently located close to all exit roads. If travelling by car take the Ahoy-Zuidplein exit from the Rotterdam-Zuid ring road (A15). Then follow the Ahoy signs.

## Rotterdam Tourist Information

Rotterdam is the second biggest city in the Netherlands. Located at the Meuse and with its port, Rotterdam is a dynamic, young and international orientated city with a lot of attention for sports.

Rotterdam Tourist Information offers the best tips and up-to-date tourist information to make your stay in Rotterdam a complete experience.

## Rotterdam Tourist Information Coolsingel

Coolsingel 114

3011 AG Rotterdam

Opening hours: 09:30 - 18:00

T: +31 (0)10 790 0185

[www.rotterdam.info](http://www.rotterdam.info)

For prices and availability, please contact the hotel directly.

## Telecommunications

In the press center press working spaces will be available and the OC will provide internet by cable and WIFI. A limited number tabled seats is available for press in the grandstand. Please indicate in your application whether you would like to reserve tabled seats. All requests will be evaluated.

## Useful Information

### Address

Rotterdam Ahoy  
Ahoyweg 10  
3084 BARotterdam

### Visa

Foreign nationals may need a visa to travel to the Netherlands. For a short stay in the Netherlands, you

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may need a Schengen visa or a transit visa. For more information: [www.government.nl/topics/visa-for-the-netherlands-and-the-caribbean-parts-of-the-kingdom](http://www.government.nl/topics/visa-for-the-netherlands-and-the-caribbean-parts-of-the-kingdom)

### Language

The official language in the Netherlands is Dutch. English, German and French are widely understood and spoken.

### Climate

The Netherlands has a mild maritime climate. The average temperature ranges from 0 to 10 degrees Celsius in the winter, and from 20 to 30 degrees Celsius in the summer. The summer can be quite warm but changeable and the winters can get cold with occasional snowfall. Rain and wind are prevalent all year.

### Currency

The official currency is the Euro.

## Event Schedule

The KPN ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships lasts three days. During the World Championships the world's best riders will compete on four individual distances: the 500, 1000 and 1500 meters and the super final over 3000 meters. The tournament comes to a close on Sunday afternoon with the relay finals for men and women.

<b>Friday March 10th afternoon</b>	12.00 - 15.00
<b>Friday March 10th evening</b>	18.00 - 20.30
<b>Saturday March 11th</b>	14.00 - 18.00
<b>Sunday March 12th</b>	14.00 - 17.00

\*Times are subject to change. Exact details of the program will be announced shortly.

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