

YOUR OLYMPIC DREAM STARTS HERE

**A full-time training program with
other high level skaters is available**



**CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
SHORT TRACK PROGRAM**

**THE NETHERLANDS
SEASON 2026-2027**

THE KNSB WELCOMES YOU TO THE ISU CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN THIALF, HEERENVEEN

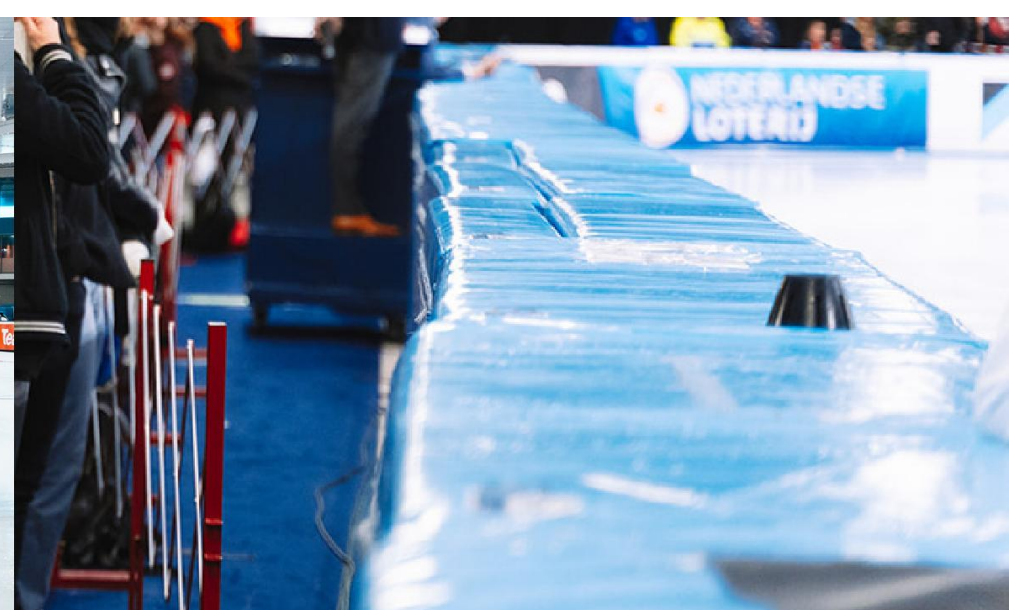
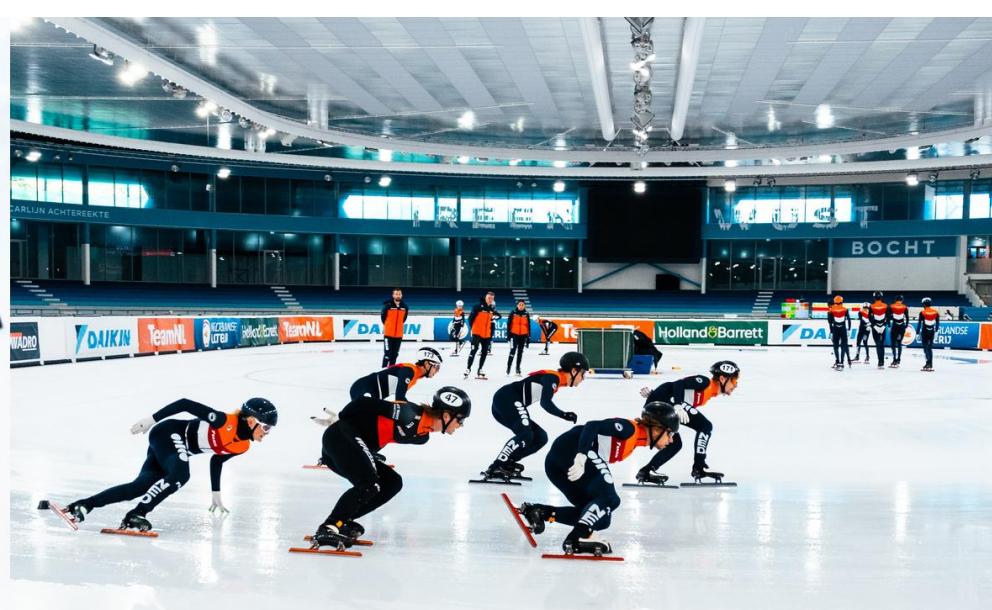
Our Goal: Making your 'Dream' a reality...

Join now for the next Olympic cycle, 2030 is just around the corner! Offering our knowledge, experience, and expertise in Short Track Speed Skating to the rest of the World. Our facility is one of the most advanced ice rink in the world: Thialf, Heerenveen.



TRAINING FACILITIES

Thialf the 'home' of The Dutch National Team, featuring, a state of the art free standing padding system, the fastest ice in the world & supported by technology and innovation



The complex's gym has the latest equipment and training materials and a great view of the whole stadium



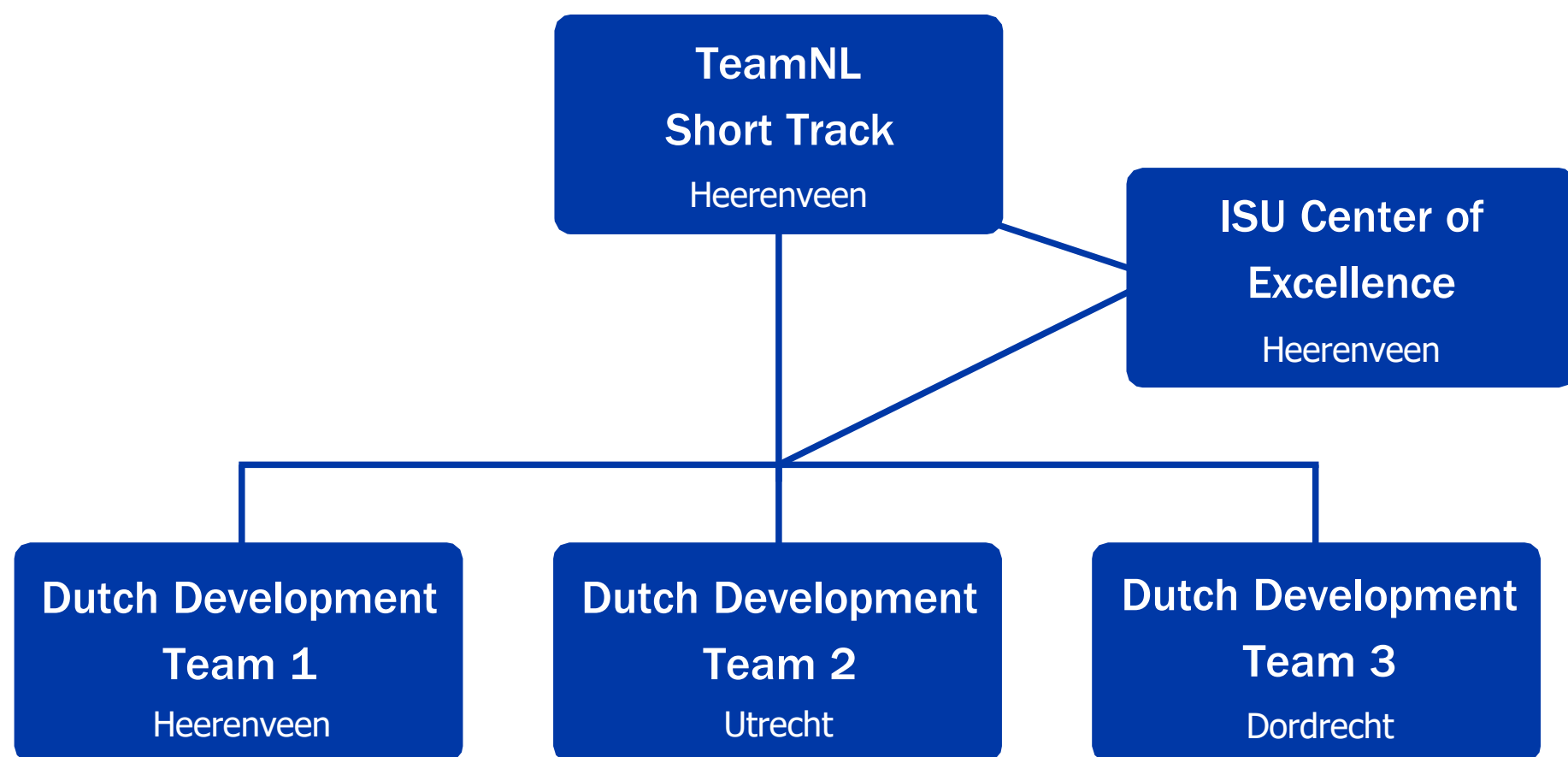
The short track ice rink features free standing boarding, meeting the highest ISU safety standards



THE FIELD OF PLAY

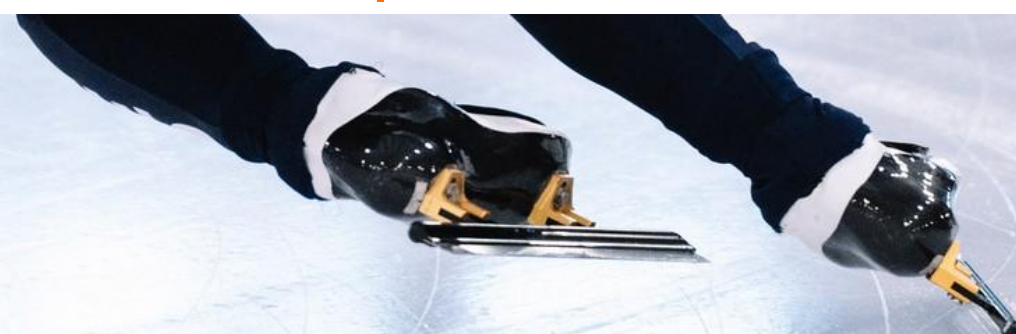
COLLABORATION = KEY

- TeamNL Short Track + other coaches involved with foreign skaters & the CoE.
- Collaboration between the CoE and the Dutch Development Teams during integrated sessions and joined skating camps.
- Joint training sessions together with TeamNL athletes who are not traveling to ISU World Cups.
- 3 teams, 1 location



THE OFFER

START: 1ST MAY 2026 | END: 31ST MARCH 2027



A full time on- and off ice training program:
6 days a week ice training,
max. 20h per week

Periodised program made to perform in high level competitions

Training with national and international skaters

Strong level of goal-setting

A great learning environment

Challenging training partners

Working with the newest innovations in ice skating

Partnership with the International Skating Union

Partnership with the KNSB

WHO TAKES CARE OF YOU WITHIN THE ISU CENTER OF EXCELLENCE?

Click [HERE](#) for more info and coach CV

- A full-time qualified experienced head coach
- An inter-disciplinary staff team, consisting of:

- Assistant-coach
- Strength and conditioning trainer
- Physiotherapist*
- Sports nutritionist*
- Performance behaviour coach*
- Meal service facility*

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*additional cost

BENEFITS AND REQUIREMENTS

BENEFITS

For International Short Track Skaters/Teams

- Opportunity to train with TeamNL Short Track and Dutch Development Teams
- Ensuring international development of smaller short track countries
- Chance for late developing skaters to mature
- Unofficial race prep competition
- Stable base for skaters not traveling to ISU World Cups
- Housing possibilities available
- Easy travelling access from Schiphol Airport

For National Short Track Skaters

- Opportunity to train with TeamNL Short Track and International skaters
- Opportunity for late developing skaters to mature
- More senior racing
- Stable base for skaters not traveling to ISU World Cups
- Dutch Development Teams can keep focus on juniors from their own regions
- Housing possibilities available

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Ambitious skaters at a level that suits the team
- National team members looking for a new challenge
- International members of development teams
- Desirable age from 18+

WHAT DO WE EXPECT?

- 100% dedication for the sport
- Commitment for 11 months
- Add value to the team
- Ownership & Perseverance
- Strong goal-setting
- Progression
- The will to improve

THE COSTS

Our ISU Center of Excellence offers the possibility to join the training program for International & Dutch skaters:

INTERNATIONAL SKATERS

Training Program

€535*

DUTCH SKATERS

Training Program

€370**

*Costs are per month. Payment can be made monthly, the first two months have to be paid in advance.

**Reduced fee for Dutch skaters based on Dutch Government financial contribution.

CONTACT US

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR ISU CENTER OF EXCELLENCE?

Download our application form [HERE](#) and e-mail to:

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For questions about housing possibilities, email to:

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We are looking forward to having you join
our International Team!

Benny Bruggemans