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The International Skating Union, The Koninklijke Nederlandse Schaatsenrijdersbond and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the:

ISU Short Track European Championships® 2026
January 16 – 18, 2026
to be held at the IJssportcentrum Tilburg,
Tilburg, The Netherlands

General Regulations

The ISU Short Track European Championships 2026 will be conducted in accordance with the 2024 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	500, 1000, 1500 meters Women and Men
Relay	3000 meters Women, 5000 meters Men, 2000 meters Mixed Team

Program

The program below is subject to change depending on the final entry of Skaters.

Tuesday, January 13	TBA	Official Training at participating ISU Member's cost
Wednesday, January 14	TBA	Official Training at participating ISU Member's cost
Thursday, January 15	TBA	Official Training free of charge for all ISU Members
	TBA	Team Leaders' Meeting
Friday, January 16	TBA	Qualifying session Individual & Relay
Saturday, January 17	TBA	Repechage session
		1000 meters Women, 500 and 1500 meters Men
		Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals
	TBA	Opening Ceremony
	13:35	European Championships Main Session
		1000 meters Women, 500 and 1500 meters Men
		Semi-finals Relay 5000m Men
		3000 meters Women Relay Semi-Finals & Finals

Sunday, January 18	TBA	Repechage session, 500 and 1500 meters Women, 1000 meters
	13:35	European Championships Main Session 500 and 1500 meters Women, 1000 meters Men Mixed Team Relay Finals 5000 meters Men Relay Finals

Track Conditions

The IJssportcentrum Tilburg has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. A hybrid padding system will be used in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 2626 (or any further update). The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries¹

- a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) for Short Track Speed Skating on <https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/account/login>
- b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & Team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by Friday, December 5, 2025 (Rule 292) by using the Online Registration System (ORS) Preliminary Entries and Preliminary Accommodation modules. The number of other personnel travelling with the Team shall be communicated at the same time. 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 ORS at the latest by 20:00 hrs.(CET, local time) on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 (Rule 292), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:
 - Names of the Competitors and a list of alternate names per category with their International Registration Numbers
 - Names of the Competitors and their personal best time, recorded during the period of eligibility, for all individual distances they might participate in
 - Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances
 - Confirmation of participation in all the competitions of the Relay

Only the Competitors listed on the Final Entry, respecting the maximum number of entries allowed, can attend

and receive an accreditation for the Event.

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

- d) 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. 2731 need to be strictly observed. Declaration Forms must be uploaded in the ORS in each Competitors and Team Officials profile prior to submitting the Entries.

For more details, please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication No.2731 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2526, 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.

¹ Reference is made to ISU Communication No. 2469, paragraph 2.a) according to which and until further notice, no individual belonging to the Russian Skating Union and Skating Union of Belarus shall be invited, entered and allowed to participate in International Competitions, ISU Championships and other ISU Events.

Individual Entries:

In accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 4.a), each ISU Member with the right to participate, is entitled to enter at least two (2) Competitors in each category of each distance.

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2719 "Detailed Program & Entries ISU Championships Short Track Speed Skating 2026", the following ISU Members may enter three (3) Competitors in total in the respective category and distances. Each ISU Member may enter the substitutes corresponding the number of entries.

Women

500m	1000m	1500m
Germany	France	France
Hungary	Italy	Germany
Italy	Netherlands	Hungary
Netherlands	Poland	Italy
Poland		Netherlands
		Poland

Men

500m	1000m	1500m
Hungary	Great Britain	France

Italy	Hungary	Great Britain
Netherlands	Italy	Italy
Poland	Netherlands	Netherlands
	Türkiye	Poland

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 ISU Short Track European Championships 2026 will be determined in accordance with *Rule 281, paragraph 4.b) & d) (Europeans)*. Special attention must be paid to Rule 282, paragraph 4 regarding the fact that participation is known immediately upon completion of the last World Tour Competition held prior to the Championships.

Qualifying Times:

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times over 500 meters, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2719, paragraph 4.2, as follows:

Every ISU Member can enter 1 Skater per category that has achieved the following qualifying time:

Women 500 meters:	47,21
Men 500 meters:	45,04

If an ISU Member enters more than 1 Skater, the qualifying times required for all Skaters (including all Relay Skaters) entered by the ISU Member, are:

Women 500 meters:	45,56
Men 500 meters:	43,46

For a result, to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2023, and the final entry deadline specified in the paragraph "Entries" above.

Points and Classification

In accordance with Rule 297.

Titles and Medals

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

European Short Track Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2026

European Short Track Relay Champions for 2026

European Short Track Mixed Team Relay Champions for 2026

The European Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The European Short Track Relay Champions or European Short Track Mixed Team 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. 2516, or any further update of this Communication.

Team Officials Accreditations

For Teams entering 1 up to 5 Skaters

#	Function	Price	Accreditation Access
1	Team Leader	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Coach	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Doctor	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Physio	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Equipment Technician	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area

Additional Team Officials

#	Function	Price	Accreditation Access
	Same as above	EUR (€) 250*	Blue – 2 – Dressing Rooms & Team Seats
	Team Press Officer	EUR (€) 250*	Blue – 2, 5 – Dressing Rooms & Team Seats, Press Area

For Teams entering 6 up to 10 Skaters

#	Function	Price	Accreditation Access
1	Team Leader	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
2	Coaches	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Doctor	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
2	Physios	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
2	Equipment Technicians	Free	Blue – 1 – Field of Play & Full Access Athletes Area
1	Team Video Specialist ¹	Free	Blue – 2 – Athletes Lounge, Dressing Rooms & Team Seats

Additional Team Officials

#	Function	Price	Accreditation Access
	Same as above	EUR (€) 250*	Blue – 2 – Dressing Rooms & Team Seats
	Team Press Officer	EUR (€) 250*	Blue – 2, 5 – Dressing Rooms & Team Seats, Press Area

* Or equivalent in any other currency. One-time fee per ISU Event, per person.

¹ Video Disclaimer Form must be uploaded into the ORS in the Team Video Specialist' profile prior to submitting

the Entries. The form is valid for all Events of the season 2025/26.

Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, January 15, for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from Tuesday, January 13. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged €20 per person. Payment for additional practice ice time must be paid in euros 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.

The Organizing Committee will facilitate a weight training room at the 'Ireen Wust Baan'. This is the Long Track facility next to the competition venue, which can be used for weight training during training days. This includes two squad racks, box jumps and weights. During competition days, this room can also be used to warm up (stretching). Each training session, 50 minutes, will be charged €15 per person. (During competition days a warm-up facility will also be available at the ice rink.)

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 No. 2742).

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 damage incurred in connection with the ISU Short Track European Championships 2026. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and meals starting from lunch on Thursday, January 15 until lunch on Monday January 19 for all participating Skaters, maximum five (5) Women and five (5) Men, plus one Team leader from each participating ISU Member. All costs incurred prior to Thursday, January 15 and after Monday, January 19 will be the financial responsibility of each ISU Member.

Accommodation provided by the OC will be double occupancy rooms. Single rooms are only paid by the Organizing Committee for the team leader or for an odd number of Skaters. The costs for board and lodging for additional staff/persons are entirely borne by the ISU member.

An invoice will be sent prior to the start of the event. Payment should be made before arrival via bank transfer or by credit card at the OC office upon arrival (only Mastercard or VISA will be accepted). For credit card payment, a surcharge of 3,5% is applicable.

All arrangements for accommodation must be made through the Organizing Committee by using the ORS accommodation and meals modules.

Official Hotels

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

Van der Valk Tilburg (Teams)	Van der Valk Gilze (Teams / ISU)
Address: Dokter Bloemenlaan 8, 5022 KW Tilburg	Address: Klein Zwitserland 8, 5126 TA Gilze
Website: www.hoteltilburg.nl	Website: www.hotelgilzetilburg.nl
Mail: tilburg@valk.nl	Mail: receptie@hotelgilzetilburg.nl

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than December 5, by using the ORS accommodation module. For meal requests, please use the ORS meals module. Lunch will be at the venue for all teams.

Hotel Rooms

Please note that the VAT rate on hotel rooms is expected to increase to 21% as of January 1, 2026, while the VAT rate on food and beverages will remain at 9%. This change affects the overall room rates.

As the final decision regarding this increase has not yet been confirmed, the announcement will include two room rates: one reflecting the hotel prices including the 21% VAT on rooms, and one reflecting the prices without the VAT increase.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows (VAT increase):

Single Room (per person, per night, full board, including city tax & VAT): €260

Double Room (per person, per night, full board, including city tax & VAT): €190

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows (no VAT increase):

Single Room (per person, per night, full board, including city tax & VAT): €245

Double Room (per person, per night, full board, including city tax & VAT): €175

Lunch will be at the venue for all teams, including teams that are not staying in the official hotels. Costs for teams that are not staying in the official hotels are €75 for 3 days.

Please be aware that only the rooms requested in the pre-accommodation tab in ORS are guaranteed.

Cancellation policy

Cancellations can only be made in written format.

ISU Members are allowed to reduce up to a maximum of 20% of the reserved number of rooms free of charge, between 6 weeks and 15 days before the arrival date. In case of reductions exceeding 20% as set out in this agreement, rooms will be fully charged, unless the Organizing Committee can resell the room. In case of cancellation 15 days or less before the arrival date, the customer is obliged to pay 100% of the reservation value to the Organizing Committee.

Between 6 weeks and 15 days before arrival	Max. 20% of the contractual determined revenue can be cancelled free of charge
Between 6 weeks and 15 days before arrival and cancellation amount over 20%	Rooms will be fully charged, unless the OC can resell the room.
Up to and including 15 days before arrival	Rooms will be fully charged.

Tickets for Competitors

Each competitor is entitled to 2 tickets for family or friends. The deadline for requests is December 14, 2025. These tickets are multi-day, valid on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

If the number of requests exceeds availability, allocation will be handled on a first come, first serve basis. After the deadline is met, the Organizing Committee will request the names of the ticket holders from the team leaders. Tickets can be collected at the ticket desk during the event upon presentation of a valid ID card. These tickets are strictly intended for the family and close friends of the competitor. They may not be transferred, resold, or shared with third parties. In case of any doubts regarding the use of these tickets, the matter will be reported to the ISU.

See the link to the request form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01998533b0087f1195f5d0d87b3c414d>

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will organize and provide one transportation each way, free of charge, for each team between Eindhoven Airport and the official hotels, from Sunday, January 11 to Monday, January 19.

Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

Price (single trip) is shown as follows:

4-seat car: 115 EUR

Minivan: 125 EUR

Participants arriving and departing from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport will pay a one-way transportation fee of € 40 per person for arrival of an entire team. The cost for a return trip will be € 70,00 per person. Please note that

if you are not traveling with a team, transport prices will be higher and will depend on the total number of people you're traveling with. See prices for a 4-seat car and minivan above.

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotels and the competition venue during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Tuesday, November 25.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee using the Travel module in ORS as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, January 6. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported in the Comments field.

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 via wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl.

Media Accreditation

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System <https://www.isu.org/media-centre/accreditations/media>

Information for the media will be available on the [ISU website](#) in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer Simon Keijzer. See details below.

The Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservations and transportation needs must reach the Organizing Committee by using ORS. Any other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at the addresses below.

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Live results will be available at the following website: <https://isu-skating.com/>

Important update

Please note that athletes, sports clubs, and organizations are not allowed to advertise online gambling companies. Since July 1, 2025, this rule also applies to all national and foreign teams that are visibly sponsored by gambling operators while in the Netherlands.

This means:

- No logos, names, or brands of gambling companies may be displayed.
- No team uniforms (including racing suit and equipment), banners, or other expressions featuring their name or logo may be used.
- These rules also apply to foreign teams competing in the Netherlands.

ISU “Inside Events” mobile application

Daily information, results and changes in schedules (race, training, transportation, etc.) will be communicated to the teams on the board of the Team Hotel as well as on the ISU “Inside Events” mobile application.

This mobile application makes the information delivery faster, contains all relevant information for participants, reduce paper needs and notify participants in case of any changes or urgencies through push notification possibilities.

The “Inside Events” app is available free of charge on Android and Apple systems and is compatible with both tablets and smartphones. It can be downloaded with the below QR codes or directly on the app stores.

Each ISU Event will have its own unique password that will be provided on site to participating Athletes, Officials, and Team Delegations.



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