

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING



CALGARY, CANADA
JANUARY 24-26, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENT

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On behalf of the Speed Skating Canada and the Calgary Olympic Oval
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING

2024/25

which will be held at the Calgary Olympic Oval
in Calgary, Alberta, Canada
on *January 24-26, 2025*

The Competition will be held under the 2024 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2653.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024, Single Distances & Team Competitions format.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, January 23	16:00	Team leaders' Meeting, virtual	
	17:00	Medical Meeting, virtual	
Friday, January 24:	9:30	Division B:	Women 5000m Men 1500m Women 1000m
	17:00	Division A:	Women 5000m Men 1500m Women 1000m
Saturday, January 25:	10:00	Division B:	Women 1500m Men 1000m
	13:00	Division A:	Men 10000m Women 1500m Men 1000m
	17:00	Division B:	Men 10000m
Sunday, January 26:	9:00	Division B:	Women 500m Men 500m Women Mass Start Men Mass Start Women Team Sprint Men Team Sprint
	13:00	Division A:	Women 500m Men 500m Women Mass Start Men Mass Start Women Team Sprint Men Team Sprint

* The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced during the Online Team leaders' meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results) for determining the awarding of World Cup points and prize money.

TRACK

Calgary Olympic Oval is an indoor artificially frozen ice rink with a standard track of 400 meters and inner and outer curves with radii of 26 and 30 meters respectively. The width of the inside training track is 5 meters. In accordance with Rue 228 a protective moveable padding system will be installed around the track.

ENTRIES

Entries for these competitions will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2653, paragraph 3.1.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on <https://ssk-entries.isu.org/> and respecting the following deadlines:

Preliminary Entries	December 15, 2024
Accommodation Requests	December 23, 2024
Accreditation Requests for Teams	January 7, 2025
Travel Dates & Transportation Requests	January 7, 2025
Final Entries	January 20, 2025 – 12.00 noon (local time)

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. 1628, need to be strictly observed.

For more details, please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communications No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communications.

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.

According to ISU Communication No. 2653, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

#	ISU Member	WOMEN				ISU Member	MEN				ISU Member
		500	1000	1500	3000 5000		500	1000	1500	5000 10000	
1.	AUT	2	2	1	1	AUT	1	1	2	1	AUT
2.	BEL	2	2	3	2	BEL	2	2	3	2	BEL
3.	CAN*	5	5	5	5	CAN*	5	5	5	5	CAN*
4.	CHN	4	4	4	4	CHN	4	4	4	4	CHN
5.	CZE	1	1	2	4	CZE	1	1	1	1	CZE
6.	ESP	1	1	1	1	ESP	2	2	1	1	ESP
7.	EST	1	1	1	1	EST	2	2	1	1	EST
8.	FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	2	3	FRA
9.	GBR	2	2	2	1	GBR	1	2	1	1	GBR
10.	GER	2	3	2	4	GER	2	4	4	4	GER
11.	ITA	2	1	3	3	ITA	2	3	4	5	ITA
12.	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN
13.	KAZ	4	4	4	2	KAZ	3	1	2	1	KAZ
14.	KOR	4	5	3	3	KOR	4	3	3	3	KOR
15.	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	NED
16.	NOR	3	3	2	4	NOR	4	4	5	5	NOR
17.	NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	1	2	NZL
18.	POL	4	4	4	2	POL	4	4	1	1	POL
19.	SUI	1	2	2	3	SUI	1	1	2	2	SUI
20.	TPE	1	1	1	1	TPE	1	2	1	1	TPE
21.	USA	5	5	4	3	USA	4	4	4	4	USA

* as hosting ISU Member

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance¹. All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 2653, paragraph 3.1.2.

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.

COMPETITION FORMAT AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE MASS START EVENTS

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 257 and Rule 265, paragraph 6 in the ISU Technical Rules Hotel prices:

for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2653, paragraph 5.6, with distances of 16 laps for both Women and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2651 or any further updates.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM SPRINT EVENTS

Team Sprint races will be skated according to Rule 256, paragraph 2 and Rule 265, paragraph 7 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2653, paragraphs 4.2 and 5.7, with teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 3 laps both for Women and for Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2651 or any further updates.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2653, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event, World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2653, paragraphs 6 and 7.2 accordingly.

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 Nos. 2344 and 2366 (or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track and gym facilities will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, January 20, 2025. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

ISU Members may ask for changes in the training schedule (published in the Inside ISU Events' App) latest by *January 17, 2025*. Decisions on changes' request will be taken by the Organizing Committee in consultation with the ISU.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Speed Skating Canada and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials.

Accommodation requests must be submitted in OES.

Changes to the accommodation requests after the deadline must be sent directly to your assigned hotel with the Organizing Committee in copy (worldcup@speedskating.ca)

- Tamara Taggart at Best Western Village Park Inn (sales@villageparkinn.com)
- Gurneet Sandhu at Aloft Calgary University (salesmgr@aloftcalgaryuniversity.com)

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservations for the teams in the following hotels:

Best Western Plus Village Park Inn

1804 Crowchild Trail NW

Calgary, AB T2M 3Y7

Telephone: +1 (403) 289-0241

www.villageparkinn.com

Aloft Calgary University

2359 Banff Trail NW6

Calgary, AB T2M 4L2

Telephone: +(403-289-1973)

www.aloftcalgaryuniversity.com

The cost of a room at the official hotels will be as follows (including all taxes):

Double/Traditional Queen (2 queen beds) or Traditional King (1 king bed)	\$149 CAD + taxes = \$167.28 CAD
Atrium King (1 king bed plus pull-out couch)	\$159 CAD + taxes = \$178.50 CAD

Price per room is for single to double occupancy (maximum of two people per room) and includes a hot buffet breakfast. Additional costs for lunch and dinner (including drinks) are as follows:

Lunch Buffet	\$27 CAD + 18% gratuity + 5% tax = \$33.45 CAD per person
Dinner Buffet	\$36 CAD + 18% gratuity + 5% tax = \$44.60 CAD per person

Payment: Cash in CAD or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, AMEX).

Cancellation policy:

A 50% down payment is required at time of booking.

80% attrition rate after December 23, 2024. Meaning you can cancel free of charge up to 1 week before arrival 20% of the rooms you reserved. You are responsible for payment of 80% of the rooms reserved. Any additional rooms cancelled within 72h of arrival will be charged at the rate of one night.

Room availability is on a first-come-first-serve basis. A limited number of rooms are available. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotels.

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Sunday, January 19 to Monday, January 27 from and to the Calgary International Airport (YYC). Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service.

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel and the ice-rink beginning on Monday, January 20.

The Organizing Committee must be informed via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events about the date and time of arrival and departure of the competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by Tuesday, January 7, 2025. Any changes after January 7, 2025, must be requested to the Organizing Committee by email at worldcup@speedskating.ca.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Speed Skating Canada if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

- Participant name
- Participant role
- Participant date of birth
- Participant passport number

Please submit all this information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

ACCREDITATIONS

Only the following number of Team Officials can receive an accreditation free of charge:

Type	Number of accreditations per Competition
Team Leader	1 accreditation
Coaches, medical & technical staff	1 competitor* - 1 accreditation 2 to 3 competitors - 2 accreditations 4 to 6 competitors - 3 accreditations 7 to 9 competitors - 4 accreditations 10 to 11 competitors - 5 accreditations 12-13 competitors - 6 accreditations 14-15 competitors - 7 accreditations 16-17 competitors - 8 accreditations 18-19 competitors - 9 accreditations 20-21 competitors - 10 accreditations ..etc.
ISU Member Officials** (No access to athletes zone)	Up to maximum 3 accreditations

* Competitor = competing skater (substitutes excluded)

** President, Vice Presidents, CEO, General Secretary, Managers, etc.

The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. A fee of EUR 250 for each additional Team Officials/Federation Officials accreditation must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

WATER BOTTLES

Plastic water bottles will not be provided by the Organizing Committee. Teams are asked to bring their own reusable water bottles and to use the refill stations at the venue

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to Speed Skating Canada at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

Speed Skating Canada

Jill Lynch
worldcup@speedskating.ca
+1 587-433-8646

Media accreditation

Alain Brouillette
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WEBSITE

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following official event website(s):
<https://speedskating.ca/international-event/calgary2025/>

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, reduces paper needs and notifies 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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