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On behalf of the KNSB and Organizing Committee
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

ISU WORLD CUP 3

SPEED SKATING

2025/26

which will be held at the Thialf
in Heerenveen, Netherlands
on *December 5 to December 7, 2025.*

The Competition will be held under the 2024 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2728.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2026 and XXV Olympic Winter Games Milano-Cortina 2026.

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PROGRAM:

Thursday December 4, 2025	13:30	Medical Meeting, Thialf
	16:00	Team leaders Meeting, online
	18:00	Opening Draw, online
Friday December 5, 2025	14:15 B Division*	5.000m Women 1.500m Men 1.000m Women
	18:55 A Division	5.000m Women 1.500m Men 1.000m Women
Saturday December 6, 2025	08:45 B Division*	10.000m Men 1.500m Women 1.000m Men
	14:15 A Division	10.000m Men 1.500m Women 1.000m Men
Sunday December 7, 2025	11:10 B Division*	500m Women 500m Men Mass Start Women Mass Start Men
	14:15 A Division	500m Women 500m Men Mass Start Women Mass Start Men Team Sprint Women Team Sprint Men

**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

Thialf 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 4 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. 2728, 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 & Accommodation Requests	November 5, 2025
Accreditation Requests for Teams	November 12, 2025
Travel Dates & Transportation Requests	November 12, 2025
Final Entries	December 1st, 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. 2731, need to be strictly observed.

For more details, please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication No. 2731 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. 2728, 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	2	2	AUT	1	2	2	1	AUT
2.	BEL	2	2	3	2	BEL	2	2	4	3	BEL
3.	CAN	4	4	4	5	CAN	4	4	3	3	CAN
4.	CHN	4	3	5	5	CHN	5	4	3	4	CHN
5.	CZE	1	2	3	4	CZE	1	1	2	2	CZE
6.	DEN	2	2	2	1	DEN	1	1	1	2	DEN
7.	ESP	1	1	1	1	ESP	2	2	1	1	ESP
8.	EST	1	1	1	1	EST	2	2	1	1	EST
9.	FRA	1	1	1	2	FRA	1	1	2	2	FRA
10.	GER	3	3	3	4	GER	2	4	4	4	GER
11.	HUN	1	1	1	1	HUN	1	2	2	1	HUN
12.	ITA	3	2	3	3	ITA	2	3	4	5	ITA
13.	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN
14.	KAZ	3	4	3	3	KAZ	3	1	1	1	KAZ
15.	KOR	3	4	3	1	KOR	4	4	2	2	KOR
16.	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	NED
17.	NOR	2	2	2	3	NOR	4	3	5	5	NOR
18.	POL	4	4	2	2	POL	4	4	2	3	POL
19.	SUI	1	2	2	2	SUI	1	1	2	3	SUI
20.	TPE	2	1	1	1	TPE	1	1	1	1	TPE
21.	USA	5	5	4	3	USA	4	4	4	3	USA

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. 2728, paragraph 3.1.2.

¹ For Skating Union of Belarus and Russian Skating Union, and skaters from Belarus and Russia, please refer to ISU Communications Nos. 2469, 2680 and 2708.

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 for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2728, 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. 2636 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. 2728, 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. 2636 or any further updates.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2728, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event, World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2728, 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 *December 1st, 2025*. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday December 4, 2025.

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

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 loss or damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

DUTCH GAMBLING AUTHORITY

As of July 1, 2025, the Dutch Gambling Authority (Kansspelautoriteit) has implemented a ban on untargeted advertising by online gambling providers. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Sponsorship of sports clubs and events
- Displaying logos on sportswear, banners, and other promotional materials
- General advertising campaigns not specifically targeted to verified adult audiences

The primary objective of this measure is to protect vulnerable groups, particularly young people, from the risks associated with gambling addiction. The Kansspelautoriteit is responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance with these new regulations."

ACCOMMODATION

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

The cost of a room and meals at the official hotel(s) will be as follows (including all taxes):

Single Room occupancy: €177,00 per room per night. Price including meals and drinks. (excl. VAT and tourist tax)

Double Room occupancy: €259,00 per room per night. Price including meals and drinks. (excl. VAT and tourist tax)

Cancellation policy:

- Travel dates, transportation and hotel request until **November 12, 2025**
- Cancellation policy and final adjustments **December 1st, 2025**
- **Cancellation after November 24, 2025, until 24h before arrival: 25% of reservation value**
- **Cancellation after December 2nd, 2025: 75% of reservation value**
- **Cancellation on day of arrival or no show: 100% charge**

Payment (before check-in): Via invoice or cash in Euro or credit card (all CC accepted)

Accommodation requests can only be made directly with the Organizing Committee.

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

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

Hotel I: Van Der Valk Wolvega (15 min)*

Hotel II: Van Der Valk Sneek (20 min)*

Hotel III: Van Der Valk Emmeloord (30 min)*

Hotel IIII: Van der Valk Leeuwarden (25 min)*

* The Organizing Committee and Hotel Manager will divide the Teams over the needed hotels.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel(s).

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TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Monday December 1st, 2025 to Monday December 8, 2025 from and to the Schiphol Airport, at the participating Teams' expense. A special low-rate will be agreed upon based on the Teams' travel details.

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(s) and the ice-rink from Monday December 1st, 2025 to Sunday December 7, 2025.

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 Monday 12 November, 2025

(A price estimate is €195,- in total per ride (up to a maximum of 6 persons per ride). Groups with 30 persons or more will be transferred with a coach/touring car service at a rate of €795,- per ride from/to Airport/Sneek/Wolvega and €695,00 per ride from/to Airport/Emmeloord. Prices are excluding taxes and including fuel.)

VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

- First name;
- Last name;
- Passport number
- Date of birth.

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

[If applicable] To facilitate immigration procedures all Event participants (Skaters, Team staff, Officials) need to present a personal invitation letter for the Event on arrival in the Netherlands. Personal information as specified above for Visa application must therefore be submitted to the OC not later than October 1st, 2025.

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.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or KNSB at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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WEBSITE

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following official event website(s):
<https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/isu-world-cup-3-langebaan-heerenveen/>

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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