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On behalf of the Deutsche Eisschnelllauf – und Shorttrack-Gemeinschaft e.V. and Gemeinde Inzell,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

ISU SPEED SKATING

WORLD CUP

2025/26

which will be held at the Max Aicher Arena
in Inzell, Germany
on January 23 – 25, 2026

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 World Speed Skating Championships 2026, Allround & Sprint format.

PROGRAM:

Thursday January 22, 2026:	16:00	Team leaders' Meeting, online
	17:00	Medical Meeting, online
	18:00	Opening draw, online
Friday January 23, 2026:	13:40	Division B: Women 500m Men 500m Women 1.500m Men 1.500m
	18:30	Division A: Women 500m Men 500m Women 1.500m Men 1.500m
Saturday January 24, 2026:	09:10	Division B: Women 1.000m Men 1.000m Women 3.000m Men 5.000m
	14:30	Division A: Women 1.000m Men 1.000m Women 3.000m Men 5.000m
Sunday January 25, 2026:	10:50	Division B: Women 500m Men 500m Women Mass Start Men Mass Start
	14:00	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

Max Aicher Arena is an indoor artificially frozen ice rink with a standard track of 400 meters and inner and outer curves with radii of 25 and 29 meters respectively. The width of the inside training track is 4 meters. In accordance with Rue 228 a protective inflatable 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	December 22, 2025
Accommodation Requests	December 15, 2025
Accreditation Requests for Teams	December 22, 2025
Travel Dates & Transportation Requests	December 22, 2025
Final Entries	January 19, 2026 – 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	5*	5*	5*	5*	GER	5*	5*	5*	5*	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

* 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. 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, January 19, 2026. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, January 22.

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 Friday, January 16, 2026. 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, Deutsche Eisschnelllauf – und Shorttrack-Gemeinschaft e.V. 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.

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

Das Bergmayr, Gasthof Kienberg, Chiemgau Appartements

Single Room occupancy: 119,00 EUR per room per night. Price including meals and drinks.

Double Room occupancy: 198,00 EUR per room per night. Price including meals and drinks.

Alpenliebe Design Hotel

Single Room occupancy: 189,00 EUR per room per night. Price including meals and drinks.

Double Room occupancy: 300,00 EUR per room per night. Price including meals and drinks.

Cancellation policy: If you cancel the same day or no-show the hotel will charge the total stay.

Payment: Cash in EUR € or credit card VISA / MASTERCARD.

Accommodation requests can only be made via the ISU online entry system for speed skating

<https://ssk-entries.isu.org>

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

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

Das Bergmayr
Lärchenstr. 10, 83334 Inzell
[https://www.bergmayr-alpenhotel.de/
dasbergmayr@halbersbacher.de](https://www.bergmayr-alpenhotel.de/dasbergmayr@halbersbacher.de)

Gasthof Kienberg
Reichenhaller Str. 3, 83334 Inzell
[https://www.gasthof-kienberg.de/
gasthof.kienberg@t-online.de](https://www.gasthof-kienberg.de/gasthof.kienberg@t-online.de)

Chiemgau Apartments
Lärchenstraße 7, 83334 Inzell
[http://www.chiemgau-appartements.de/
kontakt@chiemgau-appartements.de](http://www.chiemgau-appartements.de/kontakt@chiemgau-appartements.de)

Alpenliebe Design Hotel & Apartments
Fritz-Gastager-Straße 10, 83334 Inzell
<https://www.alpenliebe.bayern>
marnix@inzell-hotels.bayern

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

TRANSPORTATION

From Monday January 19, 2026 the Organizing Committee will provide the transfer from the International Airport Salzburg (AUT) to Inzell or transfer from the railway station Traunstein to Inzell and back. The price of transportation from the Salzburg Airport to Inzell is € 30,00 p.p one way and from the Traunstein railway station to Inzell is € 20,00 p.p. one way. There is a train connection from Munich Airport through Munich to Traunstein every hour.

Information about the date and time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials must be submitted via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

The Organizing Committee will provide free of charge transportation between the official hotel(s) and the ice rink from Monday January 19, 2026 until the Competition is finished.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Deutsche Eisschnelllauf – und Shorttrack-Gemeinschaft e.V. if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Passport number
- Passport expiration date
- Arrival & departure date

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

To facilitate immigration procedures all Event participants (Skaters, Team staff, Officials) need to present a personal invitation letter for the Event on arrival in Germany. Personal information as specified above for Visa application must therefore be submitted to the OC not later than Monday January 19, 2026.

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 at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

Organizing Committee

Gemeinde Inzell
Reichenhaller Str. 79
83334 Inzell
Tel. +49-8665-98810
office@max-aicher-arena.de

Media accreditation

Tillmann Dittrich
Reichenhaller Str. 79
83334 Inzell
Tel. +49 172-8419227
td@events.max-aicher-arena.de

WEBSITE

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following official event website(s):
<https://events.max-aicher-arena.de>

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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