

TILBURG, NED FEBRUARY 07-09, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENT





On behalf of Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijdersbond, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ISU Short Track World Tour 2024/25 which will be held at the IJssportcentrum, Tilburg, The Netherlands on February 7-9, 2025

General Regulations

The competitions will be held under the 2024 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2648.

Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the ISU Short Track World Tour 2024/25.

Distances

Individual 500, 1000, 1500 meters Women and Men

Relay 3000 meters Women, 5000 meters Men, 2000 meters Mixed Team Relay

Program

From February 4 to February 5 Official Training at participating ISU Member's cost

Thursday, February 6 09:00 – 18:00 Official Training free of charge for all ISU Members

TBA Team Leaders' Meeting

Friday, February 7 TBA Qualifying session Individual & Relay

Saturday, February 8 Repechage session

1000 meters Women, 500 and 1500 meters Men

Mixed Team Relay Semi-Finals

13:32 World Tour Main session

1000 meters Women, 500 and 1500 meters Men

Semi-Finals Relay 5000m Men 3000 meters Women Relay Finals

Sunday, February 9 Repechage session

500 and 1500 meters Women, 1000 meters Men

13:32 World Tour Main session

500 and 1500 meters Women, 1000 meters Men

Mixed Team Relay Finals

5000 meters Men Relay Finals

^{*} Final starting times to be decided upon receipt of the number of final entries.

Track Conditions

The IJssportcentrum in Tilburg has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective hybrid padding covers the boards 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 World Cup Short Track Speed Skating on https://ors.isu.swisstiming.com/account/login
- b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & Team leader must be submitted by **December 27, 2024**.

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.
- 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 Online Registration System must be submitted at the latest by 20:00 hrs. (local time) on **January 28, 2025** (see ISU Communication No. 2648, paragraph 5), 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) Competitors must be present in Tilburg at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, February 6 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Tour Competition. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded
- e) Please note that for all persons entered by the 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. Declaration Forms must be uploaded in the ORS in each Competitors and Team Officials' profile prior submitting the Entries.

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

Team Officials Accreditations

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

For Teams entering 1 up to 6 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	

For Teams entering 7 up to 12 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

^{*} or equivalent in any other currency. One-time fee per ISU Event, per person.

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.

¹ Video Disclaimer Form must be uploaded in the ORS in the Team Video Specialist' profile prior submitting the Entries. The form is valid for all Events of the season 2024/25.

Tickets for Competitors

Competitors willing to receive 2 tickets for their family members, must inform the Organizing Committee not later than January 6th, 2025. Using the link Competitor tickets, all teams can submit their request for 2 tickets per competitor. In case of a limited number of available tickets, the principle of "first come, first serve" will apply. Competitors asking for tickets must provide the names of the ticketholders to the Organizing Committee via a form that will be shared later. The ticket holder can collect the tickets during the event at the ticketing desk with an ID card.

Citizenships/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

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.

World Tour points

The points scoring at the World Tour are made in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2648, paragraphs 10, 11 and 12.

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 Nos. 2344 & 2366 or later updates).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice for Official Training on Thursday, February 6 for all participating teams. Extra Official practices will be provided from Tuesday, February 4. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged €20 per person.

On Monday, February 3 there will be limited ice training available on The Ireen Wüst Ice Rink, (next to the IJssportcentrum). This rink has no freestanding moveable padding system and can be used on a first come first serve base. Standard boarding padding will be available. Prices and schedule as mentioned above.

Weight Training

There is a fully equipped weight room available next to the IJssportcentrum. Information about the available hours and pricing will follow in January 2025.

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 World Tour Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Entry Visa Requirements

Should you need assistance to obtain an entry visa for The Netherlands or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee.

Accommodation

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows:

- Single Room (per person, per night, full board, including city tax & VAT): €242
- Double Room (per person, per night, full board, including city tax & VAT): € 175

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.

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

Van der Valk Tilburg	Van der Valk Gilze	Mercure Tilburg
Teams	Teams	Teams & ISU
Dokter Bloemenlaan 8	Klein Zwitserland 8	Heuvel 37
5022 KW Tilburg 5126 TA Gilze		5038 CP Tilburg
tilburg@valk.nl	receptie@hotelgilzetilburg.nl	reservations@mercure-tilburg.nl
www.hoteltilburg.nl www.hotelgilzetilburg.nl		www.mercure-tilburg.nl

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **December 20, 2024.** Extra rooms or rooms requested after the deadline cannot be guaranteed and will be based on availability.

Teams are kindly requested to submit their hotel requirements to the OC by completing the **Accommodation** Form and fill in their hotel requirements in the ORS.

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 the 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	Rooms will be fully charged, unless the OC can resell	
cancellation amount over 20%	the room.	
Up to and including 15 days before arrival	Rooms will be fully charged.	

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, February 2 to Monday, February 10.

Expenses for team officials, who travel separately and do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves. Price (single trip) is shown as follows:

4-seat car: 95 EUR Minivan: 100 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.

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotels and the IJssportcentrum during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Tuesday, February 4.

For extra ice training on Monday, transportation is on request and additional costs.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee through ORS as soon as possible, but no later than January 23. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported in the comment field.

Organizing Committee – Entries and Inquiries

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

Organizing Committee

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Media accreditation

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Website

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website:

ISU Shorttrack World Tour 5 - Schaatsen.nl

Live results will be available on hiips://isu-skating.com

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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