

# ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING



HEERENVEEN, NETHERLANDS  
FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2, 2025

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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

## ISU WORLD CUP 6

### SPEED SKATING 2024/25

which will be held at the Thialf in Heerenveen, Netherlands on February 28 until March 2, 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 ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2024, Single Distances & Team Competitions format

#### PROGRAM:

<b>Thursday February 26</b>	16:00* 17:00*	Team leaders' Meeting (online) Medical Meeting (at the venue)
<b>Friday February 28</b>	<b>B:</b> 14:15-17:40*  <b>A:</b> 19:00-22:09*	<b>B:</b> Women 500m Men 500m Women 1.500m Men 1.500m  <b>A:</b> Women 500m Men 500m Women 1500m Men 1500m
<b>Saturday March 1</b>	<b>B:</b> 9:00-12:48*  <b>A:</b> 14:05-18:16*	<b>B:</b> Women 1.000m Men 1.000m Women 3.000m Men 5.000m  <b>A:</b> Women 1000m Men 1000m Women 3000m Men 5000m
<b>Sunday March 2</b>	<b>B:</b> 9:10-12:20*  <b>A:</b> 13:30-18:10*	Men TP Women TP Women 500m Men 500m Women MS Men MS  Women Team Pursuit Men Team Pursuit Women 500m Men 500m Women Massa Start Men Massa Start Mixed Relay

\* The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced during the 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.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 & Accommodation Requests	January 29, 2025
Accreditation Requests for Teams	February 5, 2025
Travel Dates & Transportation Requests	February 5, 2025
Final Entries	February 24, 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 Communication No. 1628 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.**

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	4	4	5	5	CAN	4	4	4	4	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

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance<sup>1</sup>.

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.

<sup>1</sup> 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 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. [2636](#) or any further updates.

#### **COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS**

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 256, paragraph 1 and Rule 265, paragraph 5 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. [2653](#), paragraphs 4.2 and 5.7, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Women and 8 laps for Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. [2636](#) or any further updates.

## **COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE MIXED RELAY EVENTS**

Mixed Relay races will be skated according to Rule 256, paragraph 3.4 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. [2653](#), paragraphs 4.2 and 5.7, with teams of 2 Skaters each (1 Woman and 1 Man), and with distances of 6 laps. 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. [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 February 24, 2025. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday February 27, 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 February 27, 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, 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.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

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

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the

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

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

Hotel III: Van Der Valk Emmeloord (30 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).

Hotel prices, incl. VAT, excl. tourist tax and including onsite transportation from ice rink to the hotel:

*Single Room occupancy: €182,50 per room per night. Price including meals and drinks.*

*Double Room occupancy; €265,00 per room per night. Price including meals and drinks.*

\*Price in Euro is fixed. Foreign currency depending on Euro exchange rate.

**Cancellation policy:**

**- Deadline January 29, 2025.**

*Preliminary number of rooms per team.*

*Until final order, the hotel will reserve the number of rooms.*

*No prepayment invoice is issued, full payment within 21 days after check out*

*If your federation wants to pay in cash or with credit card upon check in please inform the OC.*

*Cancellation between 29.12.24 – 26.02.25 charged with 15% fee.*

**- Deadline February 24, 2025.**

*Final reservation includes final number of rooms and rooming list which indicates single/double and names.*

*No prepayment invoice is issued, full payment 21 days after check out*

*Cancellation after February 24 2025, until day of arrival charged with 30% fee.*

*Cancellation on day of arrival after 12:00 o' clock or no shows are fully charged for the first night.*

*All additional costs must be paid at check out.*

*Any additional costs such as laundry / drinks / transfers can be paid by most major credit cards and cash in Euro.*

*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 via the ISU OES (<https://ssk-entries.isu.org/login>)*

**TRANSPORTATION**

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Monday February 24 2025, to Monday March 3, 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 February 24, 2025 to Sunday March 2, 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 February 5, 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.)

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. A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotels and the ice-rink starting Monday February 24, 2025.

## 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.

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 January 1, 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.

## THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be addressed to:

Phone: +31 20 4969 9173

E-mail: [oc@houseofsports.nl](mailto:oc@houseofsports.nl)

Contact persons: Fleur de Bouter and Isis van Haastregt

## **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:

Phone: +31651130659

E-mail: [H.nieuwenburg@knsb.nl](mailto:H.nieuwenburg@knsb.nl)

Contact person: Hans Nieuwenburg

## **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-6-2025/>

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website:

[ISU Speed Skating Results - Live](#)

## **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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