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Media Information

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The Japan Skating Federation looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU World Cup Speed Skating in Obihiro, Japan. The event will be held at the Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval from November 20th – 22nd, 2026.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Obihiro, Japan, and apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists and content creators have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

1. Media Accreditation

All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (www.isu.org) under the Media section.

⚠ When registering / applying, please ensure all personal information and press credentials are updated and renewed at the start of each season.

Media accreditation is strictly reserved for **professional journalists and photographers** employed by or representing recognized media organizations (including agencies, print/online publications, TV/radio broadcasters) covering ISU Events for **editorial or news purposes**. Under specific conditions, content creators and social media reporters may be considered.

Additionally, **ISU Member Federation representatives** officially designated for media and communication duties may be eligible for accreditation.

⚠ Individuals affiliated with sponsors, brands, or marketing/advertising agencies are not eligible for media accreditation.

1.1. Accreditation Process & Requirements

To create your account and apply for ISU events, please fill in all required fields and follow the five-step registration process:

Step 1: Enter or verify your personal details and media organization contact information.

Step 2: Provide information about your media organization's digital presence and outreach.

Step 3: Upload all the required documents (see the full list of required data fields **here**).

Step 4: Review and accept the Terms and Conditions, then click on "Confirm" to complete your profile or save any updates.

Step 5: Proceed to the Event Application section by selecting first the disciplines and then specific events you wish to cover. You may apply to multiple events across different disciplines.

Only complete applications submitted before the respective deadlines will be considered.

All application deadlines are listed on the ISU website press section.

1.2. Quotas

If space is limited the following quota will be enforced:

Type of Media	Number of people per media organization
Written Press	• Media Organization (newspaper, magazine, web/community, agencies, ISU Member Federations): ***1 journalist***
	• Major Agency or Newspaper: ***2 journalists***
Photographer	• ***1 photographer*** • For Speed Skating: ***2 rink side positions*** (if space permits).
TV Non-Right Holder	• Media Organization: ***3 persons crew max.*** (e.g. one reporter, one camera person, one editor)
Radio Non-Right Holder	• Media Organization: ***1 reporter (max.)***
Freelancer	• Freelance journalist or photographer: ***1 person*** o Freelancers must provide written evidence that they are assigned to cover the ISU Event on behalf of a media organization. o In case a freelancer is operating under its own account, they may be requested to submit additional written evidence (presentation letter, copy of past editorial pieces, etc).

1.3. Accreditation types and deadlines

The International Skating Union (ISU) and the Organizing Committee (OC) work diligently to ensure there will be ample coverage opportunities available to media outlets wishing to cover the ISU Events.

On-site media accreditation available only and the deadline is Friday, November 6 at 20:00 (Local Time)

⚠ No late media accreditation applications will be accepted for on-site requests.

Accreditation deadline for the Non-Right Holders: 06 11 2026

Accreditation deadline for Rights Holders: 13 11 2026

1.4. Non-Right Holders Media Restrictions during ISU Events

Non-Rights Holding media outlets – print/web journalists, TV/Radio, photographers, content creators and social media reporters – who have not negotiated any special production rights – need to abide by and agree to the rules in the conduct of their editorial work during ISU events.

1.4.1. Restricted areas

Filming in the below listed areas is strictly forbidden:

- Competitions / Field of play
- Training sessions (at the Main/Practice rinks)
- Warm-up zone
- Changing rooms
- Mixed Zone area
- From public seats at all times (even during ice resurfacing)

The transgression of any of these rules may result in the exclusion from ISU Events, removal of accreditation and legal actions.

1.4.2.Authorized areas

Non-Right Holders media are only allowed to produce video, audio-recorded material for editorial/news purposes in the following areas:

- In the Press Conference room
- Outside the venue

1.5. TV & Radio Rights Holders Accreditation / Services

All Rights Holders media must also apply for accreditation via OMAS through the ISU Media webpage.

Access to the Rights Holders online area is restricted. Therefore, Rights Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team (media@isu.org) in order to obtain a username and password.

To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the Host Broadcaster:

Shingo Asaki (Mr.)
NHK
Tel: +81 3 5455 3715
E-mail: asaki.s-gq@nhk.or.jp

1.6. Accreditation confirmation and pick-up

If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic email of confirmation will be issued. For on-site attendance, you may be asked to present a copy of the confirmation email and your passport at the accreditation desk to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied**. Note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation requests with or without justification.**

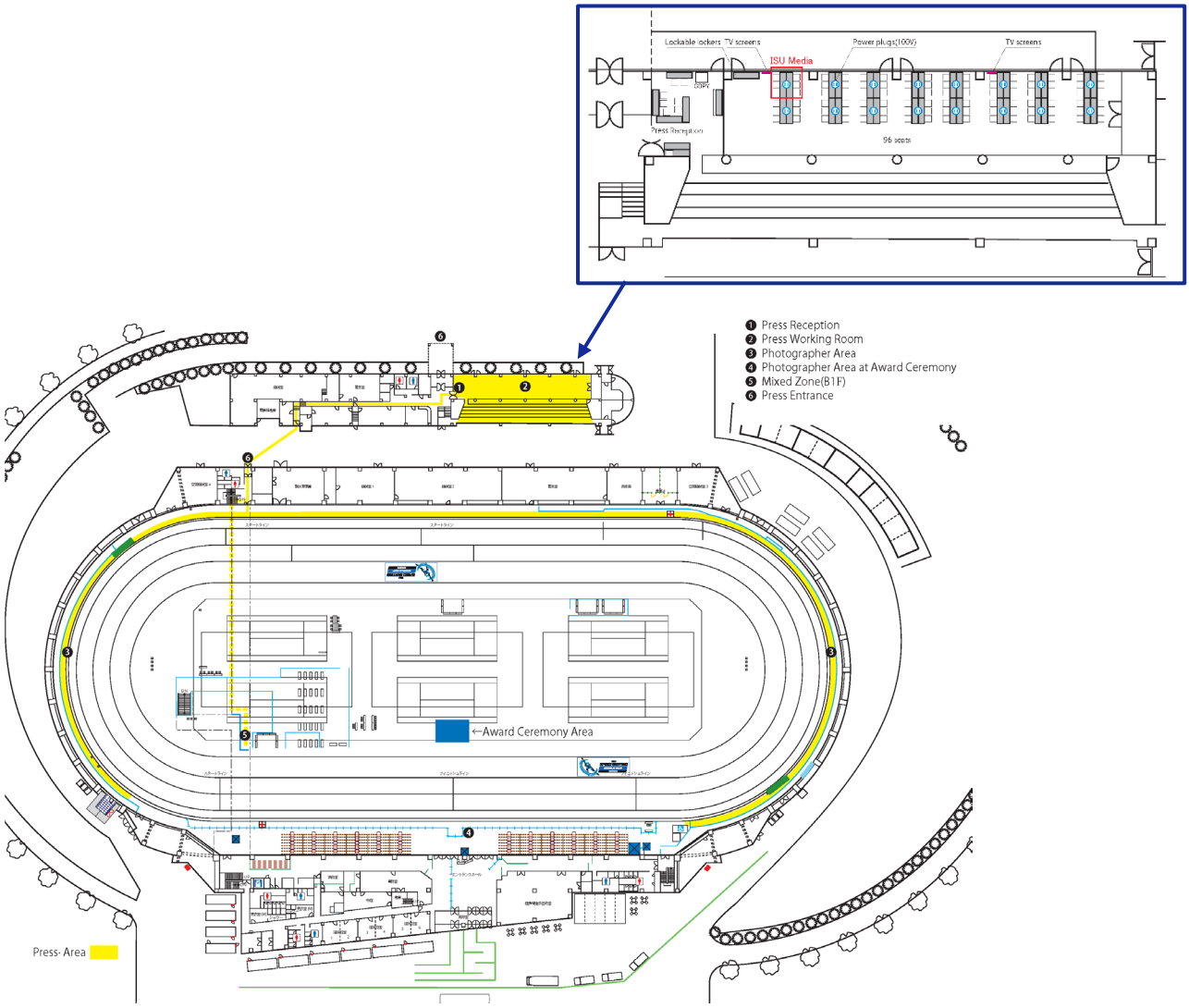
The **Accreditation Desk at the venue will be located at the entrance of the oval** and will be open according to the following schedule:

Thursday, Nov. 19	8:30 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 20	8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21	9:20 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22	10:40 a.m. – 7:45 p.m.

2. Media Facilities at the venue

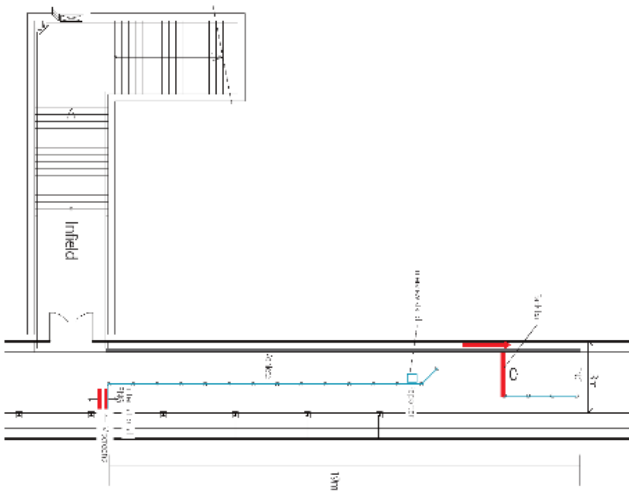
The Media Centre and media tribunes will be open and operational **as from Thursday November 19, 2026, according** to the following time schedule (it may be subject to changes and needs to be verified on-site):

The Press Centre will be open from 30 minutes before the start of the first official practice until two hours after the end of the last race.



2.1. Mixed Zone

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The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition. **The Mixed Zone is located on B1F, underneath the stairs leading from/to the infield.**

The Mixed Zone area is split into the following sections and follows a pre-determined priority order:

1. TV / Radio Rights Holders (with pre-booked positions)
2. ISU Production/Social Media crew
3. TV / Radio Rights Holders with ENG positions
4. Non-Rights Holders (print/web, TV/Radio, content creators without any production rights)

Athletes will go through the Mixed Zone on completion of every competition/race. Coaches may also be requested for interviews. The media operations team on-site will do its best to make sure the requested skaters go through the Mixed Zone for media interviews. However, it is not mandatory for the athletes to give interviews.

Interviews after medal ceremonies:

As the timing between the end of medal ceremonies and the start of press conferences is quite tight, note that medalists will go through the TV Right Holders' Mixed Zone for interviews and, if time permits, they could spend a limited time in the Non-Rights Holders area. If interviews in the Non-Rights Holders area must be cut short, all questions should then be asked during the press conferences.

⚠ **Priority will be given to medal ceremonies and TV Rights Holders.**

3. Media Digital Services

3.1. ISU Digital Press Services

The ISU provides relevant and live media information through a number of digital channels:

ISU Website:

- Home of Skating
- Inside ISU
- News Section
- Press Section
- ISU Event Webpage

ISU Photo Event Gallery

- Password details to the ISU Picdrop photo galleries for editorial and non-commercial purposes will be accessible on the Inside ISU Events App.

- When using a picture, the ISU must be credited as follows: ***©International Skating Union (ISU)*** and must be tagged or mentioned in any social media post.

ISU Social Media Accounts:

- Facebook: @ISUFigureSkating / @ISUSpeedSkating / @ISUShortTrackSpeedSkating
- Instagram: @ISUFigureSkating / @isuspeedskating
- Youtube: Skating ISU
- X: @ISU_Figure / @ISU_Speed
- Tik Tok: @isuskating
- Weibo: weibo.com/isuofficial
- Linkedin: https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-skating-union
- Naver: https://tv.naver.com/isuofficial
- LINE : https://page.line.me/isu_official

ISU Press Newsletter

Stay up to date with the latest news on ISU sports and governance by subscribing to our Press Newsletter here.

Inside ISU Event App:

- The Inside ISU Event App is the main source of information for media attending ISU Events on-site or remotely (if available).
- The password to access the Media App of the relevant Event is provided via OMAS once an accreditation is approved.

- You can download the App hereafter:



- App Store
- Google Play

***NEW*: WhatsApp Community**

- The ISU has introduced dedicated private WhatsApp groups for each discipline, providing accredited media with immediate access to the latest news and updates.
- Accredited media can join the relevant groups by scanning the QR code below.

4. Media Accommodation

The Organizing Committee has designated one official media hotel.

Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

Booking contacts:
Kintetsu International Tokyo (KNT)
E-mail: knt-speedskating@knt-ec.com



4.1. Media Hotels

Richmond Hotel Obihiro-Ekimae

Single Room (18m²)
JPY15,150 / per person per night, Including breakfast and taxes

11-17, Minami, Nishi 2-jo, Obihiro-city,
Hokkaido, 080-0012, Japan

Tel: +81 155 20 2255
Fax: +81 155 20 2256
https://richmondhotel.jp/obihiro/

4.2. Reservation Payment Conditions

Deposits: A credit card deposit is required at the time of booking
Cancellation charge: Three weeks before arrival: 20%
Two weeks before arrival: 50%
Three days before arrival or No-show: 100%

Payment method: Credit card (VISA, Master, Diners, Amex)

Remarks:
We recommend making a hotel reservation ahead of time because of limited number of rooms at the official media hotel.

5. Transportation

Approx. 20 minutes by taxi (approx. JPY 2,500 one way) from Obihiro station to the oval.

6. Useful Information

- **Climate** (November in Obihiro-city)
  Daily Average +3.5°C
  Maximum temperature +8.4 °C
  Minimum temperature -1.1 °C

- **Currency**
  Paper bills / 10,000Yen, 5,000Yen and 1,000Yen
  Coins / 500Yen, 100Yen, 50Yen, 10Yen, 5Yen and 1Yen
  Most stores accept all bills but larger bills (10,000Yen or 5,000Yen) may not be accepted when you take public transportation like buses.

- **Electrical plug types**
  100V / plug type A

- **Time zone**
  9 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+9:00)

- **Emergency numbers**
  Police 110
  Fire & Ambulance 119

- **Public transportation system**
  https://www.city.obihiro.hokkaido.jp/tourism/1007805/1005870.html

7. Competition Information

- Schedule, Entry List, Results and Rankings: ISU Speed Skating World Cup #2

For any additional questions or information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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ISU Event webpage – **ISU Speed Skating World Cup #2**