INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION & INVITATION CUP

Heerenveen, The Netherlands

Oktober 30 - November 1, 2026

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On behalf of the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB) and its Organizing committee we have the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

International Qualification & Invitation Cup 2026

to be held on October 30 – November 1, 2026 in Heerenveen

Program

Friday, October 30	5.000m men, 1.500m women On invitation: 500m (2x) men *
Saturday, October 31	3.000m women, 1.500m men On invitation: 500m (2x) women *
Sunday, November 1	10.000m men, 5.000m women On invitation: 1.000m women, 1.000m, men *

Regulations

The International Qualification & Invitation Cup 2026 will be held in accordance with the 2024 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications. In the Netherlands this competition is called multiple names such as the “WCKT” (World Cup Kwalificatie Toernooi). This is the same competition.

*Participation in the invitational distances of the International Qualification & Invitation Cup 2026 is by invitation only. In allocating the available starting positions, the Organizing Committee will apply the following order of priority:

1. Skaters qualifying through the French qualification process;
2. International skaters representing a KNSB-recognized topteam;
3. Skaters training at the ISU Center of Excellence in Heerenveen;
4. Other invited international skaters.

Within each priority category, skaters will be ranked according to their fastest valid qualification time achieved from July 1, 2025 onwards. All entries remain subject to availability and final approval by the Organizing Committee.

Track

Thialf Ice stadium 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.

Entries

Entries will be done by using the KNSB VANTAGE systeem for Speed Skating.

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Drawing
Drawings will be made by the KNSB VANTAGE system.

Time measurement
Time measurements will take place by Electronic timekeeping and
Manual timekeeping to determine the time and the order of finish of Skaters.

Anti-Doping
Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communication No. 2742 or any further update of these Communications).

Training times
The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitor as scheduled on 'topsport training facilities'. Trial starts will be organized before the start of the official program.

Officials
The allocation of officials will be the responsibility of the KNSB. There will be at least one international referee included in the list of officials.

Liability
In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (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 this Event. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Organizing Committee – Entries and Inquiries

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee at the addresses below.

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