



ISU Speed Skating World Cup #4

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MEDIA INFORMATION



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The Norwegian Skating Association looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU Speed Skating World Cup #4 in Stavanger. The event will be held at the "Vår Energi Arena Sørmarka" from December 11st-13th, 2026.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Stavanger 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	- Media Organization: 1 photographer - Major Agency or Newspaper: 2 photographers - For Figure Skating, Synchronized Skating and Short Track Speed Skating: 1 rink side position + the other in an elevated position. - 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 - Freelancers must provide written evidence that they are assigned to cover the ISU Event on behalf of a media organization. - 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.

There is one type of available media accreditations:

- On-site** media accreditation (subject to capacity)

Accreditation deadline for the Non-Right Holders: 27.11.2026

Accreditation deadline for Rights Holders: 04.11.2026

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

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:

INFRONT SPORTS & MEDIA

HB Requests:

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Broadcast Partner Requests:

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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 main entrance of the venue (On your left as you walk in) and will be open according to the following schedule:

Monday-Thursday:	08.00-18.00
Friday:	08.00-21.00
Saturday:	07.00-18.00
Sunday:	08.00-17.00

2. Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee:

- Erlend Johannessen Belsvik (Press Officer)
- Email: erlend.belsvik@gmail.com
- Mobile: +47 909 32 215

Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

For visa requests, please provide passport details and name of the Embassy where it will be applied.

3. Media Facilities at the venue

The **Media Centre and media tribunes** will be open and operational as from the first practice/ training session on [Monday, December 7th, 2026] – according to the following time schedule (it may be subject to changes and needs to be verified on-site):

Mon-Thu:	11.30-15.00
Fri:	11.30-23.00
Sat-Sun:	08.00-20.00

We hope that everything will be in order by Friday when the races start. Erlend (Press Officer) will otherwise be available by phone: +47 909 32 215

If you want to book additional internet connectivity services – such as dedicated internet line in the media centre, Media Tribunes or rink side for agency photographers, head to OMAS or contact Erlend Johannessen Belsvik (Press Officer) on erlend.belsvik@gmail.com.

3.1. Media Tribunes and TV Commentators' positions

The **media tribune/commentators' positions** will be located on the highest terrace along the finishing straight. It can be accessed by using the staircase by the 500m finish or going all the way up the stairs from the reception.

- Press information desk will be located at the entrance
- Working desks will be made available at the media tribune
- Power plugs availability – 70 (including one 3x extension cord and one 6x extension cord).
- Wired and/or wireless internet – Both available

3.2. Mixed Zone & Press Conferences

3.2.1. Mixed Zone

The **Mixed Zone** provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition.

The mixed zone is located right before the staircase leading to the inside of the track.

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. Please be respectful towards the athletes, they put a lot on the line for these moments and can easily be stirred just before or after a race. Failing to follow this can lead to a ban from the mixed zone.

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.

4. Media Digital Services

4.1. 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.



5. Media Accommodation

The Organizing Committee has designated **1 official media hotel** which is "[Scandic Stavanger City](#)".

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

Booking contacts:

- Use this code to book hotel at Scandic Stavanger City:
<https://www.scandichotels.com/en/hotelreservation/select-rate?room%5B0%5D.adults=1&fromdate=2026-12-09&todate=2026-12-14&hotel=781&bookingCode=PROMO1390>
- or log in separately at "scandichotels.com" using "PROMO1390" as code/voucher

5.1. Media Hotels

Single room: approx.: 130 Euros

Double room: approx.: 150 Euros

These include VAT and breakfast.

5.2. Reservation Payment Conditions

Check the link shared above to see full legal payment- and reservation conditions.

Payment can be made at the reception of the hotel.

6. Transportation

- Transportation **from the Media hotel to the arena** will be provided before the races and after the races back to the hotel.
- Only accredited Media representatives can use shuttle service provided by the Organizing Committee.
- **Transportation schedule** will be uploaded in the ISU Event app at least one week before the Event.

7. Useful Information

- **Climate**

The temperature in Stavanger during the world cup will likely be anywhere from -1°C to 8°C. Prepare for rain and wind, maybe snow/hail. It's of course entirely possible we have clear skies and sunny weather the entire weekend.

- **Currency**

Norwegian Krone (NOK). It's not common to use cash when paying in Norway, but most businesses accept it. Use cards to be sure.

- **Electrical plug types**

Type C and Type F (European two-round-pin plugs). 230 V, 50 Hz.

- **Time zone**

CET (UTC+1) in winter and CEST (UTC+2) during daylight-saving time. IANA time zone: Europe/Oslo.

- **Emergency numbers**

110 – Fire

112 – Police

113 – Ambulance

- **Public transportation system**

Kolumbus operates the local public transport system in Stavanger/Rogaland, including buses and ferries/boats. Tickets and journey planning are available through the Kolumbus app and website (kolumbus.no).

- **Website of local or national tourist office**

Stavanger Tourist Information, Strandkaien 61, Stavanger. Phone: +47 51 85 92 00.

8. Competition Information

- [Schedule, Entry List, Results and Rankings will be accessible on the event's webpage here.](#)

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

Event Press Officer:

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