



INVITATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

***KNSB Short Track International
Invitation Cup-2 2022***
Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

15 and 16 January 2022

Partners van schaatsend Nederland



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

17th KNSB International Short Track Invitation Cup 2022

to be held on 15 and 16 January 2022 in the city of Leeuwarden

Regulations

Participation in the International Short Track Invitation Cup 2022 is based on invitation only.

Officials

The allocation of officials will be the responsibility of the KNSB. Due to the COVID restrictions still in place for some countries we will appoint a national chief referee from the ISU Officials' list.

Distances

Individual: 1500m, 500m & 1000m**
Relay: 3000m Ladies, 5000m Men
Mixed Relay: 2000m
All distances will include Repechage races for Ladies and Men

** The distance to be skated will officially need to be requested by each countries Team Leaders using the distance request form. See attachment 1. A skater can only skate a **maximum** of TWO single distances.

Program*

January 10, 2022	Monday	20.00-21.00	Teamleaders meeting, digital (a link will be sent to the Team Leader whereby he/she can take part)
January 13, 2022	Thursday		Arrival day
January 14, 2022	Friday	08.00–17.00	Possibility for training (time depends on arrival time)
January 15, 2022	Saturday	10:00*	Start of Competition* Qualifying rounds Ladies and Men 1500 m Qualifying rounds Ladies and Men 500 m Qualifying rounds Ladies and Men 1000 m Ladies 3000 m Relay Men 5000 m Relay Mixed Relay
January 16, 2022	Sunday	9.30	Start of Competition* Main program Ladies and Men 1500 m Main program Ladies and Men 500 m Main program Ladies and Men 1000 m Ladies 3000 m Relay Men 5000 m Relay Mixed Relay

End of competition on Sunday is planned at approximately 15.00 hrs.

***Program & format is subject to change. When there are changes due to more/less participants we may change the program format in consultation with the participating countries.**

There will be a livestream during this competition. You can find the link on: <https://www.schaatsen.nl/live/>

Competitors must be present before 18:00 (CET) on **Thursday 13 January 2022** or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded from competition.

Track Conditions & Rink Dimensions

The ice rink has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 30x60 meters (a boardless/free standing system). Protective padding covers is in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

All skaters can skate a maximum of two distances out of the 1000m, 500m and 1500m this includes repechage racing over these distances.

Relay entries: Two (2) teams per ISU member of minimum four (4), maximum five (5) competitors per category and a Mixed Relay 4 team per ISU member.

The maximum number of skaters per category per member is 10 skaters. (10 ladies & 10 men) The host member will be allowed enter more than 10 skaters per category. For the IIC-2 competition the make-up of the mixed relay and the number of competitors per category is not according to the ISU regulations.

In the event of an invited member not having a 'full relay team' (four skaters) the member's team will be complemented with additional skater(s). This will be solely at the discretion of the organizing committee. In this case however, a relay team cannot score points for the overall team ranking.

Participation for the IIC-2 a skater's needs to meet the minimum standard requirement:

- Has previously competed at ISU World Championships
- Has previously competed at an ISU European Championships

If the above is not the case, please apply to the OC (wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl) indicating the skater(s) personal best times for the 500m, 1000m and 1500m. Based on the skater's personal best times the OC may allow participation. The OC will inform the member if the participation(s) will be allowed to compete or not.

Entries must be sent in writing using the official Entry Forms for The KNSB International Short Track Invitation Cup and addressed to the Organizing Committee.

Preliminary Entries and accommodation form must be received by 27 December 2021

Final Entries by name must be received by 5 January 2022

Name changes will not be accepted after 7 January 2022.

Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

Drawing and Seeding Procedure and Points

The procedure for the drawing and seeding procedure and points will be sent later.

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. 2243 or any further update of these Communications).

Accommodation

Lodging expenses are at the responsibility of the participating members. Please make your booking through the OC: wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl

Official Hotels: Westcord Hotel Leeuwarden
Heliconweg 52, 8914 AT Leeuwarden
<https://westcordhotels.nl/hotel/wtc-hotel-leeuwarden/>

Hotel Westcord is 5 minute walking distance from the ice rink.

Room rate:

Single room per person per day is € 130,- (full board).

Double room per person per day is € 100,- (full board).

The prizes mentioned above are incl. all taxes.

We ask you to inform the OC **before 27 December 2021** about the number of rooms you will be needing.

Lunch/Catering:

Lunch packages during competition days will be arranged and will be offered during a break in the program.

Because of the lockdown that is in place you will only be able to stay in the hotel or on the ice rink. If you need any groceries, please send us a specified grocery list before January 10th.

Liability and Medical Insurance

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, medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with this Event. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes.

At the moment of writing this announcement, the world is still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the event of a competition cancellation, (due to COVID-19 the host organizer will NOT be responsible for costs (travel, hotel etc.) made by an invited member.

The KNSB will take all the necessary precautions with regards to the COVID-19 safety and health measures, you will understand that participation is at your own risk. We will follow our national Covid-19 protocols.

In the event that current or changed COVID-19 restrictions are enforced and the KNSB is forced to cancel the event, we will inform you immediately

The KNSB will not liable for any cost incurred (flights/hotel etc) should the competition be canceled due current or newly imposed restrictions related to COVID-19.

According to the sent COVID protocol the following costs for tests will apply:

- Costs for a test in the country of origin
- PCR test upon arrival: € 70,-
- Antigen test upon arrival: € 30,-
- Antigen test on Saturday morning: € 30,-
- PCR or antigen test to return home when needed: € 70,- (PCR) / € 30,- (antigen)

Transportation

Members are responsible for their own transportation upon arrival at Schiphol.

For transportation from Schiphol to Heerenveen please contact:

Besseling Travel, E-mail travel@besseling.com.

This has to be done in advance and pre-payment is required by Besseling Travel.

Please follow all measures mentioned by Besseling for travel. If you book transportation with Besseling Travel, make sure to mention that this is for the Invitation Cup Short Track 2022.

You are not allowed to use public transportation.

The date, airline & flight number, expected time of arrival and the time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee before **27 December**, and should contain all information requested in the Accommodation form.

Organization fee

The Organization fee is € 50,- per participant to cover all the expenses for this event.

We also charge a COVID fee of €100,- per participant.

An organization fee of € 3300,- is applicable (with participation of 3 foreign countries). If 4 foreign countries will participate the fee will be € 2500,-.

All costs (also for ice and tests) will be invoiced to each country and have to be paid per bank.

Entry Requirement for The Netherlands

A valid passport or acceptable certificate of identification (EU) is required of all people entering the Netherlands. Passports must be valid for longer than the period of stay in the Netherlands.

Regarding the Visa requirements: please consult with the Embassy of The Netherlands in your country in due time. If you are in need of an invitation letter, please inform the Organizing Committee with Preliminary Entry

Ice Training Sessions

Training sessions are available upon request on Friday 14 January 2022. The training fee is € 220- per training. Training times can only be booked through the OC. Please let us know your requested times on the “ENTRY FORM” before **27 December 2021** (first come, first serve base). During this training session **no** First Aid support is present.

Communication

For all communication concerning the competition we use the “Sportity” app. You can download the “Sportity” app in your app store on your mobile device. After downloading you will have the option to add a channel. Submit the password to gain access to the channel regarding the information for this tournament:
The password will be given to you in the athletes information in due time.

Organizing Committee – Entries and Inquiries

All entries and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at the address below.

Organizing Committee

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