

ANNOUNCEMENT



 **WORLD SHORT TRACK
SPEED SKATING
CHAMPIONSHIPS®**

March 13th to 15th, 2015

MOSCOW / RUSSIA



The International Skating Union, Russian Skating Union and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the:

 **World Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2015**

March 13 to 15, 2015

**to be held at the Speed Skating Centre “Krylatskoe”,
Moscow, Russia**

General Regulations

The ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2015 will be conducted in accordance with the 2014 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members (Rule 131).

Distances

Individual 1500, 500, 1000, 3000 meters Ladies and Men
Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

The below program is subject to change depending on the final entry of Skaters:

Thursday, March 12	TBA	Official Training
	18:00	Opening Meeting
Friday, March 13	TBA	Official Opening
	TBA	Qualifying Rounds 1500, 500, 1000 meters Ladies & Men
Saturday, March 14	TBA	Ranking Races 1500, 500 meters Ladies & Men
	14:30	Opening Ceremony
	15:02	Semi-Finals & Finals 1500 meters Ladies & Men
		Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 500 meters Ladies & Men
		Semi-Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		Semi-Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
		Awards Ceremony
Sunday, March 15	TBA	Ranking Races 1000 meters Ladies & Men
	15:02	Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals 1000 meters Ladies & Men
		Super-Finals 3000 meters Ladies & Men
		Finals 3000 meters Relay Ladies
		Finals 5000 meters Relay Men
		Awards Ceremony
	20:00	Closing Banquet

Track Conditions

The Speed Skating Centre "Krylatskoe" has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Short Track Speed Skating on www.isu.org, section Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **January 30, 2015** (Rule 295, paragraph 4).

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Access to Closing Banquet ;
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System not later than **March 8, 2015** (Rule 295, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Moscow at the latest at 18:00 hours on **Thursday, March 12** or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Championships. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded

e) Please note that for all persons entered by the 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 Nos. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No.1420, 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.

Individual Entries

In accordance with Rule 281 paragraph 2, a) each ISU Member has the right to enter at least one (1) Competitor in each category.

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 1891 "Entries for ISU Championships", the following ISU Members may enter more than one (1) Competitor in total in the respective category. Each ISU Member may enter the substitutes corresponding with the number of entries.

Ladies		Men	
Austria	2 competitors	Australia	2 competitors
Bulgaria	2 competitors	Bulgaria	2 competitors
Canada	3 competitors	Canada	3 competitors
China	3 competitors	China	3 competitors
Czech Republic	2 competitors	Czech Republic	2 competitors
France	2 competitors	France	2 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Great Britain	2 competitors
Great Britain	2 competitors	Hong Kong	2 competitors
Hungary	2 competitors	Hungary	2 competitors
Italy	2 competitors	Israel	2 competitors
Japan	2 competitors	Italy	2 competitors
Kazakhstan	2 competitors	Japan	2 competitors
Lithuania	2 competitors	Kazakhstan	2 competitors
Netherlands	3 competitors	Netherlands	3 competitors
Republic of Korea	3 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
Russia	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
Slovak Republic	2 competitors	Ukraine	2 competitors
Ukraine	2 competitors	USA	2 competitors
USA	2 competitors		

Relay Entries

ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum of five (5) Competitors which will include all Competitors for both competitions: Individual and Relay.

The entry quotas for the Relay competitions at the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2015 will be determined by the World Cup relay Classification in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2 c). Special attention must be paid to Rule 286, paragraph 4 regarding the fact that the participation is known before the start of the last World Cup Competition of the season.

Qualifying Times:

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times over 500 meters, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1891, paragraph II.d), as follows:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Men</u>
500 m	49,00	47,00

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2014 and the final entry deadline specified in the paragraph "Entries" above.

Points and Classification

In accordance with Rule 295, paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Titles and Medals

The winners of the Championships (according to Rule 133) will bear the title:

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2015

or

Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2015

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters

or

Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters

The World and Lady World Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The winning team of the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2015 for the Relay competition will bear the title World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2015, and will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed relay teams will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

Prize money will be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No 1509, or any further update of this Communication.

Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, March 12, 2015 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from March 09, 2015. Each training session (50 min.) will be charged 150 US\$. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. Payment for additional practice ice time must be paid in [currency] to the Organizing Committee upon arrival. For practice ice time prior to the official practice, please inform the Organizing Committee using the attached form. Medical coverage will be provided for the official and additional practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1765, 1800, 1871 & 1872 or later updates).

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Russian Skating Union and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2015. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and meals starting with lunch on **Thursday, March 12, 2015** until lunch on **Monday, March 16, 2015** (for those departing in the afternoon) for all participating Skaters, maximum five (5) Ladies and five (5) Men, plus one Team leader from each ISU Member. All teams arriving before **Thursday, March 12, 2015** or leaving after **Monday, March 16, 2015** or bringing in more than the officially designated number of participants will be responsible for their own costs and are kindly requested to settle the amount due on site, at the applicable rate, upon arrival.

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotel:

HOTEL "AEROSTAR"

Address: 37 bldg 9, Leningradsky Prospekt, Moscow, 125993, Russia.

Tel: +7 495 988 31 31

Fax: +4 495 988 31 32

Website: www.aerostar.ru

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **January 30, 2015**.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows*:

Single room with breakfast	3655 RUR
Single room with full board	6000 RUR
Double room with 2 breakfasts	4855 RUR
Double room with full board	10200 RUR

Methods of payment:

* It's possible to pay for accommodation via bank transfer before the event. Cash in local currency (RUR) or credit card (NOT American Express) in LOC office in hotel before your check-in.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between Domodedovo (DME) and Sheremetyevo (SVO) international airports and the official hotels, from Monday, March 09 to Monday, March 16. Participants arriving and departing from other airport(s) or train/bus stations will be responsible for the transport costs. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

The Organizing Committee will also provide free transportation for all participants between the official hotel and Speed Skating Centre "Krylatskoe" during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Monday, March 09,

2015.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **January 30, 2015**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in an ISU Event (as defined in Rule 107), to provide medical insurance for their Skaters. Proof of such can be requested by the Organizing Committee.

Entry Visa Requirements

Should you need assistance to obtain a Russian entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee. It is therefore strictly recommended to submit to Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than January 30, 2015 the attached visa application form together with a readable color passport copy of good quality for each team and team official in order to have the issuing of the necessary visa completed in due time. According to the Law of the Russian Federation, the Russian Skating Union does not guarantee visa obtaining for team members and team officials if above-mentioned documents are received later than January 30, 2015.

Media Accreditation

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System <http://www.wingsmedia.it/isu/>

Information for the media will be available on the ISU website in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

Mrs. Valeria Kluyeva

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The Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservation and media accreditation requests, as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

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Web site

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website:

www.russkating.ru

Live results will be available at the following website:

<http://shorttrack.sportresult.com/>