ANNOUNCEMENT



ERZURUM, TURKEY

February 13th to 15th, 2015



On behalf of Turkish Ice Skating Federation, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ISU World Cup Short Track 2014/15 which will be held at Yenisehir Ice Arena, Erzurum , Turkey on February 13th to 15th, 2015

The competition will be held under the 2014 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No.1918.

General Regulations

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2014 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the ISU World Cup Short Track 2014/15.

Distances

Individual	500, 2 x 1000, 1500 meters Ladies and Men
Relay	3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

Thursday, February 12 th :		Official Practice – all day
Friday, February 13 th :	09h00*	Qualifying sessions- all day
Saturday, February 14 th :	09h00*	Qualifying session (Repechage)
		1000m(1), 1500m Ladies and Men
	13:30*	World Cup session
		1000m (1), 1500m and Semi-Finals Relay Ladies and Men
Sunday, February 15 th :	09h00*	Qualifying session (Repechage)
		500m, 1000m (2) Ladies and Men
	13:30*	World Cup session
		500m, 1000m (2) and Finals Relay Ladies and Men

* Provisional starting times

Track Conditions

The Yenisehir ice arena 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 World Cup Short Track Speed Skating on <u>www.isu.org</u>, section Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by <u>January 2nd, 2015</u>

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 (if held);
- 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 **February 8th, 2015** (see ISU Communication No. 1895, 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 Erzurum at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, February 12th, or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Cup Competition. 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.

Citizenships/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

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.

World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1895, paragraph 10.

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).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, **February 12th** for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from Monday **February 9th** .Each training session (50 min.) will be charged (150 US\$ or 120 EUR.) If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Turkish Ice Skating Federation 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 Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation. The cost of a room and meal at the **official** hotels are as follows:

Renaissance Polat Hotel

Single Room (per person, per night): US\$ 140.- half-board

Double Room ((per person, per night): US\$ 100.- half-board

Prices are half-board prices, including breakfast and dinner. Lunch is US\$.25.-

*Payment can only be made in cash; US\$, EUR or TL(local currency).Credit cards are not accepted.

Palan Hotel

Single Room (per person, per night): US\$ 90.- half-board Double Room ((per person, per night): US\$ 62.50.- half-board (US\$. 125.-per room) Prices are half-board prices, including breakfast and dinner. Lunch is US\$.15.-*Payment can only be made in cash; US\$, EUR or TL(local currency).Credit cards are not accepted.

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through Organizing Committee. Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than **January 2nd**, **2015**.

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations at the following official hotels; <u>For participants:</u> Palan Hotel Palandöken Kayak yolu üzeri – 25070 Erzurum Tel : +90 442 317 07 07 e mail : info@palanotel.com <u>http://www.palanhotel.com/</u>

<u>For ISU Officials and Office Holders:</u> Renaissance Polat Hotel Palandöken Kayak yolu üzeri – 25070 Erzurum Tel : +90 442 232 00 10 e mail : palandoken@polatholding.com http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/erzbr-renaissance-polat-erzurum-hotel/

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will organize and provide **one** transportation each way, free of charge, for each team between Erzurum Airport and the official hotel, from Sunday, February 8th to Monday, February 16th, 2015.

Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves. [40.- US\$].

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotel and ice rink Yenisehir Ice Arena during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Monday, February 9th, 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 Monday **February** 2^{nd} , 2015. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Organizing Committee – Entries and Inquiries

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Turkish Ice Skating Federation at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Web site

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website: www.buzpateni.org.tr

Live results will be available at the following website: http://shorttrack.sportresult.com/