



ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2014/15 Hamar, Norway

Announcement

January 31 – February 1, 2015
Hamar Olympic Hall, Hamar, Norway
1500 m, 3000 m, Mass Start Ladies
1500 m, 5000 m, Mass Start Men

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On behalf of The Norwegian Skating Association and the
Organizing Committee
we have the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in
the

ISU WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING 2014/15

**Which will be held at the Hamar Olympic Hall, Hamar,
Norway**

On Saturday, January 31 – Sunday February 1, 2015

The competition will be held under the 2014 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1889.

This World Cup Competition will serve as qualifying event for quota places at the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2015, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1897.

Program

Friday	30 January	16:00	Team Leaders Meeting	Scandic Hotel
		18:00	Opening Draw	Hamar City hall
Saturday	31 January	09:00*	B	1500 m ladies
			B	5000 m Men (quartets)
		14:00	A	1500 m ladies
			A	5000 m Men
Sunday	1 February	09:00*	B	3000 m Ladies (quartets)
			B	1500 m Men
		13:15	A	3000 m Ladies
			A	1500 m Men
				Mass Start Ladies
				Mass Start Men

* The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced at the Team leaders' meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results)

Track

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Hamar Olympic Hall, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Hamar, Norway. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 25,5 and 29,5 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training track (warmup lane) is 4 meters.

Entries

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3.4. Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or www.k4sport.ru/login.php

Preliminary entries, giving the number of Competitors & substitutes and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be submitted at the latest *by* Monday, January 5, 2015.

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must be submitted at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, (see also ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3.4.3).

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 Communications No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communications.

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.

According to ISU Communication No. 1889, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are

Ladies	1500	3000		Men	1500	5000
AUT	3	3		AUT	3	3
BEL	3	3		BEL	3	3
CAN	5	5		CAN	5	5
CHN	4	4		CHN	3	3
CZE	4	4		CZE	2	2
FRA	2	2		FRA	4	4
GER	5	5		GER	5	5
HUN	2	2		HUN	3	3
ITA	3	3		ITA	4	4
JPN	5	5		JPN	3	3
KAZ	3	3		KAZ	5	5
KOR	5	5		KOR	4	4
LAT	2	2		LAT	3	3
NED	5	5		NED	5	5
NOR*	5	5		NOR	5	5
NZL	2	2		NZL	3	3
POL	5	5		POL	5	5
ROU	3	3		ROU	2	2
RUS	5	5		RUS	5	5
SUI	3	3		SUI	2	2
SWE	2	2		SWE	3	3
USA	5	5		USA	5	5

* as hosting ISU Member

All other ISU Speed Skating Members may enter maximum 2 Competitors for each of the distances above.

All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for at least one of the respective distances according to the criteria given in ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 3.4.1.

For the Mass start event each Member may enter a maximum of two Skaters per gender. If the number of entries will exceed

the maximum number of 28 Competitors in the race, the entries will be restricted in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 4.1.1. This means that for all ISU Members that enter Competitors, one Competitor will be admitted. A second Competitor will be admitted for some Members, based on the current World Cup Mass start ranking 2014/15. For Mass start entries the exceptional qualifying time limits indicated in ISU Communication No. 1889 will apply.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE MASS START EVENTS

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 253, paragraph 4 b) in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 4.3, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men. Further details are given in ISU Communication No. 1914.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1889, paragraphs 6 and 8.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1765, 1800, 1871 and 1872 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Tuesday, January 27th. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, January 30th. Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, The Norwegian Skating Association 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 the ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials. The cost of a room and meals at the official hotel will be as follows:

Single Room occupancy: (NOK 1250 (US\$ 187)per person per night) Prices including meals

Double Room occupancy (NOK 935 (US\$ 140)per person per night) Prices including meals

Payment: Cash in NOK or credit card (VISA, Master Card, American Express)

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the teams in the following hotel:

Scandic Hotel, Vangsvegen 121, N-2318 Hamar

Tel. + 47 21 61 40 00 – Fax + 47 21 61 40 11

E-mail: hamar@scandic-hotels.com

Please note that all hotel rooms in Hamar from Monday January 26th to Thursday January 29th are booked for another event in Hamar. Teams arriving Wednesday January 28th or earlier will be accommodated in Elverum (a town 30 km from Hamar) and moved to the official hotel on Thursday January 29th. For this accommodation the prices per person full board in double room will be NOK 1045 (US\$ 157), in single room NOK 1195 (US\$ 179).

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel(s).

TRANSPORTATION

Information about the date and time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials must be submitted via the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events not later than January 5th, 2015.

A shuttle service will be operated between the official hotel and Hamar Olympic Hall during the days of official training and competition.

ACCREDITATIONS

The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Additional fee (€ 50) for extra accreditations must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website: www.skoyteforbundet.no