



ISU World Cup Speed Skating Stavanger, Norway

# Announcement

January 29, 30 and 31, 2016 Sørmarka Arena Ladies & Men - All Distances

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On behalf of the Norwegian Skating Association and the Organizing Committee, we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

#### ISU WORLD CUP

#### SPEED SKATING

#### 2015/16

#### which will be held at the Sørmarka Arena in Stavanger, Norway Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

The Competition will be held under the 2014 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1958.

This World Cup Competition will serve as qualifying event for quota places at the ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2016 and ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2016.

#### **PROGRAM**:

Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January	16:00 18:00	Team leaders' Meeting, Scandic Forum Opening draw, Scandic Forum			
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January	10:00*	Division B:	500 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Ladies 500 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Men 1000 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Ladies 1500 Men		
	16:00	Division A:	500 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Ladies 500 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Men 1000 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Ladies 1500 Men		
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January:	09:00*	Division <i>B</i> :	500 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Ladies 1000 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Men 1500 Ladies 5000 Men		
	14:30	Division A:	500 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Ladies 1000 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Men 1500 Ladies 5000 Men		
Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January:	09:00*	Division <i>B</i> :	500 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Men 1000 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Ladies 1000 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Men 3000 Ladies		
	14:30	Division A:	500 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Men 1000 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Ladies 1000 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Men 3000 Ladies		

\* The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced at the Team leaders' meeting or when the start lists are released. 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) for determining the awarding of World Cup points and prize money.

#### TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Sørmarka Arena, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Stavanger, Norway. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26,5m and 30,5 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 4 meters.

## ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1958, paragraph 3.4. Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on <u>www.isu.org</u>, section Speed Skating or <u>www.k4sport.ru/login.php</u>

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 29<sup>th</sup> December 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 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016. (see also ISU Communication No. 1958, 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. 1958, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are

LADIES			ISU		MEN			
500	1000	1500	3000	Member	500	1000	1500	5000
3	3	2	2	AUT	3	3	3	3
2	2	3	3	BEL	3	3	3	3
2	2	3	3	BLR	2	2	2	2
5	5	4	4	CAN	5	5	5	5
5	5	5	5	CHN	5	5	3	3
3	3	4	4	CZE	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	DEN	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	EST	2	2	2	2 2
2	2	2	2	FIN	4	4	2	2
2	2	2	2	FRA	3	3	4	4
5	5	5	5	GER	5	5	5	5
2	2	2	2	HUN	2	2	3	3
3	3	3	3	ITA	4	4	3	3
5	5	5	5	JPN	5	5	4	4
3	3	2	2	KAZ	4	4	3	3
5	5	5	5	KOR	5	5	5	5
2	2	2	2	LAT	3	3	3	3 5
5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
5*	5*	5*	5*	NOR	5	5	5	5
2	2	2	2	NZL	2	2	3	3
3	3	5	5	POL	5	5	5	5
5	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	5
2	2	2	2	SUI	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	SWE	2	2	3	3
5	5	4	4	USA	5	5	5	5

\* as hosting Member

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 2 Skaters for each distance. All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 1958, paragraph 3.4.2.

#### **GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES**

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1958, paragraph 5.

### PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance and for the combined rankings over two distances (500m + 1000m, 1500m + 3000m, 1500m+5000m) that will determine quota places at the World Sprint and the World Allround Championships, World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1958, paragraphs 6 and 8.

## **ANTI-DOPING**

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 1970 or any further update of these Communications).

#### TRAINING SCHEDULE

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016. 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 – OFFICIAL HOTELS**

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

Scandic Forum, Gunnar Warebergsgate 17, 4002 Stavanger. Tel.+47 51 93 00 00 E-mail: <u>forum@scandichotels.com</u>

Scandic Stavanger City, Reidar Berges gt 7, 4013 Stavanger. Tel +47 21 61 52 00 E-mail: <u>stavangercity@scandichotels.com</u>

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

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials. The cost of a room and meal at the official hotels will be as follows (including all taxes):

#### Scandic Forum

Single Room occupancy: NOK 1.095,- (US \$130) per person per night. Prices including meals. Double Room occupancy; NOK 925,- (US \$110) per person per night. Prices including meals.

#### Scandic Stavanger City

Single Room occupancy: NOK 1.195,- (US \$140) per person per night. Prices including meals. Double Room occupancy; NOK 980,- (US \$120) per person per night. Prices including meals.

Payment: Cash in NOK or credit card (VISA, Master Card, American Express) directly to the hotel.

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events, and should be submitted by the deadline for preliminary entries.

# TRANSPORTATION

#### Flight connections

Stavanger Int'l Airport "Sola" connects with several direct flights daily to Amsterdam, Copenhagen and London Heathrow airports. Between Stavanger and Oslo International Airport Gardermoen there are flight connections every hour. 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.

### From and to the Airport

There are public bus connections (travel time appr. 20 minutes) from and to the Stavanger Int'l Airport "Sola" for transportation to the hotels, every 30 minutes (Price 110 NOK per person), see information at <a href="http://flybussen.no/en/Stavanger/">http://flybussen.no/en/Stavanger/</a>. Taxi transfer is available at a cost of NOK 500 – 700 one way.

#### Shuttle bus between hotels and arena

A shuttle bus service will be available for transportation between the two official hotels and the ice rink from Monday, January 25. 2016.

# 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**

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or The Norwegian Skating Association at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Information about the competition will be posted on the following website: https://skoyte.klubb.nif.no/arrangement/wc201516/Sider/Hjem.aspx

Live results of the competition will be available at: <u>http://live.isuresults.eu/2015-2016/stavanger/</u>