



ANNOUNCEMENT

**KNSB Short Track International
Invitation Cup 2016
Leeuwarden, The Netherlands**

8 – 9 oktober 2016

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

11th International Short Track Invitation Cup 2016

to be held on 8 and 9 October 2016 in the city of Leeuwarden

General Regulations

The International Short Track Invitation Cup 2016 will be held in accordance with the 2016 Regulations of the International Skating Union and relevant ISU Communications.

Participation

Participation in The International Short Track Invitation Cup 2016 is invitation only.

Officials

The allocation of officials will be the responsibility of the KNSB. Due to the international countries attending there will be at least 1 international referees (not from host country) included in the list officials.

Distances

Individual: 1500m (up to 7 skaters per race up to and including the finals)
1000m (up to 6 skaters per race up to and including the finals)
500m (up to 5 skaters per race up to and including the finals)
All distances will include Repechage races for Ladies and Men
After the A & B finals in all 3 distances (1500m, 500m & 1000m) in both the Ladies and Men's races, there will be All-Dutch Final races to rank the remaining Dutch Skaters that have not made the A or B finals in the main event.

Relay: 3000m Ladies, 5000m Men

Program*

<u>October 7th, 2016</u>	Friday	17.00 – 20.00	Possibility for training
<u>October 8th, 2016</u>	Saturday	Morning	Short Team leader Meeting
* Subject to number of countries		10.00*	Warming up Ladies & Men
		11:00*	Start of Competition
			Ladies and Men 1500 m + Repechage + Semi Finals + B & A Finals, ALL Dutch Finals
			Ladies and Men 500 m heats + Repechage
			Ladies 3000 m Relay Semi Finals
			Men 5000 m Relay Semi Finals
<u>October 9th, 2016</u>	Sunday	10:00*	Ladies and Men 500 m Quarter Finals, Semi Finals + B & A Finals, ALL Dutch Finals
* Subject to number of countries			Ladies and Men 1000 m Heats, Repechage Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and B & A Finals, ALL Dutch Finals
			Ladies 3000 m Relay Finals
			Men 5000 m Relay Finals
		16:30	The Competition will end at approximately 16.30 hours (should members wish to depart on Sunday evening).

***Program & format is subject to change.**

Competitors must be present before 18:00 (CET) on Friday 7 October 2016 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for The International Short Track Invitation Cup. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded from Competition.
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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 will skate all 3 distances 500m, 1000m and 1500m, and include repechage racing over these distances. Relay entries: One (1) team per ISU member of minimum four (4), maximum five (5) competitors per category. 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) and will be totally at the discretion of the organizing committee. In this case however, a relay team cannot score points for the overall team ranking. Members can only enter a maximum of five (5) skaters that include all participants and substitutes for the individual events as well as the relay. Entries allowed are as follows:

	Men	Ladies
NL	20	12
GB	6	5
HUN	6	5
POL	5	5
GER	6	4
LAT	4	
ISR	1	
KAZ	5	
LTH		1

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

Preliminary Entries must be received by 21 August 2016

Final Entries by number must be received by 11 September 2016

Name changes will not be accepted after 2 October 2016

Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of 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.

Drawing and Seeding Procedure

The drawing and seeding procedure will be made in accordance with ISU Rule 296.

Points

The scoring system will be the same as used in the ISU World Cup Competitions, and is made in accordance with the new ISU Communication for season 2015/2016.

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 No. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 1970 or any further update of these Communications).

Accommodation

All meals and lodging expenses are at the responsibility of the participating members.

Hotel: WTC Hotel Leeuwarden
Heliconweg 52
8914 AT Leeuwarden
Tel. +31 (0) 58 233 4900
leeuwarden@westcordhotels.nl

Single room per person per day is € 100,- (half board).
Twin-bed-room per person per day is € 75,- (half board, based on two people sharing).
Lunch will be offered at the ice rink both days and will be invoiced to you together with the entry fee.

Bookings can be made only through the OC until 11 September 2016. Limited number of rooms available, on first come, first serve base.

The official Hotel is in 5 minutes walking distance to the Ice Rink, so there is no bus shuttle service necessary during the competition.

We also can offer another accommodation:

EUROHOTEL

Europaplein 20
8915 CL Leeuwarden
Tel. +31 (0) 58 213 1113
<http://www.eurohotel.nl/en/>

Single Room (per person, per night):	€ 60,- (bed & breakfast)
Twin-bed Room (per person, per night)	€ 37,50 (bed & breakfast)
Three Room Per person, per night)	€ 33,33 (bed & breakfast)

Dinner arrangements can be made directly at the hotel.

For prices and booking (depending on the number of persons and availability), please contact the hotel directly.

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.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation at a charge of € 60, - per person per round trip from SCHIPHOL AIRPORT to the Skaters & Coaches hotel by bus on Friday 7 October 2016 and return 9 October 2016. No transportation will be available during the competition.

The date, airline & flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee before 11 September 2016, and should contain all information requested in the "ACCOMMODATION FORM".

Organization fee

The Organization fee is 50 Euro per participant to cover all the expenses for this event. We will inform you as well about the possibilities for the payment for the organization fee on a later point of time.

Costs for transport, ice, hotel and entry fee 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

An official training session is possible on Friday 7 October 2016, against payment of a training fee (amount to be announced). Times available will be between 17.00 – 20.00 hrs. Please let us know your times before 1 September 2016.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at the addresses below.

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