



ISU World Cup Speed Skating Nagano, Japan

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November 18, 19 and 20, 2016 Nagano Olympic Memorial Arena [M-Wave] – Nagano, Japan Ladies and Men – All Distances

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

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING

2016/17

which will be held at the M-Wave in Nagano-City, Japan On Friday, November 18, Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20, 2016

The Competition will be held under the 2016 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2031.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places for the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2017 and for the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2017.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, November 17:						
Friday, November 18:	11:55*	Division B:	3000m Ladies 5000m Men			
	15:30	Division A:	3000m Ladies 5000m Men			
Saturday, November 19:	9:45*	Division B:	1000m Ladies 1000m Men Mass Start Ladies (Semifinal) Mass Start Men (Semifinal)			
	14:00	Division A:	1000m Ladies 1000m Men Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men Team Sprint Ladies Team Sprint Men			
Sunday, November 20:	9:40*	Division B:	500m Ladies 1500m Men 1500m Ladies 500m Men			
	14:00	Division A:	500m Ladies 1500m Men 1500m Ladies 500m Men Mass Start Ladies (Final) Mass Start Men (Final)			

* 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) 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 M-Wave, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Nagano-City. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 6 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2031, 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 estimated 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 Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

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, November 14, 2016, (see also ISU Communication No. 2031, paragraph 3.4.4).

Please note that for all persons entered by the ISU 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. 2030, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

According to ISU Communication No. 2031, 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
2	2	2	1	AUT	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	2	BEL	1	1	2	2
1	1	1	2	BLR	1	1	2	2
4	4	4	4	CAN	5	5	4	4
5	5	4	4	CHN	4	4	2	2
2	3	2	2	CZE	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	DEN	1	1	1	2
2	1	1	1	FIN	3	2	1	1
1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	2	2
2	3	4	4	GER	2	2	1	4
1	1	1	1	HUN	1	1	2	1
2	1	1	2	ITA	2	1	2	4
5	5	5*	5	JPN	5	5*	5*	5*
2	2	1	1	KAZ	2	3	2	2
4	4	3	2	KOR	4	4	4	2
1	1	1	1	LAT	1	1	2	1
5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
2	3	3	2	NOR	2	4	4	4
1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	2	3
1	2	4	4	POL	4	3	4	3
4	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	5
1	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	2	1
4	4	4	1	USA	3	4	4	1

* as hosting ISU Member

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance. However, for the Mass start event the maximum entry quota for each Member is 2 Skaters per gender. All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in ISU Communication No. 2031, paragraph 3.4.3.

COMPETITION FORMAT AND SAFETY MEASURES 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. 2031, paragraphs 4.3 and 5.5, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2038.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261, paragraph 1 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2031, paragraph 4.2, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM SPRINT EVENTS

Team Sprint races will be skated according to ISU Communication No. 2031, paragraph 4.2, with teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 3 laps both for Ladies and for Men.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2031, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2031, 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 TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, November 14, 2016. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, November 17, 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, Japan Skating Federation 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 ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

ACCOMMODATION - OFFICIAL HOTELS

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials.

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the teams in the following hotels. The cost of a room and meal at the official hotels will be as follows (including all taxes):

Hotel Metropolitan Nagano 1346, Minami-ishido-cho, Nagano-City, 380-0824, Japan Tel: +81 26 291 7000 Fax: +81 26 291 7007 Website: <u>http://www.hotelmetropolitan-nagano.jp/</u>

Single Room occupancy: 18,360JPY (approx.US\$180 per person per night. Prices including 3 meals. Double Room occupancy; 16,740JPY (approx.US\$164) per person per night. Prices including 3 meals.

Hotel Kokusai 21 576, Agata-machi, Nagano-City, 380-0838, Japan Tel: +81 26 234 1111 Fax: +81 26 234 2365 Website: <u>http://kokusai21-restaurant.jp/</u>

Single Room occupancy: 17,280JPY (approx.US\$169) per person per night. Prices including 3 meals. Double Room occupancy; 15,120JPY (approx.US\$148) per person per night. Prices including 3 meals.

Single Room occupancy: 16,740JPY (approx.us\$164) per person per night. Prices including 3 meals. Double Room occupancy; 15,660JPY (approx.US\$153) per person per night. Prices including 3 meals.

Payment: Cash in JPY, bank transfer, or credit card (VISA, Master, AMEX, Diners)

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

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

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be arranged between the Tokyo international airports (Narita International Airport and Haneda International Airport) and the Official hotels from Monday, November 14 until Monday, November 21, 2016.

Travel expense will be 3,000 JPY per person (one way) by bus for every team member. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

A shuttle service will be available for transportation between hotels and ice rink from Monday, November 14, 2016.

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.

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. An additional fee of 50 Euros 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 Japan Skating Federation at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website: http://www.jsfresults.com/InterNational/2016-2017/index_ss.htm