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WORLD CUP
SPEED SKATING



ISU World Cup Speed Skating Announcement

December 2 - 4, 2016

ASTANA, Alau Ice Palace - KAZAKHSTAN

Ladies 500, 1000, 1500, 3000, Team Pursuit, Mass start

Men 500, 1000, 1500, 5000, Team Pursuit, Mass start



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On behalf of the National Skating Federation of Kazakhstan and Department of Sport of Ministry Tourism & Sport, the Organizing Committee has the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

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2016/17

which will be held at the Ice Palace "Alau" in Astana, Kazakhstan
on December 2-4, 2016.

The Competition will be held under the 2016 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for ISU Speed Skating and the 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, December 1, 2016	16:00	Team leaders' Meeting, Ice Palace Alau	
	18:00	Opening draw, Ice Palace Alau	
Friday, December 2, 2016	TBA*	Division B:	3000m Ladies (quartets)
			500m (1st) Ladies
			5000m Men (quartets)
	19:00	Division A:	3000m Ladies
			500m (1st) Ladies
			5000m Men
Saturday, December 3, 2016 :	TBA*	Division B:	500m (1st) Men
			1000m Ladies
			1000m Men
	17:15	Division A :	500m (1st) Men
			1000m Ladies
			1000m Men
			Team Pursuit Ladies
			Team Pursuit Men
Sunday, December 4, 2016 :	TBA*	Division B:	500m (2nd) Ladies
			500m (2nd) Men
			1500m Ladies (quartets)
			1500m Men (quartets)
			Mass Start Ladies (Semi Finals)
			Mass Start Men (Semi Finals)
	18:30	Division A:	500m (2nd) Ladies
			500m (2nd) Men
			1500m Ladies
			1500m Men
			Mass Start Ladies
			Mass Start Men

* The actual starting times for the Division B races will be announced at the Team leaders' meeting. 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 Ice Palace "Alau", an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Astana. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside warming up lane is 5 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 www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or www.k4sport.ru/login.php

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 November 2, 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 28, 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 these 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 Member	MEN			
500	1000	1500	3000		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	4	5	JPN	5	4	2	3
5*	5*	5*	5*	KAZ*	5*	5*	5*	5*
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 ISU 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 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.

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 **November 28, 2016**. Trial starts will be organized on **December 1, 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, National Skating Federation of Kazakhstan 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

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 hotel will be as follows (including all taxes):

Single Room occupancy: 165 \$ per person per night. Price including 3 meals

Double Room occupancy: 110 \$ per person per night. Price including 3 meals

The payment should be made by bank transfer or by credit card **in accordance with the enclosed booking form. Payment must be made not later than November 25, 2016.**

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

OFFICIAL HOTEL

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

RIXOS PRESIDENT ASTANA

7 D. Kunayev Street, Astana, 010000, Kazakhstan

Phone: :+7 (747) 227 50 81

E-mail: astana.worldcup@mail.ru

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

TRANSPORTATION

Astana International Airport (www.astanaairport.kz) connects with direct international flights to i.e. Moscow, Frankfurt and Vienna. Organizing Committee will provide transportation to and from the Astana International Airport from Monday, November 28 up to and including Monday, December 5, 2016.

Shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel and the ice rink from Tuesday, November 29, 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.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the National Skating Federation of Kazakhstan if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

full name as stated in passport, date of birth, gender, citizenship, current country of residence, passport number, issue date, expiry date, status, city of visa application, date of arrival, date of departure, colour copy of passport.

Please submit all these information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or 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(s):

www.skating.kz