





DORDRECHT, NED OCTOBER 5-8, 2017

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On behalf of Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

AUDI ISU World Cup Short Track 2017/18 Olympic Winter Games 2018 Qualifying Event which will be held at the Sportboulevard, Dordrecht, The Netherlands on October 5 to 8, 2017

General Regulations

The competition will be held under the 2016 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2106.

Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the AUDI ISU World Cup Short Track 2017/18.

Distances

Individual	500, 1000, 1500 meters Ladies and Men
Relay	3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

09:00*	Official Practice
[TBA*]	Qualifying session Individual
	1500m, 500m
[TBA*]	Qualifying session Individual & Relay
	1000m and Relay
09:00*	Qualifying session (if necessary)
	1500m, 500m Ladies and Men
14:02	World Cup session
	1500m, 500m Ladies and Men
09:00*	Qualifying session (if necessary)
	(1.000m & Finals Relay) meters Ladies and Men
14:02	World Cup session
	1000 meters Ladies and Men
	Relay 3000 meters Ladies and 5000 meters Men
	[TBA*] [TBA*] 09:00* 14:02 09:00*

* Starting times to be decided upon receipt of the number of final entries.

Track Conditions

The Sportboulevard Dordrecht has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726 (or any further update). The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating on <u>www.isu.org</u>, section Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **Thursday 24 August 2017**.

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Access to Closing Banquet (if held);
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System must be submitted at the latest by 20:00 hrs (local time) on Saturday 30 September 2017 (see ISU Communication No. 2106, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Dordrecht at the latest at 18:00 hrs (local time) on Wednesday 4 October 2017 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Cup Competition. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded.

e) 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 Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

Citizenships/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, 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.

World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2106, paragraph 12.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922 & 2100 or later updates).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Wednesday 4 October 2017 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from Tuesday 3 October 2017 onwards. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged 150 EUR. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

If teams wish to use the strength training facilities they can directly contact Jeanette Hoftijzer from Topsport Delta. Tel: +31 76 8200255, mail: <u>jeannette@topfysiotherapiedelta.nl</u>. The training facilities are inside the ice rink. Please also contact Ms. Hoftijzer for the price.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the AUDI ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation and meals. An invoice will be sent prior the start of the event. Payment should be done before arrival per bank transfer, or can also be done in cash or by credit card at the OC office upon arrival (for credit card a surcharge of 3% is applicable for teams). All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotels; Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **24 August 2017.**

Category A hotels:

POSTILLION DORDRECHT (Teams) Rijksstraatweg 30 3316 EH Dordrecht http://www.postillionhotels.com/hotels/postillion-hotel-dordrecht_

VAN DER VALK HOTEL RIDDERKERK (Teams) Krommeweg 1 2988 CB Ridderkerk https://www.hotelridderkerk.nl/

APOLLO HOTEL ROTTERDAM-PAPENDRECHT (Teams) Burgemeester Keijzerweg 100 3353 CV Papendrecht https://www.apollohotels.nl/apollo-hotel-papendrecht/

VAN DER VALK HOTEL ARA (ISU Officials) Veerweg 10 3336 LM Zwijndrecht https://www.hotelara.nl_

<u>Costs (including all taxes) based on full board</u> Single Room (per person, per night) 159 EUR **(limited availability)** Twin Double Room (per person, per night) 122,50 EUR

<u>Costs (including all taxes) based on half board</u> Single Room (per person, per night) 144 EUR **(limited availability)** Twin Double Room (per person, per night) 107,50 EUR

Category B hotel:

BASTION HOTEL DORDRECHT (Teams) Laan der Verenigde Naties 363 3318 LA Dordrecht 5 minute walk from the ice rink (no transportation offered) https://www.bastionhotels.com/nl-nl/hotels/hotel-dordrecht?gclid=CPbf2_g1-dMCFcW4Gwod4BAIww <u>Costs (including all taxes) based on full board</u> Single Room (per person, per night) 143 EUR **(limited availability)** Twin Double Room (per person, per night) 106 EUR

<u>Costs (including all taxes) based on half board</u> Single Room (per person, per night) 128,00 EUR **(limited availability)** Twin Double Room (per person, per night) 91,00 EUR

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will organize and provide one transportation each way, free of charge, for each team between **Rotterdam Airport** and the official hotels, from Sunday 1 October to Monday 9 October. Participants arriving and departing from Schiphol airport will pay a transportation fee of 25 EUR per person, one way. Teams arriving by train/bus will be responsible for their own transportation costs. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotels and Sportboulevard Dordrecht during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Tuesday 3 October 2017. The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **24 August 2017**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Organizing Committee – Entries and Inquiries

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries concerning accommodation, transport and visa invitation letter request, should be addressed to the Organizing Committee, to the attention of Mrs Sandra Vrakking, Mississippidreef 153, 3565 CE Utrecht, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 88 489 2000, Fax: +31 88 4892099, wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl.

Media Accreditation

For Media accreditation and other media information, please contact the OC Press Officer: Mr. Carl Mureau, Press Officer: <u>c.mureau@knsb.nl</u>

Website

All information concerning the competition, as well as the live results will be available at the following website: <u>www.isu.org</u>.