



**Dutch Open Short Track
Heerenveen,
The Netherlands**

02-04 October 2026 (Final version July 28th)

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

Dutch Open Short Track 2026

2-4 October 2026, Heerenveen

General Information

The Dutch Open Short Track 2026 will be held in accordance with the 2026 Regulations of the International Skating Union and relevant ISU Communications*. Participation in The Dutch Open Short Track 2026 is based upon **invitation only**.

The competition is for Senior and Junior A skaters. Junior B skaters are only allowed to compete after approval by the OC.

False Start

The starting procedure will be conducted in accordance with the **zero false start rule** (Article 294, paragraphs 4–12 of the **Technical Specifications of the Sports Rules 2026**).

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 referee (not from the host country) included in the list of officials.

Distances

Individual:	500m, 1000m & 1500m. All distances will include Repechage races for Women and Men*
Relay:	3000m Women, 5000m Men
Mixed Team Relay:	2000m

Program*

September 28, 2026,	Monday 20.00	Team Leaders Meeting , online
October 1 2026,	Thursday	Possibility for Training (on a first come first serve basis)
October 2, 2026,	Friday 9.00	Warming Up Qualifying rounds of all distances
October 3, 2026,	Saturday 10.00	Start of Competition Women and Men 500m heats + Repechage + Quarter Finals + Semi Finals + Finals B & A Women and Men 1500m Quarter Finals + Repechage

* Subject to number of countries

Relay Semi Finals

Women 3000m

Men 5000m Relay
Semi Finals
Mixed Team Relay
Semi Finals

October 4, 2026, Sunday 09:15*

* Subject to number of countries

Women and Men 1500m Semi Finals +
B & A Finals
Women and Men 1000m Heats +
Repechage + Quarter Finals + Semi Finals +
B & A Finals
Women 3000m Relay Finals
Men 5000m Relay Finals
Mixed Team Finals Relay

The Competition will end at approximately 15.30 hours (should members wish to depart on Sunday evening).

Competitors who did not qualify for the Quarterfinals for 500 and 1000 meters or for the Semi-Finals for 1500 meters during the Qualifying Sessions, can enter the Repechage Session for the distance concerned, except those who were given a sanction (Rule 296), or who did not start in the Qualifying Session.

***Program & format is subject to change. When there are changes due to more/less participants we may change the program format in consultation with the participating countries.**

Competitors must be present before 18:00 (CET) on Thursday, 1st October or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded from the competition.

Track Conditions & Rink Dimensions

The Thialf ice rink has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 30×60 meters (freestanding boarding 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 may skate all three distances 500m, 1000m and 1500m and include repechage racing and, or all finals over these distances.

There will be two racing groups:

A group of maximum 25 women & 55 men*

B group of maximum 15 women & 20 men*

* Subject to change.

Race seeding and Starting Positions – DOS (500m, 1000m, and 1500m)

The race seeding and starting positions for the 500m, 1000m, and 1500m distances during the DOS will be determined based on:

- The top 10 (ten) Dutch skaters from the selection competition held on September 24-27, 2026. This is based on a combined ranking for each distance of:
 - 500 meters: combination of the 3-lap time trial and the 500m pack-style
 - 1000 meters: combination of the 6-lap time trial and the 1000m pack-style
 - 1500 meters: combination of the 9-lap time trial and the 1500m pack-style

All other skaters, both International and Dutch, will be seeded and assigned a starting position based on their fastest recorded times in the respective distance, achieved between July 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026. This seeding procedure deviates from that of the ISU World Tour or ISU Championships.

Relay entries: One (1) team per ISU member of minimum four (4), maximum six (6) competitors per category and a Mixed Relay 1 team per ISU member. The host member may enter more than one team for both the Relay and the Mixed Team Relay competitions.

For the Dutch Open Short Track Competition, the make-up of the Mixed Team Relay and the number of competitors per category may not be according to the ISU regulations.

In the event of an invited member not having a 'full relay team' (four skaters) or a mixed relay team (two women & 2 men) the member's team is supplemented with additional skater(s) and this will be totally at the discretion of the organizing committee. In this case however, a relay team cannot score points for the relay overall team ranking.

Members can only enter a maximum of six (6) skaters per category that include all participants and substitutes for the individual events as well as the relay.

Applications must be made in writing by the official Entry Form for the Dutch Open Shorttrack and addressed to the Organizing Committee.

Preliminary Entries must be received by August 28 ,2026

Final Entries by name must be received by September 4, 2026

Name changes will not be accepted after Friday September 18, 2026

Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by whom they are registered, or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

Drawing and Seeding Procedure and Points

The procedure for the drawing and seeding procedure and points will be sent later.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests may be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communication No. 2243 or any further update of these Communications).

Accommodation

Hotel reservations, meals and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participating members.

Please make your reservations **directly** at the hotel, using the booking code **DOS2026**:

Official Hotels:

1. Fletcher Hotel Heidehof

Golflaan 1

8445 SR Heerenveen

Phone: +31 513 630 200

Email: info@hotelheidehof.nl

[More information about Fletcher Hotel-Restaurant Heidehof](#)

Hotel de Heidehof is within 5 minutes' walking distance of the ice rink.

Indication rates for Fletcher Hotel Heidehof: Booking code **DOS2026 SHORTTRACK**

1 person **per room** per day is € 102,50 (breakfast included) *.

2 people **per room** per day is € 120,00 (breakfast included) *

3 people **per room** per day is € 187,50 (breakfast included) *

4 people **per room** per day is € 224,50 (breakfast included) *

* The above prices are all exclusive of tourist tax.

Lunch € 25,00 per person per day.

Dinner buffet € 31,00 per person per day.

2. Parkhotel Tjaarda

Kon. Julianaweg 98

8453 WH Oranjewoud

Phone: +31 513 433 533

Email : info@tjaarda.nl

[Parkhotel Tjaarda - Thuis in het Friese landschap](#)

Parkhotel Tjaarda is 7 minutes' drive from the Ice Rink. No shuttle bus available.

Indication rates* for Parkhotel Tjaarda: Booking code **DOS2026**

Single room per day is € 157,00 (breakfast included)

Double room per day is € 174,00 (breakfast included)

*Indication due to a change in governmental tax rules.

The above prices are all exclusive of tourist tax.

Lunch/Catering

Lunch during competition days will be arranged in a buffet and will be offered during a break in the program. It is not mandatory to eat lunch in the rink. Please inform the OC at the latest of **September 18** if you wish to use our lunch facilities. If you don't use lunch, you will also not be able to use the fruit and water made available and be responsible for your own grocery shopping. Costs are € 25 per person per day (lunch buffet, water and fruit for staff and skaters).

Medical

A full medical team will be available during the competition days.

Water Bottles

The organizing committee will not provide plastic water bottles. Teams are asked to bring their own reusable water bottles and use the Dutch tap water.

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

Members are responsible for their own transportation upon arrival at Schiphol. For transfer from and to Schiphol airport please contact directly:

Besseling Travel, E-mail travel@besseling.com.

This must be done in advance and pre-payment is required by Besseling Travel.

Please follow all measures mentioned by Besseling for travel. If you book transportation with Besseling Travel, make sure to mention that this is for the Dutch Open Short Track (ref:

DOS2026).

Travelling from Schiphol to Heerenveen by train is also possible and easy to reach.

Multiple connections per day are available.

The date, airline & flight number, expected time of arrival and the time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee before **September 18**.

Organization fee

The Organization fee is € 100, - per participant to cover all the expenses for this event. Costs for ice and organization fees will be invoiced to each country and must be paid per bank.

Payments.

Payments must be made in advance of the competition. An invoice will be sent to the federation after the final entry has been made.

In the event of a withdrawal a full refund will only be given up to 48 hours before start of the competition. After this period no refund will be given.

Entry Requirement for The Netherlands

A valid passport or acceptable certificate of identification (EU) is mandatory for 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 time.

If you need an invitation letter, please inform the OC via wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl with Preliminary Entry.



Ice Training Sessions

Training sessions are available on Thursday 1st October subject to availability. The training fee is € 265,00 per training. (50') Training times can only be booked through the OC via wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl. Please let us know your requested times on the 'Training request form' before **September 4, 2026**. (first come, first serve basis) During this training session **no** First Aid support will be present.

Weight Training

Weight training facilities are available at the ice rink. The training fee is €100 per 90 minutes. Based on requests received, a schedule will be made for weight training at the ice rink.

Communication

For all communication concerning the competition (schedules and results) we use Shorttrackonline.info.

Organizing Committee – Entries and Inquiries

All entries and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee.

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