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World Cup Champion
Mass Start

ISU World Cup Speed Skating Calgary, Canada Announcement

November 13, 14 and 15, 2015
Olympic Oval
Ladies & Men - All Distances

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On behalf of Speed Skating Canada, and the Organizing Committee Calgary,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a Competition in the

ISU WORLD CUP

SPEED SKATING

2015/16

which will be held at the Olympic Oval
in Calgary, Canada
on Friday, November 13, Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15, 2015

The competition will be held under the 2014 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1958.

This World Cup Competition will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2016.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, November 12:	16:00	Team leaders' Meeting, Best Western Village Park Inn
	18:00	Opening draw, Best Western Village Park Inn
Friday, November 13:	08:30*	Division B: 3000m Ladies 500m (1 st) Ladies 500m (1 st) Men
	12:30	Division A: 3000m Ladies 500m (1 st) Ladies 500m (1 st) Men 5000m Men
	16:50*	Division B: 5000m Men
Saturday, November 14:	09:30*	Division B: 1000m Ladies 1000m Men
	12:30	Division A: 1000m Ladies 1000m Men Team Pursuit Men Team Pursuit Ladies Team Sprint Men Team Sprint Ladies
Sunday, November 15:	09:10*	Division B: 1500m Ladies 1500m Men
	12:30	Division A: 1500m Ladies 1500m Men 500m (2 nd) Ladies 500m (2 nd) Men Mass Start Ladies Mass Start Men
	16:55*	Division B: 500m (2 nd) Ladies 500m (2 nd) Men Mass Start Ladies Mass Start Men

* 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).

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the Olympic Oval, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Calgary, Canada. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 5 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1958, 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 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 13, 2015*.

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 9, 2015 (see also ISU Communication No. 1958, paragraph 3.4.3).

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 Communications No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communications.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the 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.

According to ISU Communication No. 1958, 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	Mass start		500	1000	1500	5000	Mass start
2	2	1	1	2	AUT	1	2	2	1	3
1	1	2	2	2	BEL	1	2	2	2	2
1	1	2	2	3	BLR	1	1	1	1	2
5*	5*	5*	5*	3	CAN	5	5*	5*	5*	3
5	4	4	3	3	CHN	4	4	2	2	3
2	2	3	2	3	CZE	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	2	DEN	1	1	1	1	2
1	1	1	1	2	EST	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	FIN	3	3	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	2	3	2	2
4	3	3	4	3	GER	4	4	1	4	3
1	1	1	1	1	HUN	1	1	2	1	2
2	1	1	2	3	ITA	2	3	1	2	3
4	5	5	5	3	JPN	5	2	1	3	3
2	2	1	1	1	KAZ	2	3	2	1	2
5	4	4	3	3	KOR	4	4	4	3	3
1	1	1	1	1	LAT	1	2	2	1	2
5	5	5	5	3	NED	5	5	5	5	3
1	3	3	2	3	NOR	2	4	4	5	3
1	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	1	2	3
1	2	3	4	3	POL	3	4	5	3	2
4	5	4	4	2	RUS	5	4	5	5	3
1	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	1	1	2
1	1	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	1	2	1
4	4	3	3	3	USA	2	4	4	1	2

* as hosting ISU Member

ISU Speed Skating Members not listed in the table above, may enter a maximum of 1 Skater for each distance. All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 1958, paragraph 3.4.2.

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. 1958, 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. 1957.

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. 1958, 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. 1958, 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. 1958, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1958, 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 1941 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, November 9. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, November 12.

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, Speed Skating Canada and the Organizing Committee Calgary 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 Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

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

Best Western Village Park Inn
1804 Crowchild Trail NW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
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Ph: +1.403.289.0241
Toll free: +1.888.774.7716
Fax: +1.403.289.4645
Email: info@villageparkinn.com
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Hotel Alma
169 University Gate NW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
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Ph: +1.403.220.3203
Toll free: +1.877.498.3203
Fax: +1.403.284.4184
Email: stay@hotelalma.ca
Website: www.hotelalma.ca

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

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials. A credit card is required at time of booking to hold hotel rooms. The host hotels will not confirm rooms without a valid credit card on file. Alternatively, teams may request a deposit invoice be sent in order to generate a wire transfer of funds to hold rooms. Please email smithn@ucalgary.ca for details.

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

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the accommodation requests of the Competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Unused World Cup block rooms will be released back to the hotels as of Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Rates and availability cannot be guaranteed after this date. Teams who do not arrive on their scheduled date will be charged for unused reserved rooms.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel(s) will be as follows:

Best Western Village Park Inn:

Single Room occupancy: \$167.40 CAD per person per night, includes taxes and hot breakfast.

Double Room occupancy: \$89.50 CAD per person per night, includes taxes and hot breakfast.

A two meal package (lunch & dinner) will be available starting Monday, November 9. The cost is \$56.55 per person, includes taxes and gratuities.

Hotel Alma:

Single Room occupancy: \$157.00 CAD per person per night, includes taxes.

Double Room occupancy: \$75.50 CAD per person per night, includes taxes.

A three meal package (breakfast, lunch & dinner) will be available starting Monday, November 9. The cost is \$86.00 CAD, includes taxes and gratuities.

Teams must advise the Organizing Committee in advance of their desire to enjoy daily meals in the hotel team dining rooms. Meal vouchers will be provided upon check-in.

Payment: Cash in CAD\$, credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express) or wire funds transfer.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be arranged between Calgary International Airport and the official hotels from Monday, November 9 until Monday November 16, 2015. Teams arriving before November 9 are responsible for arranging their own airport transfers and associated costs. Teams are invited to contact the event's contracted shuttle company Airport Shuttle Express to arrange for airport transfers outside the period of the Organizing Committee's obligation. The contact information is:

Joanne Townshend

joannet@airportshuttleexpress.com

www.airportshuttleexpress.com

The Organizing Committee is not responsible for transportation arrangements and associated costs for team officials who do not accompany their team members. Those team officials arriving separate from the team can travel via taxi from the airport or if a scheduled airport transfer is preferred, please contact Airport Shuttle Express.

A shuttle service will be operated between the Village Park Inn and the Calgary Olympic Oval during the days of official training and competition. The Hotel Alma is a short walk from the training and competition venue. Weekday shuttle service will be limited to scheduled official training times only.

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 no later than Monday, October 19, 2015. Teams must confirm departure information no later than Wednesday, November 11 if they wish to use the transportation services provided.

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. A fee of \$75.00 CAD (cash only) per additional accreditation must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

During competition week, the Organizing Committee will send daily email updates to team leaders with new and important information related to the competition (i.e.: anti-doping, shuttle schedules, food services, etc.). All teams are required to provide the attending Team leader's name and email address to receive the daily information updates. This contact information can be emailed to smithn@ucalgary.ca.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee 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):
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