



Announcement



**ISU StarClass Short Track
Utrecht-The Netherlands**

2-4 December 2016



De
Vechtsebanen
SPORTS & BUSINESSCAMPUS



On 2-4 December 2016 the Schaats Vereniging Utrecht will organize, under auspices of the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond, the 4th competition of the ISU Star-Class series Short Track Speed Skating for 2016-2017. The competition is the 2nd Competition for the categories Senior, Junior-A and Junior-B and a qualifying event for the Junior Europa Cup Final of the StarClass and Danubia Cup series. The competition will be organized in accordance with the 2016 Regulations of the International Skating Union, the Star Class Memorandum 2016-2017 and the conditions included in this announcement.

Entries are open to ISU members and their affiliated clubs. In the case of an unmanageable number of entries reductions can be made by the Organizing Committee in close cooperation with the StarClass Coordination Group.

Categories

Senior	born before	01-07-1997
Junior A	born between	01-07-1997 to 30-06-1999
Junior B	born between	01-07-1999 to 30-06-2001

Qualifying Times

Skaters may be entered who have attained any one of the Qualifying Times in a Mass Start Competition. (Listed on a Members Calendar, ISU International Calendar and ISU events) as per table below. To be considered, times must have achieved after July 1st 2015. Proof must be supplied by submitting time date and venue for the Event.

Category	500m	1000m
Ladies Junior-B	0.52.00	1.48.00
Ladies Junior-A	0.51.00	1.47.00
Ladies Senior	0.51.00	1.47.00
Men Junior-B	0.49.00	1.43.00
Men Junior-A	0.48.00	1.41.00
Men Senior	0.48.00	1.41.00

Distances

Junior-B	1500m	500m	1000m
Junior-A	1500m	500m	1000m
Senior	1500m	500m	1000m
Relays	3000m		

Preliminary program

On Friday and Saturday the program will be divided in two parts, depending on the number of entries. The program is tentative and subject to changes by the OC, StarClass Coordination Group and the referee.

Thursday 1 December:	evening	training if enough skaters interested
Friday 2 December:	10.00	Warming up
	11.00	Start of competition
	20.00	End of competition
Saturday 3 December:	08.00	Warming up
	09.00	Start of competition
	20.00	End of competition
Sunday 4 December:	08.00	Warming up
	09.00	Start of competition
	14.00	End of Competition

A more detailed program will be published in the week before the competition on:

www.shorttrackonline.info

Organizing Committee

For information about the StarClass Utrecht you can contact the Competition Secretary:

Marica Bakker
E-mail: wedstrijdorganisatieshorttrack@gmail.com

Ice rink

The competition will take place at:

Sports & Businesscampus De Vechtsebanen
Mississippiidreef 151
3565 CE Utrecht
The Netherlands
www.vechtsebanen.nl

Track Conditions

The track is an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface with the measures of 30x60 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap with measured curves of 8 meters and there will be 7 markers used to establish the curve. The length of the straight is 28.85 meters. Beside the original track there will be 4 tracks set up to preserve good ice conditions. For all tracks one finish line will be used.

Award of prizes

Awards will be given in each category to the first three places in the final of each distance and for the first three places in the overall classification. During the award ceremonies, the skaters should be in club or national track suit. The Overall classification of the StarClass Utrecht also counts for Overall classification of the StarClass series. Two different overall classifications are made up. The result of the two best competitions out of three counts for qualifying for the Junior Europa Cup Final. The results of all three competitions of the series counts for the StarClass Overall classification with awards for the best 10 skaters in each category.

Medical Assistance

Doctor and paramedical personnel will be present at the competition days. An ambulance will be on standby according to Dutch law.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each member, on behalf of its participating clubs, to ensure or provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes. Proof of such shall be requested by the Organizing Committee. See I.S.U Rule 119.

Liability

In accordance with I.S.U Rule 119, the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility with respect to medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage sustained or caused in connection with this competition.

Helmet cover deposit

For helmet covers a deposit of 10,00 euro will be asked and returned when given back.

Training session on Thursday evening

If enough skaters are interested there will be a training session on Thursday evening. The costs are 9,00 euro per person. Reservations must be made in advance through the entry-system.

Meals at ice rink for special discount price

Meal voucher for lunch and dinner in the Ice rink restaurant can be bought at a special discount price. An estimated reservation for this must be made in the preliminary entry and an official reservation in the final entry. Voucher must be collected at the Helpdesk at arriving and must be paid in cash together with the entry fee for the competition. The following vouchers are available:

Dinner voucher:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	12,50 euro pp
Lunch voucher	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	9,00 euro pp

Entry fee 20,00 euro pp

An entry fee of 20,00 euro must be paid to the Organizers for each accredited person, e.g. for every athlete and for every coach/team leader. Per club one coach and one team leader does not have to pay the Entry Fee.

Helpdesk

At the Ice rink the StarClass Helpdesk will be open from Thursday afternoon 15.00 hr. Here teams can get all information about the competition, confirm the entry, receive the Helmet covers, pay the entry fee and collect and pay the pre reserved meal vouchers and extra training session on Thursday evening.

Entries

All entries for the StarClass competitions must be made on the website:

www.shorttrackonline.info

Clubs and Federations have a special password for login to the entry page for International Competitions. If not available you can apply for an login with the webmaster through the website. Federations can not use their password for ISU Championships or Worldcups for these competitions.

Request for early entry

We request all clubs to enter as quick as possible for all competitions and not wait until the last moment because local organizers have to make all kinds of arrangements for the competition and need to know as quick as possible how many people are coming.

Request to Team Leaders

All Team Leaders are very urgently requested to inform the organizer of any changes in the team before departure from home. Competitors must be present at Vechtsebanen Ice Stadium at latest 09:00 on Friday 2 December 2016 or the Organizing Committee must have received document proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Competition.

Preliminary entry submitted before Tuesday 15 November 2016

The preliminary entry should contain the following information:

- name and address of the club making the entry
- number of athletes
- number of accompanying Officials
- number of skaters who wants training session on Thursday evening
- estimated number of people who wants to buy meals vouchers at ice rink

Final entry submitted not later than Sunday 27 November 2016

The final entry should confirm the following:

- surname, first name and gender of the competitor
- date of birth of the competitors
- best time on the 500m distance in the 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 season
- name of the accompanying Officials
- number of skaters who wants training session on Thursday evening
- number of people who wants to buy meals vouchers at ice rink

Hotel & Travel Information

The participating teams are responsible for their own meals and accommodation. The Organizing committee advises the following arrangements:

Hotel Mitland (5,5 km/10 min. to the ice rink)

Ariënslaan 1, 3573 PT UTRECHT, T +31 (0)30 271 58 24, I www.mitland.nl

Enjoy overnight stays in a 4-star hotel on the outskirts of Utrecht, at a ten minutes' drive to the ice rink and nearby the center of Utrecht (5 min.).

For participants of the StarClass Short track event in Utrecht, Hotel Mitland has a very attractive offer: a single room is available from €85.00 per room per night based on a Superior room and a double room from €100.00 per room per night. Triple rooms are available from €137.50 per room per night. The rate also includes free use of facilities (free WiFi, pool, sauna, steam room and fitness). This price includes the extended breakfast buffet (06.30h) & 5% city tax. Car parking is €5.20 per night.

Inquire about availability or other options and prices at Hotel Mitland, under reference of "Star Class" – 4131025. Reservations can be requested through the reservations department of Hotel Mitland; Phone number +31 (0)30 271 58 24 or through e-mail info@mitland.nl (rates are not available through our website or internet).

StayOkay Utrecht City Centre (7,5 km/15-20 min. from the ice rink by car, easy by bus, expensive car parking in the city centre)

Neude 5, 3512 AD UTRECHT, T +31 (0)30 750 18 30, E utrecht@stayokay.com

Online booking: www.stayokay.com/en/hostel/utrecht-centrum

Coupon code: starclass (5% discount)

StayOkay Utrecht-Centrum has opened in August this year; a beautiful design hostel in the vibrant, medieval city of Utrecht, located in the heart of the centre at the edge of Utrecht's nicest square: the Neude. There are plenty of sightseeing options, restaurants, terraces, cafes and shops within walking distance, and the shops are open 7 days a week. The hostel is not even 45 minutes away from Amsterdam and Schiphol Airport, and is a 10-minute walk away from Utrecht Central Station.

Guests sleep (mostly in bunk beds) in two, four or six-person rooms or dormitories. All rooms have their own private shower, toilet and washing facilities. Bed linen is supplied to guests on arrival.

Good to know

You will be given bed linen upon arrival to make your own bed. Towels are not included. These can be rented at the hostel. Facilities: early breakfast, free WiFi, payment with credit card possible, bar/cafe, lounge, luggage storage, lockers, bicycle rental, bicycle racks within walking distance, laundromat, ticket sales and wheelchair accessible.

Hostel rules

Guests under the age of 16 must be accompanied by someone of 18 years or older.

Carlton President Hotel (4,5 km/5 min. to the ice rink)

Floraweg 25, 3542 DX UTRECHT, T +31 (0)30 241 41 82, E info@president.carlton.nl

The Carlton President Hotel****, on the outskirts of Utrecht near the A2 motorway and (by car) only 4,5 km/5 min. from the ice rink. Facilities: early breakfast (06.45h), free WiFi, whirlpool, sauna, turkish bath, solarium and fitness.

To book your room at the Carlton President Hotel you can send an e-mail to: reservations@president.carlton.nl with code SVUT011216.

The Carlton President Hotel offers the participants of the StarClass in Utrecht: a single room from €85,55 per room per night and a double room from €108,00 per room per night. Triple rooms are available from €145,20 per room per night. This price includes breakfast and taxes.

Travel to Ice rink De Vechtsebanen

By air: Fly to Schiphol Amsterdam or to Rotterdam The Hague Airport or to Eindhoven Airport and take the train to Utrecht Central Station and take local bus nr. 1 or nr. 3 to the ice rink (stop: Franciscusdreef), or take a taxi.

By car: **A2 from Amsterdam to Utrecht**, Exit: 6 Ring Utrecht (Noord)/Maarsse, traffic lights: LEFT and follow N230/Utrecht. Large roundabout: first RIGHT. Third traffic lights; RIGHT and second LEFT.

A2 from the south to Utrecht, follow (!) Amsterdam/Centrum/Ring Utrecht, keep right (exit: 6, 7 and 8!), take exit 6 Ring Utrecht (Noord)/Maarsse, traffic lights: RIGHT and follow N230/Utrecht. Large roundabout: first RIGHT. Third traffic lights; RIGHT and second LEFT.

A27 to Utrecht, take exit Ring Utrecht/Maarsse. Large roundabout: first RIGHT. Third traffic lights (large roundabout): LEFT. Third traffic lights; RIGHT and second LEFT.

By bus: From Utrecht Central (train) Station, take bus 1 of 3, approx. 25 min.-30 min. from Utrecht CS to the ice rink (stop: Franciscusdreef).

**We are looking forward to see
all Short Track skaters
of West Europe
in Utrecht for the
StarClass competition
and wish you all a pleasant stay**

