



# MASTERS' SPRINT GAMES 2019 ANNOUNCEMENT

11<sup>TH</sup> MASTERS' INTERNATIONAL  
SPRINT GAMES 2019

LEEWARDEN, THE NETHERLANDS

MARCH, 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> 2019



MCLN (the Dutch Masters Speed Skating Organization) invites you with pleasure to participate in the following International speed skating competition:

# 11<sup>th</sup> Masters' International Sprint Games 2019

Leeuwarden, the Netherlands, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

This competition will be held according to the Regulations of the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) and the Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU).

This competition takes place on the 400m covered standard speed skating track "Elfstedehal", Fryslandplein 1, 8914 BZ Leeuwarden, The Netherlands, on artificial ice.

This competition is an event of the IMSSC International Masters', the International ISU's and the Dutch Ice Sports Federation's 2018/2019 Calendars.

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Website: [www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019)

## 1 Number of Competitors – Nation's Quota

This is a two-days Sprint competition. It is open to Master Ladies and Men starting from 30 age group upward.

**The competition is limited to 220 competitors.** If more than 220 competitors are registered, a waiting list is defined in the registration system. In case a skater withdraws his/her registration, he/she may be substituted by a skater from the same Nation, and substitution may be made at latest 24 hours before the drawing of the competition.

The Quota of Entries for the different Nations is:

Finland = 10	Italy = 10	Norway = 39
Great Britain = 8	Japan = 14	Russia = 26
Germany = 19	The Netherlands = 77	Other Nations = 17

## 2 Age Groups

This competition will be organized in the following five-year age groups (**AG** = five-year age groups Masters, Ladies and Men, according to their birth date, as indicated hereunder):

AG	born between	AG	born between	AG	born between
30	1.7.84 – 30.6.89	50	1.7.64 – 30.6.69	70	1.7.44 – 30.6.49
35	1.7.79 – 30.6.84	55	1.7.59 – 30.6.64	75	1.7.39 – 30.6.44
40	1.7.74 – 30.6.79	60	1.7.54 – 30.6.59	80	1.7.34 – 30.6.39
45	1.7.69 – 30.6.74	65	1.7.49 – 30.6.54	85	1.7.29 – 30.6.34 etc.

## 3 Eligibility

To be eligible, a skater must be a member of a National (Speed) Skating Federation recognized by the ISU, and must have a license of his/her federation.



## 4 Distances

Ladies and Men:

- 500m, 1.000m (1<sup>st</sup> day);
- 500m, 1.000m (2<sup>nd</sup> day).

Quartet start will be used for all distances.

## 5 Limit times

According to IMSSC Rule 3.1.6, every participant has to inform his national IMSSC Member about his/her most recent time in the 500m distance. It is the responsibility of the national IMSSC Member to accept times.

If the applicable time does not meet the maximum time as laid down in the table below (MaximumTime Table), the participant cannot take part in the Sprint Games, unless the national IMSSC Member decides otherwise in a written consent. The national IMSSC Member must inform the organization committee about such a decision in writing.

Age group	500m maximum time
Ladies 30	50.00
Ladies 35	52.00
Ladies 40	53.00
Ladies 45	55.00
Ladies 50	57.00
Ladies 55	59.50
Ladies 60	1:02.50
Ladies 65	1:06.00
Ladies 70	1:10.00
Ladies 75	1:15.00
Ladies 80	1:20.00
Ladies 85	1:25.00

Age group	500m maximum time
Men 30	45.00
Men 35	46.00
Men 40	47.00
Men 45	48.50
Men 50	50.00
Men 55	52.00
Men 60	54.50
Men 65	58.00
Men 70	1:02.00
Men 75	1:07.00
Men 80	1:12.00
Men 85	1:17.00

## 6 Schedule (subject to change)

### 6.1 Competition Dates and Times for the Age Groups

Estimated starting dates and times for the different distances of the different age groups will be published at the Organizers website: [www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019) and the Facebookpage [www.facebook.com/MSG2019](http://www.facebook.com/MSG2019).

Final starting times for the different distances of the different age groups will be published in the Team Leader Meeting before the drawing and at the Organizers website: [www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019) and the Facebookpage [www.facebook.com/MSG2019](http://www.facebook.com/MSG2019).

### 6.2 Training and Warm Up Times

The 400m ice track in Leeuwarden is open for training on all public hours. See for information the website <http://www.elfstedenhal.frl/openingstijden>. A daily admittance fee of 7 euro must be paid, except on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> (official training) and on all competition days. You can buy the tickets at [webshop.elfstedenhal.frl](http://webshop.elfstedenhal.frl). And there are also training opportunities on the [400m ice rink in Heerenveen](http://www.elfstedenhal.frl).



### 6.3 Timetable

Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019		
14:00 – 17:00 h	Check in	Restaurant 11stedenhal Fryslanplein 1, Leeuwarden
16:00 – 17:15 h	Official MSG2019 training	11stedenhal
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019		
09:00 – 15:00 h	Check in	Restaurant 11stedenhal
15:00 h	<b>Closing of check in</b>	Restaurant 11stedenhal
16:00 – 17:15 h	Official MSG2019 training	11stedenhal
17:45 – 19:00 h	Opening 11 <sup>th</sup> Masters' International Sprint Games and Welcome Drink Reception	Middle area 11stedenhal Fryslanplein 1, Leeuwarden
19:30 h	Team Leaders' Meeting (max. two team leaders per Nation)	Meeting room 'Oldehove' 11stedenhal
20:00 h	Drawing	Meeting room 'Oldehove' 11stedenhal
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019		
08:30 – 09:30 h	Warm up Ladies and Men 65+	11stedenhal
10:00 h	<b>Competition 1<sup>st</sup> day</b> Ladies and Men 65+	11stedenhal
12:45 – 13:15 h	Warm up Men 30-60	11stedenhal
13:30 h	<b>Competition 1<sup>st</sup> day</b> Men 30-60	11stedenhal
17:15 h	End competition 1 <sup>st</sup> day	
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019		
07:30 – 08:30 h	Warm up Ladies and Men 65+	11stedenhal
09:00 h	<b>Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> day</b> Ladies and Men 65+	11stedenhal
11:45 – 12:15 h	Warm up Men 30-60	11stedenhal
12:30 h	<b>Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> day</b> Men 30-60	11stedenhal
16:15 h	End competition 2 <sup>nd</sup> day	
17:00 h	Victory Ceremony	Middle area 11stedenhal
19:30 h	Welcome Closing Banquet	WestCord WTC Hotel Heliconweg 52, Leeuwarden
20:00 h	Closing Banquet	WestCord WTC Hotel

### 7 Drawing and classification

On the first two distances, for drawing purposes, skaters will be seeded in groups of 6 skaters, according to their best times of the current season, their best times of last season or their personal best times (and in that order).



The seeding will be done per age group or per joined age groups. Drawing shall be done according to ISU Rule 242, paragraphs 2 and 3, with two exceptions:

- Drawing of the third and fourth distance will be done based on the overall ranking (independent of age group) on the first respectively the second distance;
- All competitors will be admitted to the last distance.

If more than 100 participants are competing, the competition will be divided into two or more blocks of five-year age groups. The first block will be finalized (both distances) before next block, and so on. This will reduce waiting time between the two distances.

A skater that completes all distances successfully and obtains the lowest total of points in his/her five-year age group wins the four-distance competition in her/his age group.

## 8 Prizes and Results of the Four-Distance Combination

For the four-distance combination, the first three competitors of each age group will be awarded a prize. All participants that finalize all four distances of the competition successfully, without being disqualified, obtain a certificate. All competitors receive a comprehensive protocol.

The complete results with lap times, accumulated lap times and end times can be found at the Organizing Committee's web-site [www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019) and the [IMSSC-website](#).

Every participant will receive a souvenir at the registration (included in the entry fee).

## 9 Anti doping measures

Anti-doping tests may be effected, in accordance with ISU Rule 139.

## 10 Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, ISU, IMSSC and the Organizing Committee assume **no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, bodily or personal injury, or property damages**, incurred in connection with this competition. Each skater or accompanying person is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage here to.

## 11 Entries

Entries must be made by the Dutch competitors on the regular way via the website [www.schaatscircuit.nl](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl) and by all other competitors by filling out the electronic entry form with all data asked available on the IMSSC website [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org). You find the electronic entry form on the website [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org) at these competitions.

Generally, entries are accepted in chronological order. However, Finland (FIN), The Netherlands (NED), Norway (NOR) and Russia (RUS) will make their entries according their own nomination and/or qualification process.

**Entries must be made by filling out the electronic entry form available on the IMSSC website: [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org).**

**The deadline of registration and payment of the entry fee is January 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00, for all Nations.**

The entries for the participants of FIN, NED, NOR and RUS must be done via:

**FIN** Pertti Kiiskinen – IMSSC Member FIN  
E-mail: [pertti\\_kiiskinen@hotmail.com](mailto:pertti_kiiskinen@hotmail.com)



**RUS** Boris Repnin – IMSSC Member RUS  
E-mail: [simbon@list.ru](mailto:simbon@list.ru)


**NED** website [inschrijven.schaatsen.nl](http://inschrijven.schaatsen.nl) of the KNSB (Royal Dutch Skating Association).

**NOR** Norway Masters Speedskating Committee  
E-mail: [nmssc2016@gmail.com](mailto:nmssc2016@gmail.com)

After the qualification process, the Participant Lists and Waiting Lists of FIN, NOR, RUS, have to be sent to the following email-address: [msg2019@schaatscircuit.nl](mailto:msg2019@schaatscircuit.nl) within the above-mentioned deadline.

In case a skater is not able to participate in the competition due to illness, injury or other unforeseen cause, he/she may be substituted by another skater of the same Nation that is on the waiting list of her/his country. Substitution is possible at the latest 24 hours before the drawing of the competition.

#### **Registration on the IMSSC-website:**

If you are not already registered as a User on the IMSSC-website, please ask for your account details to IMSSC Secretary at: [info@imssc.org](mailto:info@imssc.org). If you are a registered User, enter your account details by clicking on the symbol  on top of the home page, on the right hand side, then choose the right competition under the menu "Competitions". Click on "Register", then on "Checkout" and fill-in all the requested data; finally, click on "Process Registration".

You will get a confirmation by e-mail, stating that your registration has been received by the Organizing Committee. However, this e-mail message does not confirm your participation. Confirmation of your participation can be ascertained in the Competitors' List, to be found in the Organizing Committee website: [www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019).

#### **12 Confirmation of Participation**

A competitor is obliged to confirm his participation in person at the latest **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 15:00h**. If the competitor is not able to confirm in person, he must inform the competition organisation via email, phone, SMS or WhatsApp (+31 6 51 327 594) specifying first and last name at the latest 24 hours before the drawing of the competition.

#### **13 Entry fee for competitors**

The entry fee is fixed in **125 Euro per person**. It includes the Welcome Drink and the Closing Banquet.

The entry fee has to be paid through bank transfer, to the account detailed below:

- Name of the receiver: MCLN
- Address of the receiver: Burgemeester van Baaklaan 22, 3648 XT Wilnis, the Netherlands
- Name of the bank: Rabobank
- Address of the bank: Postbus 2035, 3440 DA Woerden, Netherlands
- IBAN: NL04 RABO 0195 2051 11
- BIC: RABONL2U
- Reason for payment: Please, indicate complete name of Skater and Nation.

**The entry fee has to be paid not later than January 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00.**





## 14 Additional Tickets for Welcome Drink and Closing Banquet, for Coaches and Accompanying persons

Tickets for the Welcome Drink Reception and for the Closing Banquet (in total 30 Euro per person) may be bought from the organization committee. Please, order these tickets on the entry form during registration. At the closing banquet drinks are not included.

## 15 Accommodation

### General

In and around Leeuwarden there are many hotels and B&B's. They can easily be found via Booking.com. Information can be found at: [www.mooileeuwarden.nl/en](http://www.mooileeuwarden.nl/en), telephone number +31(0)58 234 7550, email [info@vvlleeuwarden.nl](mailto:info@vvlleeuwarden.nl).

### Official Hotel partners Masters' Sprint Games 2019 (MSG2019)

The organization of the MSG2019 has two official hotels, the *WestCord WTC Hotel Leeuwarden* close to the ice rink and the *Alibi Hostel* in the city centre of Leeuwarden.

- *The WestCord WTC Hotel Leeuwarden*

The WestCord WTC Hotel Leeuwarden is 300 meters away from the ice rink. The city centre of Leeuwarden and the central station are only a 15 minute walk from the hotel. Would you like to take a taxi from the central station to the hotel? This will cost around 10 Euro.

#### *Special offer WTC Hotel Leeuwarden*

The special offer for participants of the Masters' Sprint Games 2019 is 80 Euro per room per day (excluding breakfast and taxes), the price for breakfast is 15,50 Euro per person. Taxes are (subject to changes) 1 Euro per person per night.

#### *Reservations*

You can only make a reservation by e-mail: [reserveringen.wtc@westcordhotels.nl](mailto:reserveringen.wtc@westcordhotels.nl). Please indicate in the booking: *IMSSC Games 2019*. Until February 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 we have rooms in option. So please make a reservation before February 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. The hotel has a few bikes. The cost are 12,50 euro a day. Please mention at your booking whether you want to use a bicycle.

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- *Alibi Hostel*

The Alibi Hostel is the first and only Hostel in Leeuwarden. Alibi Hostel is located in one of the most exciting and unique locations Leeuwarden has to offer: former prison building 'the Blokhuispoort'. The Alibi Hostel is located in the city centre of Leeuwarden.

#### *Special offer Alibi Hostel*

The special offer for the participants of the Masters' Sprint Games 2019 is 15% per person per day (excluding breakfast and taxes). Make your reservation via their own website [www.alibihotel.nl](http://www.alibihotel.nl) and mention in 'Discount code' the code "MSG2019".

#### *Reservations*

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+31 (0)6 12077449



### *Travelling info*

Travelling to the Netherlands can be done by plane (to Schiphol Airport), by train or by car.  
Travelling from Schiphol to Leeuwarden can be done by train (the Nederlandse Spoorwegen (NS)).  
Time schedules and ticket information of all trains in the Netherlands can be found on  
<http://www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home>.

### 16 Additional information

All inquiries should be directed via email to:

**MCLN, the 11<sup>th</sup> Masters' Sprint Games 2019 Organizing Committee**

to the attention of Joke Wittenberg, e-mail: [msg2019@schaatscircuit.nl](mailto:msg2019@schaatscircuit.nl).

**website:** [www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl/msg2019)

Leeuwarden, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Joke Wittenberg**

Chairman of the Organizing Committee

