## EUROPEAN SPEED \* SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## HEERENVEEN, NED Thialf

16-17 January, 2021



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On behalf of the KNSB, the Organizing Committee (House of Sports) has the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

### **W** EUROPEAN SPEED SKATING

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS<sup>®</sup> 2021**

which will be held in Heerenveen, Netherlands on January 16-17, 2021

#### PROGRAM

Friday, January 15, 2021	17:30	Online Team Leaders Meeting via MS Teams in combination with the online draw Invitation will be sent in due time
Saturday, January 16, 2021	11:20 11:30	Opening Speech 500m Ladies Allround 500m Men Allround 3000m Ladies Allround 5000m Men Allround
	15:35	500m Ladies Sprint (1) 500m Men Sprint (1) 1000m Ladies Sprint (1) 1000m Men Sprint (1)
Sunday, January 17, 2021	11:30	1500m Ladies Allround 1500m Men Allround 5000m Ladies Allround 10 000m Men Allround Awards Ceremony Ladies & Men Allround
	15:30	500m Ladies Sprint (2) 500m Men Sprint (2) 1000m Ladies Sprint (2) 1000m Men Sprint (2) Awards Ceremony Ladies & Men Sprint

#### REGULATIONS

The ISU European Allround & Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2021 will be held in accordance with the 2018 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU), relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 2361, Guidelines for ISU Events During the COVID-19 Pandemic and all Health Regulations guidelines edited and released by House of Sports.

Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to a European ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 2) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 2361.

#### TRACK

Thialf is an indoor artificially frozen ice rink with a standard track of 400 meters and inner and outer curves with radii of 26 and 30 meters respectively. The width of the inside training track is 4 meters.

#### TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the Championships are the Skaters with the lowest total of points after 4 distances have been completed (Rule 265, paragraph 2 and 268, paragraph 1) for the Allround Combination and for the Sprint Combination.

The winner will bear the title: "European Allround/Sprint\_\_\_\_ Speed Skating Champion for 2021" respectively

(Rule 133, paragraph a), and will each be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third in the final classification after 4 distances for the Allround Combination and for the Sprint Combination, will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2218, or any further update of this Communication.

#### ENTRIES

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events available at <u>www.isu.org</u>, section Speed Skating or at <u>http://isu.events/login.php</u>

Entries for the ISU European Allround & Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2021 will only be accepted for Skaters who have reached the qualifying times for the event concerned, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2361, paragraphs 4.2.1 and 4.2.2.

In accordance with Rule 208 paragraph 2.4, the number of Competitors in the ISU European Allround Speed Skating Championships 2021 is **20 Ladies and 20 Men**.

European ISU Members qualify quota places based on the combined results (one best 1500m and one best 3000m for Ladies and one best 1500m and one best 5000m for Men) of the same Skaters from any of the Qualifying events (i.e. World Cup Competitions held in November-December 2019). Total points for two distances will be calculated according to Rule 265, paragraph 3. Further criteria and additional details in ISU Communication No. 2361.

In accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 2.4, the number of Competitors in the ISU European Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2021 is **20 Ladies and 20 Men.** 

European ISU Members qualify quota places based on the combined results (one best 500m and one best 1000m) of the same Skaters from any of the Qualifying events (i.e. World Cup Competitions held in November-December 2019). Total points for the two distances will be calculated according to Rule 265, paragraph 3. Further criteria and additional details in ISU Communication No. 2361.

The Preliminary entry with the estimated 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 communicated to the Organizing Committee at the latest by **December 31, 2020** (See Rule 208, paragraph 1.1.1).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and substitute(s) available to compete (maximum 1 substitute per gender, per each Combination), as well as the names of the Team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is requested must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on **January 11, 2021** (See Rule 208, paragraph 1.1.2).

Please note that for all persons entered by the ISU 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 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, 208 and ISU Communications No. 1628 and 1797.

#### CITIZENSHIP/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 ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

#### DRAWING

The drawing will be made in accordance with Rules 239, 240 (paragraphs 1-4) and 242.

#### 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 Nos. 2243 (update of this Communication to be released shortly and enter into force on January 1, 2021) and 2344.

#### LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, KNSB and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with this Championship. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

#### FACE MASKS

No advertising marking is allowed on face masks. Face masks may display one (1) manufacturer trademark/identification of maximum 8cm<sup>2</sup>. In addition, ISU Member's name and/or abbreviation and/or national flag and/or Skater's name may be displayed on the face mask. Please also refer to the documents 'Health Regulations for the participating Teams' and'Overview' released by House of Sports.

#### TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday 11 January. Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours. Trial starts will take place upon request on Friday January 15. Competitors must register before Tuesday 12 January at <u>oc@houseofsports.nl</u>. Training schedule will be published in the ISU Inside Events Application in due time.

#### **BOARD AND LOADGING**

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Friday, January 15 until lunch on Monday, January 18, 2021 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships (not for the substitutes) and 1 Team leader or coach for each ISU Member. Expenses of other Skaters and officials (i.e. reserves, substitutes, coaches, other team staff members and accompanying persons) other than those mentioned above, and expenses before or after the period mentioned above, will be at their own expense.

Accommodation requests can only be made by using the Invitation and Accommodation Request form and ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events. <u>Accommodation requests not respecting this requirement will</u> not be taken into consideration

#### OFFICIAL HOTELS

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the following hotels:

Van der Valk Hotel Wolvega Address: Atalanta 10, 8472 CA Wolvega E-mail: <u>wolvega@valk.nl</u> Website: <u>https://www.hotelwolvega.nl/</u>

Van der Valk Hotel Sneek Address: Burgemeester Rasterhofflaan 1, 8606 KZ Sneek E-mail: <u>info@sneek.valk.com</u> Website: <u>https://www.hotelsneek.nl/</u>

Van der Valk Hotel Emmeloord Address: Het Hooiveld 9, 8302 AE Emmeloord E-mail: <u>emmeloord@valk.nl</u> Website: https://www.hotelemmeloord.nl/

For hotel prices and cancellation policy, please refer to the document 'Hotel Setup' released by House of Sports.

#### TRANSPORTATION

More detailed information about transportation will soon be released.

The Organizing Committee must be informed via the Invitation and Accommodation Request form and ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events about the date and time of arrival and departure of the Competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by Wednesday 23 December.

#### MANDATORY NEGATIVE PCR TEST

All participants (Officials, Skaters, Team Officials and Staff) must take a PCR test not later than 72 hours prior arrival to the site of the European Championships, only participants showing a negative result of this PCR test will be entitled to be included in the second PCR screening test pool performed upon arrival at the hotel in view of obtaining an accreditation.

#### **VISA REQUIREMENTS**

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Organizing Committee if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

- Name as in passport
- Date of birth
- Passport number
- Expire date passport
- Function (athlete, coach, physio)

Please submit all this information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

#### ACCREDITATIONS

A color picture must be sent to the OC for each team member for preliminary printing of the accreditation (\*.jpg format, size 35 per 44 mm, white background).

Only the following number of Team Officials can receive an accreditation:

Туре	Number of accreditations for the Championships	
Team Leader	1 accreditation	
Coaches, medical & technical staff	1 competitor* - 1 accreditation 2 to 3 competitors - 2 accreditations 4 to 6 competitors - 3 accreditations 7 to 9 competitors - 4 accreditations 10 to 11 competitors - 5 accreditations 12 competitors - 6 accreditations	

Competitor = competing skater (substitutes excluded)

#### THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be addressed to:

#### Organizing Committee

Phone: +31(0) 20 4969 9173 e-mail: oc@houseofsports.nl Contact person: Michelle Karemaker

#### **MEDIA ACCREDITATION**

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System https://www.isu.org/media-centre/accreditations/media Information for the media will be available on the ISU website in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

#### **Media accreditation**

Mr. C. Mureau Press officer KNSB Phone: +31(0) 8848 92 000 Mob.: +31(0) 6 5574 7998 e-mail: c.mureau@knsb.nl

#### WEBSITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website: https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2021/1/isu-ek-allround-sprint/

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website: http://live.isuresults.eu/events/2020 NED 0002/schedule

#### ISU "INSIDE EVENTS" MOBILE APPLICATION

Daily information, results and changes in schedules (race, training, transportation, etc.) will be communicated to the teams on the board of the Team Hotel as well as on the ISU "Inside Events" mobile application. This mobile application makes the information delivery faster, contains all relevant information for participants, reduce paper needs and notify participants in case of any changes or urgencies through push notification possibilities.

The "Inside Events" app is available free of charge on Android and Apple systems and is compatible with both tablets and smartphones. It can be downloaded with the below QR codes or directly on the app stores.

Each ISU Event will have its own unique password that will be provided on site to participating Athletes, Officials, and Team Delegations.



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