



WORLD CUP

SPEED  SKATING



ANNOUNCEMENT

HEERENVEEN - The Netherlands, Thialf

WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

January 22-24, 2021

January 29-31, 2021



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On behalf of the KNSB, and Organizing Committee,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to Competitions in the

ISU WORLD CUP
SPEED SKATING

2020/21

which will be held at the Thialf Stadium
in Heerenveen, *The Netherlands*
on January 22-24, 2021
and
January 29-31, 2021

The Competitions will be held under the 2018 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating, ISU Communication No. 2360, Guidelines for ISU Events During the COVID-19 Pandemic and all Health Regulations guidelines edited and released by House of Sports.

These World Cup Competitions will serve as one of the qualifying events for quota places at the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2021.

PROGRAM WORLD CUP 1, JANUARY 22-24, 2021:

Thursday, January 21, 2021:	17:30	Online Team Leaders Meeting via MS Teams in combination with the online draw <i>Invitation will be sent in due time</i>	
Friday, January 22, 2021:	14:50	Division A:	Team Pursuit Men Team Pursuit Ladies Mass Start Men (Semi-Finals) Mass Start Ladies (Semi-Finals)
Saturday, January 23, 2021	TBA*	Division B:	500m (1) Ladies 500m (1) Men 1500m Ladies 1500m Men
	14:15	Division A:	1500m Ladies 1500m Men 500m (1) Ladies 500m (1) Men Mass Start Men Mass Start Ladies
Sunday, January 24, 2021:	TBA*	Division B:	500m (2) Ladies 500m (2) Men 3000m Ladies 5000m Men
	12:45 (TBC)	Division A:	500m (2) Ladies 500m (2) Men 3000m Ladies 5000m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men
	TBA*	Division B:	1000m Ladies 1000m Men

* The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced during the Online 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) for determining the awarding of World Cup points and prize money.

PROGRAM WORLD CUP 2, JANUARY 29-31, 2021:

Thursday, January 28, 2021:	17:30		Online Team Leaders Meeting via MS Teams in combination with the online draw <i>Invitation will be sent in due time</i>
Friday, January 29, 2021:	14:50	Division A:	Team Pursuit Men Team Pursuit Ladies Mass Start Men (Semi-Finals) Mass Start Ladies (Semi-Finals)
Saturday, January 30, 2021	TBA*	Division B:	500m (1) Ladies 500m (1) Men 1500m Ladies 1500m Men
	14:10	Division A:	1500m Ladies 1500m Men 500m (1) Ladies 500m (1) Men Mass Start Men Mass Start Ladies
Sunday, January 31, 2021:	TBA*	Division B:	500m (2) Ladies 500m (2) Men 3000m Ladies 5000m Men
	12:45 (TBC)	Division A:	500m (2) Ladies 500m (2) Men 3000m Ladies 5000m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men
	TBA*	Division B:	1000m Ladies 1000m Men

* The actual starting times for the B Division races will be announced during the Online 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) for determining the awarding of World Cup points and prize money.

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Thialf, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Heerenveen, The Netherlands. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside warm-up lane is 4 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for these competitions will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2360, paragraph 3.1.

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

Preliminary entries, giving 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 submitted at the latest by **December 31, 2020**.

Final entries for World Cup 1 (January 22-24, 2021) 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 **January 18, 2021** (see also ISU Communication No. 2278, paragraph 3.1.1).

Final entries for World Cup 2 (January 29-31, 2021) 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 **January 25, 2021** (see also ISU Communication No. 2278, paragraph 3.1.1).

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 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. 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.

According to ISU Communication No. 2360, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are

	ISU Member	LADIES				ISU Member	MEN				ISU Member
		500	1000	1500	3000 5000		500	1000	1500	5000 10000	
	ARG	2	1	1	1	ARG	1	1	1	1	ARG
	AUT	2	2	1	1	AUT	1	1	1	1	AUT
	BEL	2	2	1	1	BEL	1	2	3	2	BEL
	BLR	2	2	2	3	BLR	3	2	1	2	BLR
	CAN	4	4	4	4	CAN	4	5	4	4	CAN
	CHN	5	4	4	4	CHN	3	2	3	1	CHN
	TPE	2	2	1	1	TPE	1	1	1	1	TPE
	CZE	2	2	3	3	CZE	1	1	1	1	CZE
	EST	1	1	1	2	EST	1	2	1	1	EST
	FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	1	2	FRA
	GER	2	3	3	4	GER	4	4	2	4	GER
	ITA	1	1	3	3	ITA	2	1	3	4	ITA
	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN
	KAZ	1	1	2	2	KAZ	2	4	3	3	KAZ
	KOR	3	4	1	2	KOR	4	4	4	3	KOR
	NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5	NED
	NOR	3	3	4	3	NOR	4	4	5	4	NOR
	NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	1	2	NZL
	POL	3	4	4	4	POL	4	1	2	3	POL
	RUS	5	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	5	RUS
	SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	2	2	SUI
	USA	4	4	4	2	USA	1	3	3	2	USA

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. 2360, paragraph 3.1.2.

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. 2360, paragraphs 4.3 and 5.6, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2195 or any further updates.

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. 2360, paragraphs 4.2 and 5.7, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2195 or any further updates.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 2360, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each event, World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2360, paragraphs 6 and 7.2 accordingly.

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.

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from 09:00-14:00 on training days. Trial starts, upon request by the Teams concerned to the OC, will be organized on Thursday January 21, 2021. A more detailed training schedule including the use of power/strength facilities will be sent out as soon as possible. Training schedule will be published in the ISU Inside Events Application in due time.

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, KNSB and the Organizing Committee 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 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 8cm². 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.

ACCOMMODATION

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials.

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

Accommodation requests can only be made directly with the Organizing Committee - OC@houseofsports.nl

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSPORTATION

More detailed information about transportation will soon be released. Please also read the documents related to the ISU Competition Bubble.

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.

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.

MANDATORY NEGATIVE PCR TEST

All participants (Officials, Skaters, Team Officials and Staff) must take a PCR test for COVID-19. The test must have been conducted no more than 72 hours prior to the arrival in the Netherlands when arriving by flight or no more than 72 hours prior to the arrival at the ISU Competition Bubble when arriving by car. 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.

ACCREDITATIONS

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

Type	Number of accreditations per Competition
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 12-13 competitors - 6 accreditations 14-15 competitors - 7 accreditations 16-17 competitors - 8 accreditations 18-19 competitors - 9 accreditations 20-21 competitors - 10 accreditations ..etc.

* 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

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MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation requests for ISU World Cup 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-world-cup-1-lb/>

<https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2021/1/isu-world-cup-2-lb/>

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website:

<http://live.isuresults.eu/events/>

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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