



ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2017,
Heerenveen, The Netherlands

Announcement

January 6 – 8, 2017
Thialf – Heerenveen, The Netherlands

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On behalf of the KNSB and the Organizing Committee,
consisting of members of the board of directors
of the Royal Ice club Thialf at Heerenveen and representatives of House of Sports,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

 **EUROPEAN SPEED SKATING**

CHAMPIONSHIPS[®] 2017

which will be held at the indoor ice-rink Thialf
in Heerenveen, the Netherlands
on Friday, January 6, Saturday, January 7 and Sunday January 8, 2017.

PROGRAM

Thursday, January 5:	16.00	Team leaders' Meeting, Ice Stadium Thialf
	18.00	Opening Draw, Ice Stadium Thialf
Friday, January 6:	18.15	Opening Ceremony
		500 m. Ladies – Allround
		500 m. Men – Sprint
		3.000 m. Ladies – Allround
		1.000 m. Men - Sprint
		Drawing for Saturday's distances
Saturday, January 7:	11.00	1.500 m. Ladies – Allround
		500 m. Men – Sprint
		500 m. Ladies – Sprint
		500 m. Men – Allround
		5.000 m. Ladies - Allround
		Medal Ceremony Ladies Allround
		1.000 m. Ladies – Sprint
		1.000 m. Men – Sprint
		Medal Ceremony Men Sprint
		5.000 m. Men – Allround
		Drawing for Sunday's distances
Sunday, January 8:	13.30	500 m. Ladies - Sprint
		1.500 m. Men – Allround
		1.000 m. Ladies – Sprint
		Medal Ceremony Ladies Sprint
		10.000 m. Men – Allround
		Medal Ceremony Men Allround

REGULATIONS

The ISU European Allround & Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2017 will be held in accordance with the 2016 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 2037.

Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to a European ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 2037.

TRACK

Ice Stadium Thialf is 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: "Lady European Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2017", "European Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2017", "Lady European Sprint Speed Skating Champion for 2017" and "European Sprint Speed Skating Champion for 2017" respectively (Rule 133, paragraph a & b), 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. 1976, 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 www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or at www.k4sport.ru/login.php.

The entry quotas for the Allround Combination will be determined partly by the results from the European Speed Skating Championships 2016 and partly by results achieved during ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions held during November and December 2016, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 5, and ISU Communication No. 2037. The

actual entry quotas which will apply will be communicated by the ISU to the ISU Members concerned in due time before the deadline for final entries.

According to ISU Communication No. 2033 and Rule 208, paragraph 5, the following ISU Members have been pre-allocated entry quotas:

Ladies

Belarus	1 competitor	Norway	1 competitor
Czech Republic	1 competitor	Poland	2 competitors
Italy	1 competitor	Russia	2 competitors
Netherlands	2 competitors		

Men

Belarus	1 competitor	Netherlands	2 competitors
Belgium	1 competitor	Norway	2 competitors
Italy	1 competitor	Poland	2 competitors
Latvia	1 competitor	Russia	2 competitors

The entry quotas for the Sprint Combination will be determined partly by the results from the World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2016 and partly by results achieved during ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions held during November and December 2016, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 5, and ISU Communication No. 2037. The actual entry quotas which will apply will be communicated by the ISU to the ISU Members concerned in due time before the deadline for final entries.

According to ISU Communication No. 2033 and Rule 208, paragraph 5, the following ISU Members have been pre-allocated entry quotas:

Ladies

Austria	1 competitor	Norway	1 competitor
Czech Republic	1 competitor	Poland	1 competitor
Germany	1 competitor	Russia	2 competitors
Netherlands	2 competitors		

Men

Finland	2 competitors	Norway	1 competitor
Germany	1 competitor	Poland	1 competitor
Italy	1 competitor	Russia	2 competitors
Netherlands	2 competitors		

The Preliminary entry with the estimated number of Competitors 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 19, 2016 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

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 3, 2017 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

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 drawings will be made in accordance with Rules 239, 240 and 242. For the last distance of the Allround Combination (5000 meters Ladies, 10000 meters Men) the number of Skaters to qualify will be 8, see Rule 240, paragraph 4.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 1970 or any further updates of these Communications).

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.

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday January 2, 2017. Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours. Trial starts will be organised on Thursday January 5, 2017.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Thursday, January 5 until lunch on Monday, January 9, 2017 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships and 1 Team leader or coach for each ISU Member. Expenses of other Skaters and officials (i.e. 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 using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events.

OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

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

- a. Hotel Golden Tulip Tjaarda at Oranjewoud, phone +31(0) 513 433533, fax +31(0) 513 433599, e-mail: info@tjaarda.nl
- b. Fletcher Hotel De Heidehof at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 630200, fax +31(0) 513 630201, e-mail: info@hotelheidehof.nl
- c. Hotel van der Valk at Wolvega, phone +31(0) 561 692800, fax +31(0) 561 692805, e-mail: info@wolvega.valk.nl
- d. Holland Inn Hotel at Wolvega, phone +31(0) 561 618847, fax +31(0) 561 618591, e-mail: hotelwolvega@gmail.com
- e. Huis ten Wolde at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 535400, e-mail: info@huizenwolde.nl
- f. Hotel van der Valk at Sneek, phone +31(0) 515 481818, fax +31(0) 515 481808, e-mail: info@sneek.valk.com
- g. Hotel Restaurant Lunia at Oldeberkoop, phone +31(0) 516 452555, fax +31(0) 516 452929, e-mail: info@lunia.nl
- h. Hajé Hotel at Joure, phone +31(0) 513 413555, fax +31(0) 513 414365, e-mail: joure_manager@haje.nu

Hotel prices:

Single Room occupancy: € 72,00 - € 137,50 per person per night. Prices including meals, excl. tax

Double Room occupancy; € 60,75 - € 98,25 per person per night. Prices including meals., exc. tax

Payment: Cash in Euro's or by credit card.

TRANSPORTATION

There is a direct railway connection from Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol to Heerenveen. Arriving at Heerenveen railway station, please call telephone number +31(0) 6 46566799 for transportation to the hotel. On request bus transportation from Schiphol Airport to Heerenveen can be arranged. For further information on this, please address the Organizing Committee. A shuttle bus service will be available for transportation between hotels and the ice rink from

Monday, January 2, 2017.

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 System for Speed Skating Events.

The Organizing Committee must be informed via the 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 December 19, 2016.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

- Family- and Given name, date of birth, function and Arrival- and Departure date of all team members.

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

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be addressed to:

Organizing Committee Thialf
P.O. Box 500
8440 AM HEERENVEEN
Phone: +31(0) 20 4969173
e-mail: OC.Thialf@knsb.nl

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System <http://www.wingsmedia.it/isu/>

Information for the media will be available on the ISU website in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer:

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Press officer

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WEB SITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:

Schaatsen.nl/ECh2017

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

<http://live.isureults.eu>