

Announcement



 **European
Short Track Speed Skating
Championships[®] 2004**

The International Skating Union, the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB) and the Organizing Committee have the honour of hosting the 2004 European Short Track Speed Skating Championships.

The Championships will be held from January 16 until January 18, 2004.

PARTICIPATION

2004 European Short Track Speed Skating Championships will be held in accordance with the 2002 International Skating Union Regulations and relevant ISU Communications.

Participation is open to all European ISU Members who may enter skaters for individual distances in accordance with Rule 287, paragraph 2 a). Entries for single distance or only parts of the Championships are not permitted.

The following Members may enter 3 competitors (Communication 1228)

Ladies		Men	
Bulgaria	3 competitors	Belgium	3 competitors
France	3 competitors	France	3 competitors
Germany	3 competitors	Germany	3 competitors
Italy	3 competitors	Italy	3 competitors
Russia	3 competitors		

All European ISU Members may enter one team per category in the relay events, in accordance with Rule 287, paragraph 2 c).

CITIZENSHIP / RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and Communication No. 1117, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The European Short Track Speed Skating Championships will be held over the distances 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters for Ladies and Men and a relay race over 3000 meters for Ladies and 5000 meters for Men. The program will be according to Rule 287, paragraph 1 g).

DRAWING PROCEDURE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The drawing and seeding procedure will be carried out in accordance with Rule 282, paragraph 2 and Rule 283, paragraph 3.

PROGRAM (all times to be determined unless otherwise indicated)

Thursday, January 15, 2004

OFFICIAL TRAINING

19.00 Draw

Friday, January 16, 2004

Warm up

OPENING CEREMONY

13.00 1500 m Ladies and Men

Heats Relay Ladies and Men

Saturday, January 17, 2004

12.00 500 m Ladies and Men

Semi-final Relay Ladies and Men

Sunday, January 18, 2004

12.00 1000 m and 3000 m Ladies and Men

Final Relay Ladies and Men

AWARDS CEREMONY

POINTS

The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2, 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with first place

TITLES AND MEDALS

The winner of the Championships (according to Rule 133) will bear the title **“European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2004”** or **“Lady European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2004”** and will receive an ISU gold medal. The second and third placed skater will receive ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The winning team of the 2004 European Short Track Speed Skating Championships for the relay event will bear the title **“European Relay Champions for 2004”** or **“Ladies European Relay Champions for 2004”** and each participating skater will receive an ISU gold medal. The members of the second and third placed relay teams will receive ISU silver and bronze medals.

Prize money will be given in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1176.

TRACK CONDITIONS AND RINK DIMENSIONS

The PWA SilverDome in Zoetermeer has an artificial refrigerated indoor ice surface of 30m x 60m. Protective padding cover the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5, and ISU Communication No. 1019. The standard track will be laid out, 111,12m to the lap with measured curves of 8m. Besides the standard track there will be four other tracks laid out which are moved one and two meters in either direction of the standard track to preserve good ice conditions. For all track one finish line will be used.

LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, the International Skating Union, the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility or liability for bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage with respect thereto.

MEDICAL INSURANCE (see Rule 119)

It is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in ISU events as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical and insurance for their athletes. Proof of such shall be requested by the Organizing Committee.

EQUIPMENT OF SKATERS

All skaters from a Member must be equally dressed. Teams or skaters, who do not comply, may be excluded from participation (Rule 282 and 294).

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communication No. 1229, or any further update of this Communication).

ENTRIES

Preliminary entries (form enclosed) must be returned prior to December 20, 2003.

Final entries (form enclosed) must be in writing and faxed or e-mailed by Januari 10, 2004, latest delay, to

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ENTRY AND INQUIRIES

Competitors must be present in Zoetermeer at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, January 15, 2004, or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Championships. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded.

Entry and inquiries should be addressed to the addresses mentioned above.
(Address valid for the whole duration of the Event).

THE NETHERLANDS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A valid passport or acceptable certificate of identification is required of all people entering the Netherlands. Passports must be valid for longer than the period of stay in the Netherlands.

Regarding Visa requirements: Please consult with your travel agent or the Dutch Embassy in your country. Should you need, for purposes of obtaining a visa, a specific invitation, please send a request to the KNSB at the above mentioned address in due time.

MEALS AND HOTEL

The Organizing Committee will provide meals and lodging from lunch, Thursday, January 15 until breakfast Monday, January 19, at the Official Hotel, for the participating competitors and one team leader from each participating Member. The team leader is responsible for payment for meal and lodging expenses incurred in the official hotel, except as stated above. All teams arriving prior to Thursday January 16, must have paid their bills in full by 12 noon, Thursday January 15, 2002.

Guaranteed reservations for hotel rooms, not covered by the Organizing Committee, including parents, supporters and team auxiliary personnel must be made by December 20, 2003, at the Organizing Committee.

Official hotel:

NH "Zoetermeer" HOTEL
Danny Kayelaan 20
2791 EH Zoetermeer
Telephone: +31(0)79 361 02 02
E-mail: nhzoetermeer@nh-hotels.nl
Internet: www.nh-hotels.com

All participants except as stated above should bear their own expenses for rooms and meals. The cost is as follows (per person/per night)

Single room: €. 62,50 (B+B)
Double room: €. 83,- (B+B)

Lunch buffet €. 12,-
Diner buffet €. 15,-

Please note that all arrangements for accommodation must be made through the Organizing Committee.

You are kindly requested to let us know your needs for accommodation (single/double rooms) not later than December 20, 2003 using the Preliminary Entry Form if those dates are not mentioned at the time of preliminary entry.

Please note that full refund of not used but prepaid rooms will be made by the Organizing Committee.

TICKETS

Two free tickets per day to the rink for the competition will be provided to the parents and or partner of competitors. The request for parents/partner tickets should be made at the latest December 20, 2003. Parents will be requested to kindly identify themselves when collecting the tickets.

ICE TRAINING

The Organizing Committee will make free ice training available on Thursday, January 15, 2004 for participating teams.

Extra practice will be charged for €. 150 per session (45min).

Please notify the Organizing Committee of your request for ice training session such as training date and using your Preliminary Entry Forms.

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide Transportation by bus from Amsterdam Airport to the official hotel and from hotel to the airport. Furthermore for the duration of the European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (Thursday, January 15 to Sunday, January 18) transportation by bus will be provided between the hotel and competition venue.

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