

ANNOUNCEMENT



SOCHI /RUSSIA

February 01 to 03, 2013



On behalf of the Russian Skating Union, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track 2012/13
which will be held at the "Iceberg" Skating Palace,
Sochi, the Russian Federation
on February 01-03, 2013

The competition will be held under the 2012 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1747.

General Regulations

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2012 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track 2012/13.

Distances

Individual 500 (1), 500 (2), 1000, 1500 meters Ladies and Men
Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

Detailed distance program can be found in ISU Communication No. 1747, paragraph 6.

Thursday, January 31	8:00	Official Practice
Friday, February 1	9:00*	Qualifying rounds Ladies and Men 500m (1) prelims and heats Ladies and Men 1500m heats Ladies and Men 500m (2) prelims and heats Ladies and Men 1000m prelims and heats Ladies 3000m relay heats (quarter-finals) Men 5000m relay heats (quarter-finals)
Saturday, February 2	9:00*	Repechage Session
	15:02*	World Cup session Ladies and Men 500m (1) quarter-finals Ladies and Men 500m (1) semi-finals Ladies and Men 1500m semi-finals Ladies and Men 500m (1) finals Ladies and Men 1500m finals Ladies 3000m relay semi-finals Men 5000m relay semi-finals

Sunday, February 3	9:00*	Repechage Session
	15:02*	World Cup session
		Ladies and Men 500m (2) quarter-finals
		Ladies and Men 1000m quarter-finals
		Ladies and Men 500m (2) semi-finals
		Ladies and Men 1000m semi-finals
		Ladies and Men 500m (2) finals
		Ladies and Men 1000m finals
		Ladies 3000m relay finals
		Men 5000m relay finals

* Starting times to be decided upon receipt of the number of final entries and agreement with host broadcaster.

Track Conditions

The "Iceberg" Skating Palace has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 61 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating on www.isu.org, section Short Track Speed Skating or www.shorttrackonline.info/entry.php?country=isu

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **December 21, 2012**.

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Access to Closing Banquet (if held);
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System not later than **January 27, 2013** (see ISU Communication No. 1747, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Sochi at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, January 31, 2013 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Cup Competition. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded

e) Please note that for all persons entered by the 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 Communication No. 1628 or any update of this Communication.

Citizenships/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No.1420, 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.

Seeding Procedure

The make up of the first qualifying round of each distance shall be based on the current distance ranking following the principles of Rule 296, of the 2012 ISU Regulations. Progression to subsequent qualifying rounds shall be according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1747, paragraph 10.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1693, 1694, 1765 & 1766 or later updates).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, January 31, 2013 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from Monday, January 28, 2013. Each training session (50 mins) will be charged 4800 RUR. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Russian Skating Union and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows:

Single Room (per person, per night):	5000 RUR/per 1 person night with full board
Double Room (per person, per night):	8000 RUR/per 2 person night with full board
Single Room (per person, per night):	4600 RUR/per 1 person night with breakfast and dinner
Double Room (per person, per night):	7200 RUR/per 2 person night with breakfast and dinner

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee. Payments will be done directly to the hotel. The Organizing Committee will inform the participants about all terms and conditions of booking as well as payment details additionally.

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotel:

Hotel Vesna

Address: B. 219-a Lenin Street, Resort Town, Adler District, Sochi, 354364, Russia

Telephone: +7 (862) 269-36-10

Fax: +7 (862) 246-33-99

Website: www.vesna-sochi.ru

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than **December 18, 2012**.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation between Sochi Airport and the official hotels, from Sunday, January 27, 2013 to Monday, February 4, 2013.

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotel and "Iceberg" Skating Palace during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Sunday, January 27, 2013.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than **January 10, 2013**.

Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

The Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservation and media accreditation requests, as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

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MEDIA ACCREDITATION

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Web site

Results and other information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:

www.sochisportevents.com