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Announcement



Saturday 28 to Sunday 29 January 2012 - Olympic Oval - Calgary - Canada
Essent ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships

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On behalf of Speed Skating Canada, the Organizing Committee has the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

ESSENT WORLD SPRINT SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS[®] 2012

which will be held in Calgary, Canada on January 28-29, 2012.

PROGRAM

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| Friday, January 27, 2012 | 16:00 | Team Leaders' Meeting, Best Western Village Park Inn |
| | 19:30 | Opening Draw, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, Canada Olympic Park, 169 Canada Olympic Road SW |
| Saturday, January 28, 2012 | 12:05 | 500 m Ladies 500 m Men 1000 m Ladies 1000 m Men Drawing for Sunday's distances Best Western Village Park Inn |
| | 12:05 | 500 m Ladies 500 m Men 1000 m Ladies 1000 m Men Awards Ceremony on the ice |
| Sunday, January 29, 2012 | | |

REGULATIONS

The Essent ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships 2012 will be held in accordance with the 2010 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 1697.

Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 1697.

TRACK

The Olympic Oval is an indoor artificial 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 each track is 4 meters with an inside training track of 5 meters wide.

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). The winner will bear the title: "Lady World Sprint Speed Skating Champion for 2012" and "World Sprint Speed Skating Champion for 2012", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph b), and will each be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third in the final classification after 4 distances will be awarded the ISU

Championships silver and bronze medals, respectively. Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1509.

ENTRIES

Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members using the official ISU entry forms (Rule 131, paragraph 1) according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1697. Each ISU Member may enter maximum 1 Lady and 1 Man, subject to achieved qualifying times as defined in ISU Communication No. 1697.

According to ISU Communication No. 1685 and Rule 208, paragraph 6, the following ISU Members have the right to enter more than one Competitor:

Ladies

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| Canada | 3 competitors | Netherlands | 4 competitors |
| China | 3 competitors | Norway | 2 competitors |
| Germany | 3 competitors | Republic of Korea | 2 competitors |
| Italy | 2 competitors | Russia | 3 competitors |
| Japan | 3 competitors | USA | 2 competitors |
| Kazakhstan | 2 competitors | | |

Men

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| Australia | 2 competitors | Netherlands | 4 competitors |
| Canada | 3 competitors | Norway | 3 competitors |
| Finland | 2 competitors | Poland | 2 competitors |
| Germany | 2 competitors | Republic of Korea | 4 competitors |
| Italy | 2 competitors | Russia | 3 competitors |
| Japan | 3 competitors | Sweden | 2 competitors |
| Kazakhstan | 2 competitors | USA | 3 competitors |

Each ISU Member may enter substitutes corresponding with the number of ordinary entries.

The Preliminary entry with the 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 January 10, 2012 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries 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 reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on January 25, 2012 (See Rule 208, paragraph 9).

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 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and 208

CITIZENSHIP / 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.

DRAWING

The drawings will be made in accordance with Rules 239. For grouping and drawing Rule 242, paragraphs 1 and 2 apply.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications No. 1650, 1651, 1693 and 1694 or any further updates of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, Speed Skating Canada, the Olympic Oval Association and the University of Calgary 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 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 23, 2012. 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 Friday January 27, 2012.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Friday January 27, 2012 until lunch on Monday January 30, 2012 (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. 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. The cost for a room at the official hotel is approximately \$111 CAD per day (including taxes), based on double occupancy. The meal package is approximately \$69 CAD per person per day for 3 meals (including taxes and gratuities). Please make all hotel arrangements directly with the Organizing Committee prior to January 2, 2012. The Organizing Committee plans to release unused World Championships block of rooms back to the hotel as of Tuesday January 3, 2012. Rates cannot be guaranteed after this date.

Teams who do not arrive on scheduled date will be charged for rooms.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

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

Best Western Village Park Inn
1804 Crowchild Trail NW
Calgary, Alberta
Canada T2M 3Y7

Telephone (+ 1) 403-289-0241
Fax (+ 1) 403-289-4645
Web Site <http://www.villageparkinn.com>

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from January 23 up to and including January 30, 2012 from and to the Calgary International Airport and between the official hotel and the Olympic Oval at no expense to the participants. Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service. 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 at the latest by January 13, 2012.

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:

- Full name, date of birth and passport number

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

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

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WEB SITE

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

<http://www.speedsk8.ca>