

ANNOUNCEMENT



**SHANGHAI
2012**

**ISU World Short Track Speed Skating
Championships[®]**

March 9th to 11th, 2012

**Shanghai Oriental Sport
Mansion/China**



The International Skating Union, the Chinese Skating Association and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the:

 **World Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2012**

March 9th-11th 2012

**to be held at the Shanghai Oriental Sport Mansion,
Shanghai, China**

General Regulations

The ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2012 will be conducted in accordance with the 2010 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members (Rule 131).

Distances

Individual 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters Ladies and Men
Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

The below program is subject to change depending on the final entry of Skaters and agreement with the host broadcaster

Thursday, March 8, 2012	All Day	Official Training
	19:00	Official Draw at the ice rink
	20:00	Skating Show
Friday, March 9, 2012	TBA	Qualifying Rounds 1500m Ladies / Men
	13:00	1500m Ladies / Men
		3000m Relay Ladies Semi-Final
		Awards Ceremony
Saturday, March 10, 2012	TBA	Qualifying Rounds 500m Ladies / Men
	13:00	500m Ladies / Men
		5000m Relay Men Semi-Finals
Sunday, March 11, 2012		Awards Ceremony
	TBA	Qualifying Rounds 1000m Ladies / Men
	13:00	1000m Ladies / Men
		3000m Super Final Ladies / Men
		3000m Relay Ladies Final
		5000m Relay Men Final
		Awards Ceremony
	20:00 Closing Banquet	

Track Conditions

The Shanghai Oriental Sport Mansion has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1512. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the official Entry Forms.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **January 27th, 2012** (Rule 295, paragraph 4).

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 by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than **March 4th, 2012** (Rule 295, 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.

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

d) Competitors must be present in Shanghai at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, March 8th 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

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.

Individual Entries

In accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2 a), each ISU Member has the right to enter at least two (2) Competitors in each category.

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 1685 "Entries for ISU Championships", the following ISU Members may enter three (3) Competitors in total in the respective category. Each ISU Member may enter the substitutes corresponding with the number of entries.

Ladies

China 3 competitors
Republic of Korea 3 competitors
USA 3 competitors

Men

Canada 3 competitors
China 3 competitors
Republic of Korea 3 competitors
USA 3 competitors

Relay Entries:

The entry quotas for the Relay competitions at the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2012 will be determined by the World Cup relay Classification in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2 c). Special attention must be paid to Rule 286, paragraph 4 regarding the fact that the participation is known before the start of the last World Cup Competition of the season.

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.

Drawing and Seeding Procedure

The drawing and seeding procedure will be carried out in accordance with Rule 296.

Points and Classification

Final points will be awarded in the final races only. No points will be awarded to Competitors or Teams in case of penalty, yellow card, red card or failing to finish the race. The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with first place according to Rule 295, paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Titles and Medals

The winners of the Championships (according to Rule 133) will bear the title:

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2012

or

Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2012

World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2012

or

Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2012

The World and Lady World Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The winning team of the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2012 for the Relay competition will bear the title World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2012, and will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed relay teams will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

Prize money will be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No 1509.

Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, March 8th, 2012 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from March 5th, 2012. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged [CNY1000]. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. Payment for additional practice ice time must be paid in [currency] to the Organizing Committee upon arrival. For practice ice time prior to the official practice, please inform the Organizing Committee using the attached form. Medical coverage will be provided for the official and additional practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140.

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. 1650, 1651, 1693 & 1694 or later updates).

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Chinese Skating Association 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 Short Track Speed Skating Championships. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and meals starting with lunch on Thursday March 8th until lunch on Monday March 12th (for those departing in the afternoon) for all participating Skaters, maximum five (5) Ladies and five (5) Men, plus one team leader from each ISU Member. All teams arriving before Thursday March 8th or leaving after Monday March 12th or bringing in more than the officially designated number of participants will be responsible for their own costs and are kindly requested to settle the amount due on site, at the applicable rate, upon arrival.

Methods of payment: Cash in Chinese Yuan, or Credit card Master Card, Visa.

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Official Hotels

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

SKATERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

HUA TING Hotel & Towers

No. 1200 Cao xi Bei Road, Shanghai, China

Tel: +86 216439 1000

Fax: +86 21 6255 0830

ISU OFFICIALS

Regal International East Asia Hotel

No.516 Hengshan Road, Shanghai, China

Tel: +86 64155588 5588X

Fax: +86 21 6445 5578]

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **January 27th**.

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

Single Room (per person, per night): CNY1400 (with 3 meals)

Double Room ((per person, per night): CNY1000 (with 3 meals)

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between Shanghai international airport and the official hotels, from Monday, March 5th to Monday, March 12th. Participants arriving and departing from other airport(s) or train/bus stations will be responsible for the transport costs. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

The Organizing Committee will also provide free transportation for all participants between the official hotel and Shanghai Oriental Sport Mansion during the competition days and the training periods, starting from March 5th.

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 no later than **January 27th**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in an ISU Event (as defined in Rule 107), to provide medical insurance for their Skaters. Proof of such can be requested by the Organizing Committee.

Entry Visa Requirements

Should you need assistance to obtain a Chinese entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee.

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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Web site

Results and other information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:
www.shorttrack2012.com.