

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraph 4.2, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

COMPETITION FORMAT & ENTRY QUOTAS FOR THE MASS START EVENTS

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 253, paragraph 4 b) in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraph 4.3, with distances of 15 laps for Ladies and 20 laps for Men. The maximum entry quota per ISU Member will be restricted to 3 Competitors per category.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to the ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraphs 6 and 8.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1650, 1651, 1693 and 1694 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday November 12, 2012. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday November 15, 2012.

Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS & 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.

LIABILITY

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

BOARD AND LODGING

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraph 10.7, the Organizing Committee will cover room and meal expenses at the official Hotel(s) for up to two (2) persons from each ISU Member with participating Competitors, beginning with **dinner on the evening of Thursday November 15 and ending with breakfast on Monday November 19, 2012** (See attachment for more information and hotel costs).

HOTEL RESERVATION / OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the Competitors in the following hotels:

- Hotel Golden Tulip Tjaarda at Oranjewoud, phone +31(0) 513 433533, fax +31(0) 513 433599, e-mail: info@tjaarda.nl,
- Fletcher Hotel De Heidehof at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 630200, fax +31(0) 513 630201, e-mail: info@hotelheidehof.nl,
- Hotel van der Valk at Wolvega, Phone +31(0) 561 692800, fax +31(0) 561 692805, e-mail: info@wolvega.valk.nl,
- Holland Inn Hotel at Wolvega, Phone +31(0) 561 618847, fax +31(0) 561 618591, e-mail: hotelwolvega@gmail.com,
- Haje Hotel at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 618618, fax +31(0) 513 629100, e-mail: heerenveen@hajerestaurants.com,
- Huis ten Wolde at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 535400, e-mail: info@huizenwolde.nl
- Hotel van der Valk at Sneek, phone +31(0) 515 481818, fax +31(0) 515 481808, e-mail: info@sneek.val.com
- Hampshire Hotel-de Eese at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 511452, Fax +31(0) 521 511316, e-mail: info.eese@hampshire-hotels.com

Prices for room (and meals) not covered by the Organizing Committee will be as follows:

Single room with full board for 1 person - € 62,50 to € 125,00

Double room with full board for 2 persons - € 125,00 to € 175,00

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel(s). The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the competition, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraph 10.10.

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) 513 637738 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 November 12, 2012.

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the Competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but no later than Friday November 9, 2012.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or KNSB at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

Organizing Committee	KNSB	Media accreditation
P.O. Box 500	P.O. Box 1120	Verrin Stuartlaan 7
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fax: +31(0) 513 682007	fax: +31(0) 33 462 08 23	fax: +31(0) 70 41 63 800
e-mail: OC.Thialf@knsb.nl	e-mail: bondsbureau@knsb.nl	e-mail: info@nsp.nl

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website(s):
<http://schaatsen.nl/wc-heerenveen>.

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Essent ISU World Cup Announcement

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 November 2012
Thialf Heerenveen - Netherlands
Men and women all distances



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

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which will be held at the indoor ice-rink Thialf
 in Heerenveen, the Netherlands on Friday, November 16, Saturday,
 November 17 and Sunday, November 18, 2012.

The competition will be held under the 2012 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1752.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, November 15:	16.30	Team leaders' Meeting, Ice Stadium Thialf	
	18.00	Opening draw, Ice Stadium Thialf	
Friday, November 16:	12.15*	Division B:	500 m. (1st) Ladies
			3.000 m. Ladies
			5.000 m. Men
	16.00	Division A:	3.000 m. Ladies
			500 m. (1st) Ladies
			5.000 m. Men
Saturday, November 17:	10.15*	Division B:	500 m. (1st) Men
			500 m. (2nd) Ladies
			1.000 m. Men
			1.500 m. Ladies
	14.00	Division A:	500 m. (1st) Men
			500 m. (2nd) Ladies
			1.000 m. Men
			1.500 m. Ladies
			Team Pursuit - 8 laps Men
			Mass Start - 15 laps Ladies
		Division B:	Mass Start - 15 laps Ladies
Sunday, November 18:	11.00*	Division B:	500 m. (2nd) Men
			1.000 m. Ladies
			1.500 m. Men
	14.00	Division A:	500 m. (2nd) Men
			1.000 m. Ladies
			1.500 m. Men
			Team Pursuit - 6 laps Ladies
			Mass Start - 20 laps Men
		Division B:	Mass Start - 20 laps Men

* The above times for the B Division races are only indicative. The exact starting times for these races will be announced at the team leaders' meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results).

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the Ice Stadium Thialf, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Heerenveen. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of each lane of the competition track is 4 meters and there is an inside training lane with width of 4 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraph 3.3.

Preliminary entries, giving 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 at the latest by **Monday October 29, 2012.**

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 **Tuesday November 13, 2012** (see also ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraph 3.3.3).

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. 1689 or any update of this Communications. According to ISU Communication No. 1752, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

Ladies	500	1000	1500	3000	Men	500	1000	1500	5000
AUS	1	1	1	1	AUS	2	2	1	1
AUT	2	1	1	2	AUT	1	1	1	1
BLR	2	2	1	1	BLR	1	1	1	1
BEL	1	1	1	1	BEL	1	1	2	3
CAN	4	5	5	5	CAN	5	4	4	3
CHN	5	5	3	1	CHN	2	2	2	1
CZE	2	3	3	3	CZE	1	1	1	1
FIN	1	1	1	1	FIN	3	3	1	1
FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	2	3	3
GER	5	5	4	5	GER	3	2	3	5
ITA	2	1	1	1	ITA	3	2	3	1
JPN	5	5	4	5	JPN	5	3	1	3
KAZ	2	2	1	1	KAZ	2	3	3	2
KOR	3	3	3	4	KOR	5	3	2	3
LAT	1	1	1	1	LAT	1	2	2	2
NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
NOR	2	3	3	3	NOR	2	3	5	4
NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	1	2
POL	1	1	3	3	POL	2	2	3	3
RUS	3	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	4	3
SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	1	2
USA	4	4	3	3	USA	3	3	4	4

All other ISU Speed Skating Members may enter maximum 1 Competitor for each distance. All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 1752, paragraph 3.3.1.