



Essent ISU World Cup Announcement

Saturday 1 to Sunday 2 December 2012
«Alau Ice Palace» Icerink Astana Kazakhstan
Ladies: 1500 m - 5000 m - Team Pursuit
Men: 1500 m - 10000 m - Team Pursuit



Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan
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National Skating
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Akimat,
City of Astana



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On behalf of the National Skating Federation and
Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan of Sports and Physical Training Affairs
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ESSENT ISU

WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING

2012

which will be held at Ice Palace "Alau"
in Astana, Kazakhstan
on December 1-2, 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:

Friday, Nov.30:	16:00 h 18:00 h	Team leaders' Meeting, Opening draw	Ice palace "Alau" Ice palace "Alau"	
Saturday, Dec.1:	11:00*	Division B	1500m 5000m	Men Ladies
	15:00 h	Division A	1500m 5000m Team pursuit	Men Ladies Men
Sunday, Dec.2:	10:35*	Division B	1500m 10000m	Ladies Men
	15:00 h	Division A	1500m 10000m Team pursuit	Ladies Men Ladies

* 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 Ice Palace "Alau" (www.alau.info), an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Astana. 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 5 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to the 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 **Wednesday, October 31, 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 Wednesday, November 28, 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	1500	5000	Men	1500	10000
AUT	1	2	AUT	1	1
BEL	1	1	BEL	2	3
CAN	5	5	CAN	4	3
CHN	3	1	CHN	2	1
CZE	3	3	CZE	1	1
FRA	1	1	FRA	3	3
GER	4	5	GER	3	5
ITA	1	1	ITA	3	1
JPN	4	5	JPN	1	3
KAZ*	5*	5*	KAZ*	5*	5*
KOR	3	4	KOR	2	3
LAT	1	1	LAT	2	2
NED	5	5	NED	5	5
NOR	3	3	NOR	5	4
NZL	1	1	NZL	1	2
POL	3	3	POL	3	3
RUS	5	5	RUS	4	3
SUI	1	1	SUI	1	2
USA	3	3	USA	4	4

*as hosting ISU Member

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.

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.

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 **Tuesday, November 27, 2012**. Trial starts will be organized on **Friday, November 30, 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, National Skating Federation (of Kazakhstan) 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 for up to two (2) persons from each ISU Member with participating Competitors, beginning with dinner on the evening of **Friday, November 30, 2012** and ending with breakfast on the morning of **Monday, December 3, 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 Alau

47, Kabanbay Batyr Avenue.

010000 Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan,

Administration: +7 (7172) 706-773

Reception: +7 (7172) 706-767

www: <http://alau.info/eng/hotel/>

e-mail: hotel@alau.info

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

- Single Room occupancy: 23 000 tenge (154 USD) per room per night. Prices including meals.
- Double Room occupancy; 36 000 tenge (241 USD) per room per night. Prices including meals.
- Triple Room occupancy; 46 500 tenge (312 USD) per room per night. Prices including meals.

The payment will be made to the Organizing Committee of the World Cup.

Please note that the number of double and single rooms is limited.

Duman» Hotel Complex.

2A Korgalzhin Highway

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

- Single Room occupancy: 20 500 tenge (138 USD) per room per night. Prices including meals.
- Double Room occupancy; 36 000 tenge (241 USD) per room per night. Prices including meals.

The payment will be made to the Organizing Committee of the World Cup.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel. 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

Astana International Airport (www.astanaairport.kz) connects with direct international flights to i.e. Moscow, Frankfurt, Amsterdam and Vienna. The Organizing Committee will provide transportation to and from the Astana International Airport from **Tuesday, November 27, 2012** up to and including **Monday, December 3, 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 Wednesday, November 14, 2012**.

Shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel and the ice rink from **Tuesday, November 27, 2012**.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Kazakhstan Skating federation to receive an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

Full name as passport, date of birth, gender, citizenship, current country of residence, passport number, issue date, expiry date, status, city of visa application, date of arrival, date of departure and colored photo.

In order to have the necessary visas completed in due time please submit all this information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than **Tuesday, October 16, 2012**.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

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

Please also consult information available on the National Skating Federation website: www.skating.kz

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