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 SPEED SKATING



Essent ISU World Cup Announcement

Friday 29 November to Sunday 1 December 2013

«Alau» Ice palace

Ladies: 500m 1000m 1500m 5000m

Men: 500m 1000m 1500m 10 000m



Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Official Sponsors



On behalf of the Kazakhstan Skating Federation and Department of Sport of Ministry Tourism & Sport,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

**ESSENT ISU
WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING
2013/2014**

which will be held at Ice Palace "Alau"
in Astana, Kazakhstan

on Friday, November 29, Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December. 1, 2013

The competition will be held under the 2012 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1806.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, Nov.28:	16:00 h 18:00 h	Team leaders' Meeting, Opening draw,	Ice palace "Alau" Ice palace "Alau"
Friday, Nov.29:	TBA*	<i>Division B</i>	500m (1) Ladies 1500m Men 5000m Ladies (quartets)
	18:00 h	<i>Division A</i>	500m (1) Ladies 1500m Men 5000m Ladies
Saturday, Nov.30:	TBA*	<i>Division B</i>	500m (2) Ladies 500m (1) Men 1500m Ladies (quartets) 1000m Men (quartets)
	17:30 h	<i>Division A</i>	500m (2) Ladies 500m (1) Men 1500m Ladies 1000m Men
Sunday, Dec. 1:	TBA*	<i>Division B</i>	500m (2) Men 1000m Ladies (quartets) 10000m Men (quartets)
	15:00 h	<i>Division A</i>	500m (2) Men 1000m Ladies (quartets) 10000m Men (quartets)

* The exact starting times for the B Division 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. 1808, paragraph 3.3.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or www.k4sport.ru/login.php

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 **Tuesday, October 29, 2013**.

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 at the latest by **12:00 noon (local time) on Tuesday, November 26, 2013** (see also ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 3.3.3).

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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 and 1797 or any update of this Communications.

According to ISU Communication No. 1808, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition is:

Ladies	500	1000	1500	3000 5000	Men	500	1000	1500	5000 10 000
AUS	1	1	1	1	AUS	2	2	1	1
AUT	1	1	1	2	AUT	1	1	1	2
BLR	2	2	1	1	BLR	1	1	1	1
BEL	1	1	2	2	BEL	1	1	2	3
CAN	5	5	5	5	CAN	5	5	5	3
CHN	5	5	2	1	CHN	3	2	1	2
CZE	2	2	3	2	CZE	1	1	1	1
DEN	1	1	1	2	DEN	1	1	1	1
FIN	2	1	1	1	FIN	3	4	1	1
FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	2	3	3
GER	5	5	3	5	GER	4	3	2	5
ITA	3	3	1	1	ITA	2	2	3	2
JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	3	2	1
KAZ	2	2	2	1	KAZ	1	4	4	2
KOR	4	4	3	5	KOR	5	4	2	5
LAT	1	1	1	1	LAT	2	2	2	2
NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
NOR	1	1	4	4	NOR	3	3	5	3
NZL	1	1	1	1	NZL	1	1	1	2
POL	1	2	4	4	POL	3	2	4	3
RUS	5	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	5
SWE	1	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	2	1
SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	1	2
USA	5	5	4	3	USA	5	5	5	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. 1808, paragraph 3.3.1.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1808, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to the ISU Communication No. 1808, 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. 1693, 1694, 1765 and 1800 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from **Monday, November 25, 2013**. Trial starts will be organized on **Thursday, November 28, 2013**.

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, Kazakhstan Skating Federation 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.

ACCOMODATION

All arrangements for accomodation must be made through the Organizing Committee

Participating ISU Members will have to bear expenses for accommodation for all participating Skaters and team officials.

Payment: Cash or credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Maestro)

OFFICIAL HOTELS

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

RIXOS PRESIDENT ASTANA

D.Kunayev Street 7, Astana city,

Republic of Kazakhstan

Tel: (7172) 24-50-50

Fax: (7172) 24-27-60

Website: www.rixos.com

The cost of a room including meals at this hotel will be as follows:

Single Room occupancy: 43000 tenge (280 USD) per room per night.

Double Room occupancy: 70000 tenge (450 USD) per room per night.

KING HOTEL ASTANA

Valihanova 7, Astana,
Republic of Kazakhstan
Phone: +7 7172 705-705, +7 7172 705-200 Fax: +7 7172 705-192

The cost of a room including meals at this hotel will be as follows:

Single Room occupancy: 22 500 tenge (150 USD) per room per night.

Double Room occupancy: 36 000 tenge (220 USD) per room per night.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotels. 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. 1808, paragraph 10.9.

TRANSPORTATION

Astana International Airport (www.astanaairport.kz) connects with direct international flights to i.a. Moscow, Frankfurt and Vienna. The Organizing Committee will provide transportation to and from the Astana International Airport from **Monday, November 25** up to and including **Monday, December 2, 2013**.

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 13, 2013**. Shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel and the ice rink from **Monday, November 25, 2013**.

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VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the National Skating Federation of Kazakhstan if you need 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, color copy of passport.

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 22, 2013**.

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

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

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