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ISU WORLD JUNIOR SPEED SKATING
CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2012
OBIHIRO, JAPAN

March, 2-4, 2012
Meiji Hokkaido-Tokachi Oval, Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan

On behalf of Japan Skating Federation, the Organizing Committee
has the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the



World Junior Speed Skating Championships® 2012

which will be held in Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan on March 2 - 4, 2012.

PROGRAM

Thursday, March 1, 2012	16:00	Team Leaders Meeting, Official hotel
	18:00	Opening Draw, Official hotel
Friday, March 2, 2012	10:40	Opening Ceremony on the ice
	11:00	500 m Ladies (1st race & allround)
		500 m Men (1st race & allround)
		1500 m Ladies
		3000 m Men allround (quartets)
		Drawing for Saturday's distances
Saturday, March 3, 2012	11:00	500 m Men (2nd race)
		1000 m Ladies
		1500 m Men
		3000 m Ladies (quartets)
		5000 m Men (quartets)
		Drawing for Sunday's distances
Sunday, March 4, 2012	12:00	500 m Ladies (2nd race)
		1000 m Men
		Team Pursuit Ladies (Qualifying)
		Team Pursuit Men (Qualifying)
		Team Pursuit Ladies (finals)
		Team Pursuit Men (finals)
		Awarding Ceremony on the ice

REGULATIONS

The ISU World Junior 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 ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships is open to Junior Skaters who belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1). A Junior is a Skater who has not reached the age of 19 by July 1, 2011 (Rule 108, paragraph 1b) and has achieved the required qualifying times according to ISU Communication No. 1697.

The Championships will include the following events:

- Ladies, single distances: 500 meters (2 races), 1000 meters, 1500 meters, 3000 meters;
- Men, single distances: 500 meters (2 races), 1000 meters, 1500 meters, 5000 meters;
- Ladies, allround combination: 500, 1500, 1000 and 3000 meters;
- Men, allround combination: 500, 3000, 1500 and 5000 meters;

- Team Pursuit race for Ladies: 6 laps by national teams of 3 Skaters each;
- Team Pursuit race for Men: 8 laps by national teams of 3 Skaters each.

TRACK

Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi 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 allround combination 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 Junior Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2012" and "World Junior Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2012", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph e), 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. The winners of the distances will bear the titles "Lady World Junior Speed Skating Champion ___ meters for 2012" and "World Junior Speed Skating Champion_____ meters for 2012", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph g), and will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third in the respective distance will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals. The winning teams of the Team Pursuit event will bear the titles "Ladies World Junior Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2012" and "World Junior Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2012" (Rule 133, paragraph f). 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 5 Ladies and 5 Men, and 1 substitute per category (Rule 208, paragraph 7). Only skaters who have achieved, during the seasons 2010/2011 or 2011/2012, the qualifying times listed in ISU Communication No. 1697 may be entered:

	500 m	1000 m	1500 m	3000 m	Allround
Ladies	42,00	1.25,00	2.12,00	4.45,00	2.10,00 (1500 m)
	500 m	1000 m	1500 m	5000 m	Allround
Men	38,00	1.16,00	1.58,00	7.05,00 or 4.05,00 (3000m)	4.05,00 (3000 m)

To be entered for Single Distance events a Skater must have achieved the qualifying time for the distance concerned. However, a Skater entered for the Allround event, is permitted to compete (and will be considered as automatically entered) in the respective Single Distance events, except for the 500 m. To be entered for the Allround Championships a Skater must have achieved the listed Allround qualifying time in 1500m (Ladies) and 3000m (Men).

To be entered for the Team Pursuit event, a Skater must have achieved at least one of the above mentioned qualifying times. Further details on the entry rules are given in ISU Communication No. 1697, paragraph 2.1 d).

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 **February 13, 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 **February 28, 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 and 243.

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, the Japan Skating Federation and the Organizing Committee 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 Tuesday February 28, 2012. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday March 1, 2012. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from dinner on Thursday March 1, 2012 until breakfast on Monday March 5, 2012 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for up to 5 Skaters (Ladies and Men respectively) 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.

Please make all hotel arrangements directly with the Japan Skating Federation prior to **February 13, 2012**.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

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

Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro (Main hotel)

Minami 13-1, Nishi 2-Jo, Obihiro-City,

Hokkaido, 080-0012, Japan

Tel: +81-155-24-1234

Fax: +81-155-28-3553

Website: <http://www.jalhotels.com/obihiro/>

JR Inn Obihiro (Sub hotel) *

Minami 12-6, Nishi 3-Jo, Obihiro-City,

Hokkaido, 080-0012, Japan

Tel: +81-155-28-5600

Fax: +81-155-26-5603

Website: <http://www.jr-inn.jp/obihiro/>

The costs of a room and meals:

Single Room occupancy (per person per night);

16,800 JPY (with 3 meals, including taxes)

Double Room occupancy (per person per night);

14,700 JPY (with 3 meals, including taxes)

Triple Room occupancy (per person per night);

13,650 JPY (with 3 meals, including taxes)

The costs of a room and meals:

Single Room occupancy (per person per night);

14,700 JPY (with 3 meals, including taxes)

- Reservations can be made automatically at the sub hotel only when the main hotel has been fully booked.
- 1 minute walk from the main hotel.
- 3 meals will be provided at the main hotel.

*** Please note that all reservations will be made in the Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro, but in case of lacking capacity there, reservations will be made at the Hotel JR Inn Obihiro, for single room only at the indicated price but with all meals served at the main hotel (1 minute walking distance).**

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will arrange transportation between New Chitose (Sapporo) International Airport (or Obihiro Airport) and the official hotel from Monday, February 27, 2012, and transportation to the airport on Monday, March 5, 2012. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team member, are to be borne by themselves.

The Organizing Committee will also provide Transportation between the official hotel and the ice rink from Tuesday, February 28 until Sunday, March 4, 2012.

The Organizing Committee must be informed about the date and time of arrival and departure of the competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by **February 13**, 2012.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Japan Skating Federation if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

- Visa Application Form
- Passport copy

Please submit all these information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than **January 20**, 2012.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All entries, hotel reservation and other inquiries should be addressed to:

c/o Japan Skating Federation

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MEDIA ACCREDITATION

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WEB SITE

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

<http://www.skatingjapan.jp/>