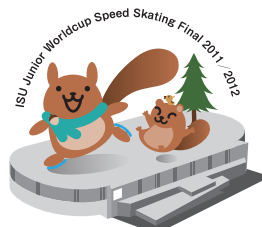


ANNOUNCEMENT



OBIHIRO, JAPAN 9-10 MARCH

ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Final 2011/12

March 9-10, 2012

**Meiji Hokkaido-Tokachi Oval,
Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan**

Distances Junior Ladies:

500m
1000m
1500m
3000m
Team Pursuit 6 laps
Mass start 8 laps

Distances Junior Men:

500m
1000m
1500m
3000m
Team Pursuit 8 laps
Mass start 12 laps



JAPAN SKATING FEDERATION

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

ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2011/12
which will be held in Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan on March 9-10, 2012

The competition will be held under the 2010 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1690

PROGRAM

Thursday, March 8, 2012	16:00	Team leaders' meeting, at the official Hotel
	18:00	Opening Draw, at the official Hotel
Friday, March 9, 2012	12:00	3000m Ladies 3000m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men Mass start Ladies, 8 laps Mass start Men, 12 laps
Saturday, March 10, 2012	12:00	1500m Ladies 1500m Men 500m Ladies 500m Men Team Pursuit Ladies, 6 laps Team Pursuit Men, 8 laps

Quartet starts will be used in the 3000m according to ISU Communication No. 1690, paragraph 5.1 b).

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.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and Communication No. 1690, paragraph 4.

Participation is open to Junior A and Junior B Skaters as per ISU Rule 108.

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, February 13, 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, February 28, 2012** (see ISU Communication No. 1690, paragraph 4.3).

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. 1690 or any update of these Communications.

ENTRY QUOTAS

An ISU Member may enter a maximum of 5 competitors per category (5 Ladies and 5 Men) for the Final Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup 2011/12.

Subject to the qualifying times criteria listed below, maximum 3 competitors may be entered for each individual event. Only skaters having scored ISU Junior World Cup points during the season 2011/12, including points from races at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2012, may be entered for the final Competition.

QUALIFYING TIMES

Entered skater (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances, as listed in ISU Communication No. 1690, paragraph 4.1:

	<u>Junior Ladies</u>	<u>Junior Men</u>
500 m	44,00	40,00
1000 m	1.28,00	1.20,00
1500 m	2.18,00	2.05,00
3000 m	4.55,00	4.20.00

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2010 and the entry deadline indicated in the paragraph "Entries" above.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT COMPETITIONS

Team Pursuit competitions will be skated according to Rule 261 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1690, paragraph 5.2, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

MASS START EVENT

Mass start races will be organized in accordance with Rule 253, paragraph 4 b), with specific rules and adjustments as mentioned in ISU Communication No. 1690, paragraph 5.3. The distances will be 8 laps for Ladies and 12 laps for Men.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to ISU Communication No. 1690, paragraph 6.3 and 6.4.

POINTS

For each distance World Cup points will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1690, paragraphs 7.2, table "C".

PRIZES

For each individual event (distance) and for the Team Pursuit event prize money will be awarded for the 3 best Skaters or teams in the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking.

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, March 5, 2012, 14:00 - 17:00*. Trial starts will be organized on *Thursday, March 8, 2012, 10:00 - 12:00*. 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, Japan 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 ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

BOARD AND LODGING

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 1690, paragraph 10 f), the Organizing Committee will cover room and meal expenses at the official Hotel(s) for up to three (3) Skaters or, alternatively, for two (2) Skaters and one (1) team leader from each participating Member (based on one double room and one single room), beginning with dinner on the evening of Thursday, March

8, 2012 and ending with breakfast on the morning of Sunday, March 11, 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 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).**

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. 1690, paragraph 10.

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will arrange transportation between New Chitose (Sapporo) International Airport (or Obihiro Airport) and the official hotel from Monday, March 5, 2012, and transportation to the airport on Sunday, March 11, 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 Monday, March 5 until Saturday, March 10, 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 **Tuesday, February 13, 2012**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

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

The Organizing Committee: ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating final 2011/2012, Obihiro
C/o Japan Skating Federation
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E-mail; entries-ss@skatingjapan.or.jp

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website(s):

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