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ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2016, Kolomna, Russia

Announcement

February 11-14, 2016

The Moscow Region Speed Skating Centre «Kolomna»
Kolomna, Russia

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

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SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS[®] 2016

which will be held in Kolomna, the Russian Federation on February 11-14, 2016.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, February 10	16:00	Team Leaders Meeting, ice-rink
	18:00	Opening Draw, ice-rink
Thursday, February 11	16:00	Opening Ceremony
	16:45	10 000m Men 3000m Ladies
Friday, February 12	17:10	1000m Ladies 1500m Men 5000m Ladies Team Pursuit Men
Saturday, February 13	15:00	5000m Men 500m Ladies 1 st Race 1000m Men 500m Ladies 2 nd Race Team Pursuit Ladies
Sunday, February 14	14:30	500m Men 1 st Race 1500m Ladies 500m Men 2 nd Race Mass start Men Mass start Ladies

REGULATIONS

The ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2016 will be held in accordance with the 2014 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 1964.

TRACK

The Speed Skating Centre of the Moscow Region "Kolomna" is an indoor artificially frozen 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 the inside training track is 4 meters.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the individual Distances will bear the titles: "Lady World Speed Skating Champion _ meters for 2016" and "World Speed Skating Champion _ meters for 2016", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph c). The winners of the Mass start events will bear the titles "Lady World Speed Skating Mass Start Champion for 2016" and "World Speed Skating Mass Start Champion for 2016". The winners of the Team Pursuit events will bear the titles "Ladies World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2016" and "World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2016". All winners will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters or teams placed second and third will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals, respectively. Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1976, or any further update of this Communication

ENTRIES

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

Entries for the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2016 will only be accepted for Skaters who have reached the qualifying times for the event concerned, as listed in ISU Communication No. 1964.

ISU Members may enter a maximum of three (3) Skaters in each individual distance, except for 5000m Ladies, 10 000m Men, Mass start Ladies and Mass start Men where the maximum entry quotas per ISU Member is two (2). The specific entry quotas for each ISU Member will be announced by the ISU following the results of the qualifying competitions (ISU World Cups held during November and December 2015), in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 3.

The total number of Competitors for each distance will be limited as follows:

500 meters Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
1000 meters Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
1500 meters Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
3000 meters Ladies and 5000 meters Men	20 Skaters
5000 meters Ladies and 10 000 meters Men	12 Skaters
Mass start Ladies and Men	24 Skaters
Team Pursuit Ladies and Team Pursuit Men	8 Teams

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 **Sunday January 24, 2016** (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes (maximum 1 per event), as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is requested must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on **Monday February 8, 2016** (See Rule 208, paragraph 9). If a Member would like to make use of an allocated reserve quota place for an event, then this shall be indicated by including a substitute for the event concerned.

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 Rule 240, paragraph 6.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1871, 1872, 1922 and 1970 or any further updates of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, the Russian Skating Union 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 **Monday February 08, 2015**. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours. Trial starts will be organised **on Wednesday February 10, 2016**.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on **Wednesday February 10, 2016** until **lunch on Monday February 15, 2016** (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships and 1 team leader or coach for each participating ISU Member. Expenses of 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.

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating events.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

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

Hotel "Kolomna"

140407, Russia, Kolomna, Soviet Square, 2

Tel.: +7 (496) 6121331

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E-mail: kolomnahotel@kolomna.ru

Website: www.kolomna-hotel.ru

Prices for rooms (and meals) will be as follows:

Single room with breakfast for 1 person - 3000 RUR /46 US\$

Double room with breakfast for 2 persons - 5200 RUR /80 US\$

Single room with full board for 1 person - 4700 RUR / 72 US\$

Double room with full board for 2 persons - 8600 RUR / 132 US\$

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **January 24, 2016**.

It's preferable to pay for accommodation via bank transfer before the Event or by cash/credit card (but NOT American Express) in OC office in the hotel before your check-in. Please inform the Organizing Committee accordingly before your arrival.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel. In case of last minute booking cancellation (24 hours before the check-in) first night charge penalty is applicable.

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Monday, February 8 to Monday February 15 from and to the Moscow international airports Domodedovo (DME) and Sheremetyevo (SVO) and/or central Moscow railway stations.

When planning your travel schedule, please be informed that it is recommended to arrive in Domodedovo (DME) in order to avoid traffic congestion as much as possible. **Taking into consideration weather conditions and rush hours, the way from Sheremetyevo (SVO) to Kolomna may take up to 7 hours!**

The Organizing Committee must be informed about the date and time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by **January 24, 2016**.

Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service free of charge. Extra cost for transfer of team officials who do not travel together with their team will depend on the airport and arrival time.

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotel(s) and the ice-rink from **Monday February 8, 2016**.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact Russian Skating Union if you need an invitation letter for the visa. It is therefore strictly recommended to submit to the Russian Skating Union as soon as possible, but not later than **January 22, 2016**, the attached visa application table together with a readable colour passport copy of good quality for each team member and team official in order to have the issuing of the necessary visa completed in due time.

According to the Law of the Russian Federation, the Russian Skating Union does not guarantee visa obtaining for team members and team officials if above-mentioned documents will be received later than **Friday January 22, 2016**.

Please, note that since the period from December 29, 2015 till January 10, 2016 is a period of official public holidays in Russia, the governmental agencies will be closed and visa invitation will be issued in restricted mode.

ACCREDITATIONS

Please, send to OC a colour picture for each team member for preliminary printing of the accreditation (*.jpg format, size 35 per 44 mm, white background).

The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, shuttle transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Additional fee of € 50,00 for extra accreditation must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All inquiries should be sent to both addresses:

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MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation requests for ISU Championships must be submitted via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System <http://www.wingsmedia.it/isu/>

Information for the media will be available on the ISU website in due time.

For further information contact the OC Press Officer and Press Officer Assistant:

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WEB SITE

Information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:

www.rus skating.ru

Live results of the competition will be available at the following website:

<http://live.isureults.eu/2015-2016/kolomna>