

ANNOUNCEMENT



Gangneung/Korea

December 16th to 18th, 2016



KOREA SKATING UNION

Hello
PyeongChang

On behalf of Korea Skating Union, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ISU World Cup Short Track 2016/17
which will be held at the Gangneung Ice Arena,
Gangneung, Korea
on December 16th to 18th, 2016

The competition will be held under the 2016 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2023.

General Regulations

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2016 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the ISU World Cup Short Track 2016/17.

Distances

Individual 1000(1), 1500, 500, 1000(2) meters Ladies and Men
Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

Thursday, December 15 th	TBA*	Official Practice – all day
	19:00	Welcome Reception
Friday, December 16 th	TBA*	Qualifying session
Saturday, December 17 th	TBA*	Qualifying session (Repechage)
		1000(1), 1500 meters Ladies and Men
	13:50	World Cup session
		1000(1), 1500 meters, Semi-Finals Relay Ladies and Men
Sunday, December 18 th	TBA*	Qualifying session (Repechage)
		500, 1000(2) meters Ladies and Men
	13:50	World Cup session
		500, 1000(2) meters, Finals Relay Ladies and Men

* Starting times to be decided upon receipt of the number of final entries.

Track Conditions

The Gangneung Ice Arena has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. The movable rink board padding system is applied in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating on www.isu.org, section Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **November 4, 2016**.

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Committee for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Access to Closing Banquet (if held);
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System not later than **December 11, 2016** (see ISU Communication No. 2023, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Gangneung at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, December 15, 2016 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Cup Competition. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded.

e) 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 Nos. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

Citizenships/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2023, paragraph 12.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922 & 1970 or later updates).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, December 15 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from on Monday December 12 to Wednesday December 14.

Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged KRW 175,500. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. Payment for extra practice ice time must be paid cash, or credit card in Korean won to the Organizing Committee after the Welcome Reception.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Korea Skating Union and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each ISU Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Board and Lodging

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation and meals.

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotels;

Donghae Medical Convention Hotel

6285, Donghae-daero, Donghae-si, Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, 25701

Tel: +82-33-530-0700 ~ 0702

Fax: +82-33-534-6693

Costs (including all taxes):

Single Room (per person, per night): KRW 117,000 (including breakfast for 1 person and taxes)

Twin Room (per person, per night): KRW 93,600 (including breakfast for 1 person and taxes)

* The total rate of Twin room is KRW 187,200 per night.

Meals: Lunch KRW 28,000 Dinner KRW 28,000 / per person

Closing Banquet: TBA

*Payment: Cash; in Korean won or Credit card; Visa / MasterCard

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **November 4, 2016**.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will organize and provide transportation each way, free of charge, for each team between Incheon International Airport and the official hotels, from Sunday, December 11 to Monday, December 19.

Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves (KRW 70,000 per person, one way).

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotel and Gangneung Ice Arena during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Monday, December 12 to Sunday, December 18, 2016.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **November 4, 2016**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Visa Requirements

Should you need assistance to obtain a Republic of Korea entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee by November 16, 2016 with passports of individuals.

Team Radios

All wireless equipment to be used during 2016/2017 ISU World Sup Short Track in Gangneung by foreign teams and officials must be registered. Frequency applications must be submitted to POCOG at least one month prior to the competition in order to acquire approval from the relevant government agency. According to the applicable Korean law, you may be fined up to KRW 30 million (USD 30,000) or sentenced to up to three years in jail for the use of an unapproved frequency. Therefore, all wireless equipment must acquire approval before use.

Please fill out the attached form and send it to spectrum@pyeongchang2018.com by November 16, 2016. We will notify you via e-mail whether or not your application has been approved after reviewing your application

with the relevant government agency.

Upon arrival, all equipment must be tested and tagged at the SMR(Spectrum Management Room) by the relevant government agency before use. The frequency application fee is KRW 15,000 per frequency and is non-refundable. You may pay the fee in-person at the OC Office in the Donghae Medical Convention Hotel.

Team Accreditation

Every participant including competitors and officials are kindly asked to submit their photos in the following format at hello.shorttrack@pyeongchang2018.com by Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the latest. If teams are not able to send photos, they must take a photo at the hotel accreditation centre, or venue accreditation centre when they arrive at the venue. The location and operating hour of the accreditation centre will be notified later on.

<Photo Requirements>

- File Name: LASTNAME+Firstname_YYYYMMDD.jpg (e.g.: BYUN_Chunsa_19871123)
- Photo Size : 3.5cm x4.5cm
- File Size: 50~100kb
- File Format: jpg(jpeg), bmp, gif

Media Accreditation

Media accreditation requests for ISU World Cup Short Track in Gangneung, Korea 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:

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The Organizing Committee

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

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Website

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website:

<http://www.hellopyeongchang.com/en/testevent/st>

Live results will be available at the following website:

<http://shorttrack.sportresult.com/>