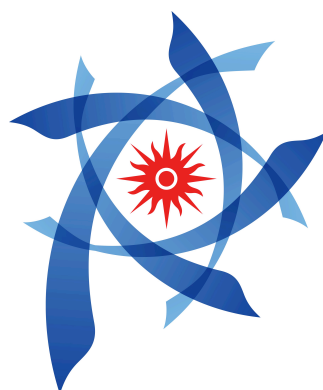


# **ANNOUNCEMENT**



## **8th ASIAN WINTER GAMES 2017 Speed Skating Competition**



**Obihiro/Japan**  
**February 20 to 23, 2017**



On behalf of the Japan Skating Federation, and 8<sup>th</sup> Sapporo Asian Winter Games Organizing Committee (SAWGOC), we have the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

### Speed Skating Competition of the 8<sup>th</sup> Asia Winter Games 2017

which will be held at the Obihiro Forest Speed Skating Oval (the Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval)  
in Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan  
on February 20 to 23, 2017

The Speed Skating Competition of the 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Winter Games 2017 will be held under the 2016 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating.

#### PROGRAM

Sunday, February 19:	15:00	Team leaders' Meeting, <u>Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro, 2F Northland Hall</u>
	18:00	Opening draw, <u>Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro, 2F Northland Hall</u>
Monday, February 20:	13:00	500m Men 1000m Ladies 5000m Men 3000m Ladies
Tuesday, February 21:	13:00	1500m Ladies 500m Ladies 1000m Men Team Pursuit Ladies
Wednesday, February 22:	13:00	10000m Men 5000m Ladies Team Pursuit Men
Thursday, February 23:	13:00	1500m Men Mass Start Ladies Mass Start Men

#### TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Obihiro Forest Speed Skating Oval (the Meiji Hokkaido Tokachi Oval), an artificially frozen *indoor* skating rink in Obihiro City. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 5 meters.

#### ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to the Constitution and Rules of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and ISU Regulations.

Participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Winter Games 2017 is open to "Members" who possess both Olympic Council of Asia and ISU membership at the same time as well ISU Members from Oceanian, namely for Australia the Ice Skating Australia Incorporated and for New Zealand Ice Speed Skating New Zealand Inc.. Only citizens of the "Members" can participate in this event and must comply with relevant requirements of the Constitution and Regulations of OCA.

All Entries must be made by the National Olympic Committee (NOC), which is member of OCA and also Members of the ISU as well ISU Members from Oceanian, namely for Australia the Ice Skating Australia Incorporated and for New Zealand Ice Speed Skating New Zealand Inc.

*Preliminary entries (Entry by number)*, giving the number of Competitors & substitutes and the number of coaches and other team staff must be communicated at the latest *by Saturday, November 19, 2016 – 24:00 (Japan time, GMT +9)*. The form will deliver to NOC from SAWGOC.



*Final entries (Entry by name)* including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by Thursday, January 19, 2017 – 24:00 (Japan time, GMT +9) via online entry system.

The online entry system will be open from November 2016. The detail schedule will be distributed to NOC with Entry manual around September 2016 by SAWGOC.

No Qualifying times are required for entry in this Competition, but results achieved under the same conditions as required for qualifying times will be used for seeding purposes and to determine the grouping of Skaters for the drawing of pairs. Only times achieved since July 1, 2016 will be considered for the grouping of the Skaters for the drawing of distances.

The results must have achieved in one of the following Competitions:

- National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned;
- ISU Championships;
- ISU World Cup Competitions or ISU Junior World Cup Competitions;
- International Speed Skating Competitions listed in ISU Communication No. 1955 or any further update of this Communication;

Automatic timekeeping (Rule 251) must have been used in the Competitions concerned.

The entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance) for this competition are:

Ladies	500m	4
	1000m	4
	1500m	4
	3000m	3
	5000m	3
	Mass Start (16 laps)	3
	Team Pursuit (6 laps)	1 team
Men	500m	4
	1000m	4
	1500m	4
	5000m	3
	10000m	3
	Mass Start (16 laps)	3
	Team Pursuit (8 laps)	1 team

\*OCA Members/NOCs may enter a maximum of one substitute for each distance/event.

For National Olympic Committees from Oceanian different specific entry quotas have been put in place and are in accordance with the SAWGOC policy for the participation of National Olympic Committees from Oceanian.

#### COMPETITION FORMAT AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE MASS START EVENTS

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 253, paragraph 4 b) in the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1957 or any further update of this Communication, with distances of 16 laps for both Ladies and Men.

#### COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261, paragraph 1 in the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and Memorandum for guideline in hosting the ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2016, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men. The result of the Team Pursuit event is determined by one set of races only (no elimination phases), and the winner of the event will be the team with the best time achieved.

#### GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The draw for the starting order will take place for each single distance.

For the individual distances the grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to Rules 239 and 244 in the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating where applies, with groups of 6 Competitors each.



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For the Mass Start event the Competitors will line up at the start line in rows of 6 Skaters, based on a random draw.

For the Team Pursuit event the sequence and composition of races (heats) will be drawn at random.

### **PRESENTATION OF MEDALS**

The three best-placed Skaters/Teams in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

Further procedure will comply with the Constitution and Rules of the Olympic Council of Asia.

### **ANTI-DOPING**

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the Regulations of Asian Winter Games and valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1922 and 1970 or any further update of these Communications).

### **TRAINING TIMES**

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Friday, February 17, 2017. Trial starts will be organized on Sunday, February 19 and Monday, February 20, 2017

Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice rink during the official training hours.

### **LIABILITY**

All issues with respect to insurance and liability shall apply in accordance with the rules of the Asian Winter Games.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

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

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is US\$50 per person per day from February 15 to February 24, 2017.d other types

Three buffet-style meals will be served to athletes and officials at the official hotel daily. The menu will incorporate a wide variety of food, including Japanese and other types of Asian cuisine, and will accommodate requirements for diverse preferences related to religious and ethnic backgrounds.

If the number of NOC official delegation is over quota, which limited by SAWGOC, the cost of the room and meal at the official hotel for any additional persons will be US\$110 per person per day from February 12 to February 27, 2017. For more information about the hotel rate, please contact to SAWGOC through NOC.

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

### **OFFICIAL HOTEL**

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants in the following hotel:

Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro

Address: Nishi 2-jo Minami 13-chome 1, Obihiro,Hokkaido,Japan

Phone: +81 15 524 1234

Website: <http://www.jrhotels.co.jp/obihiro/english/>

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

The Organizing Committee will organize and provide one transportation each way, free of charge, for each team between New Chitose International Airport (CTS) and/or Obihiro Airport (OBO) and the official hotels, from Wednesday, February 15 to Friday, February 24, 2017.



The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotel and Ice rink during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Friday February 17, 2017.

Each NOC is requested to announce to the Organizing Committee via entry system as soon as possible, the date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure, but no later than Saturday, December 31, 2016, only if the person who fixed the name and schedule.

### **ACCREDITATION**

The organizing Committee 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.

### **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – MEDIA ACCREDITATION – INQUIRIES**

Inquiries should be addressed only to the Organizing Committee or Japan Skating Federation at the addresses below.

<b>2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games Contact Information: Organizing Committee</b>	<b>For further technical information, contact: National Federation</b>
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