

ANNOUNCEMENT



US SPEEDSKATING



**REGIONAL QUALIFYING EVENT FOR THE
ESSENT ISU WORLD ALLROUND
SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013
for North American and Oceanic ISU Members
12 & 13 January, 2013**

Ladies: Combined results over four distances:
500m
1500m
3000m
5000m

Men: Combined result over four distances:
500m
1500m
5000m
10 000m

On behalf of U.S. Speedskating and the Utah Olympic Oval,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to the

**Regional qualifying event
for the Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2013
for North American and Oceanic ISU Members**

to be held at the Utah Olympic Oval
Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

on Saturday, January 12 & Sunday, January 13 2013.

The competition will be held under the 2010 ISU General Regulations, the 2012 Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1754.

Program

Friday, 11 January 2013

17:00* Team Leader's Meeting
18:00* Opening Draw at the Utah Olympic Oval (World Record Lounge)

Saturday, 12 January 2013

9:00* 500m Ladies
500m Men
3000m Ladies
5000m Men

Sunday, 13 January 2013

9:00* 1500m Ladies
1500m Men
5000m Ladies
10 000m Men

Track

The Utah Olympic Oval is a fully enclosed speed skating facility with a standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap. The width of each lane is 4 meters with an inside training lane of 4 meters wide. The radius of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters respectively.

Training Times

Official training times for the Utah Olympic Oval are as follows:

Monday, 7 January: Ice Training – 09:00-11:00 & 15:00 – 17:00*

Tuesday, 8 January – Friday, 11 January: Ice Training – 09:00-11:00 & 15:00 – 17:00*

*Times are subject to change

Entries

Entries for this competition must be made according to ISU Communication No. 1754.

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, December 25th, 2012*, according to 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 **Wednesday, January 9th, 2013** according to 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 No. 1628, need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and 208.

For all entries official ISU entry forms shall be used.

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

	Ladies	Men
AUS	2	1
CAN	4	4
NZL	1	3
USA	4	4

All other ISU Members concerned may enter one (1) Skater per category. However, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 5c, at the request of the Organizer, the above entry quotas may be increased with maximum 2 Competitors per category. In any case, only the 4 best Skaters per Member will count in the determination of entry quotas for the World Allround Championships.

The following qualifying time standards apply for the regional qualifying event (see Rule 208, paragraph 3 and ISU Communication No. 1754):

Ladies, 3000m only: 4.24,00 or 4.28,00 (for results achieved outside Calgary & SLC)
Men, 5000m only: 6.48,00 or 6.52,00 (for results achieved outside Calgary & SLC)

The above qualifying times must have been achieved in competitions as specified in ISU Communication No. 1754.

Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1420 (or any further update of this Communication), 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.

Grouping and Drawing Procedure

Grouping will be based on approved qualifying times. The qualifying times, as approved by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, will be the basis for ranking lists which will determine the grouping of skaters for the drawing for the first two distances (see Rule 240, paragraph 5). For the last distance (5000 meters Ladies, 10000 meters Men) the number of Skaters to qualify will be 8, see Rule 240, paragraph 4 a).

Results and Prizes

The winners of this regional qualifying competition are the skaters who have completed all distances and have obtained the lowest total points (ISU Special Regulations, Rule 268). The 4 best Men and the 6 best Ladies in the final classification after all completed distances (counting maximum 4 skaters per ISU Member) will determine the entry quotas for the participating Members in the Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2013.

Anti-Doping Control

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications No. 1693, 1694, 1765 & 1766 or any further update of these Communications).

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, U.S. Speedskating, the Utah Olympic Oval, and the Utah Athletic Foundation assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with this Regional qualifying event for the Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2013. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Official Hotel

The Organizing Committee has chosen Hampton Inn and Suites as the official host hotel. Rooms will be set aside for this competition at a rate of approximately \$94 USD per room per night (excluding taxes). When making your hotel reservations please mention this competition or organizing committee to receive the discounted rate.

Hampton Inn and Suites 3923 Center Park Dr West Jordan, UT 84084 USA
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Telephone: (+1) 801.280.7300 Fax: (+1) 801.280.1815 Web Site: http://www.hampton.com

Transportation

Transportation will not be provided for this event. Upon your request, the Organizing Committee can make arrangements for a rental van/shuttle service to and from the airport.

Organizing Committee

All entries and other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

2013 Regional Qualifying Event for North America & Oceania

c/o Utah Olympic Oval

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Information about the competition will be available at the following websites:

www.olymparks.com and www.usspeedskating.org