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On behalf of the Norwegian Skating Association, and Hedmark Skøytekrets,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ESSENT ISU
WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING
2011/12

which will be held at the Hamar Olympic Hall
in Hamar, Norway
on February 11-12, 2012

The competition will be held under the 2010 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1689.

PROGRAM:

Friday, February 10:	17.00	Team leaders' Meeting, Johann Olav Koss Auditorium
	19.00	Opening draw, Johann Olav Koss Auditorium
Saturday, February 11:	13.30*	Division B: 1500 m Ladies Division B: 5000 m Men (quartets)
	15.15	Division A: 1500 m Ladies Division A: 5000 m Men
Sunday, February 12:	10.30*	Division B: 3000 m Ladies (quartets) Division B: 1500 m Men
	12.30	Division A: 3000 m Ladies Division A: 1500 m Men Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men

* The above times for the B Division races are only indicative. The exact starting times for these races will be announced at the team leaders' meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results).

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Hamar Olympic Hall, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Hamar, Norway. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 25,5 and 29,5 meters, respectively. The width of each lane of the competition track is 4 meters and there is an inside training lane with width of 4 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 4.

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, January 17th, 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 7th, 2012** (see also ISU Communication No. 1689, 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. 1689 or any update of this Communications.

According to ISU Communication No. 1689, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

Ladies	1500	3000		Men	1500	5000
AUS	1	1		AUS	1	2
AUT	2	2		AUT	1	1
BEL	1	1		BEL	1	2
CAN	5	5		CAN	4	3
CHN	3	3		CHN	2	1
CZE	3	2		CZE	1	1
DEN	1	3		DEN	1	1
FRA	1	1		FRA	2	2
GER	5	5		GER	3	5
ITA	1	1		ITA	3	3
JPN	5	5		JPN	2	3
KAZ	1	1		KAZ	3	2
KOR	3	3		KOR	1	2
LAT	1	1		LAT	1	2
NED	5	5		NED	5	5
NOR *	5	5		NOR	5	5
NZL	1	1		NZL	2	2
POL	3	3		POL	4	3
RUS	5	5		RUS	4	3
SUI	1	1		SUI	1	2
SWE	1	1		SWE	2	1
USA	3	3		USA	5	5

* as hosting ISU Member

All other ISU Speed Skating Members may enter maximum 1 Competitor for each distance.

All entered Skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 1689, paragraph 4.1.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 5.2, with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies und 8 laps for Men.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 6.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to the ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraphs 7 and 9.

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 Tuesday, February 7th. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, February 10th

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, The Norwegian Skating Association 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 Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

BOARD AND LODGING

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 11 g), 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 (based on one double and one single room), from each participating ISU Member, beginning with dinner on the evening of Friday, February 10th and ending with breakfast on the morning of Monday, February 13th (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 hotel:

Scandic Hotel
Vangsvegen 121, N-2318 Hamar
Telephone: + 47 21 61 40 00
Fax: + 47 21 61 40 11
E-mail: hamar@scandic-hotels.com
Website: <http://www.scandic-hotels.no/hamar>

Prices for room (and meals) not covered by the Organizing Committee will be as follows:

Single Room occupancy: NOK 1210 per person per night. Prices including meals.

Double Room occupancy; NOK 915 per person per night. Prices including meals.

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. 1689, paragraph 11j.

TRANSPORTATION

There is a direct train connection between Oslo International Airport Gardermoen and Hamar, travelling time 55 minutes. Upon request, the organizers can order bus transportation from the airport to Hamar and vice versa at the team's own cost. 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, January 17th, 2012.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

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

Organizing Committee

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website:
<http://www.skoyteforbundet.no/>