

Expenses of other 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.

Please make all hotel arrangements directly with the KNSB prior to **Monday March 19, 2012.**

OFFICIAL HOTEL

- The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the
- Hotel Golden Tulip Tjaarda at Oranjewoud, phone +31(0) 513 433533, fax +31(0) 513 433599, e-mail: info@tjaarda.nl
 - Fletcher Hotel Heidehof at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 630200, fax +31(0) 513 630201, email: info@hotelheidehof.nl
 - Holland Inn Hotel at Wolvega, phone. +31(0) 561 618847, fax +31(0) 561 618591, e-mail: hotelwolvega@gmail.com
 - Hotel van der Valk at Wolvega, phone +31(0) 561 692800, fax +31(0) 561 692805, e-mail: info@wolvega.valk.nl
 - Hajé Hotel at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 618618, fax +31(0) 513 629100, e-mail: heerenveen@hajererestaurants.com
 - Huis ten Wolde at Steenwijk, phone +31(0) 521 535400, e-mail: info@huizenwolde.nl,
 - Hotel van der Valk at Sneek, phone +31(0) 515 481818, fax +31(0) 515 481808, e-mail: info@sneek.valk.com

Hotel prices:

Single room with full board for 1 person - € 62,50 to € 140,00
Double room with full board for 2 persons - € 125,00 to € 188,00

TRANSPORTATION

There is a direct railway connection from Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol to Heerenveen. Arriving at Heerenveen railway station, please call telephone number +31 (0) 513 637738 for transportation to the hotel. On request bus transportation from Schiphol Airport to Heerenveen can be arranged. For further information on this, please address the Organizing Committee. A shuttle bus service will be available for transportation between hotels and the ice rink from Monday March 19, 2012.

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 Friday March 16, 2012.

The Organizing Committee must be informed about the date and time of arrival and departure of the competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by **Friday March 16, 2012.**

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the KNSB if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information:

Please submit all these information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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

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WEB SITE

Results and other information concerning the competition will be available at the following website: schaatsen.nl/wchsd2012



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Announcement

Photo François Merenga

Thursday 22 to Sunday 25 March 2012 - Thialf Heerenveen
Men and Women all distances

Essent ISU World Single Distances Championships Official Sponsors



On behalf of the KNSB, the Organizing Committee,
consisting of members of the board of directors
of the Royal Ice club Thialf at Heerenveen and representatives of the KNSB
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ESSENT WORLD SINGLE DISTANCES SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2012

which will be held at the indoor ice-rink Thialf
in Heerenveen, the Netherlands

on March 22 - 25, 2012.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 21	16.30 18.00	Team Leaders Meeting, Ice Stadium Thialf Opening Draw, Ice Stadium Thialf
Thursday, March 22	16.15 16.30	Opening Ceremony, Ice Stadium Thialf 1500m Men 3000m Ladies
Friday, March 23	15.00	1000m Men 1500m Ladies 5000m Men
Saturday, March 24	12.00	1000m Ladies 10 000m Men 5000m Ladies
Sunday, March 25	13.30	500m Ladies 1 st Race 500m Men 1 st Race 500m Ladies 2 nd Race 500m Men 2 nd Race Team Pursuit Ladies Team Pursuit Men

REGULATIONS

The Essent ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2012 will be held in accordance with the 2010 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications.

TRACK

Ice Stadium Thialf is an indoor artificial 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 each track is 4 meters with an inside training track of 4 meters wide.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the Distances will bear the titles: "Lady World Speed Skating Champion _ meters for 2012" and "World Speed Skating Champion _ meters for 2012", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph c). The winners of the Team Pursuit competitions will bear the titles "Ladies World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2012" and "World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2012". All winners will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters 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. 1509.

ENTRIES

Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members using the official ISU entry forms (Rule 131, paragraph 1) according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1697. Entries for the Essent ISU World

Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2012 will only be accepted for Skaters and pursuit teams who have qualified through results achieved in Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions or in ISU Championships during the current season, according to qualification lists published by the ISU. Skaters in a reserve list position on the qualification lists may also be entered, but their participation in the Championships will depend on the total number of entries for the distance concerned and specific conditions mentioned in Rule 208, paragraph 2.

ISU Members may enter a maximum of 3 Skaters in each distance. If more than 3 Skaters from the same ISU Member are among the qualified Skaters, the final entries from that ISU Member must indicate which of these Skaters will actually participate in the distance concerned. Remaining qualified Skaters may be entered as substitutes for the distance concerned. 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	24 Skaters
5000 meters Ladies and 10 000 meters Men	16 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 March 4, 2012** (See 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 **Monday March 19, 2012** (See 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 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 Code (ISU Communications No. 1650, 1651, 1693 and 1694 or any further updates of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, the KNSB 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 March 19, 2012. Trial starts will be organized on Wednesday March 21, 2012. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Thursday March 22, 2012 until lunch on Monday March 26, 2012 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships and 1 team leader or coach for each ISU Member.