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SPEED SKATING

Essent ISU World Cup Announcement

January 19 & 20, 2013
Olympic Oval – Calgary, Canada
Ladies and Men Sprint Distances

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On behalf of Speed Skating Canada and Organizing Committee Calgary,
we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ESSENT ISU

WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING

2012/13

which will be held at the Olympic Oval
in Calgary, Canada
on Saturday January 19 and Sunday January 20, 2013

The competition will be held under the 2012 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1752.

PROGRAM:

Friday, January 18:	16:00 19:30	Team Leaders' Meeting, Best Western Village Park Inn Opening Draw, Best Western Village Park Inn
Saturday, January 19:	12:00 Noon	Division A: 500m Ladies 500m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men
	15:10*	Division B: 500m Ladies 500m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men
Sunday, January 20:	11:45 AM	Division A: 500m Ladies 500m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m Men
	15:20*	Division B: 500m Ladies 500m Men 1000m Ladies 1000m 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

The Olympic Oval is a standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Calgary, Canada. 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 ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraph 3.3.

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 December 18, 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 January 16, 2013 (see also ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraph 3.3.3).

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. 1752, the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

Ladies	500	1000	Men	500	1000
AUS	1	1	AUS	2	2
AUT	2	1	AUT	1	1
BLR	2	2	BLR	1	1
CAN	5 *	5	CAN	5	5 *
CHN	5	5	CHN	2	2
CZE	2	3	CZE	1	1
FIN	1	1	FIN	3	3
FRA	1	1	FRA	1	2
GER	5	5	GER	3	2
ITA	2	1	ITA	3	2
JPN	5	5	JPN	5	3
KAZ	2	2	KAZ	2	3
KOR	3	3	KOR	5	3
LAT	1	1	LAT	1	2
NED	5	5	NED	5	5
NOR	2	3	NOR	2	3
POL	1	1	POL	2	2
RUS	3	5	RUS	5	5
USA	4	4	USA	3	3

* 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. 1752, paragraph 3.3.1.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraph 5.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to the ISU Communication No. 1752, paragraphs 6 and 8.

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 Monday, January 14, 2013. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, January 18, 2013.

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, Speed Skating Canada, the Olympic Oval Association and the University of Calgary 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. 1752, paragraph 10.7, the Organizing Committee will cover the equivalent of one double room and meal expenses at the official Hotel for up to two (2) persons from each ISU Member with participating Competitors, beginning with dinner on the evening of Friday, January 18, 2013 and ending with breakfast on the morning of Monday, January 21, 2013.

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the accommodation request (s) of the Competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, December 14, 2012. The Organizing Committee plans to release unused World Cup block rooms back to the hotel as of Monday, December 17, 2012. Rates cannot be guaranteed after this date. Teams who do not arrive on scheduled date will be charged for unused reserved rooms.

Teams must advise the Organizing Committee of their desire to enjoy daily meals in the hotel's team dining room (3 meals per day are available). Meal vouchers will be provided upon check-in. Individuals not producing pre-purchased meal vouchers will NOT be permitted in the team dining room, and will be directed to the hotel's restaurant.

HOTEL RESERVATION / OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservations for the Competitors in the following hotels:

Best Western Village Park Inn
1804 Crowchild Trail NW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
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Ph: 403.289.0241
Toll free: 1.888.774.7716
Fax: 403.289.4645
Email: info@villageparkinn.com
Website: www.villageparkinn.com

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

*Single Room occupancy: \$187.00 CAD per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities.
Double Room occupancy; \$126.00 CAD per person per night. Prices include 3 meals, taxes and gratuities.*

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel. 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. 1752, paragraph 10.10.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be arranged between Calgary International Airport and the official hotel from Monday, January 14 until Monday January 21, 2013. 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, January 4, 2013.

A shuttle service will be operated between the official hotel and the Calgary Olympic Oval during the days of official training and competitions. Weekday shuttle service will be limited to scheduled official training times only.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

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

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website:
www.speedsk8.ca.