



INVITATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**KPN KNSB Short Track International
Invitation Cup 2018
Heerenveen, The Netherlands**

13-14 October 2018

Partners van schaatsend Nederland



On behalf of the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB) and its Organizing committee we have the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

13th International Short Track Invitation Cup 2018

to be held on 13 and 14 October 2018 in the city of Heerenveen

General Regulations

The International Short Track Invitation Cup 2018 will be held in accordance with the 2018 Regulations of the International Skating Union and relevant ISU Communications.

Participation

Participation in The International Short Track Invitation Cup 2018 is based on invitation only.

Officials

The allocation of officials will be the responsibility of the KNSB. Due to the international countries attending there will be at least 1 international referee (not from host country) included in the list officials.

Distances

Individual: 1500m (up to 7 skaters per race up to and including the finals)
1000m (up to 6 skaters per race up to and including the finals)
500m (up to 5 skaters per race up to and including the finals)
All distances will include Repechage races for Ladies and Men
After the A & B finals in all 3 distances(1500m, 500m & 1000m) in both the Ladies and Men's races, there will be All-Dutch Final races to rank the remaining Dutch Skaters that have not made the A or B finals in the main event.

Relay: 3000m Ladies, 5000m Men

Program*

<u>October 12th, 2018</u>	Friday	17.00 – 20.00	Possibility for training
<u>October 13th, 2018</u>	Saturday	Morning	Short Team leader Meeting
* Subject to number of countries		10.00*	Warming up Ladies & Men
		11:00*	Start of Competition
			Ladies and Men 1500 m + Repechage + Semi Finals + B & A Finals, ALL Dutch Finals
			Ladies and Men 500 m heats + Repechage
			Ladies 3000 m Relay Semi Finals
			Men 5000 m Relay Semi Finals
<u>October 14th, 2018</u>	Sunday	10:00*	Ladies and Men 500 m Quarter Finals, Semi Finals + B & A Finals, ALL Dutch Finals
* Subject to number of countries			Ladies and Men 1000 m Heats, Repechage Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and B & A Finals, ALL Dutch Finals
			Ladies 3000 m Relay Finals
			Men 5000 m Relay Finals
		16:30	The Competition will end at approximately 16.30 hours (should members wish to depart on Sunday evening).

***Program & format is subject to change.**

Competitors must be present before 18:00 (CET) on Friday 12 October 2018 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for The International Short Track Invitation Cup. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded from Competition.

Track Conditions & Rink Dimensions

The ice rink has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 30×60 meters (a boardless/free standing system). Protective padding covers is in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

All skaters will skate all 3 distances 500m, 1000m and 1500m, and include repechage racing over these distances. Relay entries: One (1) team per ISU member of minimum four (4), maximum five (5) competitors per category. In the event of an invited member not having a 'full relay team' (four skaters) the member's team will be complemented with additional skater(s) and will be totally at the discretion of the organizing committee. In this case however, a relay team cannot score points for the overall team ranking. Members can only enter a maximum of five (5) skaters that include all participants and substitutes for the individual events as well as the relay. Entries allowed are as follows:

	Men	Ladies
NL	12	8
GBR	6	6
HUN	6	6
ITA	6	6
GER	6	4
FRA	6	4
ISR	1	
LAT	1	
JAP	1	1

Entries must be sent in writing using the official Entry Forms for The International Short Track Invitation Cup and addressed to the Organizing Committee.

Preliminary Entries must be received by 15 July 2018

Final Entries by number must be received by 28 September 2018

Name changes will not be accepted after 7 October 2018

Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, 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 and Seeding Procedure

The drawing and seeding procedure will be made in accordance with ISU Rule 296.

Points

The scoring system will be the same as used in the ISU World Cup Competitions, and is made in accordance with the new ISU Communication for season 2018/2019.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communication No. 2056 or any further update of these Communications).

Accommodation

All meals and lodging expenses are at the responsibility of the participating members.

Hotel: Fletcher Hotel Heidehof
Golflaan 1
8445 SR Heerenveen
Tel. +31 513 630 200
www.hotelheidehof.nl

Single room per person per day is € 123,- (half board).

Twin-bed-room per person per day is € 72,00,- (half board, based on two people sharing).

Lunch will be offered at the ice rink both days and will be invoiced to you together with the entry fee (costs to be announced). On the days before competition you can buy lunch separately in the hotel (€ 18,- per person)

Hotel bookings can be made only through the OC until 1 August 2018. Limited number of rooms available, on first come, first serve base. Adjustments in hotel booking to max. 10% cancellation of rooms can be made until 28 September 2018.

The official Hotel is in 5 minutes walking distance to the Ice Rink, so there is no bus shuttle service necessary during the competition.

Liability and Medical Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB) and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with this Event. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation at a charge of € 60, - per person per round trip from SCHIPHOL AIRPORT to the Skaters & Coaches hotel by bus on Friday 12 October 2018 and return 15 October 2018. Please note we do not offer transportation earlier/later than 12 October and earlier/later than 15 October. Schiphol can be easily reached from Heerenveen by train.

The date, airline & flight number, expected time of arrival and the time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee before **1 August 2018**, and should contain all information requested in the "ACCOMMODATION FORM". An estimate on the preliminary entry date is appreciated.

Organization fee

The Organization fee is 50 Euro per participant to cover all the expenses for this event. Costs for transport, ice, hotel and entry fee will be invoiced to each country and have to be paid per bank.

Entry Requirement for The Netherlands

A valid passport or acceptable certificate of identification (EU) is required of all people entering the Netherlands. Passports must be valid for longer than the period of stay in the Netherlands.

Regarding the Visa requirements: please consult with the Embassy of The Netherlands in your country in due time. If you are in need of an invitation letter please inform the Organizing Committee with Preliminary Entry

Ice Training Sessions

An official training session is possible on Friday 12 October 2018, against payment of a training fee of € 150,-. Times available will be between 17.00 – 20.00 hrs. Please let us know your times before **1 September 2018** (first come, first serve base).

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at the addresses below.

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