



EUROPEAN
***SHORT TRACK
SPEED SKATING***
CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2009

T O R I N O

ANNOUNCEMENT

TORINO, ITALY - January 16-18, 2009





The International Skating Union, the Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio and the Organizing Committee have the honor of hosting the

**ISU EUROPEAN SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS®
2009**

to be held in

Torino, Italy - on January 16-18, 2009

General Rules

The ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2009 will be held in accordance with the 2008 ISU Regulations and relevant ISU Communications. The ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships will be held over the distances 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters for Ladies and Men and a relay race over 3000 meters for Ladies and 5000 meters for Men. Participation is open to all European ISU Members who may enter skaters for individual distances in accordance with the Rule 285, paragraph 2 a).

Entries for single distances or only parts of the Championships are not permitted.

The following ISU Members may enter 3 competitors in accordance with rule 285 paragraph 2 a), and ISU Communication No. 1527:

LADIES

**BULGARIA
CZECH REPUBLIC
GERMANY
HUNGARY
ITALY
NETHERLANDS
RUSSIA**

MEN

**GERMANY
GREAT BRITAIN
HUNGARY
ITALY
LATVIA
NETHERLANDS
RUSSIA**

All European ISU Members may enter one team per category in the relay events, in accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2(c).

Track Conditions and Rink Dimensions

The PalaTazzoli Ice Rink in Torino has an artificial refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60m x 30m. Protective padding will cover the boards in accordance with Rule 280 paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1512. The standard track of 111.12m per lap, with a measured curve of 8.5 meters, will be used. Besides this track there will be four (4) other tracks each 1 meter apart from

the standard track to maintain good ice conditions. For all tracks, one finish line will be used and the starting lines for the 500 and 1500 meters will be moved according to the track being used. Seven (7) marking blocks will be used in the curves.

PROGRAM

Thursday, January 15 th 2009	All day	Official Training Session
Friday, January 16 th 2009	11.00hrs 19.00hrs 19.30hrs	1500m Heats Ladies & Men Opening Ceremony 1500m Semi-Finals Ladies & Men 1500m Finals Ladies & Men 3000m Relay Heats Ladies 5000m Relay Heats Men
Saturday, January 17 th 2009	11.00hrs 19.30hrs	500m Prelim Ladies & Men 500m Heats Ladies & Men 500m Quarter-Finals Ladies & Men 500m Semi-Finals Ladies & Men 500m Finals Ladies & Men 3000m Relay Semi-Finals Ladies 5000m Relay Semi-Finals Men
Sunday, January 18 th 2009	11.30hrs	1000m Heats Ladies & Men 1000m Quarter-Finals Ladies & Men 1000m Semi-Finals Ladies & Men 1000m Final Ladies & Men 3000m Super-Finals Ladies & Men 3000m Relay Final Ladies 5000m Relay Final Men Awards Ceremony

All times to be determined unless otherwise indicated

Ice Training Sessions

All training sessions will take place at the competition venue. The Official training sessions will be held on Thursday January 15th, 2009. The Organizing Committee will prepare the schedule of the Official Training session upon receipt of the entries and travel information. Team leaders will receive this schedule upon their arrival but not earlier than Wednesday January 14th, 2009. Extra practice sessions, starting on Tuesday January 13th, 2009 may be booked through the Organizing Committee at the cost of 120 EUR per session (50 minutes); please notify the Organizing Committee with your requirements using the enclosed Ice Training request form. The ice rental fee will be charged to the Member Federation concerned even if the ice is not used. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of the teams may share the cost.

Drawing and seeding procedure

The drawing and seeding procedure will be carried out in accordance to Rule 296.

Points

Points scoring, in finals only, will be 34,21,13,8,5,3,2,1, and are awarded in descending order commencing with 1st place (according to Rule 295 paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8).

Titles and Medals

The winners of the Championships (according to Rule 133) will bear the title:

European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2009
or
Lady European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2009

The European and Lady European Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively. Prize money will be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No 1509.

ENTRIES

Entries for the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2009 shall be according to Rule 295 paragraph 4.

Preliminary Entries with preliminary names must be received by the Organizing Committee by fax or e-mail on the enclosed form not later than **December 16th, 2008**.

Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than **January 11th, 2009** (see Rule 295, paragraph 4).

Entries must be accompanied by the official "ISU Declaration Form" as per Rule 131. Entries by fax or e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously to the Organizers (Rule 115, paragraph 5).

The completed Declaration Form must be signed by the competitors and also by all officials (including team officials) appointed by the Member serving at an ISU Event (Assistant Referees, Assistant Competitors Steward, Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Team Officials who are requesting accreditation for the Event).

In case of competitors who are not full of age (under 18), such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law.

Each Entry Form and Declaration Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4).

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, 295 and ISU Communication No. 1523 or any update of these Communications.



Entries must be sent to both the following addresses:

TORINO 2006 OLYMPIC PARK

Via Giordano Bruno 191, 10134 Torino, Italy

Tel: +39 0116598110

Fax: +39 0116598737

mailto: short-track2009@top2006.it

Web page: <http://www.torinolympicpark.org/eventiSportiviDettaglio.aspx?idA=47>

Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio

Via Piranesi 44/B

20137 Milano (Italy)

Telephone +390270141318

Fax +390270141365

Email: velocita@fig.it

Web site: www.fig.it

Competitors must be present in Torino at 18.00 hours at the latest on Thursday January 15th, 2009 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Championships.

Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded.

Citizenship/Residence requirements and clearance procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication 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.

Hotels and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide meals and lodging from lunch, Thursday January 15th, 2009 until breakfast (or lunch if the participants have to leave in the afternoon) Monday January 19th, 2009 at the Official Hotels, for the participating skaters, maximum 5 Men and 5 Ladies plus one team leader for each participating Member. All teams arriving prior to Thursday January 15th, 2009, or departing later than Monday January 19th, 2009 or ISU Members bringing in more than the officially designated number are kindly requested to pay the amount due upon their arrival.

All arrangements for accommodation, including additional team members and staff, must be made through the Organizing Committee by December 16th, 2008.

Accommodation requests (single/twin rooms) must be made using the Preliminary entry form by **December 16th, 2008.**

During Sunday competition day, a catering service will be arranged directly at the ice rink in the athletes lounge with special meal coupons which will be delivered to the participating athletes and team leaders upon their arrival



Hotel for ISU Officials

Hotel AC Torino

Via Bisalta, 11.
I-10126 Torino
Tel: +39 011 6395091

For all Participant Teams:

Holiday Inn Turin-South ★★★
Strada Palera 96
10024 Moncalieri - Torino
Tel: +39 0116477801

Hotel Campanile ★★★
Via Guido Rossa, 11
10024 Moncalieri - Torino
Tel: +39 0116474404

The Organizing Committee has made arrangement for accommodation and meals at the following rates:

Single room: 120 EUR per person per night with full board
Twin room: 90 EUR per person per night with full board

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to allocate accommodation for the teams. The “first come, first serve” principle will apply.

Prepayment should be transferred to the Bank Account as follows:

BANK

Name: Società sportiva dilettantistica TOP 2006 Sport s.r.l.
Address: Via Giordano Bruno 191 - 10134 Torino - PIVA e CF 09804420017
Bank: Intesa SanPaolo Piazza Castello
IBAN: IT73 L030 6901 0001 0000 0064 720
SWIFT (BIC): BCITITMM

Cash (EURO) and credit cards are also accepted.

Credit card: 5% of total amount will be added as the commission charge if using credit card to settle your payment.

Remittance: the payment shall be remitted and the bank certificate should be presented before checking in.

Cheques are not accepted.



Transportation

Free transportation for all participating athletes entered plus one team leader/coach per ISU Member will be provided from Torino Caselle Airport (TRN) to the Official Hotels, and return, and between the Official Hotels and PalaTazzoli Ice Rink during the competition.

Please, be informed that transportation from Torino Caselle Airport to Torino (25 km) will take approximately 30 minutes by bus. All participating Members arriving from other airports or train stations will be responsible to pay these transportation services, even if organized through the OC.

Additional transport can be arranged at the costs of the respective teams. Please indicate your requirements on the preliminary entry form.

Italy entry requirements

All travelers entering Italy must provide the documentation required to justify the reasons and duration of their stay as well as, in some prescribed cases, the availability of adequate economic means and lodging.

In some cases you need a visa, application for which can be made at the Italy Diplomatic and Consular Representations in your country of residence.

If you require assistance, please contact the Organizing Committee.

Anti-Doping

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1447, 1448 and 1520, or any further update of these Communications)

Liability and Medical Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, Local Security Authority, the Organizing Committee and the City of Torino assume no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, medical bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with these Championships. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes. On-site medical services will be provided according to Rule 140.

Hotel for Media and Supporters

This can be arranged through the Organizing Committee. Accommodation and meals will be at the Official Hotel rates. Reservations must be made before December 16th, 2008.

Communications and Press Accreditation

Press accreditation and general press communications should be directed to the Organizing Committee.

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