



 **World Short Track**
Speed Skating Championships®
Gangneung, March 7th-9th, 2008



ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Skating Union, the Korea Skating Union (K.S.U.) and the Organizing Committee have the honor of hosting the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2008. The Championships will be held in "Gangneung International Ice rink", 630-4 Gyo-Dong Gangneung City, Gangwon Province, Korea, from March 7th until March 9th, 2008. The training sessions will be held from March 4th, 2008.

The ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2008 will be held in accordance with the 2006 ISU Regulations and relevant ISU Communications.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2008 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. The program will be according to Rule 281, paragraph 1 g) of the 2006 ISU Regulations.

PROGRAM (all times to be determined unless otherwise indicated)

Thursday, March 6th, 2008

OFFICIAL TRAINING

19:00 OFFICIAL DRAW

Friday, March 7th, 2008

12:00 OPENING CEREMONY

13:00 1500 m Ladies and Men session

16:50 Relay Ladies 3000 m semi-final

Saturday, March 8th, 2008

12:30 500 m Ladies and Men session

16:50 Relay Men 5000 m semi-final

Sunday, March 9th, 2008

10:20 1000 m Ladies and Men session

15:30 3000 m Super Final Ladies and Men session

16:10 Relay Ladies and Men Final

AWARDS CEREMONY

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TRACK CONDITIONS AND RINK DIMENSIONS

The “Gangneung International ice rink” has an artificial refrigerated indoor ice surface of 61m x 30m. Protective Padding will cover the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1019. The standard track of 111.12 meters to the lap, with a measured curve of 8.50 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 500 and 1500 meters races will be moved according to the track being used. Seven (7) marking blocks will be used in the curves.

PARTICIPATION

Participation is open to all ISU Members who may enter skaters for individual distances in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2 a). Entries for single distance or only parts of the Championships are not permitted. The following Members may enter 3 competitors (ISU Communication No. 1469).

Ladies		Men	
Canada	3 competitors	Canada	3 competitors
China	3 competitors	Italy	3 competitors
Italy	3 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
Republic of Korea	3 competitors	USA	3 competitors

(ii) Relay:

The entry quota for the Relay competitions at the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2008 will be determined by the World Cup ranking in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2 c). Special attention must be paid to Rule 286, paragraph 3, i.e. participation must be clear before the start of the last World Cup Competition of the season.

DRAWING AND SEEDING PROCEDURE

The drawing and seeding procedure will be carried out in accordance with Rule 281 and Rule 296.

POINTS AND CLASSIFICATION

The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2, 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with first place (according with Rule 295 paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8).

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ENTRIES

Preliminary entries (form enclosed) must be returned prior to February 7th, 2008.

Final Entries (form enclosed) must be in writing and faxed or e-mailed by March 2nd, 2008, latest delay, to:

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ENTRY AND INQUIRIES

Competitors must be present in Gangneung at the latest at 18:00 hours on the day of the Official Draw, 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. Entries and inquiries should be addressed to the addresses mentioned above. (Address valid for the whole duration of the Event).

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications No. 1447 & 1448, or any further update of these Communications).

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will provide meals and lodging from lunch, Thursday, March 6th, 2008 until lunch Monday, March 10th, 2008 for the participating competitors and one team leader from each participating Member. The team leader is responsible for payment for meal and lodging expenses incurred in the official hotel, except as stated above. All teams arriving prior to Thursday March 6th, 2008, must pay for the expenses incurred by the additional team costs for the entire period directly to the O.C. upon arrival.

Guaranteed reservations for hotel rooms, not covered by the Organizing Committee, including parents, supporters and additional team members must be made by February 7th, 2008, at the Organizing Committee. During Competition days, lunch box will be served directly at the skating lounge in the ice rink with special meal coupons which will be delivered to the participating athletes and team leader upon their arrival.

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Official Hotel for Team;

Hotel Sun cruise

50-10 Jungdongjin-ri, Gangdong-Myun, Gangneung City , Gangwon Province, Korea

TEL : +82 33 610 7000 FAX : 82 33 610 7100

www.esuncruise.com

*** Normal day**

Single Room: 105,000 KRW \approx 132 USD per person (inc. breakfast and all local taxes)

Twin Room: 60,000 KRW \approx 75 USD per person (inc. breakfast and all local taxes)

*** Saturday Night Only**

Single Room: 155,000 KRW \approx 194 USD per person (inc. breakfast and all local taxes)

Twin Room: 85,000 KRW \approx 106 USD per person (inc. breakfast and all local taxes)

Lunch : 25,000 KRW \approx 32 USD , **Dinner :** 30,000 KRW \approx 38 USD (inc. all local taxes)

Official Hotels for ISU Officials;

Hotel Hyundai Gyeongpodae

274-1 Gangmun-dong, Gangneung City, Gangwon Province, Korea

TEL : +82 33 651 2233 FAX : +82 33 651 2203

<http://www.hyundaihotel.com/>

Single Room: KRW 99,700 \approx 125 USD per person (inc. breakfast and all local taxes.)

Twin Room: KRW 57,350 \approx 72 USD per person (inc. breakfast and all local taxes.)

Lunch: 25,000 KRW \approx 32 USD. **Dinner:** 25,000 KRW \approx 32 USD (inc. all local taxes)

The rate for calculated prices above is 1.00 USD = 800 KRW, The USD amount may change due to exchange rate fluctuation.

If you pay it by credit card, we should add to 3 % of total expenses.

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Please note that all arrangements for accommodation must be made through the Organizing Committee. Participants are kindly requested to inform the O.C. of their needs for accommodation (single/Twin rooms) not later than February 7th, 2008 using the Preliminary Entry Forms.

In order to guarantee reservations and in accordance with the hotel cancellation policy, all Members incurring extra costs are requested to pay 20% of these extra costs prior to their arrival.

The O.C. will inform all Members by February 15th, 2008, based on the Preliminary Entry Forms and Hotel Request Forms, about the prepaid amount to be settled.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

The Organizing Committee will post a special form for media accreditation directly to :

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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.

TITLES AND MEDALS

The winner of the Championships (according to Rule 133 paragraph G) will bear the title “World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2008” or “Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2008” and will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed skater will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The winner of the Championships will bear the title “World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2008” or “Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2008” and will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed skater will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The winning team of the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2008 for the relay event will bear the title “World Relay Champions for 2008” or “Ladies World Relay Champions for 2008” and each participating skater will receive the ISU gold medal. The members of the second and third placed relay teams will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively (according to Rule 134). Prize money will be given in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1286.

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LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119 paragraph 2, the International Skating Union, the Korea Skating Union (K.S.U.) and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility or liability for bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage with respect thereto.

MEDICAL INSURANCE (see Rule 119)

It is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in ISU events as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical insurance for their athletes. Proof of such shall be requested by the Organizing Committee.

ICE TRAINING

The Organizing Committee will make free ice training available on Thursday, March 6th 2007 for participating teams.

NOTE: Extra practice sessions, starting Tuesday March 3rd, 2008 may be booked through the Organizing Committee at the cost of \$100USD per session (50 min).

Please notify the Organizing Committee of your request for ice training session using your Preliminary Entry Forms.

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide Transportation free of charge only from and to Incheon International Airport from and to the official hotel (from March 2nd to 10th, 2008).

Furthermore, for the duration of the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, transportation by bus will be provided between the hotel and competition venue.

All participating Members arriving from other airports or train stations will be responsible to pay these transportation services, even if organized through the OC.

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