BOARD AND LODGING

The organizer is responsible for the expenses for room and meals from lunch on Friday, February 8, up to and including lunch on Monday, February 11, 2008 for the competitors and one team leader from each participating Member, and for the ISU appointed Officials. (Rule 137, paragraphs 10 and 14).

HOTEL RESERVATION

The organizer will arrange hotel reservation from February 7, 2008 in the Quality Hotel & Suites Berlin City-East Landsberger Allee 203, D-13055 Berlin T: +49 (30) 97 80 8 - 0 F: +49 (30) 97 80 8 - 450 E-Mail: berlin@quality-hotel-berlin.de Web site: www.quality-hotel-berlin.de Hotel reservations for teams and Officials will be arranged by the Organizing Committee.

TRANSPORTATION

The organizer will provide transportation from and to the Berlin international airports (Schönefeld, Tegel, Tempelhof) and between the hotel and the Speed-Skating-Hall Sportforum, Berlin.

The date, airline and flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure must be sent to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than February 4, 2008.

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Further information about the Championships will be given on the website: www.wmberlin2008.de









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On behalf of Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e. V. and Berliner Eissport-Verband e. V. we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

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which will be held at the Speed-Skating Hall Sportforum, Berlin on Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10, 2008

The competition will be organized according to the 2006 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Speed Skating and relevant ISU Communications. Participation in the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships is open to Skaters who belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph1) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication 1471.

TRACK

The track at the Sportforum Speed-Skating Hall is a standard, artificially frozen 400 m indoor speed skating track. The inner und outer curves have a radius of 26 m and 30 m, the warm-up lane width is 3 m.

ENTRIES

The entry quotas for the ISU Members in the World Allround Championships are determined by the results in the regional qualifying events held during the season 2007/2008, in accordance with Rule 208, paragraph 4 and ISU Communication 1471.

The number of participants is 24 Ladies and 24 Men. The maximum number of participants from one ISU Member in each category is four (4).

Preliminary entries, giving the number of competitors, substitutes and team officials (with provisional names), must be communicated by January 22, 2008.

Final entries with the names of the competitors and substitutes, as well as names of team officials, must be communicated at the latest by February 6, 2008. Post entries will notbe accepted. For all entries official ISU entry forms shall be used.

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.

PAIRING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES:

The pairing and drawing will be made according to ISU Regulations, Rules 239 and 240, paragraphs 1–4.

PRIZES

The winner is the Skater who has completed all distances and obtained the lowest total of points (Rule 265, paragraph 2).

The winners will bear the titles

"Lady World Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2008" and "World Allround Speed Skating Champion for 2008"

and will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The competitors placed second and third in the final classification after 4 distances will each be awarded the ISU silver and bronze Championship medal, respectively. The prize money will be given according to ISU Communication No. 1286.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communication No. 1447 and 1448 or any later updates of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered competitors from February 4, 2008. Trial starts will be organised on Thursday, February 7, and Friday, February 8, 2008.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, the Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e. V. and the Organizing Committee assume, no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Program

Friday, February 8 th, 2008	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Team leaders' meeting Opening draw at the Quality Hotel & Suites Berlin City-East
Saturday, February 9 th, 2008	1:30 p.m.	500 m Ladies 500 m Men 3000 m Ladies 5000 m Men
	7:30 p.m.	Drawing for Sunday's races
Sunday, February 10 th, 2008	1:00 p.m.	1500 m Ladies 1500 m Men 5000 m Ladies 10.000 m Men 20.00 h Awards dinner