

ANNOUNCEMENT



Salt Lake City
8-10 February 2008



On behalf of U.S. Speedskating and the Utah Athletic Foundation we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to the

2008 Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track

to be held at the Utah Olympic Oval
Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

on Friday, 8 February, Saturday, 9 February & Sunday, 10 February 2008

General Regulations

The 2008 Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track Competition will be held in accordance with the ISU 2006 General Regulations, Special Regulations, and ISU Communication No.1464. Participation in the World Cup Competition is open to all skaters belonging to an ISU Member.

Program and Distances

- a) Individual distances – 2 x 500, 1000 and 1500 meters for Ladies and Men
- b) Relay distances – 3000 meters for Ladies and 5000 meters for Men

Thursday	9:00	Official Training Session - All Day
	19:00	Official Drawing Ceremony
Friday	09:30	Ladies and Men 1500m Heats Ladies and Men 500m (1) Prelims and Heats Ladies and Men 1000m Prelims and Heats Ladies and Men 500m (2) Prelims and Heats Ladies 3000m Relay Heats Men 5000m Relay Heats
Saturday	10:00	Ladies and Men 1500m Repechage Ladies and Men 500m (1) Repechage
	18:00	World Cup Competition Ladies and Men 500m (1) Quarter-Finals Ladies and Men 1500m Semi-Finals Ladies and Men 500m (1) Semi-Finals Ladies and Men 1500m Final B Ladies and Men 1500m Final A Ladies and Men 500m (1) Final B Ladies and Men 500m (1) Final A Ladies 3000m Relay Semi-Finals Ladies 5000m Relay Semi-Finals Awards Ceremony
Sunday	10:00	Ladies and Men 1000m Repechage Ladies and Men 500m (2) Repechage
	15:00	World Cup Competition Ladies and Men 500m (2) Quarter-Finals Ladies and Men 1000m Quarter-Finals Ladies and Men 500m (2) Semi-Finals Ladies and Men 1000m Semi-Finals Ladies and Men 500m (2) Final B Ladies and Men 500m (2) Final A

Ladies and Men 1000m Final B
Ladies and Men 1000m Final A
Ladies 3000m Relay Final B
Ladies 3000m Relay Final A
Men 5000m Relay Final B
Men 5000m Relay Final A
Awards Ceremony

Track

The track is an artificial refrigerated indoor ice surface which measures 60 x 30 meters; protective padding will cover the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5. The standard track 111.12 meters to the lap in accordance with rule 280.

Entries

Entries will be accepted in accordance with ISU Communication 1464. Entries must be sent in writing using the official Entry Forms for the Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track and addressed to the Organizing Committee.

Preliminary Entries, with provisional names, must be submitted by **Friday, 18 January 2008**. Final Entries must be submitted by **Friday, 1 February 2008**.

Competitors must be present in Salt Lake City at the latest at 18:00 on Thursday, 7 February 2008 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Cup Competition. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded.

Training Times

Ice will be available for training at the Utah Olympic Oval beginning Monday, 4 February 2008 – Wednesday, 6 February 2008. The cost per session is \$8.00 USD per person (approximately 20 skaters per session). Each training session will be 50 minutes in length. The Organizing Committee will assign practice ice times. Official Ice training is Thursday, 7 February and is free to all participants.

Payment for practice ice time must be paid in US Dollars to the Organizing Committee prior to, or at the Team Leaders Meeting on Thursday, 7 February 2008.

Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 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.

Drawing Procedure

The make up of the first qualifying round of each distance shall be based on the current distance ranking following Rule 296, of the 2006 ISU Regulations. Progression to subsequent qualifying rounds shall be according to ISU Rule 295, paragraph 2.

Points

Points will be given in accordance with ISU Communication No.1464, paragraph 9.

Anti-Doping Control

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

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, U.S. Speedskating, the Utah Olympic Oval, and the Utah Athletic Foundation assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Cup Short Track. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Board and Lodging

The participating Members are responsible for meals and accommodations for all participants. The cost of the host hotel is \$99.00 USD (single room includes breakfast for 1) and \$109.00 USD (double room includes breakfast for 2). The listed rates are per night and excluding taxes. Teams will be on their own for lunch and dinner with the following exceptions: 1 meal will be provided at the Oval on competition days (Friday-Sunday.) Accommodation requests must be made to the Organizing Committee according to the attached form no later than **Friday, 18 January 2008**.

Official Hotel

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the official hotel.

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 USA	Web Site:	www.redlion.com

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from and to Salt Lake City International Airport and between the hotel and the Utah Olympic Oval from Monday, 4 February through Monday, 11 February 2008 at no expense to the participants. The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, 18 January 2008**.

Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

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Media Accreditation

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