





ANNOUNCEMENT

Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track Québec 2008

February 1-3, 2008







The Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track Québec 2008 Organizing Committee, on behalf of Speed Skating Canada, has the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the **Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track Québec 2008** to be held at the Pavillon de la Jeunesse, in Quebec City, Canada on February 1 to 3, 2008.

General Regulations

The Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track Québec 2008 will be held in accordance with the 2006 Regulations of the International Skating Union and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track 2007/2008.

Distances

Individual 500, 1000 (2x), 1500 meters Ladies and Men

Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

<u>Tuesday January 29, 2008</u>: Ice Training Sessions - all day

Wednesday, January 30, 2008: Ice Training Sessions - all day

<u>Thursday, January 31, 2008</u>: Official Training Session - all day

Official Opening Draw - Evening

Friday, February 1, 2008: Qualifying rounds - all day

Saturday, February 2, 2008: Repechage - 9:00

World Cup Competition - 14:30

Sunday, February 3, 2008: Repechage - 9:00

World Cup Competition - 14:30

Banquet - Evening

This program is subject to change depending on the final entry of skaters and the complete schedule is available in ISU Communication 1464.

Track Conditions & Rink Dimensions

The Pavillon de la Jeunesse has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters in compliance with Rule 280.

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 assure 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 in use. Seven marking blocks will be used in the curves.

Liability and Medical Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, Speed Skating Canada, the Organizing Committee and the City of Quebec assume no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the World Cup competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes.

Entries

Entries for the Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track Québec 2008 shall be according to ISU Rule.

Entries must be done in writing and addressed to:

The Organizing Committee of the Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track Québec 2008 Fédération de patinage de vitesse du Québec 930, rue Roland-Beaudin, Sainte-Foy (Quebec) G1V 4H8 CANADA

Telephone: +1-418-651-1973, ext. 22 Fax: +1-418-651-1977

E-mail: igelinas@fpvq.org

Preliminary Entries with preliminary names must be received on Form A (enclosed), by the Organizing Committee by January 3, 2008 and should contain the following information:

- Name of the ISU Member submitting the entry
- Number of competitors and substitutes
- Preliminary last name, first name, date of birth, and sex of the competitors and accompanying officials

Final entries must be received on Form B (enclosed) by the Organizing Committee at the above mentioned address by January 18, 2008 and must contain the following information:

- Name of the ISU Member submitting the entry
- Last name, first name and sex of the competitors and accompanying officials
- International Registration Number for each athlete entered
- Colour, and if possible, the design of the uniform
- Late entries will not be allowed.

Doping Control

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

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.

Transportation

Participants arriving at Jean-Lesage Airport (YQB) in Quebec City will be greeted by an event representative and transported to the Official Hotel of the World Cup competition, the Delta Hotel.

Transportation from the airport to the hotel will begin on Monday, January 28, 2008.

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation to and from the Delta Hotel to the Pavillon de la Jeunesse (Arena) from Tuesday, January 29 up to and including, Sunday, February 3 for the participants.

Meals and Hotel

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

The Organizing Committee has made arrangements for lodging at the Delta Hotel Québec, 690 Boulevard René-Lévesque Est, Québec City (Québec) CANADA G1R 5A8 (the Official Hotel) at a rate of 129.99\$ CAN <u>plus applicable local taxes</u> per room (1 or 2 persons per room, extra 20 \$ for each additional person) per night for the participants for the time period of January 27 through noon February 4, 2008 at the participating Members expenses. Also available, packages for 3 meals at the cost of 53.00\$ CAN, <u>taxes and service included</u>, per day / per person (breakfast: 16\$ CAN / lunch: 16\$ CAN / dinner: 21\$ CAN).

Reservations must be before January 11, 2008 on a "first come first served basis" to:

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Email: igelinas@fpvq.org

Please, clearly indicate the number of rooms, the name of the occupant(s), the dates of stay and all other important related information.

The team leader must submit a major credit card which guarantees the rooms and covers room, tax, incidentals, and damages (if necessary) for the Member's rooms.

Communications and Press Accreditation

Press Accreditation and General Communications should be directed to the Organizing Committee:

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T: +1-418-651-1973, ext. 22 F: +1-418-651-1977

Email: macourchesne@fpvq.org

An Official Communication and Media Centre will be staffed at the Pavillon de la Jeunesse and at the Delta Hotel Québec.

Canada Entry Requirement

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

Regarding Visa requirements, please consult with your travel agent or the Canadian Embassy in your country.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Organizing Committee at:

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Email: igelinas@fpvq.org

Practice Sessions

All practice sessions will take place at the competition venue unless indicated. The OFFICIAL PRACTICE SESSION will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2008, starting at 8:00 AM.

Teams will be assigned Official Practice Session Time when the final entries and arrival dates are received by the Organizing Committee. Team Leaders will be notified of the Official Practice Schedule on January 28 (at the latest).

Additional practice sessions may be reserved for January 29 and 30, 2008 to be purchased by the participating Member from the Organizing Committee at a cost of 200.00\$ CAN per practice of 60 minutes including ice resurfacing time.

By requesting unofficial practice ice times, each Member is committing to pay to the Organizing Committee the appropriate ice rental fee. Members will be charged the ice rental fee if time is scheduled whether ice is used or not. Members must pay the ice rental fee by January 31, 2008.

Medical coverage will be provided for Official and unofficial practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140.