

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will cover room and meal expenses at the official Hotel(s) for up to 5 skaters and one team leader from each participating Member, beginning with dinner on the evening of Thursday, February 21, 2008 and ending with breakfast on the morning of Monday, February 25, 2008 (See further information, including hotel in separate attachment).

HOTEL RESERVATION / OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

The Organizing Committee will make hotel-reservation for the competitors in the following hotels:

- a. Hotel Golden Tulip Tjaarda at Oranjewoud, phone +31(0) 513 433533, fax +31(0) 513 433599, e-mail: info@tjaarda.nl
- b. Fletcher Hotel Heidehof at Heerenveen, phone +31(0) 513 630200, fax +31(0) 513 630201, e-mail: info@hotelheidehof.nl
- c. Holland Inn Hotel at Wolvega, phone. +31(0) 561 618591, fax +31(0) 561 618591, e-mail: info@hotel-wolvega.nl
- d. Hotel van der Valk at Wolvega, phone +31(0) 561 692800, fax +31(0) 561 692805, e-mail: info@wolvega.valk.com

TRANSPORTATION

There is a direct railway connection from Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol to Heerenveen. Arriving at Heerenveen railway station, please call telephone number +31 (0) 513 62 22 92 for transportation to the hotel. On request bus transportation from Schiphol Airport to Heerenveen can be arranged. For further information on this, please address the Organizing Committee. A shuttle bus service will be available for transportation between hotels en the ice rink.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or the KNSB at the addressed below. For Media accreditation, please address N.S.P. as soon as possible.

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following websites:
www.wcheerenveen.org and www.knsb.nl



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ISU world cup
SPEED SKATING

22-23-24 February 2008 - Ice Stadium Thialf - Heerenveen - The Netherlands

Announcement

Ladies: 100/500(2x)/1.000/1.500/3.000 m. and Team pursuit
Men: 100/500(2x)/1.000/1.500/5.000 m. and Team pursuit



On behalf of the KNSB, the Organizing Committee,
consisting of members of the board of directors
of the Royal Ice club Thialf at Heerenveen
has the honour and pleasure to invite you to the final competition in the

ESSENT ISU WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING 2007/2008

which will be held at the indoor ice-rink Thialf
in Heerenveen, the Netherlands
on Friday, February 22, Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24, 2008

The competition will be held under the 2006 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1465.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, February 21:	16.00 hrs.	Team leaders' Meeting, Ice Stadium (Aegon Club)	
	18.00 hrs.	Opening draw at Sportstad Heerenveen	
Friday, February 22:	17.00 hrs.	500 m.	(1 st) Ladies
		500 m.	(1 st) Men
		3000 m.	Ladies
		1500 m.	Men
Saturday, February 23:	13.30 hrs.	500 m.	(2 nd) Ladies
		500 m.	(2 nd) Men
		1500 m.	Ladies
		5000 m.	Men
Sunday, February 24:	13.30 hrs.	1000 m.	Ladies
		1000 m.	Men
		100 m.	Ladies & Men
		Team pursuit	Ladies
		Team pursuit	Men

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the Ice Stadium Thialf, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink at Heerenveen. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meter, respectively. The width of each lane of the competition track is 4 meters and there is an inside training lane with width of 4 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this final competition will be restricted and must be made according to the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1465 paragraph 5.1.5.

Preliminary entries, giving the number of competitors, substitutes and team officials (with provisional names), must be communicated *by February 6, 2008*.

Final entries, with the names of the competitors and substitutes on the respective distances, as well as names of team officials, must be communicated at the latest *by February 19, 2008*. The final entry date also applies for team officials. Only persons named in the final entries will be accredited as team officials for the competition.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to ISU Communication No. 1465, paragraph 6.2. The competitions over 100 meters will be conducted according to ISU Communication No. 1465, paragraph 5.2.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to the ISU Communications No. 1465, paragraphs 7 and 9.

ANTI-DOPING

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 these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered competitors from Monday February 18, 2008.

Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the KNSB and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.