

Announcement

On behalf of the Chinese Skating Association, the Organizing Committee has the honor to invite you to participate in the SAMSUNG ISU WORLD CUP Short Track to be held in Capital Gymnasium, Beijing, China, from November 28 to 30, 2008.

General Regulations

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2008 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of **the SAMSUNG ISU WORLD CUP Short Track 2008/2009**.

Distances

Individual 500, 1000, 1500 meters Ladies and Men
Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program (This Starting times may be changed depending on agreement with host broadcaster)

Nov. 28, 2008	Friday	09:30	Ladies and Men 500m(1) Prelims and heats
			Ladies and Men 1500m heats
			Ladies and Men 1000m Prelims and heats
			Ladies and Men 500m(2) Prelims and heats
			Ladies 3000m Relay Heats
			Men 5000m Relay Heats
Nov. 29, 2008	Saturday	09:30	Ladies and Men 1500m Repechage
			Ladies and Men 500m(1) Repechage
			World Cup Competition
		14:00	Ladies 500m(1) Quarter-Finals
			Men 500m(1) Quarter-Finals
			Ice Resurface
			Ladies 500m(1) Semi-Finals
			Men 500m(1) Semi-Finals
			Ladies 1500m Semi-Finals
			Men 1500m Semi-Finals
			Ice Resurface
			Ladies 500m(1) Final B
			Ladies 500m(1) Final A
			Men 500m(1) Final B
			Men 500m(1) Final A
			Ladies 1500m Final B
			Ladies 1500m Final A
			Men 1500m Final B
			Men 1500m Final A

			Ice Resurface
			Ladies 3000m Relay Semi-Finals
			Men 5000m Relay Semi-Finals
			Awards Ceremony
Nov. 30, 2008	Sunday	09:30	Ladies and Men 1000m Repechage
			Ladies and Men 500m(2) Repechage
			World Cup Competition
		14:00	Ladies 500m(2) Quarter-Finals
			Men 500m(2) Quarter-Finals
			Ladies 1000 Quarter-Finals
			Men 1000 Quarter-Finals
			Ice Resurface
			Ladies 500m(2) Semi-Finals
			Men 500m(2) Semi-Finals
			Ladies 1000m Semi-Finals
			Men 1000m Semi-Finals
			Ice Resurface
			Ladies 500m(2) Final B
			Ladies 500m(2) Final A
			Men 500m(2) Final B
			Men 500m(2) Final A
			Ladies 1000m Final B
			Ladies 1000m Final A
			Men 1000m Final B
			Men 1000m Final A
			Ice Resurface
			Ladies 3000m Relay B-Final
			Ladies 3000m Relay A-Final
			Men 5000m Relay B-Final
			Men 5000m Relay A-Final
			Awards Ceremony

(This schedule may be changed by the final entry number of skaters)

Track Conditions

The ice rink of Beijing Capital Gymnasium has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 30 x 60 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

- Entries can only be made using the official Entry Form for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating.
- Preliminary entry with names and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **October 28, 2008**. Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than **November 12, 2008** (see ISU Communication No. 1501, paragraph 4).

Entries must be accompanied by the official "ISU Declaration Form" as per Rule 131. Entries by fax

or e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously to the Organizers (Rule 115, paragraph 5).

The completed Declaration Form must be signed by the competitors and also by all officials (including team officials) appointed by the Member serving at an ISU Event (Assistant Referees, Assistant Competitors Steward, Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Team Officials who are requesting accreditation for the Event).

In case of competitors who are not full of age (under 18), such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law.

Each Entry Form and Declaration Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4).

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, ISU Communications Nos. 1501 and 1523 or any update of these Communications.

Competitors must be present in Beijing at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, November 27, 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.

Citizenships/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.

Seeding Procedure

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

World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No.1501.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications **Nos. 1447, 1448 & 1520**, or any further update of these Communications).

Accommodation

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation. The cost (including 3 meals) is as follows:

Double Room: US\$ 100, - per person per night

Single Room: US\$ 130, - per person per night

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Closing Banquet fee is US\$ 15- per person

For all Participants:**XIYUAN HOTEL (★★★★★)**

Adds: No. 1 Sanlihe Road, Beijing, China

Tel: +86 10 68313388

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Payment

Cash: in RMB, EUR or USD

Cheques are not accepted.

Credit card: 4% of total amount will be added as the commission charge (as a rule of Chinese government) if using credit card to settle your payment.

Remittance: the payment could be remitted and the bank certificate should be presented before checking in.

The bank detail of the Organizing Committee is as the following:

Beneficiary's Name: CHINESE WINTER SPORTS CENTER**USD Account**

Correspondent of Beneficiary's Banker Name: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. NEW YORK, NY

SWIFT CODE: BOFAUS3N

Beneficiary's Banker a/c No.: 6550490174

Beneficiary's Banker Name: INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHINA, BEIJING BRANCH, TIYUGUAN SUB-OFFICE

Beneficiary's Banker Address: NO.11, TIYUGUANXILU JIA
CHONGWEN DISTRICT, BEIJING

Beneficiary's a/c No.: 0200008129119000319

Transportation

Free transportation will be provided from Beijing Capital International Airport to the official hotel, and return.

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Nov.27, 2008 for all participating teams. Extra practice will be provided from Nov.24 to 26, 2008. Each training session(50 minutes) will be charged US\$100. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

Liability

The ISU, Chinese Skating Association 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 World Cup competition in Beijing.

Entries and Inquiries

Entries and Inquiries should be addressed to

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