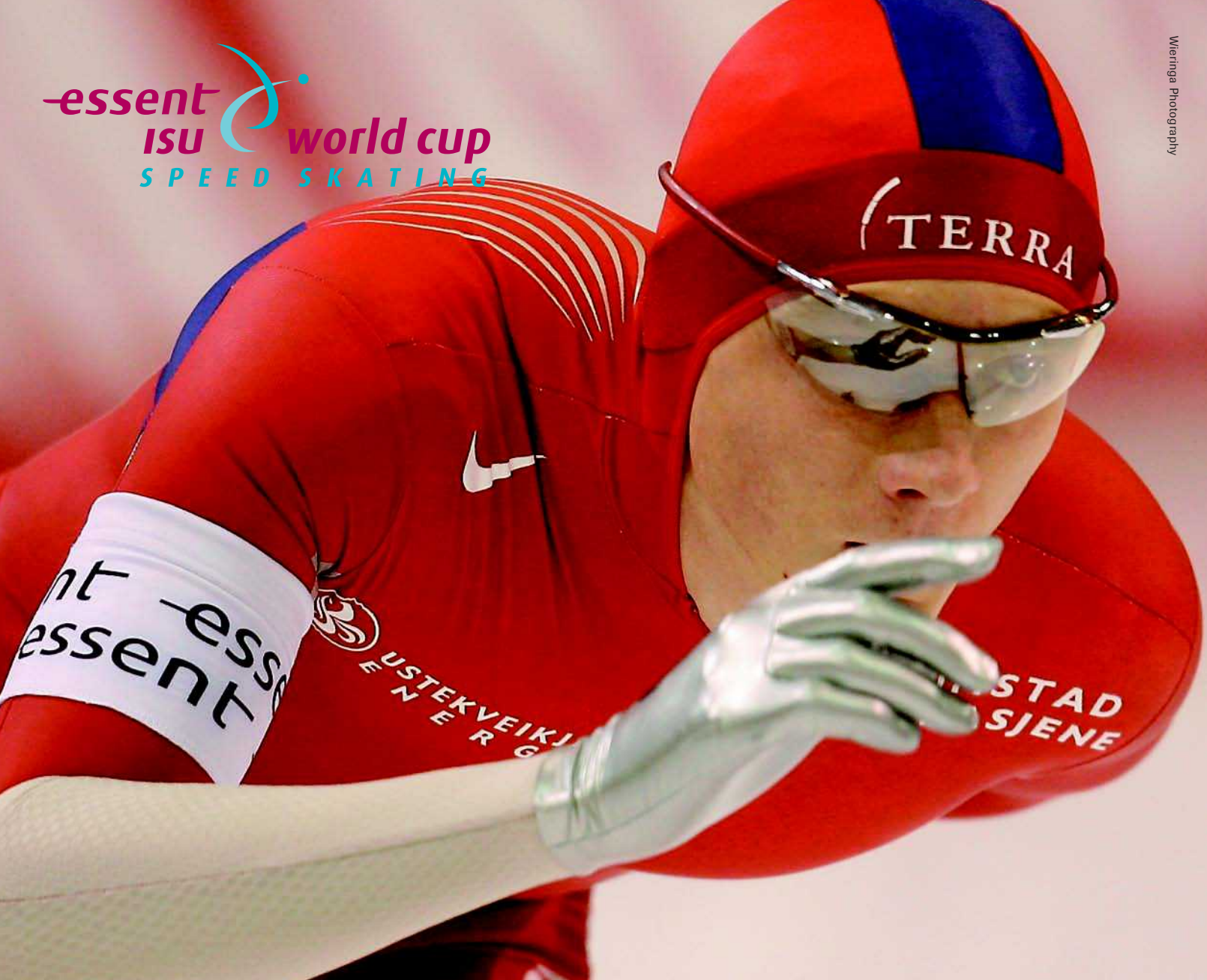


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21-22. November 2009 - Vikingskipet Hamar - Norway

Announcement

Ladies 1.500/5.000 m. and Men 1.500/10.000 m.



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The Advanced Travel Partner



On behalf of The Norwegian Skating Association and the Organizing Committee we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the 2009/2010 ESSENT ISU WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING

to be held at the Hamar Olympic Hall
Hamar, Norway

on Saturday, November 21 – Sunday, November 22, 2009

The competition will be held under the 2008 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1578.

Program

Friday, November 20

17:00 Team Leaders' Meeting, Johann Olav Koss Auditorium, Hamar Olympic Hall

19:00 Opening Draw, Johann Olav Koss Auditorium, Hamar Olympic Hall

Saturday, November 21

*10.00 5000m Ladies Division B

1500m Men Division B

13.00 1500m Men Division A

5000m Ladies Division A

Sunday, November 22

*10.00 1500m Ladies Division B

10000m Men Division B

14.00 1500m Ladies Division A

10000m Men Division A

* The start time for these races is subject to change and will be announced at the Draw meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results). For Division B, the 5000m Ladies and the 10000m Men will be skated in quartets.

Track

The Hamar Olympic Hall is a fully enclosed speed skating facility with a standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap. The width of each lane is 4 meters with an inside training lane of 4 meters wide. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 25,5 and 29,5 meters respectively.

Entries

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraph 4.

Preliminary entries, giving the number of competitors, substitutes and team officials (with provisional names), must be communicated by **Monday, October 26, 2009**.

Final entries must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than **Tuesday, November 17, 2009** (see ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraph 4.3).

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 (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. 1523 and 1578 or any update of these Communications.

According to ISU Communication No. 1578 (and issued corrigenda) the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

<i>Ladies</i>	<i>1500</i>	<i>5000</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>1500</i>	<i>10000</i>
AUT	2	2	AUT	1	1
BEL	1	1	BEL	1	2
CAN	5	5	CAN	5	5
CHN	5	3	CHN	2	2
CZE	3	3	CZE	1	1
FRA	1	1	FRA	2	1
GER	5	5	GER	5	5
ITA	1	1	ITA	3	4
JPN	5	5	JPN	2	3
KAZ	1	1	KAZ	2	2
KOR	3	4	KOR	4	2
NED	5	5	NED	5	5
NOR	5*	5*	NOR	5	5
NZL	1	1	NZL	1	2
POL	3	3	POL	2	3
ROU	2	2	ROU	1	1
RUS	5	5	RUS	4	3
SUI	1	1	SUI	1	2
SWE	1	1	SWE	3	2
USA	4	4	USA	5	5

* Maximum quota as host nation.

All other Members may enter a maximum of 1 competitor in each distance. All entered skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved qualifying times for the respective distances, as stated in ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraph 4.1.

Grouping and Drawing Procedure

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraph 6.2.

Prizes and Points

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraphs 7 & 9.

Anti-Doping Control

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1520, 1546 & 1547 or any further update of these Communications).

Training Times

Hamar Olympic Hall will be open for training for entered competitors from Wednesday, November 18, 2009. Trial starts will be held during the ice sessions on Friday, November 20, 2009. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice rink during the official training hours.

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.

Liability

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

Board and Lodging

The Organizing Committee is responsible for board and lodging at the official hotels for up to 5 competitors and 1 team leader from each participating Member (to a maximum of 4 rooms based on double occupancy) beginning with dinner on Friday, November 20 until breakfast on the morning of Monday, November 23, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraph 11. Additional expenses for rooms and meals will be borne by each Member.

The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the competition, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1578, paragraph 11.

Official Hotel

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the official hotels. Room requirements must be received as soon as possible, but no later than

Monday, October 26, 2009.

Scandic Hotel

Vangsvegen 121, N-2318 Hamar

Telephone: + 47 21 61 40 00

Fax: + 47 21 61 40 11

E-mail: hamar@scandic-hotels.com

Website: <http://www.scandic-hotels.no/hamar>

Prices per person, full pension: In single room NKR 1210, in double NKR 915, in triple NKR 870.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel. The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the competition, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1578, para 11j.

Transportation from airport

There is a direct train connection between Oslo International Airport Gardermoen and Hamar, travelling time 55 minutes. Upon request, the organizers can order bus transportation from the airport to Hamar and vice versa at the team's own cost.

Transportation between the official hotels and the ice rink will be provided by the organizers.

Organizing Committee

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

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Information – website

Results and other information will be available at the following website:

<http://www.skoyteforbundet.no/>