

ANNOUNCEMENT



**ISU European Short Track Speed Skating
Championships[®]**

January 27 – 29, 2012

Mlada Boleslav / Czech Republic



The International Skating Union, Czech Speed Skating Federation and the Organizing Committee have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the:



European Short Track Speed Skating Championships® 2012

January 27-29, 2012

**to be held at the Town Ice Rink
Mlada Boleslav / Czech Republic**

General Regulations

The European Short Track Speed Skating Championship 2012 will be conducted in accordance with the 2010 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members (Rule 131).

Distances

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

Program

The below program is subject to change depending on the final entry of Skaters and agreement with the host broadcaster.

Thursday, Jan.26, 2012	9:00 – 19:00	Official Training
	18:00	Opening Meeting (Hotel Galatea)
Friday, Jan 27, 2012	15:00	Heats 1500 m Ladies / Men
	16:30	Opening Ceremony
	17:00	Semifinals, Finals 1500 m Ladies / Men
		Awards Ceremony 1500 m
		Relay Heats
Saturday, Jan 28, 2012	13:00	Preliminaries, Heats, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals 500 m Ladies / Men
		Awards Ceremony 500 m
		Relay Semifinals
Sunday, Jan 29, 2012	12:00	Heats , Quarter Finals, Semi Finals, Finals 1000 m
		Awards Ceremony 1000 m
		Super Finals 3000 m Ladies / Men
		Relay Finals
		Overall Awards Ceremony
	20:00	Closing Banquet (Customer Center Skoda Auto)

Track Conditions

The Town Ice Rink has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1512. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the official Entry Forms.

b) **Entries** with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **December 16, 2011** (Rule 295, paragraph 4).

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member.

c) **Final Entries** must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than **January 22, 2012** (Rule 295, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Mlada Boleslav at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, January 26, 2012 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Championships. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded.

e) Please note that for all persons entered by the Members, the procedures regarding the Declaration for Competitors and Officials (all team Officials requiring an accreditation) entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication No. 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication No. 1628 or any update of this Communication.

Individual Entries:

In accordance with Rule 285, paragraph 2, each ISU Member has the right to enter at least two (2) Competitors in each category.

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 1685 "Entries for ISU Championships", the following ISU Members may enter three (3) Competitors in total in the respective category. Each ISU Member may enter the substitutes corresponding with the number of entries.

Ladies

Austria
Bulgaria
Czech Republic
Hungary
Italy
Poland

Men

France
Great Britain
Latvia
Netherlands
Poland
Russia

Relay Entries:

ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum of five (5) Competitors which will include all Competitors for both competitions: Individual and Relay.

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.

Drawing and Seeding Procedure

The drawing and seeding procedure will be carried out in accordance with Rule 296.

Points and Classification

Final points will be awarded in the final races only. No points will be awarded to Competitors or Teams in case of penalty, yellow card, red card or failing to finish the race. The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with first place according to Rule 295, paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Titles and Medals

The winners of the Championships (according to Rule 133) will bear the title:

European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2012
or
Lady European Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2012

The European and Lady European Champions will receive the ISU gold medal. The skaters placed second and third will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The winning team of the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2012 for the Relay competition will bear the title European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies European Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for 2012, and will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed relay teams will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

Prize money will be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No 1509.

Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place at the Competition venue. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, January 26, 2012 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided on Tuesday January 24, 2012 and on Wednesday January 25, 2012. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged € 100. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost. Payment for additional practice ice time must be paid in Euro's to the Organizing Committee upon arrival. For practice ice time prior to the official practice, please inform the Organizing Committee using the attached form. Medical coverage will be provided for the official and additional practice sessions in accordance with Rule 140.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1650, 1651, 1693 & 1694 or later updates).

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Czech Speed Skating Federation 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 ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championship. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation and Meals

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and meals starting with lunch on Thursday January 26, 2012 until lunch on Monday January 30, 2012 (for those departing in the afternoon) for all participating Skaters, maximum five (5) Ladies and five (5) Men, plus one team leader from each ISU Member. All teams arriving before Thursday January 26, 2012 or leaving after Monday January 30, 2012 or bringing in more than the officially designated number of participants will be responsible for their own costs and are kindly requested to settle the amount due on site, at the applicable rate, upon arrival.

Methods of payment: Cash in Euro's or Credit card; directly at the hotel.

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

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotels;

<p>ISU officials, VIP Guests</p> <p>Hotel LaRomantica **** Na Vinici 1343 293 01 Mladá Boleslav Tel.: 00420 326 734 054 Fax: 00420 326 734 055 www.hotellaromantica.cz Cost: (including breakfast) Single Room € 80 Double Room € 88</p>	<p>Teams and Team Officials</p> <p>Hotel Stefanie **** Na Štěpánce 1184, 293 01 Mladá Boleslav Tel.: 00420 326 700 700 Fax: 00420 326 700 777 www.hotelstefanie.cz Cost: (including breakfast) Single Room € 63 Double Room € 71</p>
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<p>Teams and Team Officials</p> <p>Hotel Galatea **** Pod koupalištěm 881, 293 00 Mladá Boleslav – Kosmonosy Tel.: 00420 326 219 86, 326 721 937-9 Fax: 00420 326 721 940 www.galatea.cz Cost: (including breakfast) Single Room € 67 Double Room € 75</p>	<p>Teams and Team Officials Organizing Committee</p> <p>Hotel Ice Rink *** Vinicna 31 293 01 Mladá Boleslav Tel.: 00420 326 734 031 Fax: 00420 326 734 030 http://hotel-zimni-stadion.hotel.cz/ Cost: (including breakfast) Double Room € 46 Tripple Room € 63 Four- bed Room € 71</p>
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Average prize of each meal (lunch / dinner) in hotel Stefanie and Galatea is 9-10 EUR (soup + main dish)

Average prize of each meal (lunch / dinner) in hotel Ice Rink is 6 EUR (soup + main dish)

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **December 16, 2011**.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation for all participants between Ruzyne Prague Airport and/or Main Railway Station from Monday, January 23, 2012 to Monday, January 30, 2012. Participants arriving and departing from other airport(s) or train/bus stations will be responsible for the transport costs. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

The Organizing Committee will also provide free transportation for all participants between the official hotel and Town Ice Rink during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Tuesday Jan. 24, 2012. 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 **December 16, 2011**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in an ISU Event (as defined in Rule 107), to provide medical insurance for their Skaters. Proof of such can be requested by the Organizing Committee.

Entry Visa Requirements

Should you need assistance to obtain a Czech entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee on time.

The Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservation and media accreditation requests, as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

Address: Zátokova 100/2, 160 17 Prague 6

Contact person: Marcela Bradová

Phone office: 00420 2 57215141, fax: 00420 2 33358467

e-mail. ech2012@speedskating.cz

Web site

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

www.speedskating.cz/ECH2012