



Announcement

European Competition Series

Starclass CD



Starclass CD Short Track Speed Skating
Heerenveen - The Netherlands
20-22 February 2026





On 20-22 February 2026 the Shorttrack Club Thialf (SCT) from Heerenveen is organizing under auspices of the Royal Skating Federation of the Netherlands (KNSB) the 3th ISU Starclass CD competition of the season 2025/2026. The competition will be organized in accordance with the 2025 Regulations of the International Skating Union, the Memorandum for European Competition series 2025-2026 and the conditions included in this announcement.

Entries

Entry is now open to all ISU members and their affiliated clubs until 10 February 2026. Entries will only be accepted if skaters are entered into the correct age category that their birth date qualifies them for. In case the status of the skater regarding the ISU eligibility rules is not clear it may be necessary that a statement about this has to be provided by the skater at the competition site. In the case of an unmanageable number of entries reductions can be made by the organizers together with the Coordination Group.

category	born on or after	born on or before	Age on July 1 st , 2025
Junior D	01.07.2012	30.06.2014	11 or 12 years
Junior C	01.07.2010	30.06.2012	13 or 14 years

Entries for C and D category by club

- Clubs have a password to login to the online entry system for international/national competitions. This login must be used for the categories C and D. If a password is not available this can be requested for at the Entry-page of Shorttrackonline.info.
- It is of the highest importance for the Organizing Committee to get the participating field as soon as possible. Therefore, all participants (Clubs and federations) are required to enter the expected number of Skaters as soon as possible and not wait until the last moment. We expect a large number of participants and therefore we would like to ask you to register as soon as possible via SOL. Registration will be closed earlier if there are too many registrations.
- Registration means also payment; there will be no refund in case of any cancellation.

Entry procedure

All entries for this competition must be made, at last Februari 10, 2026 by the Club Competition Secretary or Federations by using their special login password on the Entry page of the website:

www.shorttrackonline.info

If a login password is not available it can be applied for by using the special form on the Entry-page of shorttrackonline.info. Federations cannot use their password for ISU Championships for this competition: they need a separate password for this.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday a warm lunch is available for 12,00 euro pp at the Bowling Centre outside the Ice rink. This must be applied for in advance. Reservations for the lunch must also be made in the Entry system on Shorttrackonline.info. Only SMALL last minute changes in the number are possible and must be arranged at arrival at the Registration desk!



Request to skaters' club secretary for early entry

We request all clubs to enter as quickly as possible for all competitions and not wait until the last moment because local organizers have to make all kinds of arrangements for the competition and need to know as quickly as possible how many people are coming.

Request to Team Leaders

All Team Leaders are very urgently requested to inform the organizer of any changes in the team before departure from home. Competitors must be present at Thialf in Heerenveen at the latest one hour before the competition starts or the organizing Committee must have received document proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the competition.

Attention

Please help the Organizing Committee and give the information about lunch voucher as accurate as possible. Please be aware that people are not counted double! Please also check if your correct E-mail address is in the Entry-system!

Qualifying Times

Skaters may be entered who have attained any one of the Qualifying Times in a Mass Start Competition. (Listed on a Members Calendar, ISU International Calendar and ISU Events) as per table below. To be considered, times must have been achieved after July 1st 2023. Proof must be supplied by submitting time, date and venue of the event.

Qualifying time	500 m	777 m	1000 m
Women Junior D	00:55:00	01:28:00	
Men Junior D	00:55:00	01:26:00	
Women Junior C	00:53:00		01:51:00
Men Junior C	00:50:00		01:45:00

Conditions of contest

Qualifying schedule

The Qualifying Schedule on each distance is based on an “All Final System” in all categories. This system is used in order to guarantee a minimum number of races to all participants. In case of an unmanageable number of entries reductions can be made by the Organizing Committee in close cooperation with the Starclass Coordination Group.

	Distances		
Junior D	1000 m*	500 m	777 m
Junior C	1500 m	500 m	1000 m

(*) For the Category Junior D, the finals shall be skated over 1000 m, all other qualifying rounds may be skated over 777 m.

Track Conditions

The track is an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface with the measures of 30 x 60 meters. The protective padding is in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2365. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap with measured curves of 8 meters and there will be 7 markers used to establish the curve. The length of the straight is 28.85 meters. Beside the original track there will be 4 tracks set up to preserve good ice conditions. For all tracks one finish line will be used.

Starting procedure

In this competition for all categories and distances the “one false start procedure” is applied.

Award of Prizes

Awards will be given in each category to the first 3 places in the final of each distance and for the first 3 places in the overall classification. During the award ceremonies, the skaters should be in club or national tracksuit.

Medical Assistance

Emergency first aid personnel will be present at the competition days. There will be an adequate response time for an ambulance to be on site in case of need.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each ISU member to ensure or provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes. Proof of such can be requested by the Organizing Committee. See ISU Rule 119.

Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility with respect to medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage sustained or caused in connection with this Competition.

Eye protection

Wearing eye protection (safety (sports) glasses and/or visor on helmet) is highly recommended for all riders. This eye protection is not allowed to break or splinter. Eye protection that complies with ANSI Z87.1 is strongly recommended

Standard or ASTM F803 fitted with polycarbonate spectacle lenses or lenses.

Entry Fee

An Entry Fee of 75,00 euro must be paid for each accredited athlete. Each club can have one coach or teamleader for free, others have to pay. For additional Coaches / Team leaders / Team Officials there is an entry fee of 10,00 euro.

Payment Entry Fee

The entry fee for the competition and the reservations for the lunch must be paid by the club or federation in advance by bank-account.

After the Entry for the competition has closed an invoice will be send to the Email address, which is registered in the Entry system.

The invoice will contain a BOOKING-number, the amount to pay and the information of the bank-account to transfer the payment to. We request to use the BOOKING-number as reference and do the payment immediately after receiving the invoice.

Helmet cover/Race number deposit

For the helmet covers a deposit must be paid of 10,00 euro per cover with a maximum of 50,00 euro per club/team. The deposit must be paid in cash at arrival at the Registration desk and will be refund after the competition when returning the helmet covers.

Competition information & Results

Competition information, Results and Live-stream video will be published on the website: www.shorttrackonline.info

Competition Program

Preliminary program

On Friday and Saturday the program will be divided in two parts, depending on the number of entries. The program is tentative and subject to changes by the OC, Starclass Coordination Group and the referee. A more detailed program will be published in the week before the competition on: www.shorttrackonline.info.

Thursday:

- 19.00 Helpdesk in Thialf open for registration
- 20.00 Helpdesk in Ice rink closing

Friday:

- 08.00 Helpdesk in Ice rink open for registration
- Team leaders meeting
- start of competition Juniors-D
- start of competition Juniors-C
- end of first competition day

Saturday:

- start of competition Juniors-D
- end of competition Juniors-D
- start of competition Juniors-C
- end of competition Juniors-C

Sunday:

- start of competition Juniors-C/D
- end of competition Juniors-C/D
- 12.00 Helpdesk open for returning helmet covers
- award presentation
- 14.00 end of award presentation

This program is tentative and subject to change based on the number of entered skaters and the makeup of the competition program. See the publication of the official competition program on Thursday evening on Shorttrackonline.info.

Special offer lunch

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday a warm lunch with water is available for 12,00 euro pp at the Bowling Centre outside the Ice rink. This must be applied for in advance. Reservations for the lunch must also be made in the Entry system on Shorttrackonline.info. Only SMALL last-minute changes in the number are possible and must be arranged at arrival at the Registration desk! No reservation is no lunch.



Suggestions for hotels in and around Heerenveen

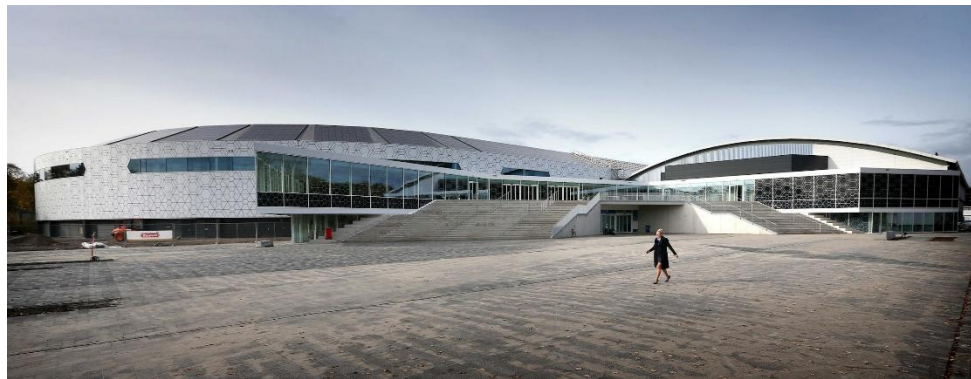
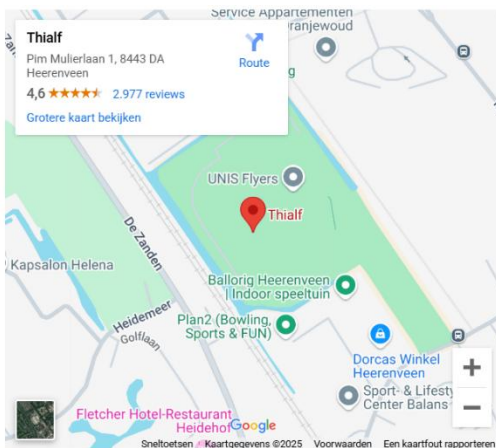
- [Fletcher Hotel Restaurant Heidehof](#) in Heerenveen
- [Hotel van der Valk Wolvega-Heerenveen](#)
- [Boutiquehotel 't Gerecht](#) in Heerenveen
- [Parkhotel Tjaarda](#) in Oranjewoud
- [Boutique Hotel Joure](#)
- [HarTeluk Joure](#)

Training Session

There will be no official training session.

Parking at the Ice rink

There will be enough place at the parking of Thialf, Pim Mulierlaan 1, 8443 DA Heerenveen . Parking is for free.



Some links:

<https://9292.nl/en> about public transport

<https://www.ns.nl/en/journeyplanner>

<https://www.friesland.nl/nl/locaties/2680849975/vvv-heerenveen> about touristic tips