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SPEED SKATING



# Announcement



Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating – The Final  
Friday 9 to Sunday 11 March 2012  
Speed-Skating Hall | Sportforum Berlin – Germany  
Ladies and Men – all distances

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On behalf of the Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e.V.  
and Berliner Eissport-Verband e.V. we have the honour and pleasure  
to invite you to the final competition in the

# ESSENT ISU WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING 2011/12

which will be held at the Speed-Skating Hall Sportforum Berlin  
on Friday, March 9, Saturday, March 10 and Sunday March 11, 2012

The competition will be held under the 2010 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations  
and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1689.

## PROGRAM

### Thursday, March 8, 2012

16:00 h Team leaders' meeting at the Holiday Inn Berlin City East  
19:00 h Opening draw at the Holiday Inn Berlin City East

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### Friday, March 9, 2012

14:30 h 500 m Ladies (1)/500 m Men (1)/3,000 m Ladies/1,500 m Men

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### Saturday, March 10, 2012

13:15 h 500 m Ladies (2)/500 m Men (2)/5,000 m Men/1,500 m Ladies

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### Sunday, March 11, 2012

13:30 h 1,000 m Ladies/1,000 m Men/Team Pursuit Ladies (6 laps)/Team Pursuit Men (8 laps),  
Mass start race Ladies (15 laps)/Mass start race Men (20 laps)

## TRACK

The track at the Sportforum Speed-Skating Hall is a standard, artificially frozen 400 m indoor speed skating track. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 m meters, respectively. The width of each lane of the competition track is 4,00 meters and there is an inside training lane with width of 2,90 meters.

## ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 4.

**Preliminary entries**, giving the number of Competitors & substitutes and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be communicated at the latest by **Monday, February 13, 2012**.

**Final entries** including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail at the latest by **12:00 noon (local time) on Monday, March 5, 2012** (see also ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 4.3).

**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. 1689  
or any update of this Communications.

The participation in the final Competition will be restricted, according to ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 5.1.5

- a) The maximum entry quotas given in paragraph 4.2 apply, but without privileges for the hosting Member.
- b) For each distance only the following Skaters may be entered:
  - Skaters placed among the 24 best in the current World Cup ranking; for the Mass start race also Skaters placed among the 8 best in the Grand World Cup ranking before the World Cup final;
  - The winner(s) of the Division B race(s) in the preceding Competition.
  - For Team Pursuit: The 4 best ranked national teams in the current World Cup ranking. If some of these teams would not be entered, they will be replaced by the next ranked team(s).
- c) "Wild Card" entries are not possible.

## COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT EVENTS

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 5.2, with national teams of 3 skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies und 8 laps for Men.

## COMPETITION FORMAT AND ENTRY QUOTAS FOR THE MASS START EVENTS

Mass Start races will be skated according to Rule 253, paragraph 4 b) in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 5.3, with distances of 15 laps for Ladies und 20 laps for Men. The maximum entry quota per ISU Member will be restricted to 3 Skaters per category.

Further detailed rules may be issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee.

## GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be made according to ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 6.

## PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to the ISU Communication No. 1689, 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. 1650, 1651, 1693 and 1694 or any further update of these Communications).

## TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered competitors from Monday, March 5, 2012. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, March 8, 2012.

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 Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e.V. 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.

## BOARD AND LODGING

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 1689, paragraph 11 g), the Organizing Committee will cover room and meal expenses at the official Hotel(s) for up to three (3) Skaters or, alternatively, for two (2) Skaters and one (1) team leader from each participating ISU Member (based on one double and one single room), beginning with dinner on the evening of Thursday, March 8, 2012 and ending with breakfast on the morning of Monday, March 12, 2012 (See attachment for more information and hotel costs).

## HOTEL RESERVATION/OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the competitors in the following hotel(s):

### Holiday Inn Berlin City East

Landsberger Allee 203

D-13055 Berlin

Tel.: +49 (30) 97 80 8-401

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E-Mail: iris.brueckner@hibce.de

Website: www.holidayinn.de

Prices for room (and meals) not covered by the Organizing Committee will be as follows:

Single room	65,00 €, including breakfast
Double room	85,00 € per room, incl. breakfast
Triple room	105,00 € per room, incl. breakfast
Buffet (lunch/dinner)	19,50 € per person and per meal

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel(s). 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. 1689, paragraph 11j.

## TRANSPORTATION

The organizer will provide transportation from and to the Berlin international airports (Schoenefeld, Tegel,) and between the hotel and the Speed-Skating-Hall Sportforum, Berlin. The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday, February 27, 2012.**

## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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