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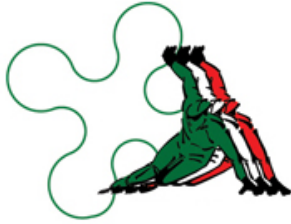


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ANNOUNCEMENT



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The International Skating Union, the Italian Skating Federation (F.I.S.G.) and the Organizing Committee have the honour of hosting the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2007. The Championships will be held in Ice Rink "AGORA" Via dei Ciclamini Nr. 23 . 20147 Milan ITALY, from March 9th until March 11th, 2007, the training sessions will be held from March 6th 2007.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2007 will be held over the distances 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters for Ladies and Men and a relay race over 3000 meters for Ladies and 5000 meters for Men. The program will be according to Rule 281, paragraph 1 g) of the 2006 ISU Regulations.

PROGRAM (all times to be determined unless otherwise indicated)

Thursday, March 8th, 2007

OFFICIAL TRAINING
19.00 Official Draw

Friday, March 9th, 2007

11.00 a.m. 1500 m Ladies and Men morning session
7.00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY
7.30 p.m. 1500 m Ladies and Men evening session
Relay Ladies 3.000 m semi-final

Saturday, March 10th, 2007

11.00a.m. 500 m Ladies and Men morning session
7.30 p.m. 500 m Ladies and Men evening session
Relay Men 5.000 m semi-final

Sunday, March 11th, 2007

11.40 a.m. 1000 m and 3000 m Super Final Ladies and Men
Relay Ladies and Men Final
AWARDS CEREMONY

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TRACK CONDITIONS AND RINK DIMENSIONS

The "Agorà" ice rink in Milan has an artificial refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60m x 30m. Protective Padding will cover the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1019. The standard track of 111.12 meters to the lap, with a measured curve of 8.50 meters, will be used. Besides this track there will be four (4) other tracks each 1 meter apart from the standard track to maintain good ice conditions. For all tracks, one finish line will be used and the starting lines for 500 and 1500 meters races will be moved according to the track being used. Seven (7) marking blocks will be used in the curves.

PARTICIPATION

The ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2007 will be held in accordance with the 2006 ISU Regulations and relevant ISU Communications.

Participation is open to all ISU Members who may enter skaters for individual distances in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2 a). Entries for single distance or only parts of the Championships are not permitted.

The following Members may enter 3 competitors (Communication 1413)

	Ladies		Men
Canada	3 competitors	Canada	3 competitors
China	3 competitors	China	3 competitors
France	3 competitors	Italy	3 competitors
Italy	3 competitors	Republic of Korea	3 competitors
Republic of Korea	3 competitors	USA	3 competitors

(ii) Relay:

The entry quota for the Relay competitions at the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2007 will be determined by the World Cup ranking in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2 c). Special attention must be paid to Rule 286, paragraph 3, i.e. participation must be clear before the start of the last World Cup Competition of the season.

DRAWING AND SEEDING PROCEDURE

The drawing and seeding procedure will be carried out in accordance with Rule 281 and Rule 296.

POINTS AND CLASSIFICATION

The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2, 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with first place (according with rule 295 paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8).

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ENTRIES

Preliminary entries (form enclosed) must be returned prior to February 9th, 2007.
Final Entries (form enclosed) must be in writing and faxed or e-mailed by March 4th, 2007, latest delay, to

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ENTRY AND INQUIRIES

Competitors must be present in Milan at the latest at 18:00 hours on the day of the Official Draw, 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. Entry and inquiries should be addressed to the addresses mentioned above. (Address valid for the whole duration of the Event).

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1372 & 1373, or any further update of these Communications).

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BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will provide meals and lodging from lunch, Thursday, March 8th until breakfast Monday, March 12th, for the participating competitors and one team leader from each participating Member. The team leader is responsible for payment for meal and lodging expenses incurred in the official hotel, except as stated above. All teams arriving prior to Thursday March 8th, must pay for the expenses incurred by the additional team costs for the entire period directly to the O.C. upon arrival.

Guaranteed reservations for hotel rooms, not covered by the Organizing Committee, including parents, supporters and additional team members must be made by February 9th 2007, at the Organizing Committee.

During Competition days lunch and dinner will be served directly at the ice rink "Agorà" with special meal coupons which will be delivered to the participating athletes and team leader upon their arrival. Additional meal coupons for other team members can be requested to the Organizing Committee for a single cost of Euro 15,00.

Official Hotel for ISU

Grand Hotel Brun
Via Caldera 21
20153 Milan (Italy)
www.monrifhotels.it

Official Hotels for Athletes

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All participants except as stated above should bear their own expenses for rooms and meals. The cost are as follows (per person/per night)

Price per person € 130,00 tax included in single room (bed and breakfast)
Price per person € 90,00 tax included in double room (bed and breakfast)

Please note that all arrangements for accommodation must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Participants are kindly requested to inform the O.C. of their needs for accommodation (single/double rooms) not later than February 9th 2007 using the Preliminary Entry Form.

In order to guarantee reservations and in accordance with the hotel cancellation policy, all Members incurring extra costs are requested to pay 20% of these extra costs prior to their arrival.

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The O.C. will inform all Members by February 15th, 2007, based on the Preliminary Entry Forms and Hotel Request Forms, about the prepaid amount to be settled.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

The Organizing Committee will post a special form for media accreditation directly on the web site www.shorttrackmilano2007.it

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.

TITLES AND MEDALS

The winner of the Championships (according to Rule 133 paragraph G) will bear the title "World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2007" or "Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion for 2007" and will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed skater will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The winner of the Championships will bear the title "World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2007" or "Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for 2007" and will receive the ISU gold medal. The second and third placed skater will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively.

The winning team of the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2007 for the relay event will bear the title "World Relay Champions for 2007" or "Ladies World Relay Champions for 2007" and each participating skater will receive the ISU gold medal. The members of the second and third placed relay teams will receive the ISU silver and bronze medals respectively (according to Rule 134). Prize money will be given in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1286.

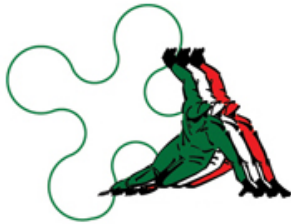
LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119 paragraph 2, the International Skating Union, the Italian Skating Federation (F.I.S.G.) and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility or liability for bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage with respect thereto.

MEDICAL INSURANCE (see Rule 119)

It is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in ISU events as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical and insurance for their athletes. Proof of such shall be requested by the Organizing Committee.

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ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS

A valid passport or acceptable certificate of identification is required of all people entering Italy. Passports must be valid for longer than the period of stay in Italy. Regarding Visa requirements: Please consult with your travel agent or the Italian Embassy in your country. Should you need, for purposes of obtaining a visa, a specific invitation, please send a request to the F.I.S.G. at the above mentioned address in due time.

ICE TRAINING

The Organizing Committee will make free ice training available on Thursday, March 8th 2007 for participating teams.

NOTE: Extra practice sessions, starting Tuesday 6th March 2007 may be booked through the Organizing Committee at the cost of € 150,00 per session (50 min).

Please notify the Organizing Committee of your request for ice training session using your Preliminary Entry Forms.

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide Transportation free of charge only from and to Milan Airports Malpensa & Linate from and to the official hotel (from March 5th to 12th, 2007) .

Furthermore, for the duration of the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, transportation by bus will be provided between the hotel and competition venue.

All participating Members arriving from other airports or train stations will be responsible to pay these transportation services, even if organized through the OC.

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