



Announcement

The Organizing Committee Masters Speed Skating Kazakhstan is pleased to invite you to take part at the international speed skating competition:

1st Masters' International Speed Skating ALLROUND TROPHY Astana/Kazakhstan, February 12 - 13, 2012

The competition will be held according to the Constitutions and Regulations of the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) and the International Skating Union (ISU). The competition takes place at the Alau Oval, a covered 400m standard ice speed skating track, Kabanbay Batyr street, number 47, Post Code 010000, Astana / Kazakhstan. This competition is a regular event on the International Masters' Calendar 2011/2012 of the IMSSC.

Organizer

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1. Competitions

Ladies and Men: Age groups 20 and 25 (Seniors)
Age groups from 30 (Masters)
500m, 1.500m (1st day) / 1.000m, 3.000m (2nd day)

Four distances competitions. The number of competitors on the 3.000m distance (longest distances) will not be restricted. **No members of national teams or selections allowed.**

2. Age Groups

The competitions take place in five year age groups as follows:

<u>AG</u>	<u>born</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>born</u>
20*	01.07.87 - 30.06.92	55	01.07.52 - 30.06.57
25*	01.07.82 - 30.06.87	60	01.07.47 - 30.06.52
30	01.07.77 - 30.06.82	65	01.07.42 - 30.06.47
35	01.07.72 - 30.06.77	70	01.07.37 - 30.06.42
40	01.07.67 - 30.06.72	75	01.07.32 - 30.06.37
45	01.07.62 - 30.06.67	80	01.07.27 - 30.06.32
50	01.07.57 - 30.06.62	85	01.07.22 - 30.06.27 etc.

AG = five year age group Masters Ladies and Men as high as necessary

* = Senior age groups

3. Schedule

3.1. Training Times

Training is free for all masters.

Monday – Thursday, 6 – 9 Feb 2012	10.00 – 13.00 / 16.00 – 19.00
Friday, 10 Feb 2012	10.00 – 12.00
Saturday, 11 Feb 2012	09.00 – 12.00

Changes may be possible. Please, look at the information board in the ice hall for the current training times!

3.2. Payment Entrance Fee

Friday, 10 Feb 2012, 17:30 - 19:00 h in the Alau Oval.

3.3. Drawing

Friday, 10 Feb 2012, 19:00 h in the Alau Oval.

3.4. Competition Start

Saturday,	11 Feb 2012	13:00 h	Alau Oval
Sunday,	12 Feb 2012	09:00 h	Alau Oval

3.5. Price Giving Ceremony

Sunday, 12 Feb 2012, following the competitions.

4. Eligibility

To be eligible the skater must be member of a national ice speed skating federation recognized by the ISU and must have a license of this association.

5. Drawing / Classification

Neighbourhood 5 year age groups with a small number of participants may be put together for drawing and speed skating in the competition. In these combined groups the age group of each skater will always be mentioned behind his/her name in the protocol. The classification however will be separated in the listed age groups. The winner of the four distances competition in one of the age groups is the skater who has completed all distances with the lowest total of points.

6. Recommendation to the Competitor

The competitor is recommended to overtake another competitor in the speed skating competition only at the outside if both are in the same track. That minimizes the danger of accidents. There is no ISU Rule that a skater who will be overtaken in a track has to go to the outside of the track. Overtaking takes place very often in races with quartet start.

7. Prizes

All competitors, who succeed the four distances contest, obtain a document, a medal and a protocol.

8. Doping control

Doping test made in accordance to ISU Rule 139.

9. Entries

All entries must be made online, by using and submitting the electronic entry forms at www.imssc.org, which you can find here:

Entry Procedure Closed 05 Feb 2012

Please click on this web address to get the Electronic Entry Form, fill it out completely and send it off by clicking on the button "SUBMIT". You will receive the confirmation by email that your entry did arrive at the Organizer.

Deadline for Entries: Monday, 23 Jan 2012

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10. Entrance Fee

The entrance fee will be **EUR 20,- per person**. This includes EUR 10, - fee for the costs of the IMSSC (for office 8 EUR, for antidoping 2 EUR).

The entrance fee has to be paid before the drawing. Announced skaters arriving after the drawing and having confirmed their participation by email in due time (12 hours before drawing at the latest) have to pay their entrance fee until 3 hours before the announced starting time of the competition at the first competition day.

11. Liability

In Accordance with ISU Rule 119, the ISU, the IMSSC and the Organizing Committee Masters Speed Skating Kazakhstan assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred with connection with the 1st Masters' International Speed Skating ALLROUND TROPHY 2012. Each skater or accompanying person is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

12. Accommodation

Competition Hotel with Special Offer for Participants:

Hotel of Alau Oval, maximum capacity 90 athletes
Price: €30 for a single room

Masters Speed Skating Kazakhstan will help you organize a transfer, book Kazakhstan domestic tickets in case of arrival/departure through Almaty, to find a room in Alau Oval's hotel, a private room or a room in a boarding-house or in a hotel, please contact the e-mail given above.

Alternatively, the following hotels are suggested for their venue proximity and price quality.

King Hotel Astana *****

Valihanova 7, Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan
Phone: +7 7172 705-705, +7 7172 705-200
Fax: +7 7172 705-192
<http://kinghotelastana.com/index.cfm?lang=eng>

Comfort Hotel ***

Kosmonavtov St. 60
Astana, Kazakhstan
Telephones: +7 7172 24 44 44
Fax (7.7172) 24 05 24
<http://www.comforthotel.kz/main.php?lang=eng>

13. Visa for Foreigners

Tourist visa to Kazakhstan is easily obtained at Kazakhstan embassies. No letter of invitation is required. In Europe the cost is €35.00. Embassy websites:

Netherlands

http://www.kazakhembassy.nl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=181&Itemid=129

Germany

<http://www.botschaft-kasachstan.de/>

Italy

http://www.embkaz.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=58&Itemid=69

Canada

http://kazakhstanconsul.ca/tourist_visa.php?PHPSESSID=bd1d253c10a724c3f15818abe7022085

Unites States

<http://www.kazakhembus.com/index.php?page=visa-requirements>

The procedures are being developed as of Sep 2011 to allow all EU visitors to enter Kazakhstan without the visa effective 1 Jan 2012, however, this is subject to further confirmation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Masters Speed Skating Kazakhstan