



Announcement

The KNSB and “Masterscircuit Langebaanschaatsen Nederland” hereby take the pleasure to invite you to take part in the international speed skating competition

4th Masters’ International Speed Skating SPRINT GAMES 2012

Heerenveen/The Netherlands
25 – 26 February 2012

The competition will be held according to the Constitutions and Regulations of the IMSSC and of the ISU at the covered 400m standard speed skating track of Heerenveen, THIALF, Pim Mulierlaan 1, on artificial ice. This competition is a regular event on the International Masters’ Competition Calendar 2011/2012 of the IMSSC.

Organizers: The KNSB in cooperation with the Masterscircuit Langebaanschaatsen Nederland (MCLN)

Organization Committee: Joke Wittenberg/Boukje Kramer/Marja Oenema/Trudi de Vries/ Bram de Vries/Jan Boelen/Bert Piek/Tjeerd Smies

1. Distances

Ladies and Men 500 m, 1000 m / 500 m, 1000 m (sprint combination).
Quartet start is possible on both distances.

2. Age Groups

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

AG = five year age groups Ladies and Men Masters (from 30) as high as necessary.

No current members of national selections or national teams are allowed.

AG	born	AG	born
30	1.7.77 – 30.6.82	65	1.7.42 – 30.6.47
35	1.7.72 – 30.6.77	70	1.7.37 – 30.6.42
40	1.7.67 – 30.6.72	75	1.7.32 – 30.6.37
45	1.7.62 – 30.6.67	80	1.7.27 – 30.6.32
50	1.7.57 – 30.6.62	85	1.7.22 – 30.6.27
55	1.7.52 – 30.6.57.	90	1.7.17 – 30.6.22
60	1.7.47 – 30.6.52	etc.	

3. Eligibility

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

4. Limitation of participants

The competition is limited to 240 competitors (respectively 280 entries; by experience there is about a 15 % loss of entered competitors due to illness, injuries, etc.). The Quota of Entries for this event are: **FIN 14, GER 37, ITA 13, NED 84, NOR 62, RUS 28, OTHER NATIONS 42.**

5. Schedule

5.1 Training Times

Monday 20 Feb – Friday 24 Feb 2012 (Public hours **on your own risks and expenses**) and on the Competition Days 25 – 26 Feb 2012 one hour before competition start.

5.2 Payment Entrance Fee

The Entrance Fee is € 110 per participant and has to be paid for the Entries **FIN, GER, ITA, NED and OTHER NATIONS** in full before December 2011 by bank wire:

Name and address of the bank: Rabobank Rijn en Veenstromen, Woerden, The Netherlands

Accountname: Langebaan Schaatsen Nederland (MCLN)

Accountnumber: 1952.05.111

IBAN: NL 04 RABO 0195 2051 11

BIC: RABONL2U

The Entrance Fee of € 110,00 per participant for the Entries **NOR and RUS** has to be transferred to the bank accounts of the **corresponding National Skating Federations** before December 2011 to get registered at the national list of competitors. The National Skating Federations have to inform their skaters about their bank account and to send the sum of the deposits of their selected skaters to the above mentioned bank account of the MCLN until 10 Dec 2011 at the latest to get their selected skaters registered.

5.3 Coaches Meeting

Friday, 24 Feb 2012, 4 p.m. at the Ice Stadium Thialf.

Only two coaches per Nation admitted.

5.4 Drawing

Friday, 24 Feb 2011, the starting list will be available after 7 p.m. at the Ice Stadium Thialf and on the website: **www.schaatscircuit.nl**

5.5 Reception with Welcome Drink (NO dinner!)

Friday, 24 Feb 2011 at about 7 p.m. till 8 p.m at the Ice Stadium Thialf.

5.6 Competition Starts

Saturday, 25 Feb 2011, 10 a.m.

Sunday, 26 Feb 2011, 10 a.m.

5.7 Closing Banquet and Price Giving Ceremony

Sunday, 26 Feb 2011, 7 p.m., at the Ice Stadium Thialf.

Changes will be made if necessary!

6. Drawing / Classification

On the first two distances of the Masters' International Sprint Games the skaters shall be seeded in three groups before drawing, according to their best times of the season, their best times of the last season or their estimated times as specified in the announcement. The seeding occurs per Age Group or per joined Age Groups.

If there are more than 100 participants at the Masters' International Sprint Games, the 5 year age groups shall be divided into 2 or more groups of 5 year age groups. Every of these groups of 5 year age groups shall skate their two distances separate, so that the time between the two distances does not get too long.

Neighbouring 5 year age groups with small numbers of participants may be put together for drawing and speed skating in the competition. The classification however will be separately in 5 year age groups independent of the number of participants.

The winner of the sprint combination in a five year age group is the skater who has completed successfully all distances and has obtained the lowest total of points.

Drawing will be done digitally by the referee. All competitors will be admitted at the last distance.

7. Doping control

Doping test may be made in accordance with I.S.U. Rule 139.

8. Prizes

The winner, the second and the third of each age group will be awarded a cup. All participants will obtain a certificate, complete results will be on the website www.schaatscircuit.nl.

9. Entries

The entries will be accepted by the Organizer in succession of their arrival at the address indicated in the entry, with the exception of the entries of participants of Russia (RUS) and the Netherlands (NED). For the participants of these countries a selection will be made by their IMSSC Members or by their National Speed Skating Associations.

If the Quota of entries of one or more Nations is not filled until the Entry Deadline, the remaining free entries shall be distributed among the Nations having more entries than quota in relation to their quota. If an entered skater is hindered by illness or an unforeseen accident to take part in the competition, he/she may be substituted by another skater, but only up to the Entry Deadline. If you choose to withdraw, please inform the registrar immediately!

Entry deadline for the participants of NORWAY, RUSSIA and the participants of the NETHERLANDS is **03 Dec 2011**, for the participants of the OTHER NATIONS is **10 Dec 2011**.

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.

The online entry form must be filled in completely and sent off by clicking on "Submit". You will get a confirmation to your email immediately to indicate that the electronic form was successfully submitted.

You will not receive a confirmation of your participation by mail, but you will be registered on the List of Competitors on the Internet at:

<http://www.schaatscircuit.nl>

This list will be updated periodically when entries have been arrived. At this list you will see if your entry is accepted. If your country has filled its quota, you will be on the waiting list. Athletes from RUS and NED with national selection procedure will officially be added to the entry list after 10 Dec 2010.

The submitted Electronical Entries of NOR, RUS, NED and the Other Nations will be received at the following addresses. There the selection of participants will be made according to the above-mentioned Nations Quota.

NOR Norges Skøyteforbund
Serviceboks 1, Ullevål Stadion
N-0840 Oslo/Norway
E-mail: skoyteforbundet@nif.idrett.no
Sven-Åge Svensson – IMSSC Member NOR
Email: svensven@online.no

RUS Sergey Orlov – Head MSSFR (Masters Speed Skating Federation of Russia)
Email: rsum@mail.ru
Vladimir Tkachenko – IMSSC Member RUS
Email: vladimir-skating@yandex.ru

NED Bram de Vries – MCLN - IMSSC Member NED
Burgemeester Padmosweg 81
NL-3648 BD Wilnis/The Netherlands
Email: bramdevries@xs4all.nl

Other Nations

Bram de Vries – Meet Registrar Organizing Committee
Burgemeester Padmosweg 81
NL-3648 BD Wilnis/The Netherlands
Email: bramdevries@xs4all.nl

10. Entrance Fee, Welcome Drink, Closing Banquet

Entrance fee for the competitors will be EUR 110, - per person (including Welcome Drink, Closing Banquet and EUR 10, - fee for the costs of the IMSSC (EUR 8 for office, EUR 2 for anti-doping efforts). The entrance fee has to be paid according 5.2.

Coaches and companions can buy tickets for the Welcome Drink (5 EUR) and the Closing Banquet (30 EUR).

12. Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, the ISU, the IMSSC and the Organizer assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the 4th Masters' International Speed Skating SPRINT GAMES 2012. Each skater or accompanying person is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

13. Accommodation

Single Room, B&B/Double Room, B&B

Hotel Heidehof (www.hotelheidehof.nl) *1km from Thialf.* 75 Euro / 89 Euro
Golflaan 1, Heerenveen, 0031-347750433

Hotel Golden Tulip Tjaarda (www.tjaarda.nl) *5km from Thialf* 89,50 Euro / 102,50 Euro
Koningin Julianaweg 98, Oranjewoud, 0031-513433533

Hajé Hotel Heerenveen (www.hajerestaurants.com) *6km from Thialf* 65 Euro / 80 Euro
Schans 65, Heerenveen, 0031-513618618

Hotel Wolvega (www.hotelwolvega.nl) *12km from Thialf* 94,50 Euro / 109 Euro
Atalanta 10, Wolvega, 0031-561692800

Please inform the hotel that you are a participant at the Masters Speedskating Sprint Games. The special, reduced prices will be valid thru 31 December 2011.

Wilnis, October 2011

For the Organization Committee

Bram de Vries