

TRAINING

The track will be open for training for entered competitors from Monday, January 26, 2009. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, January 29, 2009. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

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. 1517, paragraph 11 g, the Organizing Committee will cover room and meal expenses at the official Hotel(s) for up to 5 skaters and one team leader from each participating Member, beginning with dinner on the evening of Thursday, January 29, 2009 and ending with breakfast on the morning of Monday, February 2, 2009. Additional expenses for rooms and meals will have to be borne by the respective Member.

HOTEL RESERVATION / OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for competitors and team officials during the period of January 26, 2009 to February 2, 2009. Room requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but not later than **January 5, 2009**.

The official hotels will be:

Mercure Hotel Erfurt

Meienbergstraße 26-27
D-99084 Erfurt
Tel.: +49 (0) 361 / 59 49-0
Fax: +49 (0) 361 / 59 49-100
E-Mail: h5375@accor.com
Website: www.mercure.com

Radisson SAS Hotel Erfurt

Juri-Gagarin-Ring 127
D-99084 Erfurt
Tel.: +49 (0) 361 / 55 10-0
Fax: +49 (0) 361 / 55 10-210
E-Mail: Info.Erfurt@RadissonSAS.com
Website: www.erfurt.radissonsas.com

Prices for room and meals for persons not covered by the Organizing Committee will be follows:
Single room 92,00 Euro and Twin room 75,00 Euro per person per night (full accommodation).

TRANSPORTATION

A transportation service will be provided to all arriving and departing teams between January 26, 2009 and February 2, 2009.

Transportation will be provided from and to the Airport of Erfurt (domestic flight connections to Munich International Airport) and from and to the Erfurt Railway station (train connections to the Airports of Frankfurt, Berlin, and Leipzig/Halle).

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the time of arrival and departure of the competitors and officials as soon as possible but no later than **January 5, 2009**.

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation between the hotel and the ice rink during the period of the competitions and the announced training session.

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INFORMATION - WEBSITE

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website(s):
www.eisevents-erfurt.de



January 30 - February 1, 2009
Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Halle - Erfurt - Germany

Announcement

Ladies: 2x 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, Team Pursuit
Men: 2x 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, Team Pursuit



On behalf of Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e.V.
and Thüringer Landesverband Eissport e.V.

we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in a competition in the

Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2008/2009

which will be held at the 400 meters covered ice rink of

Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Halle - Erfurt, Germany

On Friday, January 30, Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1, 2009

The competition will be organized according to the 2008 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1517.

PROGRAM

Thursday, January 29, 2009

16:00 Team leaders Meeting at the Mercure Hotel Erfurt
19:00 Opening and drawing at the Erfurt City Hall

Friday, January 30, 2009

09:00* Div. B 500m Ladies (1st)
500m Men (1st)
1500m Ladies
5000m Men

14:30 Div. A 500m Ladies (1st)
500m Men (1st)
1500m Ladies
5000m Men

Sunday, February 1, 2009

11:00* Div. B 1000m Ladies
1000m Men

14:00 Div. A 1000m Ladies
1000m Men
Team Pursuit Ladies (6 laps)
Team Pursuit Men (8 laps)

Saturday, January 31, 2009

09:30* Div. B 500m Ladies (2nd)
500m Men (2nd)
3000m Ladies
1500m Men

14:00 Div. A 500m Ladies (2nd)
500m Men (2nd)
3000m Ladies
1500m Men

* The above times for the Division B races are only indicative. The exact starting times for these races will be announced at the draw meetings. For each distance, the races of Division A and the races of Division B are considered as two separate competitions with independent final classifications (list of results).

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at the Gunda Niemann-Stirnemann-Halle, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Erfurt. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 25 and 29 meters, respectively. The width of each competition lane is 4 meters and there is an inside training lane with width of 4 meters.

ENTRIES

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1517, paragraph 4. **Preliminary entries**, giving the number of competitors, substitutes and team officials (with provisional names), must be communicated by **Monday, January 5, 2009**.

Final entries must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than **Tuesday, January 27, 2009** (see ISU Communication No. 1517, paragraph 4.3).

Entries must be accompanied by the official „ISU Declaration Form“ as per Rule 131. Entries by fax or e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously to the Organizers (Rule 115, paragraph 5).

The completed Declaration Form must be signed by the competitors and also by all officials (including team officials) appointed by the Member serving at an ISU Event (Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Team Officials who are requesting accreditation for the Event). In case of competitors who are not full of age (under 18), such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law.

Each Entry Form and Declaration Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4).

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, ISU Communications Nos. 1517 and 1523 or any update of these Communications.

According to ISU Communication No. 1517 the entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance, subject to the qualifying times criteria) for this competition are:

Ladies	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	Men	500m	1000m	1500m	5000m
AUT	1	1	2	2	AUT	1	1	1	1
BLR	4	2	1	1	BLR	1	1	2	2
CAN	5	5	5	5	CAN	5	5	5	5
CHN	5	5	5	5	CHN	5	2	3	2
CZE	1	1	2	3	CZE	1	1	1	1
DEN	1	1	1	2	DEN	1	1	1	1
FIN	1	1	1	1	FIN	5	5	2	1
FRA	1	1	1	1	FRA	1	1	2	3
GER*	5	5	5	5	GER*	5	5	5	5
ITA	2	2	2	2	ITA	2	2	2	2
JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	4	2	3
KAZ	1	2	2	2	KAZ	1	1	3	2
KOR	4	4	4	3	KOR	5	5	3	2
NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
NOR	1	2	2	3	NOR	3	5	5	5
POL	1	2	3	3	POL	2	3	2	3
ROU	2	2	2	2	ROU	1	1	1	1
RUS	5	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	5	4
SUI	1	1	1	1	SUI	1	1	1	2
SWE	2	1	1	1	SWE	1	1	1	3
USA	5	4	2	3	USA	5	4	4	4

*) as hosting Member

All other ISU Speed Skating Members may enter maximum 1 competitor for each distance. All entered skaters (incl. substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances according to the criteria given in Communication No. 1517, par 4.1.

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE TEAM PURSUIT COMPETITIONS

Team Pursuit competitions will be skated according to Rule 261 in the ISU Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1517, paragraph 5.3, with national teams of 3 skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies und 8 laps for Men.

GROUPING and DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to ISU Communication No. 1517, paragraph 4.2.

PRIZES AND POINTS

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1517, 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. 1447, 1448 and 1520 or any further update of these Communications).