

ANNOUNCEMENT



2010 Olympic Winter Games qualifying competition

Berry Events Center

Marquette, Mich. USA

November 12 to 15, 2009



On behalf of US Speedskating, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2009/2010
which will be held at the Berry Events Center,
Marquette, Michigan, USA
on November 12-15, 2009

This competition will serve as 2nd qualifying event for the Olympic Winter Games 2010.

General Regulations

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2008 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2009/2010.

Distances

Individual 500m, 1000m, 1500m Ladies and Men
Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

November 12 th , 2009	Thursday	TBA*	Qualifying Rounds
November 13 th , 2009	Friday	TBA*	Qualifying Rounds
November 14 th , 2009	Saturday	13:50	Opening Ceremony
		14:00	World Cup session
November 15 th , 2009	Sunday	12:00	World Cup session

* Starting times to be decided upon receipt of the number of final entries.

Track Conditions

The Berry Events Center has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1512. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

- a) Entries can only be made using the official Entry Form for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating.

- b) **PRELIMINARY ENTRY** with names and requirements of accommodation must be submitted using **Preliminary Entry Form (P)** by **Friday, October 16, 2009** to the organizing committee.

FINAL ENTRY must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than **Friday, November 5, 2009** (see ISU Communication No. 1558, paragraph 4). **Please use Final Entry Form (F)**

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 (Assistant Referees, Assistant Competitors Steward, Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Team Officials who are requesting accreditation for the Event). The Declaration Form can be found on the Event Web site at <http://www.goldrushskate.com/GoldRushSkate/WorldCup/AthleteCoach/Forms.shtml>

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. 1501 and 1523 or any update of these Communications.

Competitors must be present in Marquette, Mich. at the latest at 18:00 hours on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Cup Competition. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded

SPECIAL NOTE: The Organizing Committee will provide an event credential for no more than one support staff for every two athletes maximum (18 accreditation per team, staff included).

Maximum 3 support staff event credentials will be provided for teams of six (6) athletes or less

USA Entry Requirements:

All entering the United States must provide a valid passport at time of entry. Some countries may have to obtain a Visa in order to enter the United States. Letters of invitation for those requiring a Visa should be requested of US Speedskating well in advance of the event in order to allow time for processing.

Citizenships/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.

Seeding Procedure

The makeup of the first qualifying round of each distance shall be based on the current distance ranking following the principles of Rule 296, of the 2008 ISU Regulations. Progression to subsequent qualifying rounds shall be according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No.1558, paragraph 9.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1520, 1546 & 1547 or later updates).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided Monday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 10. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged on a per skater rate of \$15/skater (\$ US). If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the ice, as the cost is per skater not team. Please complete the **ICE TRAINING REQUEST FORM (I)** and return to the Organizing Committee **no later than Friday, 30 October 2009**

Medical Coverage

Medical coverage will be provided for official and unofficial practice sessions in accordance with ISU Rule 140.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, US Speedskating and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation and Meals:

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodations and meals. The cost for rooming accommodations at the official hotels is as follows:

Single Room (per person, per night):	\$119.00/night/room – single or double (USD \$)
Double Room (per room, per night):	\$119.00/night/room – single or double (USD \$)

[Price does include taxes]

*Payment: Cash in US dollars or Credit card; Visa, MasterCard.

Team Leaders must provide major credit card to guarantee full room payments for the length of stay, including incidental charges and damage deposits.

Meals

The Headquarters Hotel for Competitors and Coaches is offering a 3-meal package to all official member delegations at the rate of **\$50.00 per person per day** (price includes tax and gratuity). These meal plans must be reserved in advance by completing the bottom of **Form A – Official Travel Form and Hotel Sheet**.

There will be no closing banquet planned for this World Cup event.

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotels;

<u>Competitors & Coaches</u> Holiday Inn 1951 US 41 West Marquette, MI USA +1.906.225.1351
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<u>ISU Officials & Guests</u> Landmark Inn 230 North Front Marquette, MI USA +1.906.228.2580
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Hotel Web Sites:

Holiday Inn - http://www.meetings.ichotelsgroup.com/usa/marquette/meetings/hotel_mqmtmi.html
<http://www.holidaymarquette.com>

Landmark - <http://www.thelandmarkinn.com>

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee **using Accommodation Form (A)** as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, October 30, 2009**.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation between Sawyer Airport and the official hotels only, from Sunday, November 8, 2009 to Monday, November 16, 2009 at no expense to the participants. Expenses for team officials, who are not listed on the official team entry form, are to be borne by themselves. The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotels and the Berry Events Center during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Monday, November 9 for everyone on the official team roster/final entry form.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee **using Final Entry Form (F)** as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, October 30, 2009**. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage

tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

For bus and van service to and from alternative airports other than Sawyer (MGT), you may call or email the following companies who are willing to provide transportation services as follows:

Superior Coaches

Sherri Rodeheffer

slrodeheffer@yahoo.com

+1-888-487-6511

Round Trip Cost for entire 47 passenger bus:

- \$1500.00 - Sault Ste. Marie, Canada
- \$1800.00 – Green Bay, Wisconsin
- \$2600.00 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Checker Cab of Marquette

marquettcab@gmail.com

+1 -906-226-7777

Cost: Varies based on need

The Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservation and other requests, should be addressed as soon as possible to:

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Forms		Due Date
Preliminary Entry	P	Friday, 16 October
Accommodation & Meals	A	Friday, 30 October
Final Entry	F	Friday, 5 November
Ice Training	I	Friday, 30 October

All **media accreditation** inquiries should be addressed to:

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Web site

Results and other information concerning the competition will be available at the following website: www.goldrushskate.com