ANNOUNCEMENT

OLYMPIC OVAL, CALGARY, CANADA

OCTOBER 19th to 21st, 2012

On behalf Speed Skating Canada, the Calgary Short Track Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the:

Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track 2012/13
which will be held at the Olympic Oval
Calgary, Canada
on October 19th to 21st, 2012

The competition will be held under the 2012 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1747.

General Regulations

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2012 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track 2012/13.

Distances

Individual	500, 2x1000, 1500 meters Ladies and Men
Relay	3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

Detailed distance program can be found in ISU Communication No. 1747, paragraph 6.

Monday, October 15th :	Ice Training Session - all day
Tuesday, October 16th :	Ice Training Session - all day
Wednesday, October 17th :	Ice Training Session - all day
Thursday, October 18th :	Official Training Session - all day
Friday, October 19th :	Qualifying Session - all day 1000m , 1500m, 500m ,1000m-2 and Relay
Saturday, October 20th :	Repechage – 8h00, warm up World Cup – 13h30 1000m, 1500m and Semi-Finals Relay Award ceremony; on ice
Sunday, October 21st :	Repechage – 8h00, warm up World Cup – 13h30 500m, 1000m-2 and Finals Relay Award ceremony, on ice

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

Track Conditions

The Olympic Oval has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding without board in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by SEPTEMBER 7th, 2012.

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail not later than OCTOBER 14th, 2012 (see ISU Communication No. 1747, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Calgary at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, October 18th 2012 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

e) Please note that for all persons entered by the Members, the procedures regarding the Declaration for Competitors and Officials (all team Officials requiring an accreditation) entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication No. 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication No. 1628 or any update of this Communication.

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 make up of the first qualifying round of each distance shall be based on the current distance ranking following the principles of Rule 296, of the 2012 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. 1747, paragraph 10.

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. 1650, 1651, 1693 & 1694 or later updates).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, October 18th, 2012 for all participating teams.

Extra practices will be provided from Monday, October 15th, 2012. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged 150$ CDN . If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Speed Skating Canada 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

All participants *must make* their reservation themselves and should bear their own expenses for accommodation.

The cost of a room (per night) and meal at the official hotel is as follows:

Room (single and double): 129 $ CDN plus applicable local taxes (Approx : 145 $ CDN)

Meals : Packages for 3 meals cost 64.50$ CDN (plus taxes and service) per day / per person

Lunches during the training week your team will work directly with the hotel. There is an option for customized lunches to accommodate training times and/or tours that the teams may take. To do so, the hotel requires 3 days advance notice so that they can best accommodate your team.

Lunches during the competition will be prepared by the hotel for each event day. To accommodate your team we ask that your team leader work directly with the hotel to select the lunch packages.

Official Hotels

Hotel requirement must be communicated with them as soon as possible, but **no later** than October 7th.
Payment: Cash; in Canadian Dollar, bank transfer or Credit card; Visa, MasterCard, American Express.

The team leader must present a major credit card upon arrival at the hotel.

TEAMS

BEST WESTERN Village Park Inn
1804 Crowchild Trail NW, Calgary (Alberta) T2M 3Y7 (www.villageparkinn.com)
Mrs Bonnie Chag: avarga@villageparkinn.com

Bank Transfer Information

Bank Name: Servus Credit Union Ltd.
Bank Address: #130, 2929 Sunridge Way NE, Calgary, Alberta T1Y 7K7
Swift Code:CUCXCATTCAL Account / IBAN number: 56767023

Officials – Swiss Timing – Video relay – Technical Committee

Four Points by Sheraton
8220 Bowridge Crescent NW, Calgary (Alberta) T3B 2V1
www.fourpointscalgarywest.com

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation between Calgary Airport and the official hotels, from Sunday, October 14th, 2012 to Monday, October 22nd 2012 for all team members. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves.

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotel and Olympic Oval during the competition days and the training periods, starting from Monday, October 15th, 2012.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but **no later** than September 7th, 2012. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

The Organizing Committee

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

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Web site

Results and other information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:
www.oval.ucalgary.ca