



## Announcement

The MCLN (Dutch Masters Speedskating Organization) has the pleasure to invite you to participate in the

### **25<sup>th</sup> Masters International Allround Games 2016** **Leeuwarden, the Netherlands on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The competition will be held in accordance to the following conditions of contest and the Regulations of the International Masters Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) and the International Skating Union (ISU) at the covered 400 m standard speed skating track “Elfstedenhal”, Fryslanplein 1, 8914 BZ Leeuwarden, The Netherlands, on artificial ice. This competition is a regular event on the International ISU Masters calendar.

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#### **1 Competitions**

The competitions will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of March.

Competition program:

Ladies	(age group 30-60):	500m, 1.000m, 1.500m, 3.000m
Ladies	(age group 65 and higher):	500m, 1.000m, 1.000m, 1.500m
Men	(age group 30-60):	500m, 1.500m, 3.000m, 5.000m
Men	(age group 65 and higher):	500m, 1.000m, 1.500m, 3.000m

Quartet start will be used for all distances.

Each participant who skated regulatory his first three distances may also start on the fourth distance.

#### **2 Age-Groups**

Age groups (AG) = Masters five year age groups Ladies and Men defined as follows (from 30 and as high as necessary):

<b>AG</b>	<b>born between</b>	<b>AG</b>	<b>born between</b>
30	1.7.81 – 30.6.86	60	1.7.51 – 30.6.56
35	1.7.76 – 30.6.81	65	1.7.46 – 30.6.51
40	1.7.71 – 30.6.76	70	1.7.41 – 30.6.46
45	1.7.66 – 30.6.71	75	1.7.36 – 30.6.41
50	1.7.61 – 30.6.66	80	1.7.31 – 30.6.36
55	1.7.56 – 30.6.61	85	1.7.26 – 30.6.31 etc.

### 3 Eligibility

To be eligible the skater must be a member of a National Speed Skating Federation recognized by the ISU and must have a license of his/her federation.

No members of national selections or national teams are allowed to participate.

### 4 Limit times

According to Rule 3.1.6, every participant has to inform the national IMSSC Member of his/her most recent time on the 1.500 m. It is the responsibility of the IMSSC Member to accept the times. If the applicable time does not meet the maximum time as laid down in the table below (Maximum Time Table) the participant cannot take part in the Allround Games unless the national IMSSC member decides otherwise in a written consent.

Age group	maximum time	Age group	maximum time
	1.500 m		1.500 m
Ladies 30	2.45.00	Men 30	2.25.00
Ladies 35	2.47.50	Men 35	2.27.50
Ladies 40	2.50.00	Men 40	2.30.00
Ladies 45	2.52.50	Men 45	2.32.50
Ladies 50	2.55.00	Men 50	2.35.00
Ladies 55	3.00.00	Men 55	2.37.50
Ladies 60	3.07.50	Men 60	2.45.00
Ladies 65	3.18.00	Men 65	2.54.00
Ladies 70	3.30.00	Men 70	3.06.00
Ladies 75	3.45.00	Men 75	3.21.00
Ladies 80	4.00.00	Men 80	3.36.00
Ladies 85	4.15.00	Men 85	3.51.00

### 5 Limitation of participants

The competition is limited to 200 competitors. However, the organizer accepts 230 initial applications which include an estimated loss of 10% due to illness, injuries etc. If the number of participants falls below 200, a withdrawn skater may be substituted by a skater from the same country until the Team Leaders Meeting (on Thursday) before the drawing.

The Quota of Entries for the different Nations is:

CAN	10	JPN	10	RUS	12
FIN	10	KAZ	5	USA	8
GER	23	NED	70	Others	27
ITA	10	NOR	45	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>230</b>

## **6 Drawing and classification**

On the first two distances of the Allround 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. The seeding occurs per age group or per joined age groups. Drawing at the Masters International Allround Games will be done according to ISU Rule 244 for drawing at International Competitions. For drawing, the ISU rule 244 paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 apply, as well as ISU rule 240 paragraphs 3 and 4.

Neighbourhood five 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 appear behind his/her name in the protocol. However, the classification will be done separately in five year age groups independent of the number of participants in an age group.

The winner of the four distance competition in his/her age group is the skater who has completed successfully all distances and has obtained the lowest total of points in his/her five year age group.

## **7 Prizes and results of the 4 distance combination**

For the 4 distance combination the first three competitors of a five year age group will be awarded a prize. All participants who skate successfully the competition without disqualification, obtain a certificate (also if falling under a limitation of the fourth distance) and a protocol with the results (only final classification, no lap times).

The complete results with lap times, accumulated lap times and end times of every distance can be found at the Organizers web-site: [www.schaatscircuit.nl](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl).

## **8 Anti doping measures**

Anti-doping tests may be made in accordance with ISU Rule 139.

## **9 Schedule (subject to change)**

### **9.1 Competition dates and times for the age groups**

Estimated starting dates and times for the different distances of the different age groups will be published at the Organizers' web-site: [www.schaatscircuit.nl](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl) during February.

Final starting times for the different distances of the different age groups will be published at the Team Leaders Meeting before the drawing and at the Organizers' web-site: [www.schaatscircuit.nl](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl).

### **9.2 Training and Warm Up Times**

The 400m ice track will be open for training on all public hours and on certain periods on Thursday and Friday before the start of the competition. Details, also of the public hour will be published in the next version of this announcement or a newsletter and on the Organizers web-site: [www.schaatscircuit.nl](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl).

The admittance fee for training on public hours is not included in the entry fee of this competition. The 400m ice track will be reserved exclusively for the special training facilities.

### 9.3 Timetable (subject to change)

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time / Time period</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
Wednesday	2 <sup>th</sup> March	14:00 - 17:00	Check in	Elfstedenthal Fryslanplein 8914 BZ Leeuwarden
		18:25 - 19:55	Training session participants (costs 5 Euros)	Elfstedenthal
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	09:00 - 15:00	Check in	Elfstedenthal Fryslanplein 8914 BZ Leeuwarden
		12:15 - 13:15	Training session participants	Elfstedenthal
		15:00	Final closing of check in	Elfstedenthal
		16:00 -18:00	Official opening	Town hall Leeuwarden Hofplein 38 8911 HJ Leeuwarden
		20:00 - 21:00	Team leaders meeting for final check participants	WestCord WTC Hotel Heliconweg 52 8914 AT Leeuwarden
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	09:30 - 10:30	Team leaders meeting and drawing	Elfstedenthal
		12:00 - 13:00	Training session participants (incl. test starts)	Elfstedenthal
		15:00	Start of the 1 <sup>st</sup> competition day	Elfstedenthal
		22:00	Estimated end of the competition	
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	09:00	Start of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> competition day	Elfstedenthal
		17:30	Estimated end of the competition	
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	08:00	Start of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> competition day	Elfstedenthal
		17:30	Estimated end of the competition	
		18:00	Victory ceremony	Elfstedenthal
		19:30 - 00:00	Closing banquet	WestCord WTC Hotel

### 10 Entries

Generally the entries are accepted in chronological order. Finland (FIN), The Netherlands (NED), Norway (NOR) and Russia (RUS) are using their own selection process for qualification of masters speed skaters of their country. Registration of skaters of these countries are done by the country representative or coordinator.

Registration for all skaters except skaters of FIN, NED, NOR or RUS must be made by filling in the electronic entry form available on the IMSSC website: [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org).

If you are not already registered as user of the IMSSC website, please first register with name and surname on the IMSSC website by clicking on “Create an account”, activate your registration, then choose the competition under the menu “Competitions” > “List”. Click on “JOIN NOW” and fill-in all the requested data. Finally click on “Register” and then “Confirm”. You will get a confirmation by e-mail that your entry has been received by the Organizer. However, this message does not confirm your participation. The confirmation of your participation can be found in the Competitors List at the Organizers web-site: [www.schaatscircuit.nl](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl).

The general entry deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup> 2015, except for FIN, NED, NOR and RUS. Entry deadline for Dutch Masters (NED) via [www.schaatscircuit.nl](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl) is 11 January 2016. Details for Dutch masters are published on this website. Entry deadline for FIN, NOR and RUS is 15 January 2016.

The entries from the participants of FIN, NED, NOR and RUS must be sent to the following addresses:

**FIN** Pertti Kiiskinen  
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**RUS** Boris Repnin – IMSSC Member RUS  
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**NED** Bram de Vries – IMSSC Treasurer NED  
via the website [www.schaatscircuit.nl](http://www.schaatscircuit.nl)

**NOR** Sverre Erik Ødegaard - Norges Skøyteforbund Hurtigløpskoordinator  
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After the qualification process the Participant List and Reserve List from participants of FIN, NOR, NED and RUS have to be sent to the following email-address [mag2016@schaatscircuit.nl](mailto:mag2016@schaatscircuit.nl) at the latest 15 January 2016.

Any unused quota per 12 January 2016 will be distributed among those Nations having more entries than quota (i.e. skaters on Reserve List) in relation to their original quota.

If a competitor is not able to participate due to illness, injury or other unforeseen cause, he/she may be substituted by another skater from the Reserve List of the same country until the Team Leaders Meeting on Thursday before the drawing.

## **11 Entrance fee for competitors**

The entrance fee for competitors is 150,-- Euro and must be paid before 15 January 2016 via bank transfer to:

**Name of the receiver:** MCLN  
**Address of the receiver:** Burg. Padmosweg 81, 3648 BD Wilnis, Netherlands  
**Name of the bank:** Rabobank  
**Address of the bank:** Postbus 2035, 3440 DA Woerden, Netherlands  
**Phone bank:** 0031-348 4270 00  
**Account receiver (IBAN):** NL04 RABO 0195 2051 11  
**BIC:** RABONL2U

The entrance fee includes 12,-- Euro for the costs of the IMSSC and tickets for the welcome reception and the closing banquet. If a competitor cannot take part in the welcome drink or closing banquet no refund will be done. Drinks at the closing banquet are not included.

## **12 Tickets for the welcome reception and closing banquet only for coaches and companions**

Tickets for coaches and companions for the welcome reception (5,-- Euro per person) and for the closing banquet (25,-- Euro per person) may be bought at the check-in on Thursday March 3<sup>th</sup> 2016 in the Elfstedehal. Please order these tickets on the entry form. Drinks at the closing banquet are not included.

## **13 Liability**

In accordance to ISU rule 119 the Elfstedehal, the organizing committee and the IMSSC assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in relationship to the 25<sup>th</sup> Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games 2016 in Leeuwarden.

Each skater or accompanying person is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

## 14 Accommodation

### *General*

In and around Leeuwarden there are many hotels and B & B's. They can easily be found via [booking.com Leeuwarden](http://www.vvvleeuwarden.nl). Information can be found at: [www.vvvleeuwarden.nl](http://www.vvvleeuwarden.nl) , telephone 0032 58 2347550, e-mail: [vvvleeuwarden@vvvleeuwarden.nl](mailto:vvvleeuwarden@vvvleeuwarden.nl) . Information in English can be found on: <https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=auto&tl=en&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vvvleeuwarden.nl>.

### *Official Hotel partner Master Allround Games*

The organization of the Master Allround Games has one official hotel, the WestCord WTC Hotel Leeuwarden, 300 meters away from the ice-rink. The city centre of Leeuwarden and the central station are only a 15 minute walk from the hotel. Would you like to take a taxi from the central station to the hotel? This will cost around 10,00 Euro.

### *Special offer WTC Hotel Leeuwarden*

The special offer for participants of the Master Allround Games is 75,00 Euro per room per day (excluding breakfast), the price for breakfast is 12.50 Euro per person.

### *Reservations*

You can make a reservation by phone: +31 (0)58 2334900 or by e-mail: [sales.wtc@westcordhotels.nl](mailto:sales.wtc@westcordhotels.nl) . Please indicate in the booking: IMSSC Games 2016. Until January 1st 2016 we have rooms in option. So please make a reservation before January 1st 2016. The hotel has a few bikes. They are for free. Please mention at your booking whether you want to use a bicycle.

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### *Travelling info*

Travelling to the Netherlands can be done by plane (to Schiphol Airport), by train or by car. Travelling from Schiphol to Leeuwarden can be done by train of the Nederlandse Spoorwegen (NS). Time schedules and ticket information of all trains in the Netherlands can be found on <http://www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home>.

## 15 Additional information

All inquiries should be directed via email to:

**MCLN, the 25<sup>th</sup> Masters Allround Games 2016 Organizing Committee**

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