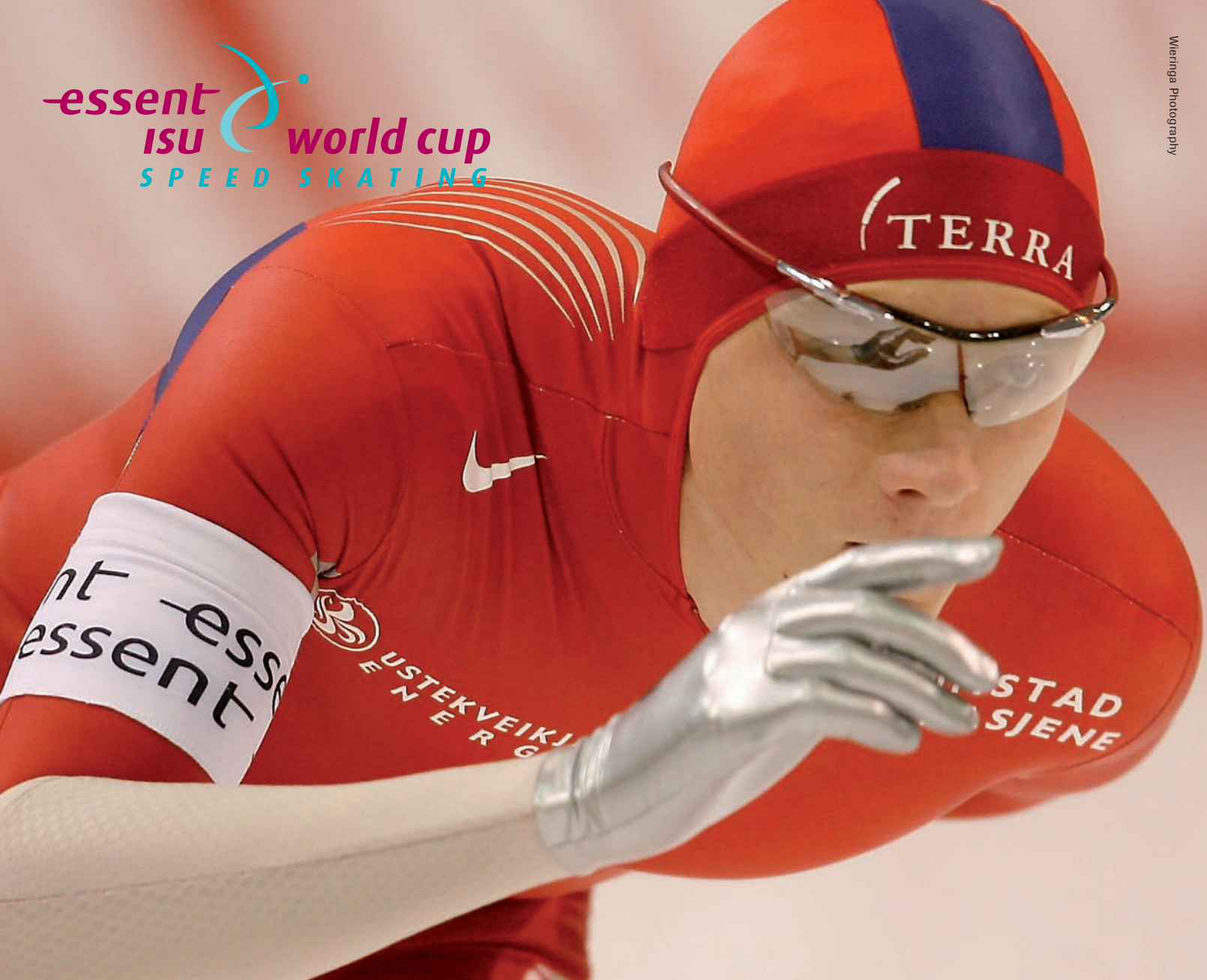


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25-27. January 2008 - Vikingskipet Hamar - Norway

# Announcement

Ladies 500/1.000/1.500/5.000 m. and Men 500/1.000/1.500/10.000 m.



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**On behalf of The Norwegian Skating Association and the Organising Committee we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the 2007/2008 ESSENT ISU WORLD CUP SPEED SKATING**

to be held at the Hamar Olympic Hall

Hamar, Norway

on Friday, January 25 – Sunday, January 27, 2008

The competition will be held under the 2006 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1465.

### **Program**

Thursday, January 24

17:00 Team Leaders' Meeting, Johann Olav Koss Auditorium, Hamar Olympic Hall

19:00 Opening Draw, Johann Olav Koss Auditorium, Hamar Olympic Hall

Friday, January 25

\*16.00 500m Ladies Division B

500m Men B

17.00 500m Ladies Division A

500m Men Division A

1500m Ladies Division A

\*19.00 1500m Ladies Division B

Saturday, January 26

\*11.45 500m Ladies Division B

500m Men Division B

13.00 500m Ladies Division A

500m Men Division A

5000m Ladies Division A

1500m Men Division A

\*16.00 1500m Men Division B

5000m Ladies Division B

Sunday, January 27

\*09.30 10000m Men Division B

13.00 1000m Ladies Division A

1000m Men Division A

10000m Men Division A

\*16.30 1000m Men Division B

1000m Ladies Division B

\* The start time for these races are subject to change and 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). For Division B, the 5000m Ladies and the 10000m Men will be skated in quartets.

### **Track**

The Hamar Olympic Hall is a fully enclosed speed skating facility with a standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap. The width of each lane is 4 meters with an inside training lane of 4 meters wide. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 25,5 and 29,5 meters respectively.

### **Training Times**

Hamar Olympic Hall will be open for training for entered competitors from Monday, January 21, 2008. Trial starts will be held during the ice sessions on Thursday, January 24, 2008. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice rink during the official training hours.

### **Entries**

Entries must be made according to ISU Communication No. 1465. Preliminary entries, giving the number of competitors, substitutes and team officials (with provisional names), must be communicated by **Monday, December 31, 2007**. Final entries, with the names of the competitors and substitutes and the distances to be skated, as well as the names of team officials, must be communicated no later than **Tuesday, January 22, 2008**.

The entry quotas (maximum number of entries per distance) for this competition are:

Ladies	500	1000	1500	5000	Men	500	1000	1500	10000
AUT	2	2	3	3	AUT	2	2	2	2
BLR	3	3	2	2	BLR	2	2	2	2
CAN	5	5	5	5	CAN	5	5	5	5
CHN	5	5	5	5	CHN	5	3	3	3
CZE	2	2	4	4	CZE	2	2	2	2
FIN	2	2	2	2	FIN	4	5	4	2
FRA	2	2	2	2	FRA	2	2	2	4
GER	5	5	5	5	GER	3	4	5	5
ITA	3	3	3	2	ITA	3	3	5	4
JPN	5	5	5	5	JPN	5	5	5	5
KAZ	2	2	2	3	KAZ	2	3	2	3
KOR	5	5	4	4	KOR	5	5	5	3
NED	5	5	5	5	NED	5	5	5	5
NOR	5*	5*	5*	5*	NOR	5	5	5	5
POL	2	3	3	3	POL	4	3	3	4
ROU	2	2	2	3	ROU	2	2	2	2
RUS	5	5	5	5	RUS	5	5	4	5
SWE	4	4	2	2	SWE	2	2	3	3
USA	5	4	5	4	USA	5	5	4	4

\* Maximum quota as host nation.

All other Members may enter a maximum of 2 competitors in each distance. Entered skaters must have achieved qualifying times for the respective distances, as stated in ISU Communication No. 1465.

#### **Citizenship/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.

#### **Grouping and Drawing Procedure**

For each individual distance, the entered skaters compete in two separate divisions with the currently best ranked skaters competing in Division A; the remaining skaters in Division B. "Wild card" requests for Division A should be made when the skater is entered, and must be confirmed at the team leaders' meeting. For each division, the composition of pairs and the sequence of pairs will be determined according to the current World Cup ranking, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1465.

#### **Prizes and Points**

For each distance World Cup points and prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1465.

#### **Anti-Doping Control**

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications Nos. 1447 & 1448 or any further update of these Communications).

#### **Liability**

In accordance with Rule 119, the ISU, The Norwegian Skating Association, The Organising Committee and Hamar Olympic Hall assume no responsibility for liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with the Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

#### **Board and Lodging**

The Organizing Committee is responsible for board and lodging at the official hotels for up to 5 competitors and 1 team leader from each Member (to a maximum of 4 rooms based on double occupancy) beginning with dinner on Thursday, January 24 until breakfast on the morning of Monday, January 28, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1465, paragraph 11. Additional expenses for rooms and meals will be borne by each Member.

Due to the large number of expected participants, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotels. The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the competition, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1465, paragraph 11.

### **Official Hotels**

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the official hotels. Room requirements must be received as soon as possible, but no later than

**Monday, December 31, 2007.**

#### **Scandic Hotel**

Vangsvegen 121, N-2318 Hamar

Telephone: + 47 21 61 40 00

Fax: + 47 21 61 40 11

E-mail: [hamar@scandic-hotels.com](mailto:hamar@scandic-hotels.com)

Website: <http://www.scandic-hotels.no/hamar>

Prices per person, full pension: In single room NKR 1015, in double NKR 865, in triple NKR 765.

#### **Rica Hamar**

Kåtorpveien 1, N-2320 Furnes

Telephone: + 47 62 35 01 00

Fax: + 47 62 35 02 24

Prices per person, full pension: In single room NKR 995, in double NKR 845, in triple NKR 745.

E-mail: [rica.hotel.hamar@rica.no](mailto:rica.hotel.hamar@rica.no)

Website: <http://www.rica.no/index.cfm?oa=hotel.display&con=675>

Prior to Thursday, January 24, only a limited number of rooms at the official hotels will be available due to other events in Hamar. For teams arriving earlier, we recommend to stay in Vikingskipet Motell, situated only 300 m from the ice rink. We can offer favourable full pension prices, examples: Flat for 4 persons or double room, full pension approx. € 65 per person per day (only breakfast approx. € 40) according to the current currency rates. Please make your reservations for rooms in Vikingskipet Motell directly to the Organising Committee.

### **Transportation from airport**

There is a direct train connection between Oslo International Airport Gardermoen and Hamar, travelling time 55 minutes.

Upon request, the organisers can order bus transportation from the airport to Hamar and vice versa at the team's own cost.

Transportation between the official hotels and the ice rink will be provided by the organisers.

### **Organizing Committee**

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

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### **Information – website**

Results and other information will be available at the following website:

<http://www.skoyteforbundet.no/>