

On behalf of the Chinese Skating Association, the Organizing Committee has the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the



## **World Junior Speed Skating Championships® 2008**

which will be held at the **Jilin Provincial Speed Skating Oval, Changchun, China** from **Friday February 22 to Sunday February 24, 2008.**

### **Program**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
<b>February 21, 2008</b>	11:00	Trial starts
	14:00	Trial starts
	16:00	Team Leaders' Meeting
	18:00	Opening Draw at Shangri-la Hotel
<b>February 22, 2008</b>	12:00	500m Ladies
		500m Men
		1500m Ladies
		3000m Men ( quartets )
		Drawing for Saturday's distances
<b>February 23, 2008</b>	12:00	1000m Ladies
		1500m Men
		3000m Ladies ( quartets )
		5000m Men ( quartets )
		Awarding Ceremony
		Drawing for Sunday's distances
<b>February 24, 2008</b>	12:00	Team Pursuit Ladies
		Team Pursuit Men
		Team Pursuit Ladies Final
		Team Pursuit Men Final
		Awarding Ceremony Team Pursuit
	19:00	Closing Banquet

### **Regulations**

The ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2008 will be held in accordance with the 2006 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 1471

Participation in the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships is open to Junior Skaters

who belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130 paragraph 1). A Junior is a Skater who has not reached the age of 19 by July 1, 2007 (Rule 108 paragraph 1 b) and has achieved the required qualifying times according to ISU Communication No. 1471

The distances to be skated are:

Ladies: 500 meters, 1000 meters, 1500 meters, 3000 meters

Men: 500 meters, 1500 meters, 3000 meters, 5000 meters

Team Pursuit Race for Ladies: 6 laps by national teams of 3 skaters each

Team Pursuit Race for Men: 8 laps by national teams of 3 skaters each

### **Title and Awards**

The winners are the Skaters with the lowest total of points after 4 distances have been completed (Rule 265, paragraph 2). The winner will bear the title, "Lady World Junior Speed Skating Champion for 2008" and "Men World Junior Speed Skating Champion for 2008", respectively (Rule 133 e), and will be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third in the final classification after 4 distances will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze, respectively. The winner of each distance will be awarded the ISU small gold medal. The Skaters place the second and third will be awarded the same medal in silver and bronze respectively. The winning teams of the Team Pursuit events will bear the titles "Ladies World Junior Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2008" and "World Junior Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for 2008", and each Skater in the team will be awarded the small ISU gold medal. The Skater in the teams finishing second and third will be awarded the ISU small medal in silver and bronze, respectively. Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1286

### **Track**

The track at the Jilin Provincial Speed Skating Oval is a standard, artificially frozen 400 meters indoor speed skating track with inner and outer curves with a radius of 25 and 29 meters, respectively. The width of each competition lane is 4 meters, with an inside training track of 4 meters. The track will be open for training from Monday morning February 18, 2008. Trial starts will be organized on Thursday February 21, 2008

### **Entries**

Entries can be made only through the respective ISU Members using the official ISU entry forms (Rule 131 paragraph 1). All entries must be in writing (preferably by fax) and must be submitted in accordance with Rule 208 in the ISU Regulations. Each Member may enter 3 Ladies and 3 Men and 1 substitute per category (Rule 208 paragraph 7). **The Preliminary entry with the number of team members (team leader, coach(es), other support staff, competitors and substitutes) with preliminary names must be entered to the Organizing Committee at the latest by Monday February 4, 2008. The Final entries, including the entries for the Team Pursuit Events, must be communicated at the latest by Monday February 19, 2008,** using only the official ISU entry form. Post entries will not be accepted.

The final entry forms must contain: Name of the ISU member making the entry, full name, sex and date of birth of competitors and substitutes to be entered, as well as the applicable qualifying times. All entered Skaters must have achieved the qualifying times mentioned in ISU

Communication No. 1471: For Ladies: 2.20,00 in the 1500 meters and for Men 4.35,00 in the 3000 meters. Full name of the team leader, coach(es) and other support staff attending must be submitted at the same time as the final entries.

### **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, also have a such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

### **Drawing**

The drawings will be made in accordance to Rule 239, 240 and Rule 243. See also ISU Communication No. 1471.

### **Anti-doping**

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications No. 1447 & 1448 or any further updates of these Communications).

### **Liability**

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 119, the ISU, the Chinese Skating Association and the Organizing Committee (OC) assume no responsibility for or liability with the respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with this Championships. Each member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

### **Board and Lodging**

The OC will be responsible for the expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Thursday, February 21, 2008 until lunch on Monday, February 25, 2008 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for up to 4 Skaters (Ladies and Men respectively) and 1 team leader or coach from each Member, as well as for the invited officials. Expenses of other skaters and officials (i.e. coaches, other team staff members and accompanying persons) other than those mentioned above, and expenses before or after the period mentioned above, will be at their own expense.

Please make all hotel arrangements directly with the Organizing Committee **prior to Monday January 21, 2008. At this time, the Organizing Committee only need each participating member indicate the period of their team stay in the hotel, the number of rooms required and the room type you need.** The Organizing Committee will release the unused rooms back to the hotel as of **Tuesday January 22, 2008. Room requirements and special room rates cannot be guaranteed after this date. Teams who do not arrive on their scheduled arrival date will be charged for rooms.** The special rates for accommodation during the Championships are as follow:

**One person living in two-bed room: 160 US dollars per night (including 3 meals)**

**Two persons living in two-bed room: 120 US dollars per night each (including 3 meals)**

## **Official Hotel**

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all skaters and officials at the:

Shangri-La Hotel

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Website: [www. Shangri-la.com](http://www.Shangri-la.com)

## **Transportation**

Changchun Longjia International Airport connects to Beijing Capital International Airport by more than 10 flights every day. The Organizing Committee will provide the transportation service to all participants at no expense from and to the Airport of Changchun and between the official hotel and the Jilin Provincial Speed Skating Oval from Monday, February 18 up to and including Monday, February 25, 2008. The travel time between the hotel and the ice rink is approximately 20 minutes by shuttle bus.

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 **not later than Monday February 4, 2008.**

## **Visa Requirement**

A China visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Chinese Skating Association if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter, it is recommended to submit entries including the following information:

**-full names (as listed in the passport)**

**-nationality**

**-profession**

**-passport number**

**-in which country you will apply for the visa application. Note: this must be at a Chinese Embassy or Consulate**

**-the date you plan to enter into China and depart from China**

Please submit all these information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

## **The Organizing Committee**

Please send all your entries, hotel reservation, flight information, media accreditation requests and other inquiries to:

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