

2020 FISU World University Speed Skating Championship

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Introduction to the 2020 FISU World University Speed Skating Championship

We would like to inform you about the 5th FISU World University Speed Skating Championship that will take place in Amsterdam from the 9th to the 13th of March 2020. Through this first information bulletin, six months in advance of the event, we would like to provide you with some clarity about what the participants and coaches of your country can expect.

History has proven that the Dutch and speed skating is a golden combination. Fuelled by a deep-rooted cultural connection with the sport, we have hosted many European and World Championships throughout speed skating history. The memory of the 2018 World Allround Speed Skating Championship in the Amsterdam Olympic Stadium most certainly still lies fresh in the minds of skating fans. In six months, 127 years after Jaap Eden became the first ever official World Speed Skating Champion on the Museumplein in Amsterdam, the Student Speed Skating Movement will arrive in the motherland of skating. The historical value of this championship could not have been higher: The 2020 FISU WUC Speed Skating will be organized on the oldest still working artificial ice rink in the world – the legacy of the first ever ISU World Speed Skating Champion. The 2020 FISU WUC Speed Skating will take place on the *Jaap Eden Ice Rink*.

A motivated organizing committee (OC), that mainly exists out of local students and former skaters is working hard to organize this championship. By organizing this 2020 FISU WUC Speed Skating, we would like to give the best student speed skaters in the world the real Amsterdam Student Sport Experience. This stretches so much further than just excellence in sports and studies. With our slogan “*Skate, Study, Socialize*”, we captured our core values. Between the 9th and 13th of March, we will see world class sports in the Dutch capital. In addition to that, we will provide the competitors with all the tools they need to create friendships with local students and student skaters from all over the world. Together with the competitors, our spectators and students of Amsterdam, we will make this 2020 FISU World University Speed Skating Championship an incredible experience nobody will ever forget. See you in Amsterdam!



Jaap Eden (first ever ISU World Champion in Speed Skating)

General Regulations

Please find below Article 5.2 of the FISU World University Championships General Regulations, which states the conditions that participants have to satisfy in order to be eligible for the 2020 FISU World University Speed Skating Championship.

“5.2 Participation

5.2.1 Only the following may participate as competitors in a FISU World University Championship:

a) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute whose status is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country;

b) Former students of the institutions mentioned in a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event;

5.2.2 Notwithstanding Art.5.2.1, in countries with fewer than 2,000,000 inhabitants or fewer than 5,000 university students, students attending technical or secondary schools may participate in FISU Championships provided they have been attending their establishments for at least two (2) years.

Countries wishing to take advantage of the concession in the first paragraph of Art.5.2.2 must submit an application to the FISU Executive Committee at least six (6) months before the scheduled start of the event.

Such an application must be supported by documents endorsed by the appropriate state or national or academic school authorities.

5.2.3 All competitors must satisfy the following conditions:

a) Be a national of the country they represent;

b) Be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31st December of the year of the event, for 2020, athletes must be born between the 01/01/1995 and the 31/12/2002.

5.2.4 Number of participants and officials

The maximum number of participants and officials in a delegation participating in the Championship is as stipulated in the technical regulations for the sport in question.

The judges and referees shall not be included in the number of officials.

If the delegation brings more officials than allowed, the Organising Committee may ask for an additional participation fee approved by the FISU Executive Committee.

5.2.5 Head of Delegation

The countries shall designate a Head of Delegation who alone shall be entitled to represent his/her country, unless otherwise provided for in the rules, in negotiations with the committees or sub-committees of FISU or of the Organising Committee. It is to be noted that officially designated sports managers or coaches may protest to CT on behalf of their own members provided such action is confirmed in writing by the Head of Delegation or a Deputy within four (4) hours.”

Sport Regulations

“4.1 General Terms

The Speed Skating events shall be organised in accordance with the Technical Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU). In any dispute the English text shall be regarded as authoritative. The programme and duration of competitions shall be fixed by the FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the WUC CTI. In principle, the programme shall last four (4) days with an additional reserve day, in case of bad weather, may the event be organised outdoor. The Championship shall include the following events:

Men: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, Mass Start (over 16 laps), Team Pursuit for national teams of 3 skaters (over 8 laps).

Women: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, Mass Start (over 16 laps), Team Pursuit for national teams of 3 skaters (over 6 laps).

Mixed gender and mixed country Team Sprint races will also be organised on the day 4 as a demonstrational event. The rules for composing the teams for Mixed Sprint will be published and sent out closer to the event. Please make sure that all team members who plan to be entered to any Team Events (Including Mixed Team Sprint) and/or Mass Start have necessary safety equipment described in ISU Communication No 2195.

Each country may enter a maximum of twenty-nine (29) persons: twenty-four (24) competitors (twelve (12) men and twelve (12) women) and five (5) officials.

Each country may enter per gender category:

Men: Not more than four (4) skaters may start in the 500m, 1000m and 1500m; not more than three (3) in the 5000m and not more than two (2) in the 10000m. For the Men 5000m a maximum of twenty-four (24) skaters shall be permitted in total and for the 10000m – maximum sixteen (16) skaters in total. In the Mass Start event maximum two (2) skaters can participate from the same country. If necessary, the races will have two (2) Semi-Finals and the Final (see ISU rules). Each country is allowed to enter only one substitute skater for each event.

Women: Not more than four (4) skaters may start in the 500m, 1,000m and 1,500m; not more than three (3) in the 3,000m and not more than two (2) in the 5,000m. For the Women 3,000m a maximum of twenty-four (24) skaters shall be permitted in total and maximum sixteen (16) skaters are permitted at 5,000m in total. For the Mass Start event maximum two (2) skaters can participate from the same country. If necessary, there will be two (2) Semi-Finals and the Final (see ISU rules). Each country is allowed to enter only one substitute skater for each event.

For the Team Pursuit event, a maximum of eight (8) national teams shall be authorised to take part in the competition per category (men and women) – four (4) skaters in each team, three (3) of whom may

skate. The qualification of the teams shall be based on the ranks of the second-best skater of the country concerned in the 3000m for women and in the 5000m for men.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC. The lists of participants for each event of the Championships (including one substitute per event per gender if applicable) shall be confirmed by the Heads of Delegations at the Team Leaders Meeting (TLM) held at Day 0. Final lists of participants in case of scratches or swaps with a substitutes should be done through a special Final Confirmation Form (to be distributed at the event) not later than before the deadline stated in respective form and only in case if the country has any changes for respective event comparing to the initial conformation of participants at the TLM. In case of withdrawal (WDR) of a participant after the draw took place, another special form shall be used (to be distributed at the event). If withdrawal occurred the Head of Delegation shall communicate its clear details to the Referee immediately and accompany it with the WDR Form duly filled and signed right after. Use of a substitute is only possible in case of a medical reason for such a withdrawal. That shall be stated in respective WDR Form and verified by a medical representative at the event. The skater withdrawn from an event on a medical reason cannot take part in the following events of the Championship unless he/she has a medical allowance to do so (confirming in writing and duly signed that the health conditions of previously withdrawn skater are back to normal).

4.2 Pre-competition Procedure

Three (3) months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 25% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries. All procedures regarding the draw shall follow the ISU Speed Skating Technical Rules Speed Skating.

4.3 Technical Officials

Nomination

Referees, assistant referees, starter and assistant starter shall be appointed by FISU based on ISU recommendations. They shall be invited by the Organising Committee not less than three (3) months before the start of the World University Championship.

Costs

All countries participating in the Speed Skating WUC shall bear a proportion of the costs of:

- *2 referees from the ISU Referee list (A);*
- *2 assistant referees from the ISU Referees list or ISU International Referees & Starters list (A or C);*
- *2 starters from the ISU Starters list (B);*
- *1 starter from the ISU International Referees & Starters list (C).*

The total amount of costs shall be divided by the total number of participants and all participating countries shall pay their share in proportion to the number of their participants. The Organising Committee shall announce the exact sum at the latest one (1) months before the beginning of the World University Championship.

Numbers of national technical officials and their qualifications

The number of national officials needed shall respect the ISU Rule 210. The OC in cooperation with the National Sport Federation must provide a sufficient number of Judges or qualification required for all the races during the competition days."



Race Program & Preliminary Timetable of Events



Race Program 2020 FISU World University Speed Skating Championship Amsterdam							
Arrivals	Arrivals	Opening Day	Competition Day 1	Competition Day 2	Competition Day 3	Competition Day 4	Departures
March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14th
		Official Training	Official Training	Official Training & Warm Up	Free Training	Warm Up	
		Official Training	Free Training & Warm Up	1500m Ladies	Official Training & Warm Up	Demonstration Event: Mixed Team Sprint**	
		Official Training	3000m Ladies	1500m Men	TP Ladies	Mass Start Ladies	
			5000m Men		TP Men	Mass Start Men	
			500m Ladies		1000m Ladies		
			500m Men		1000m Men		
			TLM & Draw		TLM & Draw		
Evening							
	Free Training	TLM *	Free Training	Free Training & Warm Up		Closing Ceremony	
		Draw		5000m Ladies			
		Opening Ceremony		10000m Men			

* TLM: Team Leaders' Meeting

** Demonstrational Event Mixed Gender Mixed Country Team Sprint. This event is not an official FISU event and will not be awarded with medals nor appear in the official results.

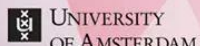
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Time Schedule 2020 FISU World University Speed Skating Championship

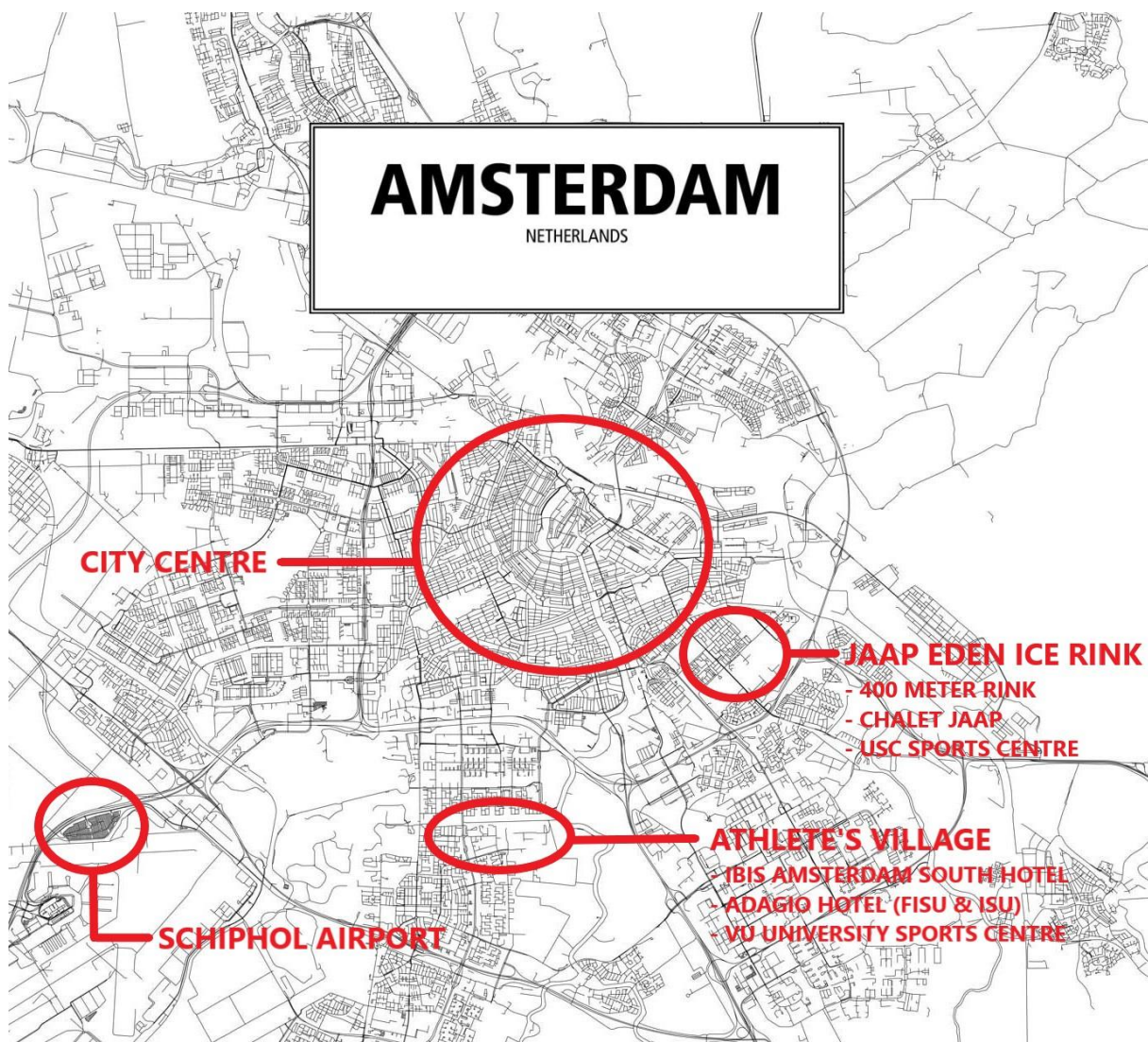
Day	Date	Start	Finish	Activity	Location
Saturday	7-3-2020			Arrivals	Ibis Amsterdam South
Sunday	8-3-2020			Arrivals	Ibis Amsterdam South
		18.20	20.20	Free Training	400m Rink
Monday	9-3-2020	11.40	12.30	Official Training	400m Rink
		14.30	15.20	Official Training	
		15.40	16.30	Official Training	
		18.00	20.00	General Technical Meeting*	Chalet Jaap
		20.30	21.30	Opening Ceremony*	Jaap Eden Terrain
Tuesday	10-3-2020	7.30	8.45	Official Training & Warm-up	400m Rink
		9.20	11.20	Free Training	
		11.40	11.55	Warm-up Session	
		11.55	16.20	Competition	
		16.50	17.55	Official Training**	
		18.15	19.20	Free Training	
Wednesday	11-3-2020	11.40	12.25	Official Training & Warm-up	400m Rink
		12.50	16.00	Competition	
		19.40	20.45	Free Training	
Wednesday Evening		21.00	23.30	Competition	400m Rink
Thursday	12-3-2020	9.00	11.20	Free Training	400m Rink
		11.40	12.30	Official Training & Warm-up	
		12.55	16.30	Competition	
		20.00	21.30	Canal Tour	Amsterdam City Centre
Friday	13-3-2020	11.40	12.10	Warm-up Session	400m Rink
		12.40	15.00	Competition	
		15.30	16.30	Final Meeting*	Chalet Jaap
		20.00	20.45	Closing Ceremony*	Jaap Eden Terrain
		22.00	TBD	Closing Party	TBD
Saturday	14-3-2020			Departures	Ibis Amsterdam South

* Starting times subject to changes

** With reservations, not yet certain

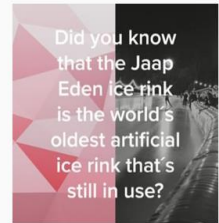
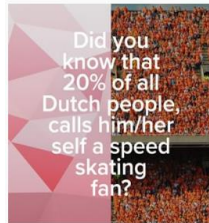
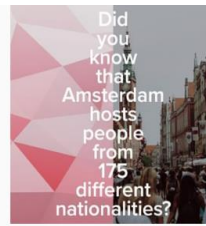
Outdoor Logistics and Services

During the 2020 FISU World University Speed Skating Championship, our guests will experience that Amsterdam is a city of connectivity, both between people and in infrastructure. There is no airport in Europe that connects the world better than Schiphol Airport. With 327 connections, finding flights to the Dutch capital will be an easy task no matter where you are from! After arrival in Amsterdam, we will demonstrate what typical Dutch hospitality is like. First, the delegations will be guided to the Ibis Amsterdam South Hotel by attachés that are assigned to your country during the entire week. After checking-in and receiving the accreditations, the focus will be on high level sports. The transportation from the hotel to the Jaap Eden Ice Rink takes about 15 minutes, for which a full day shuttle bus service will be offered. In order to get a perfect preparation for the races, sportsmen are offered free entrance to the VU University Sport Centre, which is located next to the hotel on the biggest university campus of Europe. As an organizing committee, we understand that the right meal at the right time is crucial for athletes. Depending on the competition schedule, meals will be served on three different locations. By organizing it this way, we can make sure that athletes will receive the right nutrition anywhere at the right time.



Marketing and Communication

The Organising Committee works hard on showing the world that the 2020 FISU World University Speed Skating Championship will be hosted in Amsterdam. In order to reach our marketing goals, we consider attention and participation of the Amsterdam students a crucial factor for our tournament. That is why we started our social media campaign and campaign with local and national newspapers in a very early stage. Olympic Champion **Esmee Visser** will be the ambassador of our event, and she is happy to participate in the long distance on the 2020 FISU World University Speed Skating Championship. We invite you to like our pages and gain publicity together!



Cultural Program

In line with our vision that sports and science are inseparable, one evening top sports scientist Jos de Koning of the VU University -founding father of the famous clapskate- will host a symposium on the newest scientific understandings in speed skating for the coaches, staff and athletes. In addition to that, we will offer our guests a boat tour on the famous Amsterdam canals. Through this varied cultural program, we hope our guests will experience the unique Amsterdam Student Sport Culture.

