



Norges Skøyteforbund

Announcement

“Challengers’ Cup” Speed Skating

Challengers’ Cup 2 - 2008/2009

Hamar, Norway

January 31st – February 1st, 2009

To all ISU Members Speed Skating

Dear skating friends,

“Challengers’ Cup” is a series of international speed skating competitions aimed for skaters who are not selected for participation in the World Cup. The competitions will be open for skaters from all ISU Members, also outside Europe.

On behalf of the Norwegian Skating Association and Sand IF we have the honour and pleasure to invite to the second competition in a series of 3 competitions during the season 2008/2009, to be organised at the indoor ice rink of Hamar Olympic Hall (Vikingskipet) on January 31st-February 1st, 2009.

The first and third competitions in Challengers’ Cup will be organised in Hoorn, NED December 14-15, 2008 and Erfurt, GER March 7-8, 2009.

PROGRAM

Friday, January 30th:

19.00 Drawing, Press Room, Hamar Olympic Hall

Saturday, January 31st:

12.00 500m Men
500m Ladies
1000m Men
1000m Ladies
1500m Men
3000m Ladies

Sunday, February 1st:

10.00 500m Ladies
500m Men
1000m Ladies
1000m Men
1500m Ladies
5000m Men

ENTRIES

Each ISU Member has the right to enter 2 (two) competitors per event.

However, an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 5 skaters per event, if all the entered skaters have achieved the following qualifying times for the distance concerned:

	Ladies	Men
500	42,00	38,50
1000	1.24,00	1.17,00
1500	2.10,00	1.58,00
3000	4.37,00	
5000		7.20,00

Qualifying times must have been reached (by electronic timekeeping) after July 1st, 2007, in an ISU announced competition or in a competition recognised by the ISU Member concerned.

RANKING, GROUPING AND DRAWING

a) Ranking of entered skaters

For the drawing of pairs for the respective distances, the competitors will be ranked in each distance according to their best times achieved for the distance concerned in approved competition (electronic timekeeping) after July 1st, 2008

b) Grouping and drawing:

If the number of entered skaters for a distance is 16 or more:

- The 8 best ranked skaters will be in group 1, starting last in the event
- The skaters ranked from 9 to 16 will be in group 2, starting next to last in the event

The principle of 8 skaters in each group will be followed until all entered skaters have been grouped. In case of a tie in the ranking, the grouping will be decided by drawing of lot.

If the number of entered skaters for a distance is between 9 and 15:

- The 6 best ranked skaters will be in group 1, starting last in the distance
- The skaters ranked from 7 to 12 will be in group 2, starting next to last in the distance. If the number of entered skaters for a distance is 8 or less:

- The 4 best ranked skaters will be in group 1, starting last in the distance.

If two or more skaters have the same ranking time, their ranking number will be decided by drawing of lots.

If possible, skaters from the same nation should not be paired together.

c) Challengers' Cup points

For each event, based on the results, the skaters will be awarded the following Challengers' Cup points:

Rank	1500 and longer	500 and 1000
1	100	50
2	80	40
3	70	35
4	60	30
5	50	25
6	46	23
7	42	21
8	38	19
9	34	17
10	30	15
11	28	14
12	26	13
13	24	12
14	22	11
15	20	10
16	18	9
17	16	8
18	14	7
19	12	6
20	10	5
21	8	4
22	6	3
23	4	2
24	2	1

If two or more skaters have obtained the same rank, each skater receives the full points score for his tied rank.

BOARD AND LODGING

The participating teams are responsible for their travel and board and lodging expenses for the competition.

The skaters and team personnel will be accommodated in

Vikingskipet Motell og Vandrerhjem

Åkersvikaveien 24

2321 Hamar

Telephone: + 47 62 52 60 60

www.vi-sees.no

e-mail: post@vikingskipet-motell.no

Vikingskipet Motell og Vandrerhjem is located only 150 metres from the main entrance of the arena.

Prices, full pension:

We can offer the following full pension prices (with breakfast, lunch and dinner included):

In motel single room: NOK. 730 per person per day

In motel double room: NOK. 565 per person per day

Flat with one person: NOK. 1190 per person per day

Flat with two persons: NOK 765 per person per day

Flat with three persons: NOK 623 per person per day

Flat with four persons: NOK 556 per person per day

(Currency exchange rate: 1 Euro (€) = 8 NOK)

Please make your room reservations to the Organising Committee at the latest by the preliminary entry deadline, Monday, January 19^h, 2009. After that we cannot guarantee board and lodging according to the terms given above.

ENTRIES

Preliminary entries with information about the number of skaters and team leaders (preferably by names) with board and lodging reservations and information about the time of arrival and departure should be sent to the Organising Committee at the latest by Monday, January 19th, 2009.

Final entries with information about skaters, distances and ranking times should be sent to the Organising Committee at the latest by Tuesday, January 27th, 2009.

ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

should be directed to

Organising Committee Challengers' Cup 1

The Norwegian Skating Association

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We wish you all very welcome to Hamar and to a pleasant competition involving several future speed skating champions!