



ANNOUNCEMENT

**DUTCH
CHALLENGER
OPEN**

1 - 2 MARCH 2025
LEEWARDEN, THE NETHERLANDS

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On behalf of Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the Challenger series

Dutch Challenger Open
which will be held at the Elfstedehal,
Leeuwarden, the Netherlands
on March 1-2, 2025

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General Regulations

The competitions will be held under the 2024 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations and the relevant communications.

Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the Challenger Series Short Track 2024-2025. The competition will be a knock-out system*

*Subject to the number of entries there may be repechage races.

Distances

Individual	500, 1000, meters Women and Men
Relay	2000 meters Mixed Team Relay

Based on the ISU Communication 2532, the Dutch Challenger Open Short Track Competition will use the 'zero false starts' rule.

Program

Tuesday, 25 February	20.00-20.30	Team Leader meeting (ONLINE) link will be sent
Saturday, March 1	9.00-17.00*	
Sunday, March 2	9.00-17.00*	

*These times are an indication

Track Conditions

The Elfstedehal has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 2365 (or any further update). The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries¹

- **This competition is for the following Categories: Senior, Junior A & B**
- Only registered competitors of ISU Members and affiliated clubs are allowed to participate, entries can be made only through the respective members
- Only those competitors who have submitted their entries and paid the entry fee by the given deadline are allowed to participate

Please indicate your intention of participation as soon as possible to enable us to prepare the

competition as well as possible.

Maximum entries: 75 men and 55 women can take part in the competition.

Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee on **February 15, 2025**, and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and a list of alternate names per category with their International Registration Numbers.
- Names of the Competitors and their personal best time, recorded during the period of eligibility, for all individual distances they might participate in.
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances.
- Confirmation of participation in all the competitions of the Relay.

Only the Competitors listed on the Final Entry, respecting the maximum number of entries allowed, can attend and receive an accreditation for the Event.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in the Netherlands at the latest at 18:00 hours on Friday February 28 2025, or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Dutch Open Challenger. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded

Citizenships/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2526, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

Entry Fee

An entry Fee of €75,00 must be paid per skater

Entry

All entries for this competition must be made, at the latest 15 February 2025, by the Club Competition Secretary or Federations by using the special login password on the Entry page of the website:

www.shorttrackonline.info

If a login password is not available, it can be applied for using the special form on the Entry-page of shorttrackonline.info. Federations cannot use their password for ISU Championships for the competition. You need a separate password for this competition.

On Saturday & Sunday, a warm lunch is available for €15 euros p.p at the ice rink restaurant, but this must be made in advance. Reservations for the lunch must also be made in the Entry system on Shorttrackonline.info. Only small last-minute changes in the number are possible and must be arranged upon arrival at the Registration desk.

Payment Entry Fee

The entry fee for this competition and reservations for the lunch, must be paid in advance by bank account.

After the Entry for the competition has closed, an invoice will be sent to an email address which is register in the Entry system.

The invoice will contain a BOOKING-number, the amount to be paid and the information of the bank-account to transfer the payment to. We request that you use the booking-number as the reference and do the payment immediately after receiving the invoice.

Deposit for helmet covers

For the helmet covers, a deposit must be paid of €10.00 per helmet cover with a maximum of €50,00 per club/team. The deposit must be paid in cash upon arrival at the registration desk and will be refunded after the competition when returning the helmet covers.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests may be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 2344 & 2366 or later updates).

Ice Training

Please feel free to contact the ice rink directly to reserve training ice.

Please send your request to: baukje@elfstedenhal.frl or info@elfstedenhal.frl

Medics

A fully equipped medical team will be present during competition hours.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation. The OC recommends hotels nearby the Ice Rink, listed below, please make your reservation directly at the hotel. The rooms are available in limited numbers.

Westcord WTC-hotel Leeuwarden (****)	Eurohotel Leeuwarden (****)
Heliconweg 52	Europaplein 20
8914 AT Leeuwarden	8915 CL Leeuwarden
T: +31 58 233 49 00	T: +31 58 213 11 13
E: leeuwarden@westcordhotels.nl	E: info@eurohotel.nl
www.westcordhotels.nl	www.eurohotel.nl
Single Room (p.p.p.n) € 115 breakfast included	Single Room € 120 (p.p.p.n) breakfast included
Double Room (p.p.p.n.) € 67,50 breakfast included	Double Room € 60 (p.p.p.n) breakfast included
	Half Board + €34 (per person per day)
Reservation code: 248709	
Tax: € 1,65 per person per day (p.p.p.d)	Tax: € 2.25 (per person per day)
Hotel is in walking distance from the Ice rink	Hotel is in walking distance from the Ice rink

Transportation

Members are responsible for their own transportation upon arrival at Schiphol.

For transportation from Schiphol to Leeuwarden please contact:

Besseling Travel, E-mail travel@besseling.com.

This must be done in advance and pre-payment is required by Besseling Travel.

Please follow all measures mentioned by Besseling for travel. If you book transportation with Besseling Travel, make sure to mention that this is for the Dutch Challenger Open (ref: **DCO2025**).

Travelling from Schiphol to Leeuwarden by train is also possible and easy to reach.

Multiple connections per day are available.

The date, airline & flight number, expected time of arrival and the time of departure should be communicated to the organizing Committee before February 15.

Water Bottles

Plastic water bottles will not be provided by the Organizing Committee. Teams are asked to bring their own reusable water bottles and to use the Dutch tap water.

Information & inquiries

- For inquiries about the competition please contact the organizing committee.
- For hotel enquiries, please contact the hotel directly.

- For Ice Training, please contact the Ice Rink directly: baukje@elfstedenhal.fr or info@elfstedenhal.fr
- For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Competition Information & Results

Competition information will be published on the website of the KNSB: www.schaatsen.nl

Live Results & Live-stream video will be published on the website: www.shorttrackonline.info