Announcement
European Shorttrack Series StarClass



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From the 19th and 21st of February 2027, shorttrack club Indoor Hardrij Club Leiden (IHCL), under auspices of the Dutch Skating Federation (Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond [KNSB]), organizes the 3rd **ISU European StarClass Shorttrack Series** competition in the season 2026-2027.

The competition will be organized in accordance with the 2026 Regulations of the International Skating Union, Sports Rules Short Track as of 1 June 2026, definitions stated in the European Series Short Track Speed Skating **Memorandum** for European Shorttrack series 2026-2027 and the conditions included in this **Announcement**.

1.1 Entries

Entries are now open to all ISU members listed in section 1.01 point 6; StarClass Series Region of the **Memorandum** and their affiliated clubs until **Tuesday 9th of February 2027**.
Entry to the event is subject to a qualifying time limit as set in section 2.03 of the **Memorandum** and section 1.2 of this **Announcement**. Entries will only be accepted if skaters are eligible under these restrictions and are entered into the correct age category. In case the status of the skater regarding the ISU eligibility rules is not clear, it may be necessary that a statement about this has to be provided by the skater at the competition site.

Category	Born on or after	Born on or before	Age on June 30th 2026
Junior D (U13)	01.07.2013	30.06.2015	11 or 12 years
Junior C (U15)	01.07.2011	30.06.2013	13 or 14 years

1.2 Qualifying Times

Skaters may enter the competition if they have achieved at least one of the Qualifying Times in a Mass Start Competition. (Listed on a Members Calendar, ISU International Calendar and ISU Events) as per table below. Proof must be supplied by submitting time, date and venue of the event. If needed, for instance in the case of an unmanageable number of entries, the organizers, together with the Coordination Group, in accordance with section 2.03 point 4 of the **Memorandum**, reserve the right to adjust the qualifying time limit

Qualifying time	500m	777m	1000m
Women Junior D (U13)	55.00	1.28.00	
Woman Junior C (U15)	52.50		1.49.00
Men Junior D (U13)	55.00	1.28.00	
Men Junior C (U15)	49.00		1.43.00

Times must have been achieved on or after July 1st, 2025

1.3 Wildcard

If a country is represented by one (1) skater in a category, then this entry will be considered as a Wildcard. This one skater can be a club-skater (entered by a club) or a national-skater (entered directly by the ISU Member). If there are more skaters from the same country the above limit times apply for all skaters. For safety reasons the best times of this one skater must be within the following time limits

Qualifying time	500m	777m	1000m
Women Junior D (U13)	59.00	1.33.00	
Woman Junior C (U15)	57.00		2.01.00
Men Junior D (U13)	59.00	1.33.00	
Men Junior C (U15)	54.00		1.54.00

2.1 Entry procedure

All entries for this competition must be submitted, no later than Tuesday 9th of February, 2027 by the Club Competition Secretary or Federations, by using their login password on the Entry page of the website:

www.shorttrackonline.info

2.2 Entries for Junior D (U13) and Junior C (U15) category

Clubs have a password to login to the online entry system for international/national competitions. This login must be used for the categories Junior D (U13) and Junior C (U15). If a password is not available this can be requested for at the Entry page of Shorttrackonline.info.

It is of the highest importance for the Organizing Committee to get the participating field as soon as possible. Therefore, all participants (Clubs and federations) are required to enter the expected number of Skaters as soon as possible and not wait until the last moment. We expect a large number of participants and therefore we would like to ask you to register as soon as possible via SOL. Registration will be closed earlier if there are too many registrations.

Payment to the event is mandatory payment after registering. There will be no refund in case of any cancellation.

2.3 Final Entries

Final entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday 9th of February 2027 and must confirm, per competitor, the following:

- Surname, first name and gender of the competitor
- Date of birth of the competitor
- Personal best time on the 500m achieved on or after July 1st 2025
- Name(s) of the accompanying officials
- Official time and day of arrival by car, train or airplane
- As accurate as possible number of meal vouchers (should you require lunch)

3.1 Entry Fee

An Entry Fee of 85,00 euro must be paid for each accredited competitor. Each club can have one (1) coach or Team-leader for free; others have to pay the entry fee. For additional Coaches / Team leaders / Team Officials there is an entry fee of 10,00 euro.

The location (IJshal de Vliet) contains multiple ice rinks, including a small recreational ice rink and a 250m regular ice rink on the 1st level of the building and is publicly accessible upon payment. The StarClass competition is organized during a bank-holiday and it is expected many visitors on the other ice rinks. Please refrain from skating on the regular ice rink without payment. Tickets can be purchased at the entry hall of the venue

3.2 Payment Entry Fee

The entry fee for the competition, supporting members and the reservations for the lunch must be paid by the club or federation in advance by bank-account. After the Entry for the competition has closed an invoice will be sent to the e-mail address, which is registered in the Entry system.

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

3.3 Additional Entries information

Maximum number of entries: Due to time constrains, there is a limit to a total of two hundred and twenty (220) participants in all categories and genders combined. Participation will be granted on a first come, first served basis until capacity has been reached.
Request to Team Leaders: All Team-leaders are urgently requested to inform the organizer of any changes in the team before departure from home.

Registration on the first day of the competition: On the first day of the competition, competitors must be present or near the venue not later than two (2) hours before the start. Each competitor must personally register at IJshal de Vliet in Leiden at the latest one (1) hour before the start of the first race in their age category or the organizing committee must have received documented proof that the competitors will arrive in due time for the competition. Team-leaders may not register competitors on behalf of their club. Competitors failing to do so, will be excluded from the first races of the first distance and are added to the bottom half of the competition as last entries. After registration, each competitor and/or team member will receive a wristband for easy identification by the organizer and venue staff.

Lunch vouchers: On Friday, Saturday and Sunday a cold lunch package is available for 8,00 euro pp/pd at the main entrance of the ice rink (IJshal de Vliet) Reservations for the lunch vouchers must also be made whilst making your team entry through the system on Shorttrackonline.info. Please help the Organizing Committee and give the information about lunch voucher as accurate as possible. Please ensure that individuals are not counted twice. Please also check if your correct e-mail address is in the Entry-system!

4.1 Conditions of contest

The Qualifying Schedule on each distance is based on an "All Final System" in all categories. This system is used in order to guarantee a minimum number of races to all participants. In case of an unmanageable number of entries, reductions can be made by the Organization in close cooperation with the StarClass Coordination Group.

	Distance 1	Distance 2	Distance 3
Junior D (U13)	777m/1000m (*)	500m	777m
Junior C (U15)	1500m	500m	1000m

(*) For the Category Junior U-13(D), "The Final" and the "Final B" shall be skated over 1000m, all other qualifying rounds may be skated over 777m.

4.2 Preliminary program

On Friday and Saturday, the program will be divided in two parts, depending on the number of entries. The program is tentative and subject to changes by the Organization, StarClass Coordination Group and the Referee. A more detailed program will be published in the week before the competition on: www.shorttrackonline.info.

Friday	February 19th 2027	**09:00 Start of competition**
		19.00 End of competition
Saturday	February 20th 2027	**09:00 Start of competition**
		19.00 End of competition
Sunday	February 21st 2027	**08:00 Start of competition**
		14.00 End of competition

4.3 Track Conditions

The track is an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface with the measures of 30 x 60 meters. The protective traditional rink board padding is in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2626 and KNSB Communique 2B, and is 60cm thick in all sections of the track. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap with measured curves of 8 meters and there will be 7 markers used to establish the curve. The length of the straight is 28.85 meters. Besides the original track, there will be six (6) other tracks set up to preserve good ice conditions. For semi-finals and finals of the shortest distance, only the inner 5 tracks will be used according to Rule 280 sub 1.f of the 2026 Regulations of the International Skating Union, Sports Rules Short Track as of 1 June 2026. For all tracks, one finish line will be used.

4.4 Starting procedure

In this competition, for all categories and distances, the "one (1) false start procedure" is applied according rule 294, sub 14-20 of the technical regulations of the Sports Rules 2026

4.5 Personal protection

All competitors are obliged to comply with the rules and regulations stated in ISU Communication 2810; Protection equipment in Speed Skating and Sports Rules Short Track as of 1 June 2026, stipulated in rule 288 'Equipment of Skaters'. Special attention is drawn to the increased neck protection requirements set forth in the updated Communication.

4.6 Eye protection

Wearing eye protection (safety [sports] glasses and/or visor on helmet) is mandatory for all skaters during all races, including relay. Only eyewear protection meeting ANSI Z87.1 or ASTM F803 standards made with polycarbonate lenses or polyethylene NXT designed to withstand impact for all skaters is allowed. Only regular prescription glasses meeting the ANSI Z87.1 or ASTM F803 standards are accepted.

Visors are authorized for shorttrack, providing the glass is transparent (no tinted glass) and remains strongly attached to the helmet in case of contact or falls. There should be a coloured frame either on top of the visor or all around the visor for easy identification on the ice.

4.7 Medical Assistance

Emergency first aid personnel will be present at all competition days. Medical personnel are experienced in dealing with incidents and injuries related to speed skating and shorttrack. Due to the location of the ice rink, as set by the guidelines of the Memorandum, additional medical assistance or hospital care is within adequate response time in case of need.

4.8 Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each ISU member to ensure or provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes. Proof of such can be requested by the Organizing Committee. See ISU Rule 119 paragraph 1.

4.9 Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119 paragraph 2, the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility with respect to medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage sustained or caused in connection with this Competition.

5.1 Award of Prizes

Awards will be given in each category to the first three (3) places in the final of each distance and for the first three (3) places in the overall classification. During the award ceremonies, the skaters should be in club or national tracksuit.

5.2 Training session

As the venue is shared with other sports and clubs, there is currently no official training session on Thursday. In case the organization finds room for a training session, the organization will communicate this with all Team-leaders at the same time via e-mail. If applicable, all rules and guidelines stated in the Memorandum and this Announcement are in effect during this session.

6.1 Helpdesk and contact information

The Organizer can be contacted by Team-leaders during the event for urgent questions or requests and will be situated in the Ice rink. Contact information will be shared with Team-leaders one (1) week prior the start of the event. Please refrain from distributing the contact information possible leading to an overload of requests unrelated to the event itself.

The helpdesk is open on:
Thursday 17:30 – 21:30
Friday 08:30 – 19:00
Saturday 08:30 – 19:00
Sunday 8:00 – 16:00

6.2 Travel

The city of Leiden and the venue are located close to Schiphol Airport and Rotterdam The Hague Airport. Connection from these airports by public transport is governed by the Dutch railways (NS) and many trains stop at Leiden Centraal (Central station). Transit by (rental) car or taxi is similarly straightforward.

Links:
https://www.schiphol.nl
https://www.rotterdamthehagueairport.nl/
https://www.ns.nl (public transport)
https://www.9292.nl/en (planning of all public transport)
https://www.anwb.nl (roadside assistance service)

6.3 Parking at the ice rink venue

There is enough place available at the parking of IJshal de Vliet. Please be aware that on Friday, parking is not free of charge; 0.20 euro per hour for the first 2 hours, 3.10 euro per hour after this. A payment station is located in front of the main entry of the venue. During the weekend, parking is free of charge.

6.4 Hotels

In the city of Leiden, there are many options for hotels. Here are some suggestions.

Van der Valk Hotel, Haagse Schouwweg 14, Leiden
Golden Tulip Leiden Centre, Schipholweg 3, Leiden
Intercity Hotel Leiden, Ballonstraat 6, Leiden
Hilton Garden Inn Leiden, Willem Einthovenstraat 3, Oegstgeest
Fletcher Wellness Hotel, Bargelaan 180, Leiden

6.5 Leiden city centre

Leiden was founded in the 9th century and has a rich history, beautiful architecture and a vibrant atmosphere. It holds the oldest university of the Netherlands and was founded a year after the liberation of Leiden from the Spanish conquest in 1574. It is recommended to plan a city sightseeing tour combining the Burcht (old fortress), Hooglandse kerk or Pieterskerk (churches), the house of the Founding fathers, the museum of antiques, the Netherlands' treasure house of science and medicine Boerhaave or a stroll through the shopping centres Haarlemmerstraat and Breestraat. There are many small restaurants and bars in the city centre for a good meal and because there are a lot of students, there are also many affordable options.

6.6 Venue address & Contact information

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