

ANNOUNCEMENT



Hong Kong Skating Union sincerely invites you to participate in

Asian Short Track Speed Skating Challenge 2018

April 2 - 4, 2018

Dongguan Ice Star Ice Rink, China

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Organized by: Hong Kong Skating Union Limited
Subvented by: International Skating Union
Sanctioned by: Asian Skating Union
Date: April 2 - 4, 2018
Venue: Dongguan Ice Star Ice Rink
 335, 3/F, Dongguan One Mall, 200 Hongfu Road, Nancheng District,
 Dongguan, Guangdong Province, China

1. General Regulations

The Asian Short Track Speed Skating Challenge 2018 (hereinafter called “the event”) will be conducted in accordance with the “ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016”, the “ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating 2016” and relevant ISU Communications and subsequent updates. Application is open to all ASU Members. Entries must be made only through the respective ASU Members.

2. Competition Categories

Categories	Distances			
	Individual Distance			Relay Distance
Elite Men & Ladies	500m	1000m	Super Final 1500m	3000m Mixed Relay– 4 skaters
Junior A Men & Ladies	500m	777m	Super Final 1000m	2000m Mixed Relay – 3 skaters
Junior B Men & Ladies	333m	500m	Super Final 777m	2000m Mixed Relay – 3 skaters
Junior C Men & Ladies	222m	333m	Super Final 500m	1000m Mixed Relay – 3 skaters
Junior D Men & Ladies	222m	333m	Super Final 500m	1000m Mixed Relay – 3 skaters
Novice Boys & Girls	111m	222m	Super Final 444m	N/A

3. Age Limits

Categories	Born In		Age
Elite Men & Ladies	N/A		No Limitation
Junior A Men & Ladies	01/07/2002	- 30/06/2004	13 - 14
Junior B Men & Ladies	01/07/2004	- 30/06/2005	12
Junior C Men & Ladies	01/07/2005	- 30/06/2006	11
Junior D Men & Ladies	01/07/2006	- 30/06/2007	10
Novice Boys & Girls	on or after 01/07/2007		<10

* The calculation is based on July 1, 2017.

* For Elite Category, please refer to Announcement Point 9.

4. Tentative Schedule

The schedule depends on the final entry of skaters and the arrangement by organizer.

Date	Time	Event
April 2, 2018	All day	Skaters Arrival & Registrations
	TBC	Official Training
	18:00	Team Leaders' Meeting
April 3, 2018	8:50	Opening Ceremony
	9:00	Elite Men & Ladies 1000m
		Junior A Men & Ladies 777m
		Junior B Men & Ladies 500m
		Junior C Men & Ladies 333m
		Junior D Men & Ladies 333m
		Novice Boys & Girls 222m
		Victory Ceremony on ice
		Elite 3000m Mixed Relay - Heats
		Junior A 2000m Mixed Relay - Heats
		Junior B 2000m Mixed Relay - Heats
		Junior C 1000m Mixed Relay - Heats
		Junior D 1000m Mixed Relay - Heats
April 4, 2018	9:00	Elite Men & Ladies 500m
		Junior A Men & Ladies 500m
		Junior B Men & Ladies 333m
		Junior C Men & Ladies 222m
		Junior D Men & Ladies 222m
		Novice Boys & Girls 111m
		Victory Ceremony on ice
		Elite Men & Ladies Super Final 1500m
		Junior A Men & Ladies Super Final 1000m
		Junior B Men & Ladies Super Final 777m
		Junior C Men & Ladies Super Final 500m
		Junior D Men & Ladies Super Final 500m
		Novice Boys & Girls Super Final 444m
	Victory Ceremony (Overall Champion) on ice	

****Subject to Change***

Date	Time	Event
April 4, 2018		Elite 3000m Mixed Relay - Final
		Junior A 2000m Mixed Relay - Final
		Junior B 2000m Mixed Relay - Final
		Junior C 1000m Mixed Relay - Final
		Junior D 1000m Mixed Relay - Final
	16:30	Closing Banquet

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5. Track Condition

The Dongguan Ice Star Ice Rink has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60m x 30m. The Standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with ISU Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726.

6. Individual Entries

Each ASU Member or their Club can register in each category. Entries must be made only through the respective ASU Members.

7. Mixed Relay Entries

Each ASU Member or Club can register more than 1 Mixed Relay Team(s) with 4 Competitors who not only participate in individual, but also the Relay distance. **The composition of the mixed relay team must have both male and female skaters.** If ASU Members or Clubs cannot form any Mixed Relay Teams, the Organizing Committee will help to coordinate with each team leader to form the Mixed Relay Team.

8. Grouping

Please provide the best individual result of 500m distance with the completed application form to the Organizing Committee. The Competitor Stewards will arrange the first races based on the results. If the competitors have no result record, the Competitor Stewards will draw randomly for grouping. The OC reserves the right of final decisions.

9. Elite Category

Skaters who reach the following result must be in the Elite category:

- (1) Men: The skating time of 500m is less than 50 seconds;
- (2) Ladies: The skating time of 500m is less than 52 seconds.

10. On Ice Training

All practice sessions will take place in the Competition venue (Dongguan Ice Star Ice Rink). The Organizing Committee will arrange free on-ice training on Monday, April 2, 2018 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided depending on the availability of ice rink (50 minutes for each session). If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them have to share the costs. Please inform the Organizing Committee about the arrangement for additional on-ice training. First-aid service will be provided during the official on-ice training sessions only.

11. Meals

The Organizing Committee will not provide any meals during the competition for all skaters, coaches, team leaders and skaters' chaperons. The Organizing Committee can provide relevant information upon request.

12. Accommodation and Transportation

The Organizing Committee will not provide hotel reservation and free transportation service for all participants between airport or railway station and hotels and between hotels and the Dongguan Ice Star Ice Rink. The participating units have to bear the transportation costs by themselves. Please consider the distance between the hotel and ice rink when booking the hotel.

13. Liability

In according with ISU Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each participating member or club, who participates in the Asian Junior Short Track Speed Skating Challenge, to provide insurance coverage for the athletes, officials and all other members of the member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means. Any related costs involved will be responsible by the participating member or club.

The contents of "Declaration for Competitor" apply to all participants. Hong Kong Skating Union Ltd and the Organizing Committee assume responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the event.

14. Medical Insurance

Each ASU Member and Club participating in Asian Short Track Speed Skating Challenge 2018 has the responsibility to provide medical insurance for their skaters. Hong Kong Skating Union Limited and the Organizing Committee has no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or properly damage incurred in connection with the event.

15. Entries

- (1) Please complete the Entry Form according to the specific requirements, together with the ID Card/Passport copy and submit it **on or before Tuesday, February 20, 2018** to the Organizing Committee via stss@hksu.org
- (2) Entry Fee: HKD480/ applicant or RMB400/ applicant;
- (3) The skaters, coaches, team leaders and other officials of the teams are responsible for their own expenses. The Organizing Committee will only assist in providing the relevant information for reference purposes.
- (4) The entry fee should be received by the Organizing Committee **by Wednesday, February 28, 2018**. Otherwise the application will be treated as withdrawal from the competition.

Payment Methods:

- (i) By Telegraphic Transfer (For overseas participants)

Account Name: Hong Kong Skating Union Limited

Account Number: 383-527488-883

Bank SWIFT Code: HASEHKHHXXX

Bank Name: Hang Seng Bank Limited

Bank Code: 024

Bank Address: Causeway Bay Branch, 28 Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

* Any bank charges incurred for the transfer should be borne by the competitors' or their federation' account.

- (ii) By mailing a crossed cheque (For Hong Kong participants)

Only crossed cheque payable to "Hong Kong Skating Union Limited" is accepted. Please write down the competitor's name, contact number, competition category at the back of the crossed cheque and mail it to the HKSU address.

HKSU Address: Room 1023, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po,
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

16. The Organizing Committee

Should you have any enquiries regarding the entry form, ice rink, hotel booking or other requirements about the competition, please contact the Organizing Committee.

Organizing Committee: Hong Kong Skating Union Limited

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17. Additional information

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