

100% PURE NEW ZEALAND WINTERGAMES^{NZ} 2011

Official Announcement

Winter Games NZ Short Track Speed Skating Championship 2011

27- 28 August 2011, Dunedin Ice Arena, Dunedin, New Zealand

Winter Games New Zealand and Ice Speed Skating New Zealand Inc has the pleasure to invite you to participate in the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games Short Track Speed skating Championship 2011 which are held from the 27 - 28 August in Dunedin Ice Arena. The Championship will be held for ISU International Age Groups A., B., C., and Senior skaters over distance 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m and 2000 m relay for Age Groups and 3000 m relays for Seniors. There are no entry fees for the event.

Track Conditions and Dimensions

The Dunedin Ice Arena is an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding will cover all the boards. The standard track will be laid out at 111.12 meters to the lap.

Practise Sessions

Practise sessions will be held at the Dunedin Ice arena on the 24th August from 6.00am to 8.00am and from 9.00pm - 11.00pm. Please contact Pamela Gray pamelabg@ihug.co.nz with your preference for ice time not later than **15 June 2011**.

Entries

Preliminary entries with provisional names and requirements of accommodation and training must reach the Organising committee Office by **15 June 2011**. Each Entry form must be signed by the authorised representative of the member.

Final entries for each athlete and national team official can be submitted through our online registration system on www.wintergamesnz.com/accounts/register/. Entries will open 11th April 2011 and must be submitted no later than by **12 August 2011**.

Organising Committee:

All correspondence and preliminary entries must be addressed to:

Mags Helles, Sports Manager: mags@wintergamesnz.com

or

Pamela Gray, Short track speed skating Manager: pamelabg@ihug.co.nz





Winter Games NZ Programme

Tuesday 23 August

08.00 - 07.00 pm Registration and accreditation open at Winter Games NZ office at Dunedin Ice Arena

Wednesday 24 August

6.00am - 08.00 am Official Training

9.00pm - 11.00 pm Official Training

Thursday 25 August

11.30am NZ National Championship

Friday 26 August

8.30am NZ National Championship

06.00pm Winter Games NZ Team Leaders Meeting

07.30pm Presentation NZ Championship

Saturday 27 August

8.30 am Opening Ceremony

9.30am Senior 1000 M Ladies / Men

Group A 1000 M Ladies/ Men

Group B 1000 M Ladies / Men

Group C 1000 M Ladies / Men

Senior 500 M Ladies/ Men

Group A 500 M Ladies/ Men

Group B 500 M Ladies / Men

Group C 500 M Ladies / Men

Saturday 28 August

9.00am Senior 1500 M Ladies / Men

Group A 1500 M Ladies/ Men

Group B 1500 M Ladies / Men

Group C 1500 M Ladies / Men

Relay Group A. 2000 M Ladies/ Men

Relay Group B. 2000 M Ladies/ Men

Relay Group C. 2000 M Ladies/ Men

Relay Senior 3000 M Ladies/ Men

Award Ceremony

08.00pm Closing Banquet

Drawing and Seeding procedures

Final points will be awarded in the final races only. No points will be awarded to skaters or teams if disqualified or unable to finish the race. The points 34, 21, 13, 8,5,3,2,1 are awarded in descending order commencing the first place (according to ISU rule 295 paragraph 5,6,7 and 8).



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Transport

Air Travel

We recommend that you book your flights through our official airline, Air New Zealand. Please go to www.airnewzealand.com for online bookings and further information. For special rates on group bookings please contact Lauren Park, Lauren.park@airnz.co.nz quoting Winter Games NZ or call + 64 (0)9 3362408. We recommend that you fly into Dunedin.

Land Transport

The organisers will provide transport for teams upon request from the 26 - 29 August 2011. Please contact Pamela Gray Pamelabg@ihug.co.nz no later than the 15 July 2011 if you require transport.

If you prefer to drive to Dunedin from Christchurch, the main international airport in the South Island, then we recommend that you book with our official vehicle hire company, JUCY. Use promo code WINTER-GAMES when booking online at www.jucy.co.nz and receive 20% discount off any JUCY Ride in New Zealand.

Accommodation

Accor Hotels is the official 3.5, 4 and 5 star accommodation for the Winter Games NZ and in Dunedin the official hotels are the Mercure Dunedin and Leisure Lodge. We recommend that you book your accommodation by contacting Jeremy Pearson, General Manager Mercure Dunedin, who will handle bookings for both Dunedin hotels, or visit www.wintergamesnz.com for a direct link. The contact details are:

E: h5699-gm1@mercuredunedin.co.nz PH: +64 3 474 7100 Please go to www.dunedin.govt.nz/isisite for further information on accommodation.

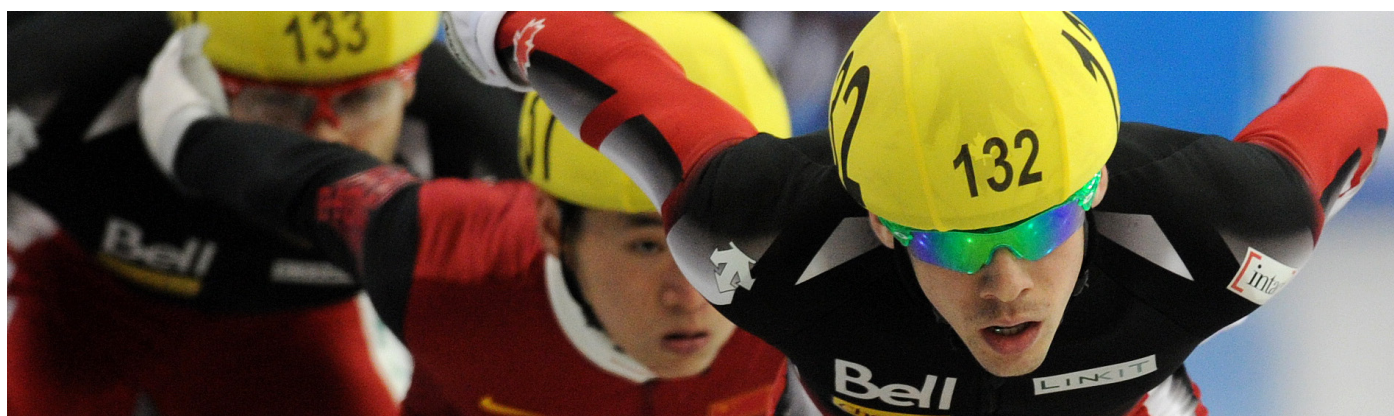
Visa Requirements

Visitors from certain countries must have a visitor visa to enter New Zealand. New Zealand has a special policy for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and support staff visiting the country to participate in sporting events. Please check on:

www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/visitors/quickcheck.htm to find out if visitors from your country require a visitor visa to enter New Zealand.

Liability

All athletes, officials and members of the National Association who attend and participate in the event shall do so at their own risk. Winter Games NZ, sponsors and suppliers, their agents, employees and volunteers shall not be responsible for any losses or injuries incurred or suffered by the athletes, officials or other person in conjunction with the organising or staging of the event. Public Liability Insurance (CHF 3 million for the period of the event, is in place.



Medical Information

If you are injured in New Zealand, (including while competing in an ice event), you may need the assistance of the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), New Zealand's accident compensation scheme. ACC helps pay for your medical care – and that means paying towards the cost of your treatment and helping your recovery while you remain in New Zealand.

ACC will not cover any medical or related costs arising from the accident after you leave New Zealand. You will accordingly still need to arrange your own travel and medical insurance. New Zealand's medical facilities are not free to visitors except as a result of an accident but even in the case of an accident, surcharges in private facilities will apply.

Media

If you are planning to bring any media with you, please note they must be accredited by the Winter Games NZ media office.

Please contact media manager Victoria Murray-Orr directly on +64 (0)3 443 2700 or Victoria@wintergamesnz.com for any questions and for an accreditation form.

Please note this form must be completed by 29th July 2011.



Credit: Getty Images

Athlete Bios

The Winter Games NZ event organisers are aiming to promote the athletes, the event and the sport to a worldwide audience. To promote the athletes we require a profile for each competing athlete. The profile information will be used by our media and communication team to supply announcers, journalists and other media representatives. The information will also be used for the commentator information packs, for the information systems as well as in live-to-web communication on the website, mobile site and iPhone application. We would like to encourage you to use this opportunity and support us in our efforts to profile the athletes.

Medals

Medals will be awarded to the first three places in each grade for Ladies and Men, and for the first three places in the relay. All participants will receive Winter Games New Zealand participation certificate.

Anti-doping

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-doping Code.

