



Announcement

The **Fort St. John Recreational & Speed Skating Club** hereby takes the pleasure to invite you to take part in the International Speed Skating Competition

26th Masters' International Allround Games 2017 **Fort St. John, Canada, 10th, 11th and 12th March 2017**

The competition will be held in accordance with the following conditions of contest and the Regulations of the International Masters Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) and the International Skating Union (ISU) at the covered 400 m standard speed skating track in the **Pomeroy Sport Centre (PSC), 9324 - 96 Street, Fort St. John, BC Canada**, on artificial ice. This competition is a regular event on the International ISU Masters' calendar.

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1. Competitions

The competitions will take place on Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th of March, 2017.

Competition program:

Ladies	(age group 30 and higher):	500m, 1.000m, 1.500m, 3.000m
Men	(age group 30-60):	500m, 1.500m, 3.000m, 5.000m
Men	(age group 65 and higher):	500m, 1.000m, 1.500m, 3.000m

Quartet start may be used for all distances except 500m.

Every skater that has finalized three distances according IMSSC and ISU rules, is allowed to skate the fourth and longest distance.

2. Age-Groups

Age-Groups (AG) = Masters' five year age groups Ladies and Men defined as follows (from 30 and as high as necessary):

Age Group	Born	Age Group	Born
30	01.07.1982 – 30.06.1987	65	01.07.1947 – 30.06.1957
35	01.07.1977 – 30.06.1982	70	01.07.1942 – 30.06.1946
40	01.07.1972 – 30.06.1977	75	01.07.1937 – 30.06.1942
45	01.07.1967 – 30.06.1972	80	01.07.1932 – 30.06.1937
50	01.07.1962 – 30.06.1967	85	01.07.1927 – 30.06.1932
55	01.07.1957 – 30.06.1962	90	01.07.1922 – 30.06.1927
60	01.07.1952 – 30.06.1957	etc.	

3. Eligibility

To be eligible the skater must be a member of a National Speed Skating Federation recognized by the ISU and must have a license of his/her federation.

4. Limit times

According to Rule 3.1.6, every participant has to inform the national IMSSC Member of his/her most recent time on the 1500 m. It is the responsibility of the IMSSC Member to accept the times. If the applicable time does not meet the Maximum Time as laid down in the table below (Maximum Time Table) the participant cannot take part in the Allround Games unless the National IMSSC Member decides otherwise in a written consent.

Age Group	maximumtime	Age Group	maximum time
	1500 m		1500 m
Ladies 30	2.45.00	Men 30	2.25.00
Ladies 35	2.47.50	Men 35	2.27.50
Ladies 40	2.50.00	Men 40	2.30.00
Ladies 45	2.52.50	Men 45	2.32.50
Ladies 50	2.55.00	Men 50	2.35.00
Ladies 55	3.00.00	Men 55	2.37.50
Ladies 60	3.07.50	Men 60	2.45.00
Ladies 65	3.18.00	Men 65	2.54.00
Ladies 70	3.30.00	Men 70	3.06.00
Ladies 75	3.45.00	Men 75	3.21.00
Ladies 80	4.00.00	Men 80	3.36.00
Ladies 85	4.15.00	Men 85	3.51.00

5. Limitation of Participants

The competition is limited to 200 competitors. If the number of participants passes the nation quota, a withdrawn skater may be substituted by a skater from the same country until the Team Leader Meeting before the drawing.

The Quota of Entries for the different Nations are:

CAN	40	JPN	5	USA	10
FIN	7	NED	46	Others	18
GER	15	NOR	46	TOTAL	200
ITA	8	RUS	5		

6. Drawing and Classification

On the first two distances of the Allround Games the skaters shall be seeded in three groups before drawing, according to their best times of the season, their best times of the last season or their estimated times. The seeding occurs per Age Group or per joined Age Groups. Drawing at the Masters' International Allround Games will be done according to ISU Rule 244 for Drawing at International Competitions. For drawing, the ISU Rule 244 paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 apply, as well as ISU Rule 240 paragraphs 3 and 4.

Neighbouring five year age groups with a small number of participants may be put together for drawing and speed skating in the competition. In these combined groups the age group of each skater will appear behind his/her name in the protocol. However, the classification will be done separately in five year age groups independent of the number of participants in an age group.

The winner of the four-distance competition in his/her age group is the skater who has completed successfully all distances and has obtained the lowest total of points in his/her five year age group.

7. Prizes and Results of the 4 Distance Combination

For the 4 distance combination the first three competitors of a five year age group will be awarded a prize. All participants who skate successfully the competition without disqualification, obtain a certificate, a medal (if not being awarded with a prize) and a protocol with the results (only end times, no lap times). The complete results with lap times, accumulated lap times and end times) can be found at the Organizers' web-site: <http://fsjspeedskating.com/>

Every participant will receive a souvenir at the registration (included in the entry fee).

8. Anti-Doping Conditions

Anti-doping tests may be made in accordance with ISU Rule 139.

9. Schedule (subject to change)

9.1. Competition Dates and Times for the Age Groups

Estimated starting dates and times for the different distances of the different age groups will be published at the Organizers' web-site: <http://fsjspeedskating.com/> during February.

Final starting times for the different distances of the different age groups will be published at the Team Leader Meeting before the drawing and at the Organizers' web-site: <http://fsjspeedskating.com/>

9.2. Training and Warm Up Times

The 400m ice track is open for training at times on Tuesday March 7th and Wednesday March 8th to be published at the Organizers' web-site: <http://fsjspeedskating.com/>. **There will not be a daily admittance fee.**

The 400m ice track is reserved exclusively for competitors as follows:

Thursday March 9 th	to be announced on http://fsjspeedskating.com
Friday March 10 th	7:30 – 8:30 Warm Up Competition 1 st Day
Saturday March 11 th	7:30 – 8:30 Warm Up Competition 2 nd Day
Sunday March 12 th	7:30 – 8:30 Warm Up Competition 3 rd Day

The admittance fee during these days is free.

9.3. Timetable (preliminary)

Thursday March 9th, 2017

09:00 - 15:00	Check-In	Foyer 2 nd Floor Pomeroy Sport Centre
16:00 -	Team Leaders Meeting	Meeting Room Ground Floor PSC (max. two team leaders per nation)
19:00	Drawing, Welcome Drink, Reception	Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre 11308 Alaska Road Fort St. John, BC

Friday March 10th, 2017

09:00	Competition 1 st Day	Pomeroy Sport Centre (PSC)
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Saturday March 11th, 2017

09:00	Competition 2 nd Day	Pomeroy Sport Centre (PSC)
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Sunday March 12th, 2017

09:00	Competition 3 rd Day	Pomeroy Sport Centre (PSC)
18:30	Victory Ceremony	Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre
19:00	Closing Banquet	Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre

10. Entries

Generally the entries are accepted in chronological order. However, Finland (FIN), The Netherlands (NED), Norway (NOR) and Russia (RUS) will make their entries after a qualification process.

Entries must be made by filling out the Electronic Entry Forms available on the IMSSC website: www.imssc.org

If you are not already registered as a user, please ask for your account details to the IMSSC Secretary at info@imssc.org. If you are a registered user, enter your account details clicking on the

symbol ☰ on top of the home page at the right hand side, then choose the competition under the menu “Competitions”. Click on “Register” and then click on “Checkout” and fill-in all the requested data; finally click on “Process Registration”. You will get a confirmation by e-mail that your entry has been received by the Organizer. However, this message does not confirm your participation. The confirmation of your participation you can find in the Competitors List at the Organizers’ web-site: <http://fsjspeedskating.com/>

The registration deadline is January 10th 2017 for all nations.

The entries from the participants of FIN, NED, NOR and RUS will arrive at the respective addresses:

FIN Pertti Kiiskinen
E-Mail: pertti_kiiskinen@hotmail.com

RUS Boris Repnin – IMSSC Member RUS
E-mail: simbon@list.ru

NED Bram de Vries – IMSSC Treasurer NED
E-mail: bramdevries1942@ziggo.nl

NOR Sverre Erik Ødegaard - Norges Skøyteforbund Hurtigløpskoordinator
E-mail: svenn-erik.odegaard@nif.idrett.no

After the qualification process the Participant Lists and Waiting Lists from FIN, NOR and RUS have to be sent to the following email-address 2017mag@gmail.com until January 10th 2017 at the latest.

Any unused quotas per January 10th will be distributed among those Nations having more entries than Quota (i.e. skaters on Waiting List) in relation to their original quota.

If an entered skater is prevented from participation by illness, injury or other unforeseen cause, he/she may be substituted by another skater from the Waiting List of the same country until the Team Leader Meeting before the drawing.

11. Entrance fee for competitors

The entrance fee for competitors has not yet been determined. It will be in the same range as last year’s Games. The registration fees include a fee of approx. CAD 18.00 for the costs of the IMSSC, the cost of tickets for the Welcome Reception and the Closing Banquet. Drinks at the closing banquet are not included. If a competitor cannot take part in the Welcome Drink or Closing Banquet a refund will not be made.

Details about payment method and deadline will be published on the website before October 17th, 2016.

12. Tickets for the Welcome Reception and Closing Banquet only for Coaches and Companions

Tickets for Coaches and Companions for the Welcome Reception and for the Closing Banquet may be bought at the Event Registration Desk, 2nd floor, Pomeroy Sport Centre (PSC). Please order these tickets on the entry form. Drinks at the closing banquet are not included. Details about price

per person for the Reception and Closing Banquet will be announced on the website:
<http://fsjspeedskating.com/>

13. Liability

In Accordance with ISU Rule 119 the Olympic Oval, the Organizing Committee and the IMSSC assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the 26th Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games 2017 in Fort St. John, BC, Canada.

Each skater or accompanying person is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

14. Accommodation

Official Host Hotel is the Pomeroy Group, which has designated the following of its properties host hotels for participants and guests in the Masters' Allround Games.

The Pomeroy Group will reserve a block of rooms in each hotel at a reduced price. A package with reduced rates will be published on <http://fsjspeedskating.com/> before October 17th, 2017. The Organizing Committee asks participants to wait with booking hotel space until rates and booking reference are published.

- **Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre** (2.5 km from Pomeroy Sport Centre)
11308 Alaska Road
Fort St. John, B.C. Canada V1J 5T5
Phone: 1-250262-3233
Toll Free: 1- 866-500-4938
Fax: 1-250-262-3280
E-mail: fd@pomeroyhotelfsj.com
Website: <http://www.pomeroyhotel.com/stjohn/>

Restaurant, free breakfast and WiFi.

- **Holiday Inn Express Fort St. John** (800 m from the Pomeroy Sport Centre)
9504 Alaska Road
Fort St. John, BC., Canada V1J 6L5
Phone: 1-250-787-7737
Toll Free: 1-877-660-8550
E-mail front desk: gm@hiefsjexpress.com
Website: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/fort-st-john/yxjbc/hoteldetail>

Free breakfast and WiFi, restaurants nearby.

- **Stonebridge Hotel** (200 m from the Pomeroy Sport Centre)
9223-100th Street
Fort St John, BC. Canada V1J 3X3
Phone: 1-250-263-6880
Toll Free: 1-888-419-4657
E-mail Front Desk: FD@stonebridgefsj.com
Website: <http://www.stonebridgehotel.ca/overview-fort-stjohn>

Free breakfast and WiFi, restaurant.

15. Traveling Info

Location: Fort St John is located about 1000 km NNW of Calgary; 700km NW of Edmonton and 1200 km North of Vancouver by road.

Airlines: Fort St. John is served by three airlines:

Air Canada (Star Alliance Partner) www.aircanada.com/
Central Mountain Airlines (regional) <https://flycma.com>
WestJet <https://www.westjet.com>

There are daily flights to and from Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver
Calgary- Fort St. John direct: 1 hour and 40 minutes
Vancouver- Fort St John direct: 1 hour and 40 minutes

Traveling from Asia:

Fly via Vancouver and connect with flights to Fort St. John.

Traveling from Europe:

Fly via Calgary or Vancouver with one of Star Alliance partners and Air Canada
Fly via Calgary or Vancouver with KLM and WestJet or Air Canada

Airport

The Fort St John North Peace Regional Airport (YXJ) is located approx. 10 km east of the City. The Pomeroy Hotel Group operates a free shuttle service from the Airport to and from the three designated hotels.

Tourist Information

Fort St. John: <http://www.fortstjohn.ca/visitor-services>
British Columbia: <https://www.hellobc.com/default.aspx?CC=CA>
Alberta: <https://www.travelalberta.com/ca/>

16. Additional Information

The Calgary Olympic Oval will be hosting the **Olympic Oval Finale** from March 16th-19th, 2017. This competition may be of interest to skaters to capture two premiere events in a period of 10 days. Information will be provided on <http://fsjspeedskating.com/> about qualifying standards.

All inquiries about the 2017 Masters' Allround Games should be directed to:

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