



Announcement

The Olympic Oval and Speed Skating Canada hereby take the pleasure to invite you to take part in the International Speed Skating Competition

16th MASTERS' INTERNATIONAL SPEED SKATING GAMES

Calgary/Canada, February 22nd – 25th, 2007

The competition is to be held in accordance with the following conditions of contest, the Rules of the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) and the Rules of the International Skating Union (ISU) at the covered 400 m speed skating track of the Olympic Oval, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary/Canada, on artificial ice. This competition is a regular event on the International ISU Calendar.

Organizer: Olympic Oval

Chairman: Karrie Kreutz

Competitions (three and four distances competitions)

Ladies (age groups 30-65): 500 m, 1500 m / 1000 m, 3000 m

Ladies (age groups 70 and higher): 500 m, 1000 m / 1500 m

Men (age groups 30-65): 500 m, 3000 m / 1500 m, 5000 m

Men (age groups 70 and higher): 500 m, 1500 m / 1000 m, 3000 m

The number of participants only in the 5000 m distance and the 3000m for Ladies and Men (70 and higher) may be limited to the following number of skaters (limitation maximum):

Number of skaters	Skaters on last distance
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1 – 3	1 – 3
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4 – 7	4
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8 – 11	6
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12 – 15	8
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16 – 19	10
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20 – 23	12
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24 – 27	14
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28 and more	As per IMSSC Rule 2.7
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Quartet start may be used for all distances except the 500m.

Age Groups

The competition takes place in five year age groups (AG) as follows.

AG = five year age groups Ladies and Men as high as necessary;

No members of national selections/teams are allowed to participate.

<i>AG</i>	<i>born</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>born</i>
30	1.7.1972 – 30.6.1977	60	1.7.1942 – 30.6.1947
35	1.7.1967 – 30.6.1972	65	1.7.1937 – 30.6.1942
40	1.7.1962 – 30.6.1967	70	1.7.1932 – 30.6.1937
45	1.7.1957 – 30.6.1962	75	1.7.1927 – 30.6.1932
50	1.7.1952 – 30.6.1957	80	1.7.1922 – 30.6.1927
55	1.7.1947 – 30.6.1952	85	1.7.1917 – 30.6.1922 etc.

Limitation of participants

Due to the overwhelming response for entries the competition is **limited to 353 entries**. The **Quota of Entries** for the different Nations are: **CAN 91, GER 41, NED 70, NOR 60, USA 50, Other Nations 41**. The entries will be accepted in succession of their arrival at the address indicated in the entry. If an entered skater is hindered by illness or an unforeseen accident to take part in the competition, he/she may be substituted by another skater, **but only up to December 10th, 2006**. You will be informed as soon as possible after the arrival of your entry if you can take part in the competition. If the Quota of entries of one or more Nations is not filled by **December 10th, 2006**, the remaining free entries **may** be distributed among the Nations having more entries than quota in relation to their quota.

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.

Drawing, Classification

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 age groups the age group of each skater will be written behind his/her name in the protocol). The classification however will be done separately in 5year age groups independent of the number of participants in an age group. The winner of a three-distance contest or a four-distance contest 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 5year age group.

Prizes and Results

The first three competitors of a 5year age group will be awarded a Cup (three or four distances contest). All participants, who skate successfully the competition without disqualification, obtain a certificate (also if falling under a limitation of the fourth distance), a medal (if not being awarded with a cup) and the results including starting times, lap times, accumulated lap times and end times.

Every participant will receive a souvenir at Registration..

Anti-Doping Conditions

Anti-doping tests may be made in accordance with ISU Rule 139 and carried out in accordance with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport..

Schedule (subject to change)

Racing dates for Individual Groups:

All skaters will know the specific dates they are racing after the entry deadline. It will be posted on the IMSSC website and the Olympic Oval website.

Saturday to Wednesday

Training Times will be posted after entry deadline. Countries will be assigned training times.

Wednesday, February 21st, 2007

09:00 – 15:00	Check In	Olympic Oval
16:00	Team Leaders' Meeting (maximum two team leaders per Nation)	
18:00	Drawing	
20:00	Welcome Drink (after drawing)	

Thursday, February 22nd, 2007

12:00	Competition 1 st day	Olympic Oval
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Friday, February 23rd, 2007

12:00	Competition 2 nd day	Olympic Oval
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Saturday, February 24th, 2007

12:00	Competition 3 rd day	Olympic Oval
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Sunday, February 25th, 2007

9:00	Competition 4 th day	Olympic Oval
18:00	Victory Ceremony	
19:30	Closing Banquet	

Entries

Entries must be made by sending the attached entry form filled in with all data asked to the address indicated on the entry form. **Entry Deadline** is **December 10th, 2006, 21:00**.

Entrance fee for Competitors

\$150.00 (Can), which includes a fee of \$12.00 for the costs of the IMSSC and also the Welcome Drink Reception and the Closing Banquet. **Entry fees must accompany the entry form for all North American Competitors.**

Tickets for the Welcome Reception and Closing Banquet only for Coaches and Companions:

Tickets are \$25/person for the Welcome Reception and \$50/person for the Closing banquet. Please order these on the entry form.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119, paragraph 1, the ISU, Speed Skating Canada and the University of Calgary assume no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with the International Masters Games, 2007. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Event Shirt

An Event Shirt will be available for purchase for \$20.00(Can). Only advance orders that are included in the entry form are guaranteed. Extra shirts may be available at the Event.

Accommodation

Official Host Hotels are The Four Points by Sheraton, Calgary West and the Quality Inn, University. The Quality Inn is within walking distance of the Oval (15'), while the Four Points will have scheduled shuttle service from the hotel to the Olympic Oval and return daily.

Guaranteed Room Rates based on Single or Double Occupancy plus taxes including 2 Continental Breakfasts per room.

	Nightly	Weekly
Four Points by Sheraton, Calgary West		
Traditional Queen (2 queen size beds with duvet)	\$92	\$588 (\$84/Night)
Queen Suites (2 queen size beds plus seating area with double sofa bed)	\$112	\$728 (\$104/Night)
Quality Inn University		
Traditional rooms (2 queen size beds with duvet)	\$92	\$588 (\$84/Night)
Junior Suites with 1 King bed plus seating area with double sofa bed.	\$112	\$728 (\$104/Night)

Weekly rates: full amount must be paid upon arrival and is non-refundable.
Rates may fluctuate with a 5% increase or decrease annually.

Contact the hotel directly for Rates without Breakfast.

**Special meal packages may be arranged including a Breakfast and Dinner menu.
There are Restaurants at both hotels.**

Reservation Contact

Four Points by Sheraton, Calgary West
8220 Bowridge Cr. NW
Calgary, Alberta T3B 2V1
Contact Person: Sara Bibi Colbourne
Phone: +1 403 202 4405
Email: sara@fourpointscalgarywest.com
Fax: +1 403 288 4442

Quality Inn, University
2359 Banff Trail NW
Calgary, Alberta T2M 4L2
Contact Person: Rosalind Warren
Phone: +1 403 338 4400
Email: marketing@qualityinnuofc.com
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Additional Events

World Cup Final – Calgary March 2, 3, 4, 2007

Tickets may be ordered for this event. Information will be on the Oval website in Nov.

Information websites about Calgary and Surrounding Area.

www.tourismcalgary.com

www.discoverbanff.com

www.travelalberta.com

www.tyrellmuseum.com

Inquiries and further Information

All inquiries should be directed to:

Masters Games 2007 Organizing Committee

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Entry Form

Please fill in this entry form completely and send it until **December 10th, 2006 at the latest** (date of arrival) by mail, fax or e-mail to the following addresses:

For the participants of the Netherlands:

Aris J. Dijkman, Marsstraat 37, 2024 GA Haarlem,
Phone/Fax +31 23 526 3570, e-Mail: imssc@tiscali.nl

For the participants of Switzerland:

Markus Ulmer, Allmigweg 7, 8836 Bennau
Phone +41 55 412 6558, Fax +41 43 282 5719, e-Mail: mulmer@mac.com

For the participants of all Other Nations:

Gregg Planert, Olympic Oval, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4
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Fax +1 403 284 4815, e-mail: gplanert@ucalgary.ca

<i>Family name:</i>	<i>First name</i>
<i>Date of birth:</i>	<i>Male/female:</i>
<i>Complete address (Street/nr./postal code/town/province/country):</i>	
<i>Telephone:</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
<i>Fax:</i>	
<i>Starting for nation: License No.:</i>	
<i>No. of participants (incl. companions) for the Welcome Reception:</i>	
<i>No. of participants (incl. <u>companions</u>) in the Closing Banquet</i>	
Request for Event Shirt <i>Number of Shirts requested:</i>	<i>Sm ___ Med ___ Large ___ Xlarge ___</i>
<i>North American Competitors:</i>	
<i>Credit Card Type:</i>	<i>Credit Card #</i>
Waiver: By signing this entry form I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Olympic Oval, Speed Skating Canada, The University of Calgary, the ISU, the IMSSC and other organizations concerned, their agents, officers or members, for any and all injuries suffered by me at said contest to be held February 22, 23, 24, 25, 2007 in the Olympic Oval at Calgary, Alberta, Canada.	
<i>Signature of the competitor</i>	
<i>Place,</i>	<i>Date.:</i>