

MASTERS SPRINT GAMES 2026 INNSBRUCK



**24th and 25th
JANUARY 2026**

Announcement

The Austrian Speed Skating Association takes the pleasure to invite you to take part in the international speed skating competition

17th Masters' International SPRINT GAMES 2026 24th and 25th of January 2026 Olympiaworld Innsbruck / Austria

The competition is to be held in accordance with the following conditions of contest, the Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and the Regulations of the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) at the 400 m Outdoor-Standard Speed Skating Track with radii of 25 and 29 m the Olympic rink in Innsbruck on artificial ice. This competition is a regular event of the International Masters' Competition Calendar of the IMSSC.

Organizing Committee

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1. IMSSC Distances & Eligibility

The competition will take place on Saturday, 24 January and Sunday, 25 January, 2026. It is a four-distance sprint competition over a schedule of two days.

Day 1	Saturday,	24 January, 2026	Women and Men: 500m #1 and 1,000m #1
Day 2	Sunday,	25 January, 2026	Women and Men: 500m #2 and 1,000m #2

To be eligible, skaters must be a member of a National Speed Skating Federation recognized by the ISU and must have a license.

2. Age Groups

The competition takes place based on the following five-year age groups:

AG = five-year age group for Masters women and men, according to their birthdate as indicated above

AG	Date of Birth	AG	Date of Birth
30	01.07.1991 – 30.06.1996	65	01.07.1956 – 30.06.1961
35	01.07.1986 – 30.06.1991	70	01.07.1951 – 30.06.1956
40	01.07.1981 – 30.06.1986	75	01.07.1946 – 30.06.1951
45	01.07.1976 – 30.06.1981	80	01.07.1941 – 30.06.1946
50	01.07.1971 – 30.06.1976	85	01.07.1936 – 30.06.1941
55	01.07.1966 – 30.06.1971	90	01.07.1931 – 30.06.1936
60	01.07.1961 – 30.06.1966	etc.	

3. Schedule

a. Training Times Before Competition

All skaters may skate during speed skating pack sessions prior to the competition. The cost to skate during each Speed Skating Pack Session is € 15,00 from Monday until Wednesday. Please make payment for the Speed Skating Pack Session with the Entrance Fee stated under point 9.

Schedule (subject to change)

Monday,	19 January	18:00 – 19:45
Tuesday,	20 January	18:00 – 19:45
Wednesday,	21 January	18:00 – 19:45

b. Official Training Times

Schedule (subject to change)

Thursday,	22 January	09:15 – 11:30 and 18:00 – 19:30
Friday,	23 January	09:15 – 11:30 and 18:00 – 19:30

c. Preliminary Timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time All Times in MEZ</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
Monday, 19 January	18.00 – 19.45	Training	Olympiaworld (OW) Ice Stadium*
Tuesday, 20 January	18.00 – 19.45	Training	OW Ice Stadium*
Wednesday, 21 January	18.00 – 19.45	Training	OW Ice Stadium*
Thursday, 22 January	09.00 – 12.00 17.00 – 20.00	Check-In and last confirm Entry in person (see under point 8 „Entries“)	OW ASSA-Office*
	09.15 – 11.30	Official Training All Groups	OW Ice Stadium*
Friday, 23 January	09.00 – 12.00	Check-In and last confirm Entry in person (see under point 8 „Entries“)	OW ASSA-Office*
	09.15 – 11.30	Official Training All Groups	OW Ice Stadium*
	15.30 – 16.00	Team Leaders Meeting	OW Meeting Room*
	17.00	Welcome Drink	OW Meeting Room*
Saturday, 24 January	Times will be announced at the team leaders meeting	Official Training for Men AG 30 – 65	OW Ice Stadium
		Day 1 of Racing for Men AG 30 – 65	OW Ice Stadium*
		Official Training for Women and Men AG 70 – 85	OW Ice Stadium*
		Day 1 of Racing for Women and Men AG 70 – 85	OW Ice Stadium*
Sunday, 25 January	Times will be announced at the team leaders meeting	Official Training for Men AG 30 – 65	OW Ice Stadium*
		Day 2 of Racing for Men AG 30 – 65	OW Ice Stadium*
		Official Training for Women and Men AG 70 – 85	OW Ice Stadium*
		Day 2 of Racing for Women and Men AG 70 – 85	OW Ice Stadium*
	19.00 – 23.00	Award Ceremony and Closing Banquet	Alpensaal an der Messe (EXPO)*
Monday, 26 January	13.00	Transfer to Inzell	OW Bus Station*

*) An overview plan is attached to the announcement

d. Team Leaders Meeting, Drawing And Classification

The team leaders meeting will be held on Friday, 23 January 2026, at 15:30, in the Olympiaworld Meeting Room (1st floor Foyer B Nord).

At this meeting, entries will be confirmed and information regarding the event will be distributed. The draw will take place immediately following this meeting. There will not be a second team leaders meeting.

Drawings at the Masters Sprint Games must be done according to ISU Rule 240 paragraph 4, with four exceptions:

- On all the distances all 5-year age will be drawn/paired together and will compete together (Women and Men separately).

- Pairing for the third and fourth distances will be done based respectively on the classification after 2 and 3 distances. In both cases the lane (inner and outer) will be changed for every skater with reference respectively to the first distance (for the third) and to the second distance (for the fourth). However, every classification and the final ranking after 4 distances, must be done in separate 5-year age groups.
- All competitors will be admitted to the last distance.
An exception to this is when a competitor has received a Yellow Card from the Referee, the competitor is then excluded from the rest of the competition (ISU Rule 275 Disqualification).
- If at more than 100 participants are competing, they shall be divided into two or more blocks. The first block completes its two distances before the next block, and so on. This will reduce waiting time between the two distances.



A skater who completes all distances successfully and obtains the lowest total of points in his/her five-year age group wins the four-distance competition in that group.

Quartet starts may be used for the 500m and 1,000m distance.

4. Limitation of Participants

The competition is restricted to 200 skaters. The following nations' quotal list was defined and confirmed by the IMSSC Members.

<i>Nation</i>	<i>Quota</i>
CAN	13
FIN	10
GBR	2
GER	25
ITA	9
JPN	12
NED	65

<i>Nation</i>	<i>Quota</i>
NOR	26
MGL	5
POL	8
SWE	4
USA	13
OTHER	12
TOTAL	204

5. Limit Times

If a skater wishes to participate in Masters Sprint Games, they must meet the following requirements in order to be allowed entry into the competition:

- have a documented time (500m for MSG) on www.speedskatingresults.com, www.speedskatingnews.info or similar, and;
- have a documented time that meets the Minimum Time Standard (MTS) set forth in button, and;
- have skated that MTS time during the previous two seasons.

If a skater fails to meet requirements a) or b) above they should contact their IMSSC Country Representative. The organizer of the Masters Sprint Games and the Board of the IMSSC will decide whether the request will be honored. Contact info@imssc.org for assistance identifying your country representative.

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>500m Maximum</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>500m Maximum</u>
Women 30	50.00	Men 30	45.00
Women 35	52.00	Men 35	46.00
Women 40	53.00	Men 40	47.00
Women 45	55.00	Men 45	48.50
Women 50	57.00	Men 50	50.00
Women 55	59.50	Men 55	52.00
Women 60	1.02.50	Men 60	54.50
Women 65	1.06.00	Men 65	58.00
Women 70	1.10.00	Men 70	1.02.00
Women 75	1.15.00	Men 75	1.07.00
Women 80	1.20.00	Men 80	1.12.00
Women 85	1.25.00	Men 85	1.17.00
Women 90+	1.30.00	Men 90+	1.22.00

6. Prizes

Any competitor who successfully completes the four-distance contest obtains a medal. For the four-distance combination, the first three competitors of each five-year age group will be awarded a prize. Any competitor who successfully finishes the competition without disqualification obtains a certificate containing the final results, which can be downloaded from our website.

Live results will be available on the website www.speedskatinglive.info

7. Doping Control**ISU**

Anti-doping tests may be carried out in accordance with ISU Rule 139 and the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules (ISU Communication No. 2344) and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communication No. 2366) or any further update of these Communications:

<https://isu.org/anti-doping-rules/>

IMSSC

Anti-doping tests may be carried out in accordance with the IMSSC guidelines available at:

<https://imssc.org/mstr/anti-doping-guidelines/>

8. Entries

Entries must be made by filling in the Electronic Entry Form available on this [LINK](#).
Based on your selection, we will send an invoice for payment to your e-mail address!

Dutch participants must first register via their regular channels on the website www.schaatscircuit.nl and inschrijven.schaatsen.nl in connection with their nomination/qualification process.

Also **Norway** has its own registration and withdrawal procedure!

Skaters must register by sending their names to the following email: nmssc2016@gmail.com

The registration deadline for Norway is November 15, 2025.

You can view and edit your entry at any time until the entry deadline.

A competitor is obliged to confirm his participation in person at the latest three hour before the Team Leader Meeting of the competition. If the competitor is not able to confirm in person, he must inform the competition organization via email, phone, SMS or WhatsApp specifying first and last name at the latest 24 hours before the drawing of the competition.

**Deadline for Entries: Friday, 19 December, 2025
at 24:00 MESZ (Berlin)**

9. Entrance Fee

The entrance fee is fixed at **€ 165 (Euro)** per competitor. This includes a ticket to the admittance to all Official Practice Sessions, Welcome Drink, a ticket to the Closing Banquet, as well the transfer on Monday 25 January from Innsbruck (Austria) to Inzell (Germany). The entrance fee must be paid prior to the registration deadline on **19 December, 2025 at 24:00 MESZ**

It has to be paid via bank transfer to the account mentioned below. Unofficial training periods for Masters' (look under item 3.a in Schedule) must be paid also.

Bank connection

Important Transfer after confirmation of participation and in Euro (€)

Charges on other currency at your expense

Indicate complete name of skater and nation

Bank: Bank Austria
 Recipient: OeSTERREICHISCHER EISSCHNELLLAUF VERBAND
 IBAN: AT25 1200 0096 5322 0503
 Account: 09653 220 503
 BIC: BKAUATWW



10. Additional Tickets

For accompanying persons or coaches, tickets for the Welcome Drink (€ 25 per person) and for the Closing Banquet (€ 60 per person) may be bought from the OC. Please order and pay for these tickets in the option on the registration form under point 8 “Entries“. At the Closing Banquet, drinks are included.

No cost for spectators during the competition!

11. Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, the ISU, the IMSSC and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, bodily or personal injury, or property damages, incurred with connection with the Masters' International Sprint Games 2026. Each skater or accompanying person is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

12. Accommodation

We are pleased to offer you the convenience of booking your stay directly online.

Simply follow the link below to make your hotel reservation quickly:

[LINK Reservation Language English](#)

[LINK Reservierung Sprache Deutsch](#)

All hotels offer not far from the ice rink!

Please note: The room allotment is available until mid-December 2025, subject to availability.

After this date, reservations can be made upon request.

For questions regarding accommodation, please contact the following:

Innsbruck Incoming

E-Mail: incoming@innsbruck.info

Tel: +43 (0)512 5356 9703

Room rates are:

For single occupancy, between € 121.00 and € 138.00 per room per night, including breakfast and excluding local taxes.

For double occupancy, between € 166.00 and € 220.00 per room per night, including breakfast and excluding local taxes.

Please notice!

- each participant is responsible for their own accommodation and this is only a service
- When booking the hotels offered, the Innsbruck [Welcome Card](#) with [public transport](#) is included
- The [banquet](#) on Sunday is a 20-30 minute walk from the ice rink or use the [public transport](#) to EXPO („Messe Innsbruck“)!

13. Transfer From/To Airport And Train Station

The transfer from the airport or train station of Innsbruck with [public transport](#) is not direct to the Olympiaworld (Ice Stadium)

Arrival Train Station: The train station („Innsbruck Hauptbahnhof“) is not far from the Ice Stadium („Innsbruck Eisstadion“)

Arrival Airport: You have two options: with Taxi (10 minutes from airport and < € 30,-) or with the [public transport](#) (20 minutes from „Innsbruck Flughafen“)

14. Bus Transfer To Inzell

The transfer from the Bus Station Olympiaworld to Inzell is organized for Monday, 26 January, 2026 13.00 h. Please let us know if you need a bus transfer in the registration under point 9. The transfer is included in the entrance fee!

Accompanying persons or coaches must registration under point 9 and pay € 20.00.

Select the option on the registration form under point 8 “Entries“.



15. Additional Information

More information can be found at the official website for the competition, using the following link:

<https://www.speedskating.at/2026msg/>

For all queries, please contact the OC at oesvmitglieder@gmail.com

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Guidance map



Alpensaal an der Messe
Entrance Ing.-Etzel-Straße



Olympiaworld
Restaurant



Olympiaworld
Event Center



RACE Office
Information Desk



Dressing Room
Showers and Toilets



Stairwell Warm-up
Stairwell Catering



Stairwell 1st Floor
Welcome Drink / Meeting room



Entrance Olympiaworld
Entrance Ice Stadium



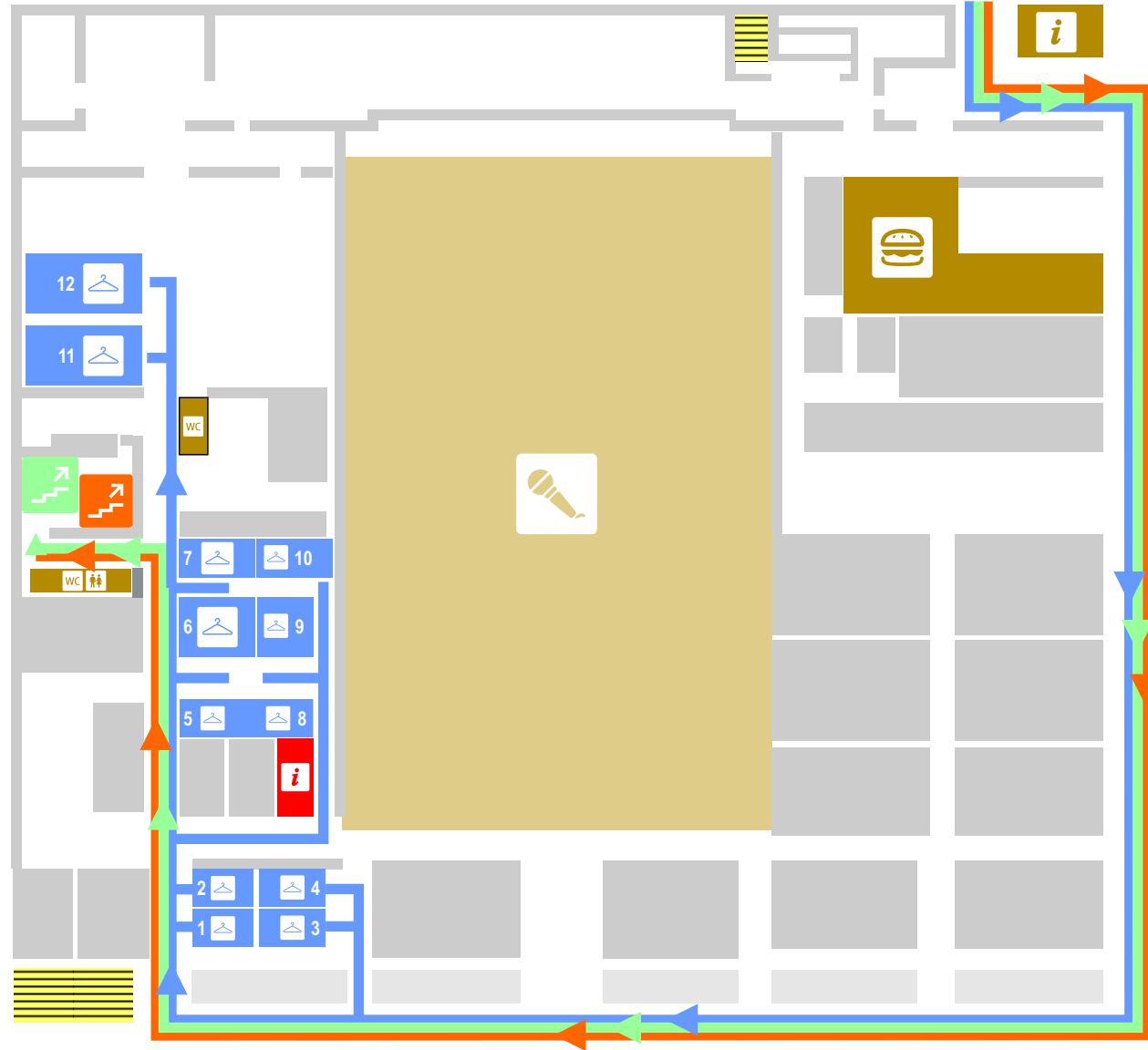
Guidance System 400m-Rink
Guidance System Dressing Room



Stairwell 1st Floor
Way Meeting Room 1st Floor



Way Warm-up Zone 1st Floor
Way Catering 1st Floor



Speedskating rink

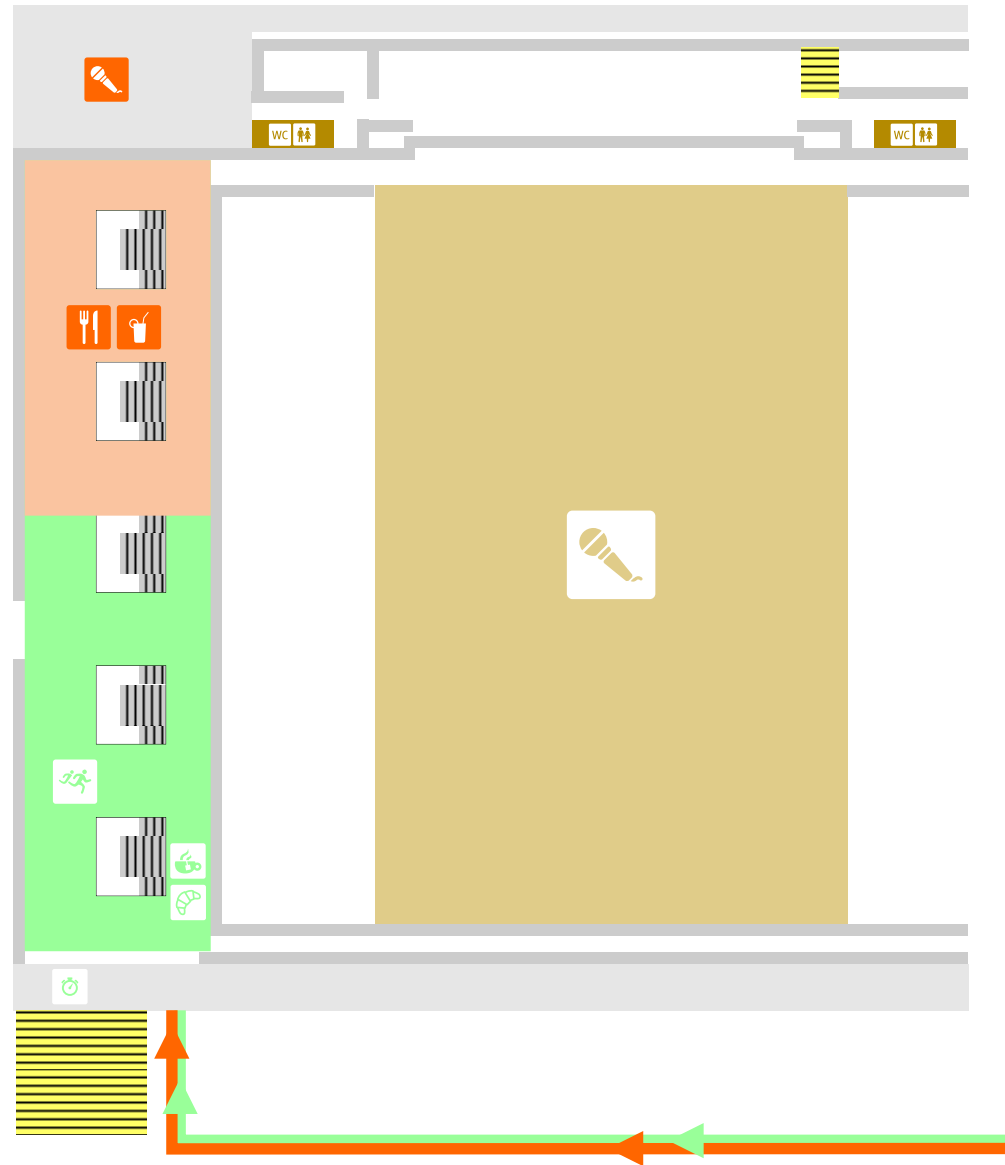


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Guidance map 1st Floor

-  Stairwell 1st Floor Foyer B North
Way Meeting Room 1st Floor
-  Team Leader Meeting 1st Floor
Meeting Room 1st Floor
-   Welcome Drink 1st Floor
Meeting Room 1st Floor
-  Way Warm-up Zone 1st Floor
Way Catering 1st Floor
-  Staircase Warm-up
Staircase Catering
-  Participant Warm-up Zone
1st Floor
-   Participant Catering
1st Floor
-  Competition Office
Time Keeping
-  Olympiaworld
Event Center



Speedskating rink