



Announcement

The MCLN (Dutch Masters Speedskating Organization) has the pleasure to invite you to participate in the international speed skating competition

13th Masters' International Long Distance Races

Heerenveen, the Netherlands
Monday, March 20th March 2017

The competition will be held in accordance to 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 "Thialf", Pim Mulierlaan 1, Heerenveen, The Netherlands, on artificial ice. This competition is a regular event on the International ISU Masters calendar.

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1 Competitions

Ladies en men (from age group 30): Single Distance Races. Possible Distances 500 m combined with one of the following distances.

Possible combinations: 500 m & 3.000 m or,
500 m & 5.000 m or,
500 m & 10.000 m.

Quartet start will be used for all distances.

2 Age-Groups

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

AG	born between	AG	born between	AG	born between
30	1.7.82 – 30.6.87	50	1.7.62 – 30.6.67	70	1.7.42 – 30.6.47
35	1.7.77 – 30.6.82	55	1.7.57 – 30.6.62	75	1.7.37 – 30.6.42
40	1.7.72 – 30.6.77	60	1.7.52 – 30.6.57	80	1.7.32 – 30.6.37
45	1.7.67 – 30.6.72	65	1.7.47 – 30.6.52	85	1.7.27 – 30.6.32 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 Limitation of participants

The competition is restricted to 80 skaters. You will be informed as soon as possible after the arrival of your entry if you can take part in the competition.

5 Drawing and classification

Digitally by the Referee on Sunday, 19th of March 2017 and published on the website www.schaatscircuit.nl.

The classification will be separately in 5 year age groups independent of the number of participants.

6 Prices and results

There will be no prizes and a prize giving ceremony. But a certificate and a complete protocol (containing also starting times, lap times and accumulated lap times) will be published on the website www.schaatscircuit.nl.

7 Anti doping measures

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

8 Schedule

8.1 Competition start

Monday, March 20th 2017, 12:00h

On the 5.000 m and 10.000 m every skater will have a personal lap controller.

8.2 Training and warm up times

The 400m ice track will be open for training on all public hours and on certain periods on the days before the competition. Check for details the website www.thialf.nl/recreatie/openingstijden. The admittance fee for training on public hours is not included in the entry fee of this competition.

9 Entries

Entries must be made by the Dutch competitors on the regular way via the website www.schaatscircuit.nl and by all other competitors by filling out the electronic entry form with all data asked available on the IMSSC website www.imssc.org. You find the electronic entry form on the website www.imssc.org by the competitions.

If you are not already registered as 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 (Individual)" 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 can be found in the Competitors List at the Organizers website: www.schaatscircuit.nl.

Entries can be made until Saturday, March 1th 2017 at the latest.

10 Entrance fee for competitors

Entrance fee will be: **45,- euro** for 500 m & 3000 m

50,- euro for 500 m & 5000 m

60,- euro for 500 m & 10000 m

per person per day, including an additionally fee of 12,- euro per person for the costs of the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC).

The entrance fee for competitors must be paid **before March 1st 2017** via bank transfer to:

Name of the receiver: **MCLN**
Address of the receiver: Burg. Padmosweg 81, 3648 BD Wilnis, Netherlands
Name of the bank: Rabobank
Address of the bank: Postbus 2035, 3440 DA Woerden, Netherlands
Account receiver (IBAN): **NL04 RABO 0195 2051 11**
BIC: **RABONL2U**

11 Liability

In accordance to ISU rule 119 Thialf, the organizing committee and the IMSSC assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in relationship to the 9th Masters' International HEERENVEEN SPRINT in Heerenveen.

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

12 Accommodation

General

In and around Heerenveen there are many hotels and B&B's. They can easily be found via booking.com Heerenveen. Information can be found at: www.vvvheerenveen.nl.

Travelling info

Travelling to the Netherlands can be done by plane (to Schiphol Airport), by train or by car.

Travelling from Schiphol to Heerenveen can be done by train of the Nederlandse Spoorwegen (NS).

Time schedules and ticket information of all trains in the Netherlands can be found on

<http://www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home>.

13 Additional information

All inquiries should be directed via email to:

MCLN, the 13th Masters' International Long Distance Races Organizing Committee
to the attention of Bram de Vries, e-mail: info@schaatscircuit.nl

Wilnis, 4th January 2017

Bram de Vries c.s.

For the Organizing Committee

