

THIALF RECORD RACES

ANNOUNCEMENT

6th Masters' International Thialf Record Races

Heerenveen, the Netherlands

Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 March 2026

MCLN (the Dutch Masters Speed Skating Association) invites you with pleasure to participate in the international speed skating competition

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Allround (Big, Normal, Small) | Sprint | Single distance

This competition will be held according to the Regulations of the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) and the Regulations of 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 an event of the IMSSC International Masters', the International ISU's and the Dutch Ice Sports Federation's 2024/2025 Calendars.

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1 Competitions

Women and men (from age group 30) four distance competitions and single distances:

- **Sprint** (500 m, 1.000 m, 500 m, 1.000 m)
- **Allround Small** (500 m, 1.500 m, 1.000 m, 3.000 m)
- **Allround Normal** (500 m, 3.000 m, 1.500 m and 5.000 m)
- **Allround Big** (500 m, 5.000 m, 1.500 m and 10.000 m)
- **3.000 m**
- **5.000 m**
- **10.000 m**

The four distance competitions are a two-days competitions. The single distances will be held on the first day of the competition. Quartet start will be used for all distances.

For the timekeeping we will use transponders. Every skater gets a set of transponders just before his/her start of every race (excluding the 500m).

2 Age Groups

This competition will be organized in the following five-year age groups (**AG** = five-year age groups Masters, Women and Men, according to their birth date, as indicated hereunder):

AG	born between	AG	born between	AG	born between
25*	1.7.96 – 30.6.01	50	1.7.71 – 30.6.76	75	1.7.46 – 30.6.51
30	1.7.91 – 30.6.96	55	1.7.66 – 30.6.71	80	1.7.41 – 30.6.46
35	1.7.86 – 30.6.91	60	1.7.61 – 30.6.66	85	1.7.36 – 30.6.41
40	1.7.81 – 30.6.86	65	1.7.56 – 30.6.61	90	1.7.31 – 30.6.36 etc.
45	1.7.76 – 30.6.81	70	1.7.51 – 30.6.56		

* = Senior age group

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 100 skaters for the four distance competitions. The single distance races are restricted to 40 skaters. You will be informed as soon as possible after your entry if you can take part in the competition.

5 Drawing, seeding and classification

Digitally by the Referee on Tuesday, 17th of March 2026 and published on the website www.schaatscircuit.nl and published on the "Sportity" APP. The drawing will be done in groups of 2 skaters, according to their best times of the current season, their best times of last season or their personal best times (and in that order).

On the first two distances, for drawing purposes, skaters will be seeded in one group (women and men together) per competition (Allround (Big, Normal, Small) and Sprint), according to their best times of the current season, their best times of last season or their personal best times (and in that order).

Also, for the Single Distance Races the seeding will be done per joined Age Groups (women and men together).



Drawing at International Masters' Speed Skating Competitions will be done according to ISU Rule 244 for Drawing at International Competitions. Each of the 5 Year Age Groups is considered a separate competition in this respect.

For drawing of Masters' International Allround Competitions the ISU Rule 244 paragraph 4, 5 and 6 apply, as well as ISU Rule 240 paragraph 4. And for drawing of this Masters' International Allround Competitions the five-year age groups will be drawn (women and men together) all together. Also, the allotting of track on the third and final distance is decided by the ranking after two distances in the whole groups. All competitors will be admitted to the last distance

Drawing at Masters' International Sprint Competitions will be done according to ISU Rule 240 paragraph 4, with two exceptions:

- Drawing of the third and fourth distance will be done based on the overall ranking (independent of age group) on the first respectively the second distance;
- 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).

However final classification will be done separately in 5 years age groups independent of the number of participants in a 5 years age group.

A skater that completes all distances successfully and obtains the lowest total of points in his/her five-year age group wins the four-distance competition in her/his age group. And for the single distances: a skater that skates the fastest time in his/her five-year age group wins the single distance race in her/his age group.

6 Prices and results

There will be no prices or a price giving ceremony, but a certificate for all participants.

A complete protocol (containing also starting times, lap times and accumulated lap times) will be published on the website www.schaatscircuit.nl and published on the "Sportity" APP.

7 Anti-doping measures

Anti-doping tests will 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.

See also the Anti-doping guidelines of the IMSSC (<https://imssc.org/mstr/anti-doping-guidelines/>).

8 Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, ISU, IMSSC and the Organizing Committee assume **no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, bodily or personal injury, or property damages**, incurred in connection with this competition. Each skater or accompanying person is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage here to.



9 Schedule

9.1 Competition start

Wednesday, March 18th 2026, **10:00h** for Allround and Sprint competitions and about **14:00h** for the single distances 10.000 m, 5.000 m and 3.000 m.

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

9.2 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/openingstijden. The admittance fee for training on public hours is not included in the entry fee of this competition.

10 Entries

Dutch competitors

Dutch competitors must register on the regular way via the website www.schaatscircuit.nl on inschrijven.schaatsen.nl.

Foreign competitors

Foreign competitors must register via the button 'Registration TRR' on the page www.schaatscircuit.nl/TRR2026 on the website www.schaatscircuit.nl.

You will get a confirmation by e-mail with a payment request, stating that your registration has been received by the Organizing Committee. However, this e-mail message does not confirm your participation. After payment has been made and received at the Organizing Committee. Confirmation of your participation can be ascertained in the Competitors' List, to be found in the Organizing Committee website: www.schaatscircuit.nl.

Entries can be made until Saturday, March 7th 2026 at the latest.

11 Entrance fee for competitors

Entrance fee will be:

- 65,00 euro** for Sprint (500 m, 1.000 m, 500 m, 1.000 m)
- 100,00 euro** for Allround Small (500 m, 1.500 m, 1.000 m, 3.000 m)
- 130,00 euro** for Allround Normal (500 m, 3.000 m, 1.500 m and 5.000 m)
- 155,00 euro** for Allround Big (500 m, 5.000m, 1.500 m and 10.000m)
- 41,75 euro** for 3.000 m
- 55,00 euro** for 5.000 m
- 75,00 euro** for 10.000 m

The entry fee has to be paid through bank transfer, to the account detailed below. The competitor will receive an e-mail from the organizing committee for this with a payment request.

The entrance fee for competitors must be received by MCLN **before March 8th 2026** via bank transfer to:

Name of the receiver:	MCLN
Address of the receiver:	Provincialeweg 25, 2851 EA Haastrecht, the Netherlands
Name of the bank:	Rabobank
Address of the bank:	Postbus 2035, 3440 DA Woerden, the Netherlands
Account receiver (IBAN):	NL04 RABO 0195 2051 11
BIC:	RABONL2U



12 Accommodation

General

In and around Heerenveen there are many hotels and B&B's. They can easily be found via [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com). Information can be found at: www.friesland.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 (the Nederlandse Spoorwegen (NS)). Time schedules and ticket information of all trains in the Netherlands can be found on www.ns.nl.

13 Additional information

Communication by Sportity APP

General information, starting lists, results and urgent messages will be communicated to the skaters and companions via the *Sportity* mobile application. The *Sportity app* is available free of charge on Android and Apple systems and is compatible with both tablets and smartphones.

It can be downloaded directly on the app stores. In order to view all the information for the *IMSSC TRR2026*, the password is **MCLN2021**. Please feel free to communicate the password to all the participants and companions.



Inquiries

For all questions, please send an email to:

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Haastrecht, 15th September 2025

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For the Organizing Committee



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