



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

Dutch Masters Cup 2026-2027

- Enschede, the Netherlands, Sunday, 22nd November 2026
- Heerenveen, the Netherlands, Saturday, 12th December 2026
- Leeuwarden, the Netherlands, Saturday, 19th December 2026

This competition is to be held in accordance with the following conditions of contest, the Regulations and Rules of the International Skating Union (ISU) and the Regulations and Rules of the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) on the following covered 400m standard speed skating tracks on artificial ice:

- **Ijsbaan Twente**, Colosseum 90, 7521 PT Enschede, The Netherlands
- **Thialf**, Pim Mulierlaan 1, 8443 DA Heerenveen, The Netherlands
- **11stedenhal**, Fryslânplein 1, 8914 BZ Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

These races are regular events on the International Masters' Competition Calendar of the IMSSC.

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1 Competitions / Distances

Women and men (from age group 30): Single Distance Races.

Possible Distances 500 m combined with one of the following distances.

Possible combinations: 500 m & 1.000 m or,
500 m & 1.500 m or,
500 m & 3.000 m or,
500 m & 5.000 m.

Quartet start will be used for all distances. You can take part in one of more races of this competition of the Dutch Masters Cup.

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
30	01.07.92 – 30.06.97	55	01.07.67 – 30.06.72	80	01.07.42 – 30.06.47
35	01.07.87 – 30.06.92	60	01.07.62 – 30.06.67	85	01.07.37 – 30.06.42
40	01.07.82 – 30.06.87	65	01.07.57 – 30.06.62	90	01.07.32 – 30.06.37
45	01.07.77 – 30.06.82	70	01.07.52 – 30.06.57	etc.	
50	01.07.72 – 30.06.77	75	01.07.47 – 30.06.52		

3 Eligibility

To be eligible, a 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 Participation as AIN Master

ISU Communication no. 2804

The International Skating Union (ISU) Council has decided to revise the position in ISU Communication 2469 to reintroduce skaters affiliated with ISU Members in Russia and Belarus to participate in ISU Events or International Competitions during the 2026/2027 season as AIN (Neutral) Athletes ([read ISU Communication no. 2804](#)).

That means also for Master Skaters from Russia and Belarus as AIN for IMSSC competitions.

The IMSSC will follow the same process as the ISU outlined in ISU Communication no. 2804.

Procedure for Master Speedskaters from Russia and Belarus for participation as AIN

- Check eligibility to participate as a neutral athlete (AIN).
- For further information, please read:
 - [ISU Communication no. 2804](#)
 - [Q&A](#) (Adaptation of ISU Communication 2469 Individual Neutral Athletes (AINs))
- Each AIN participant provides an application to the IMSSC
- Therefor use IMSSC 2804 ISU Acknowledgement Form (Form available from the IMSSC Secretary)
- Send this form, fully completed and signed, to the Secretary of the IMSSC (info@imssc.org)

5 Limitation of participants

The competitions are restricted to 84 skaters in Enschede, 88 skaters in Leeuwarden and 132 skaters in Heerenveen. You will be informed as soon as possible after your entry if you can take part in the competition.

6 Drawing and classification

Digitally by the Referee one day before each competition and published on the website

www.schaatscircuit.nl. The drawing will be done in groups of 4 skaters, according to their best times of the current season, their best times of last season or their estimated times (and in that order).

The seeding will be done per joined Age Groups (women and men together), the classification will be separately women group and a men group. See also 'Prices and results'.

7 Prices and results

There will be prices and a price giving ceremony after the 3rd competition (the final competition in Leeuwarden). The place of price giving will be announced later. There will be prices for the top 3 Women and the top 3 Men.

Complete protocols (containing also starting times, lap times and accumulated lap times) of each competition will be published on the website www.schaatscircuit.nl.

You will get points on the distance where you skate the most close to the World record of last year. During the final competition you will get one and a half number of points. By skating a World record you will get a bonus of 75 points.

By this way there will be a battle between sprinters and long distance skaters. And a battle between all Age Groups.

Example of point counting

A Women in the Age Group 30 (L30) skates 42,50 on the 500 m. The World record last season was 39,51. That means a percentage of 92,49%. A women L40 skates 42,99 on the 500 m and the World record L40 is 41,26, which means a percentage of 95,98%. Another Women in the Age Group L65 has a time of 50,01 (World record is 49,44). The winner of this competition is the women L55 with a time of 2.20,27 on the 1.500m. The World record is 2.19,27 which means a percentage of 99,29%

Results of the competition of this example:

Women L55	1.500m	2.20.27	99,29%	100 points
Women L65	500m	50,01	98,86%	80 points
Women L40	500m	42,99	95,98%	70 points
Women L30	500m	42,50	92,49%	60 points

Place	Points	Points final	Place	Points	Points final
1	100	150	13	18	27
2	80	120	14	16	24
3	70	105	15	14	21
4	60	90	16	12	18
5	50	75	17	10	15
6	45	67,5	18	8	12
7	40	60	19	6	9
8	36	54	20	5	7,5
9	32	48	21	4	6
10	28	42	22	3	4,5
11	24	36	23	2	3
12	21	31,5	24	1	1,5
Bonus World record		75 points			

8 Anti-doping measures

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the valid ISU Anti-doping Code (ISU Communication No. 2742 or any further update of this Communication).

See also the Anti-doping guidelines and procedure of the IMSSC.

9 Liability

In accordance with ISU Regulation 17.3 of the *Competition & Event Regulations*, 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.

10 Schedule

10.1 Competition start

- Enschede, Sunday, November 22nd 2026, 17:30h
- Heerenveen, Saturday, December 12th 2026, 19:00h
- Leeuwarden, Saturday, December 19th 2026, 20:00h

10.2 Training and warm up times

The 400m ice tracks in Enschede, Heerenveen and Leeuwarden will be open for training on all public hours and on certain periods on the days before the competitions. Check for details the websites:

- Enschede: www.optisport.nl/schaatsbaan-twente
- Heerenveen: www.thialf.nl/recreatie/openingstijden
- Leeuwarden: www.elfstedenhal.frl/openingstijden

The admittance fee for training on public hours is not included in the entry fee of these competitions.

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 DMC' on the page www.schaatscircuit.nl/dmc-2026-2027 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:

- Monday, **November 16th, 2026**, at the latest for the competition in **Enschede**
- Monday, **December 7th, 2026**, at the latest for the competition in **Heerenveen**
- Monday, **December 14th, 2026**, at the latest for the competition in **Leeuwarden**

11 Confirmation of Participation

A competitor is obliged to confirm his participation in person at the latest a half hour before the start of each competition.

12 Entry fee for competitors

Entrance fee will be: **33,00 euro** for 500 m & 1.000 m
35,00 euro for 500 m & 1.500 m
50,00 euro for 500 m & 3.000 m
58,00 euro for 500 m & 5.000 m
per person per day.

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.

Name of the receiver:	MCLN
Address of the receiver:	Reeweg Oost 43, 3312 CK Dordrecht, 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

The amount must be received by MCLN **before**:

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13 Accommodation

General

In and around Enschede, Heerenveen and Leeuwarden there are many hotels and B&B's. They can easily be found via Booking.com. Information can be found at: www.friesland.nl, www.visitleeuwarden.com and/or www.uitinenschede.nl.

Travelling info

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

Travelling from Schiphol to Enschede, Heerenveen and Leeuwarden 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.

14 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. To view all the information for the *IMSSC Dutch Masters Cup 2026-2027*, 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:

MCLN, the Dutch Masters Cup 2026-2027 Organizing Committee

to the attention of Kevin van Cleef, e-mail: info@schaatscircuit.nl.

Dordrecht, September 25th, 2026,

Kevin van Cleef c.s.

For the Organizing Committee