

Announcement

Open Dutch Juniors Short Track Speed Skating

Amsterdam, Edenhal Icerink
28 & 29 March, 2009

Amsterdam Skating Club Jaap Eden
Koninklijke Nederlandse Schaatsenrijders Bond



Amsterdamse Schaats Club
Jaap Eden



On the 28th and 29th of March 2009 the Amsterdam Skating Club Jaap Eden will organise, under auspices of the Royal Skating Association of the Netherlands (KNSB), for the 22nd time the Open Dutch Juniors Short Track Speed Skating. For this sportive event, Shorttrack skaters from all over Europe are invited to come to Amsterdam, to compete on the fast ice of the Edenhal Ice rink. The competition will be held according to the all-final system; all skaters will skate finals and will score points for the Overall classification. Electronic timing and Photofinish equipment will be used.

The competition will be held in accordance with the 2008 ISU Regulations and relevant ISU Communications.

Participation

Participation in the Open Dutch Juniors is open to clubs who belong to an ISU-member. Skaters can only compete in clubteams and not in national, regional or combination-teams. The following age-categories are allowed to compete:

Peewee's	on the 1st of July 2008 under 13
Junior-C	on the 1st of July 2008 13 or 14
Junior-B	on the 1st of July 2008 15 or 16
Junior-A	on the 1st of July 2008 17 or 18

General Program

Friday	18.00-19.00	check-in of teams at Edenhal Icerink
Saturday	10.00-11.00	check-in teams at information-desk
	11.15	warming up
	11.45	opening-ceremony
	12.00	resurface of the ice
	12.15	start of competition
	22.00	end of 1st day
Sunday	08.00	warming up
	08.20	resurface of the ice
	08.30	start of competition
	15.00	end of the competition
		Award presentation

Distances

The competition will be held over two distances and a third distance only as a Super Final.

	1 st distance	2 nd distance	Super Final	relay
Peewee's	500 m	333 m	800 m	2000 m
Junior-C	1000 m	500 m	1500 m	2000 m
Junior-B	1000 m	500 m	1500 m	2000 m
Junior-A	1000 m	500 m	1500 m	2000 m

The composition of the heats of the 1st distance will be based on the best season times stated in the entry-form. The composition of the heats of the 2nd distance will be based on the results of the first distance.

Relay races and points

The relay is a very important part of the competition and is also skated according to the "All-final system" with heats and finals for all the teams. Points for the club classification are awarded in the finals: 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10 points. The composition of the teams must be handed over to the competitor's steward 30 minutes before every qualifying round. The competition will start on Saturday with the relay heats. For the relay there are some additional rules:

- only clubteams may compete (combination, regional and national teams are not allowed)
- a skater may only compete in one team per qualifying round
- the composition of a team may be changed for each qualifying round
- skaters are allowed to compete in a higher age-category but not in a younger one
- girls are allowed to compete in a boys-team but boys not in a girls-team

Individual and club classification

The individual classification will be according to the ISU rules. The club-classification will be based on the total of the competition points (50, 48, 46, 45, 44, 43 etc.) of the best four skaters per club per distance, plus the points of the best relay-team of that club. In case of a tie in points the result of the relay-final will be taken in to consideration.

Warnings and disqualifications

Because of the "All-final system" some additional rules are necessary. In case of a disqualification the skater will qualify for a lower group of (semi)-finals and the fastest race-winner of the lower group will replace this skater in the next round. For disqualification in a final the skater will be ranked last in this final, and 1 point will be subtracted from the number of competition points.

Awards and memento's

For the individual classification after three distances there will be awards for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed skater of every age category. For the club classification there will be awards for the 1st to 10th placed clubteam. All skaters will receive a nice memento of the Open Dutch Championship for Juniors.

Conditions of contest

The competition-programme and announcement are tentative and if necessary subject to change. All skaters must wear safety helmets with a complete hard shell and a fastening under the chin, cut resistant gloves, kneepads and long sleeved clothing according to the ISU-regulations. The organisation accepts no liability for injury or damage sustained by competitors, substitutes and officials.

Entries

Entries can only be made by clubs, with approval of their respective ISU-member, through the website www.shorttrackonline.info at the latest on **Saturday 21 March 2009**.

Entry-fee

There will be an entry-fee of 7,00 euro per skater to be paid at the check-in desk.

Travel & hotel information

Teams who travel by plane will be assisted with transportation from and to the Airport, Hotel and Icerink. Information about hotels etc. will be send on request and is also available at the website of the Amsterdam Skating Club Jaap Eden: www.ascjaapeden.nl. Click on the homepage at the logo of the Open Dutch Juniors and go to the special pages with the latest news and information about the Open Dutch Juniors.

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