

ASIAN OPEN SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TROPHY 2026

 Dehradun, India

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The **Ice Skating Association of India (ISAI)** is delighted to welcome the skating community to the **Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2026** in India.

Set to be hosted yet again at the **Olympic-standard Himadri Ice Rink**, Dehradun, the championship aims to bring together athletes across the world on a platform that celebrates performance, sportsmanship, and the spirit of competition.

ISAI remains committed to delivering a world-class, athlete-focused event experience while extending a warm welcome to all participating athletes, officials, and delegates. We look forward to hosting you and creating an unforgettable experience both on and off the ice.

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1. General Regulations

2026 Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy' will be conducted in accordance with the International Skating Union (ISU) current Regulations & relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU MEMBERS.

2. Technical Data

All events, as well as official practices, will take place at the **Address Himadari Ice-Rink, Maharana Pratap Sports College, Raipur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India**, with an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface 30x60m. The compass of the track is 111.12 m, according to ISU Rules. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5, and the respective ISU Communications will be available.

3. Competition Format

Competition will use the knock-out (elimination) system as the qualification procedure. The set-up of the races will be made in accordance with ISU rule 293-3c), 4, 5 and 6. The lane positions of qualifying rounds will follow Rule 293. Final points (34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2, 1) will be awarded in the respective Final A and Final B, considering Racing Rule 297-3.

4. Eligibility and Requirements

Participation in the 2026 Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy is open to all ISU MEMBERS. Entries must be made only through the respective ISU MEMBERS. In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2526, all SKATERS who do not have the nationality of the MEMBER by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another MEMBER, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

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Passports of all SKATERS, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate (if applicable), must be presented at the event accreditation of the event for verification.

5. Events & Distances

The competitor's division of category is based on age as of 1st July 2026.

S.No.	Category (Men & Women)	Age Classification	Distance (Meters)
1	Senior	Born before July 1, 2007	500 1000 1500
2	Junior A	Born between July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009	500 1000 1500
3	Junior B	Born between July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011	500 1000 1500
4	Junior C	Born between July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013	500 777 1000
5	Junior D	Born between July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015	333 500 777
6	Junior E	Born between July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017	333 500
7	Junior F	Born between July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019	222 333
8	Relay (4Men)	Senior, Junior A, Junior B	5000
9	Relay (4Women)	Senior, Junior A, Junior B	3000
10	Relay Mixed (2 Men, 2 Women)	Senior, Junior A, Junior B	2000
11	Relay Mixed (2 Men, 2 Women)	Junior C, Junior D (combined)	2000

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NOTE: The **Relays** shall be conducted only if there are a minimum of two teams. The members are encouraged to field all their teams (in case the team is not complete, they may combine Senior, Junior A, and Junior B). The **Relay** for **Junior C + Junior D** is a combined category.

A SKATER may enter in any number of races (Distances) for the individual category and any two races for the relay based on their date of birth. The combining of Categories (Distances), in the event of insufficient entries, or entries less than 3 in any category or distances are received, it would be at the discretion of the competition organizers and competition steward to club the categories or eliminate such categories if required. The organizing committee will notify participants of any changes mentioned above. Detailed event schedule will be announced at a later date.

NOTE: The entry for the Relays shall allow 5 SKATERS to enter, where 4 SKATERS will be allowed to race in the Relay Men and Relay Women. In the Mixed Relay, up to 6 SKATERS (3 Men and 3 Women) may be allowed to enter, where 4 SKATERS (2 Men and 2 Women) will be allowed to race.

NOTE: No false start shall be allowed across all categories, with only an exemption of first false start to be given to Junior E & F categories. (For clarification purposes: A skater shall be eliminated on the first false start observed by the starters in Senior, Junior A, Junior B, Junior C & Junior D categories, whereas a warning and second chance shall be given on the first false start in Junior E & F categories.)

6. EQUIPMENT

SKATERS will be provided with a helmet sticker and a transponder. A deposit of **200 USD** would need to be **deposited for up to 5 SKATERS and 500 USD for above 5 SKATERS**. The deposit would be required to be paid in cash upon accreditation. The deposit will be fully refunded upon return of all equipment at the end of the competition, provided it is returned in good condition. In the event of any damage or loss, the deposit paid will not be refunded, and a charge of USD 150 per transponder shall be charged.

However, the ISU members can also provide a written undertaking on their letterpad to confirm the costs of transponder/s in case of loss or damage. SKATERS are required to use all Safety equipment in accordance with ISU Rule 288.

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MANDATORY

- Short Track Helmet
- Protective Eyewear
- Neck Guard
- Cut-Resistant Undersuit
- Bodysuit
- Cut-Resistant Gloves with Ice Tips
- Shin Guards
- Cut-Resistant Ankle Guards
- Short Track Boots
- Short Track Blades

NOTE: There shall be no exceptions; else the violating SKATERS will not be allowed on the ice to race. Blades used in the Short Track events must be short track blades conforming to ISU regulations, with tubes closed, and compulsory rounding of the corners of the blades, with the blade ends rounded off with a minimum radius of 10mm.

7. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

S.No.	Dates	Session	Time
1	Friday, 14 th August 2026	Official Practice (Free Ice Time)	1hr + practice time per day per ISU Member. 07:00 to 20:00 hrs
2	Saturday, 15 th August 2026	Official Practice (Free Ice Time)	1hr + practice time per day per ISU Member. 07:00 to 20:00 hrs
3	Sunday, 16 th August 2026	Official Practice (Free Ice Time) Accreditation Collection Team Leaders Meeting	1hr + practice time per day per ISU Member. 07:00 to 20:00 hrs
4	Monday, 17 th August 2026	Opening Ceremony Competition Day 1	TBD
5	Tuesday, 18 th August 2026	Competition Day 2 Followed by Award Ceremony	TBD
6	Wednesday, 19 th August 2026	Competition Day 3 Followed by Award Ceremony	TBD
7	Thursday, 20 th August 2026	Competition Day 4 Followed by Award & Closing Ceremony	TBD

This schedule is subject to change depending on the number of final entries. The **team leader meeting** and **accreditation** will be held at the Meeting Hall at the competition venue on **16th August, 2026**. SKATERS Passports Shall be required upon accreditation.

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8. ENTRY

Entry forms, including the competitor's passport copy, must be submitted by email to the Organizing Committee at: **asian trophy @ iceskatingindia.com** not later than Wednesday, July 14th, 2026 —18:00, Indian Local Time (IST). Incomplete and incorrect entry forms will not be accepted.

All SKATERS are required to provide their personal best time for all the distances that they intend to race. The personal best time recorded during the period of eligibility, for all individual distances they might participate in, along with proof of such time, must be sent. Only results achieved after July 1, 2024, will be considered.

The OC reserves the right to limit the number of participants to ten (10) entries in each category per ISU MEMBER. MEMBERS, those who request for extra entries may be considered if additional places become available after the deadline.

9. ENTRY FEE

NIL

No Entry Fee/Registration Fee is applicable.

The Participation is for ISU Members and is Free of Charge.

10. ENTRY BY NAME

We would appreciate the participant countries to provide Entry by Name by **25th June 2026**. Early entries are required for a better conduct of Visa process.

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11. AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to the top three competitors in the individual events and to each MEMBER of the relay teams on the podium, along with the certificate of Merit.

A Trophy will be awarded to the overall top nation with the highest medal tally.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation. The exact time of the Award Ceremonies will be announced in the detailed schedule in due time. Please make sure that all SKATERS are present at the Ceremony.

12. PRACTICE TIME

Extra practice time/Unofficial practice time will be available to all participating nations arriving prior to 14th August, upon request at USD 150 per Hour

Ice-Time of **1 Hrs+ a day per Nation** will be allocated on a shared basis, depending upon the number of SKATERS. The **FREE Ice Time** is available from **14th August, 2026 onwards**. However, teams who would like to come in earlier are welcome and should inform the OC, so that we can arrange the extra Ice-Time.

13. ACCREDITATION

The accreditation desk shall be open from **14th August, 2026** onwards everyday.
The accreditation shall provide the following:

- Free shuttle services
- Access to rink areas
- Kit-bags
- Access to gym
- Refreshments at the rink
- Physiotherapy at the rink (during competition days)
- Concierge services.

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14. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

Accommodation: It's our endeavor to create an athlete-centric event. We are in final negotiations with a few hotels and would like to set an official hotel, which could host multiple teams together, creating a game's village atmosphere.

For the purpose of planning, we may suggest that teams may take into consideration a minimum budget of approx: USD 90 per Athlete per Day on a twin-sharing basis, including Breakfast.

Transportation: FREE two-way airport transfer from Dehradun Airport to Official Hotel/Athlete Hotel shall be provided. Shuttle service will be provided from the Official Hotel to the Rink and from the Rink to the Official Hotel.

15. ATHLETE FACILITIES

It is ISAI's endeavor to organize an event where the athlete's experience shall be of prime importance.

The following facilities will be available on the rink:

- Physiotherapy sessions at the venue.
- Blade-sharpening machines.
- Spin-bike, Treadmills in the Warm-up Zone.



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16. HOW TO REACH DEHRADUN

Dehradun is well-connected by air with major cities in India, and New Delhi International Airport, with over 10 flights a day between Delhi and Dehradun.

The following are the travel options in sequence of preference:

A) By Air (Fastest Option):

Domestic flights operate daily from Delhi International Airport (**DEL**) Terminal 1 and 3 to Dehradun Jolly Grant Airport (**DED**).

- **Flight Duration:** Approx. 35 mins
- **Flight Frequency:** Over 10 direct flights daily
- **Airlines:** IndiGo, Air India (Star Alliance Partner), SpiceJet, Alliance Air
- **Airport Transfers:** ISAI will provide airport transfer from Jolly Grant Airport, Dehradun, to the hotels (Drive Approximately: 45 mins)

- **Most International Airlines have Code share** with Indian Domestic Airlines or have a tie-up under Star Alliance and Sky Team members. It would be recommended that International tickets be booked with Dehradun as the final destination.

B) By Road (Expressway):

- **Distance:** Approx. 250 km
- **Duration:** 2.5 - 3.5 hours

Teams opting for road transfer from New Delhi Airport to Dehradun must inform in advance in order to arrange appropriate transport, which shall be on a cost-basis (**approximately 35 USD per person One-Way**).

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17. VISA:

The ISAI shall be happy to assist in VISA formalities. Letter of Invitation, as required, will be issued by the Organizing Committee for the members.

While India has E-VISA Application Policy for some countries. We would encourage the members to please check with their local Indian Consulate for the Visa Issue Procedures.



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18. LUGGAGE & TRAVEL ASSISTANCE:

- Teams are encouraged to travel with essential sports and personal gear.
 - Ensure equipment and baggage are labeled for easy identification.
 - ISAI support staff will be stationed at key transit points for assistance.
 - All team leaders will be assigned a liaison officer for travel assistance should the need arise.
- There are multiple hotels in the vicinity of New Delhi International Airport (AEROCITY). Hotels within a 2km radius are good options for teams wishing to book transit accommodation in Delhi, depending on their budget.

ISAI shall have meet and greet volunteers at **Dehradun Airport**.

19. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Ice Skating Association of India, and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or any liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the competition.

Each MEMBER is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

We would recommend **Travel Insurance with Sports Injury Cover** be taken by all members.

Medical assistance and Ambulances shall be available at the venue.



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