



Heerenveen, 25th of January 2020

Dear Skater,

This will be your 2nd information e-mail or your 1st email. Nevertheless, we are providing an overview of the plans for conducting an Icederby 220m Track Test Run on Sunday 9th of February in Thialf.

Behind the scenes we are running as fast as possible to make this Test Run a success, but it won't be easy. The bottle neck in this is the participation of the skaters. We need at least 28 skaters (around half fixed blades and half clap-skates) with 2 weeks to go only 7 skaters have signed up. However, as we promised in our previous e-mail we are coming with additional information to make the whole plan more clear.

Trainings sessions:

We have booked Icederby 220m Track training hours on the Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th of February. Thialf has cancelled the last public hours to enable setting up and skating on the Icederby 220m Track. This means that the track can be built from 21h30 and that after the placing of pads and ice preparations will be ready around 21h50. So, from 21h50 the practice starts. Hopefully this is with a big enthusiastic group of skaters who want to take part in skating on the Icederby 220m Track with a 16m corner radius.

Because these sessions are late on the evening we also offer training hours on the 30-60 meter track in Thialf, these Short Track hours are:

Wednesday 5th February from 9h30 until 10h45

Friday 7th February from 10h00 until 11h15.

Everybody is welcome and the cost is free to come to participate in these sessions.

Information meeting:

On Tuesday 4th of February there will be an information meeting at 19h30 in Thialf to inform all the Skaters and Coaches about the Icederby 220m Track Test Run. There will be given a presentation by the members of the Icederby team and there will be time to meet with each other. An ongoing buffet is held to also have dinner in the evening.

Transfer blocks of Sjinkie Knegt:

We are pleased to inform you that we have learned from the past. After many practices last summer and thousands of laps we have to say that Shorttrackers were having some faster laps at times than the long track skaters. The long track skaters were going well through the corner, but they can improve a lot by changing their set-up. The 1st step is rockering the blade to a tighter radius and the 2nd step is raising up the shoe a bit to avoid touching the ice by the side of the boot. Moreover we have heard many times that skaters don't want to change their current long track set-up for only this Test Run.

Makes sense.



So, what we invented is a new and a specialty custom made adaptation for racing on the Icederby 220m Track and easy to assemble. We have made transfer blocks from an Inline boot “steek” to a Maple skating bridge. Sjinkie have done a great job on this. Please read the attachment for further information.

We want to make these blocks available to the skaters who have registered for the Test Run. Please attend the 4th of February information meeting to get these Transfer Blocks to assemble your set-up.

More about the Test Run

This day will be taken serious like you are used to with a Mass-Start race of long track skating. For further detailed information, please see the Communication No. 2195: *Mass Start and Team races at ISU Speed Skating Events – Safety measures, promotion initiatives and organization of races.* <https://www.isu.org/speed-skating/rules/ssk-communications/17969-isu-communication-2195/file>

These are better known as the Mass-Start rules and we will stick to this rules as much we can. However, this is slightly different for having a 1 Lap Time Trial and the 5 lap, 7 lap and 3 lap mass races are without intermediate points and limited to 7 skaters per Mass Start race. The 3 lap Mass Start race is with 7 skaters on a line started by a starter gun like Short Track.

Further information:

We want to provide further information as soon as possible. Please register yourself and ask us any questions you might have, we will be happy to provide answers. We are putting together a Frequently Asked Questions list as well. For more info please visit our website: www.ice1.global/testrun.

Food and drinks will be available during the Test Run day for free. There will be a free buffet and party after the Test Run that will be open to your guest and family.

Once again:

Icederby wants to clarify the seriousness of the Test Run. For the 2020 Ice1 Netherlands to be a reality, together we must demonstrate to the ISU that this new Skating discipline poses no undue health and safety risks to the skaters. The ISU is sending a delegation to observe and supervise and international ISU Referees and Starters will be doing their part in the Test Run.

Together we will show that competing on the Icederby 220m Track is a worthwhile undertaking. So, keep in mind that the Test Run is not a real racing competition but a Test Run to test racing scenarios. Let's make this happen together!

Sign-In:

You can apply to skate in the February 9, 2020 Test Run by filling out the Participation Application found at www.ice1.global/testrun and hitting SUBMIT .*Note: If you are experiencing trouble putting a signature on the on-line application, no worries, the liability waiver and release can be signed when you attend your first practice.*



Or print the Participation Application, fill it out, sign it and email to info@icederbyeurope.com

Together let us make the Test Run happen. Icederby is too good of an opportunity for the entire skating community to not get started.

Met vriendelijke groet,

The Icederby Team

P.S. Please feel free to pass this information on to other Skaters that may be interested.