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US Short Track Championships at the Utah Olympic Oval on Jan. 8-10

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KEARNS, Utah – US Speedskating will host the US Short Track Championships on Jan. 8-10 at the Utah Olympic Oval. The meet will be used to select the ISU World Cup teams who will compete in Dresden, Germany (Feb. 5-7) and Dordrecht, Netherlands (Feb. 12-14), and the World Championship team in Seoul, South Korea (March 11-13). In addition, skaters will use the points received in conjunction with their US Championships finishes for US Speedskating's America's Cup series.

Olympians **J.R. Celski** (Federal Way, Wash.), **Chris Creveling** (Kitnersville, Pa.) and **Jessica Smith-Kooreman** (Melvindale, Mich.) headline the group of over 40 skaters who will spend three days competing at the Utah Olympic Oval, a 2002 Olympic Winter Games site.

Joining the three Olympians will be all 14 members of the Short Track National Training Program. In addition to the senior skaters, seven of the eight short track speed skaters that were [recently named](#) to the World Junior Championships team, including Junior Champions **Maame Biney** (Reston, Va.) and **Aaron Tran** (Federal Way, Wash.), will share the ice.

Below is the schedule of events:

Events

Day 1: Friday, Jan. 8	1500m, 500m, 1000m Qualifying rounds
Day 2: Saturday, Jan. 9	1500m, 500m Semifinals and Finals
Day 3: Sunday, Jan. 10	1000m Semifinals and Finals, 3000m Super-Finals

Competition is scheduled to begin at approximately 11:40 a.m. MT on Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. on Sunday. The event is free and open to the public to watch.

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About US Speedskating

From Pond to Podium, we are US Speedskating. We grow and nurture a sport where all ages can experience the thrill of speed and the camaraderie of the skating community. US Speedskating is responsible for the development of speed skating from grassroots to the highest elite racing programs. US Speedskating is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union as the governing body for the sport of speed skating in the United States. The Organization has won 86 Olympic medals to-date, making it one of the most successful sports in U.S. Olympic history. US Speedskating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), on [Facebook](#) and at www.usspeedskating.org.