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US Speedskating Prepares for ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2016 in Seoul, Korea

World Short Track Speed Skating Championships are March 11-13

US Speedskating is preparing for the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2016 in Seoul, Korea, with racing taking place March 11-13 at the Mokdong Ice Rink. With 35 ISU members represented, Team USA has four individual skaters entered to compete among the nearly 130 total skaters from around the world.

Among the four individuals, 2014 Olympian **Jessica Smith-Kooreman** (Melvindale, Mich.) and **John-Henry Krueger** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) will represent Team USA. Smith-Kooreman currently ranks 32nd overall in the women's 1500m and 50th in the women's 1000m. Krueger is ranked in the top-35 of all three individual distances – 16th in men's 1000m, 25th in men's 1500m, and 35th in men's 500m. He is currently ranked 28th in the world overall.

Joining Smith-Kooreman and Krueger are **Kimi Goetz** (Flemington, N.J.) and **Keith Carroll, Jr.** (Honey Brook, Pa.). Goetz is listed as 22nd in the women's 1000m rankings and will be looking to improve on her 32nd overall finish from last year's World Short Track Speed Skating Championship in Moscow, Russia. Carroll was also a member of last year's World Championship team finishing 28th overall.

For the men's relay, **Chris Creveling** (Kitnersville, Pa.), **Cole Krueger** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) and **Aaron Tran** (Federal Way, Wash.) are entered to participate.

At the World Championships, Allround and Single Distance titles are up for grabs. Medals and the title of World Champion will be awarded in the three individual distances 500m, 1000m, 1500m. The Allround classification is based on the results of each skater in the individual distances and if qualified the 3000m Super Final. Only the top eight point scorers and ties on the eighth position after the completion of the three first distances will skate the 3000m Super Final. For the individual distances the final points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with the first place. No points are awarded to skaters who receive a yellow or red card or failed to finish the race. For more information, visit the [ISU website](#).

Racing begins on Friday, March 11 with the qualifying rounds of the women and men's 500m, 1000m and 1500m. For full results, click [here](#) and to watch the action on demand, visit icenetwork.com. NBCSN will broadcast an hour highlight show on March 16 beginning at 1 a.m. EST.

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