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Skaters to Compete August 18-20 at Utah Olympic Oval in World Cup Qualifier *60 skaters will compete for a spot on the 2017-18 World Cup Short Track Team*

KEARNS, Utah – US Speedskating will host the Short Track World Cup Qualifier at the Utah Olympic Oval from August 18-20. Athletes will compete to earn placement on the World Cup Short Track Team that will represent the United States over the four ISU World Cup events prior to the U.S. Olympic Team Trials. The first Short Track World Cup will be September 28-30 in Budapest, Hungary.

Over 60 skaters are expected to compete for a spot on the 12-member World Cup Team. Of those skaters, four Olympians are registered to race including three-time Olympic medalist **J.R. Celski** (Federal Way, Wash.), two-time Olympic medalist **Katherine Reutter** (Champaign, Ill.), 2010 Olympic bronze medalist **Lana Gehring** (Chicago, Ill.) and 2014 Olympian **Jessica Kooreman** (Melvindale, Mich.).

Joining the field of Olympic skaters will be 15-time World Cup medalist **John-Henry Krueger** (Pittsburgh, Pa.), and 2016-17 World Junior Championships medalists **Maame Biney** (Reston, Va.) and **Thomas Hong** (Laurel, Md.). For a full list of registered skaters, click [here](#).

Below is the schedule of events (times may change):

	Events (Women and Men)
Day 1: Friday, Aug. 18	1500m #1, 1500m #2 - Qualifying Rounds and Finals
Day 2: Saturday, Aug. 19	500m #1, 500m #2 - Qualifying Rounds and Finals
Day 3: Sunday, Aug. 20	1000m #1, 1000m #2 - Qualifying Rounds and Finals

Competition is scheduled (all local times) to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, 9:20 a.m. on Saturday and at 7:30 a.m. on the final day of racing. All racing events are free and open to the public. For those that cannot attend in person, US Speedskating will be providing a live stream of all races at USSpeedskating.org.

Following the weekend races, US Speedskating's World Cup Team will be announced on Tuesday, August 22. For media interested in covering the events, please contact Matt Whewell (mwhewell@usspeedskating.org) and/or Austin Controulis (acontroulis@usspeedskating.org).

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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.