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## **Tickets for Second Annual Apolo Ohno Invitational On Sale Thursday, Oct. 1**

*The action and drama of short track speed skating returns to Salt Lake as Team USA takes on the world*

**KEARNS, Utah** – Tickets for the Second Annual Apolo Ohno Invitational will go on sale tomorrow, Thursday, Oct. 1 at 8 a.m. MST. The Apolo Ohno Invitational will be held on Friday, Nov. 13 at the Utah Olympic Oval – a 2002 Olympic Winter Games site.

The family-friendly evening will kick-off at 7 p.m. MST (doors open at 6 p.m.). Tickets start at \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults, and can be purchased at [ApoloOhnoInvitational.com](http://ApoloOhnoInvitational.com) or in-person at the Utah Olympic Oval. There will also be a limited quantity of VIP Tickets that includes a meet and greet with Apolo Ohno, food and beverages, a commemorative VIP credential, as well as event memorabilia.

“Short track speed skating and Salt Lake are near and dear to my heart, from winning my first Olympic medal to serving as my training home during my Olympic career,” said Apolo Ohno, three-time Olympian and eight-time Olympic Medalist. “I am proud to be an ambassador for speed skating and honored to help showcase the sport in a competitive and entertaining format for the athletes and fans in attendance and at home on television.”

Building off the success from last year’s inaugural event, the partnership celebrates the most decorated Winter Olympian in American history, Apolo Ohno, with the support of Utah Sports Commission and US Speedskating, the national governing body for the sport of speed skating in the United States. This year’s excitement will be held at the Utah Olympic Oval, an official U.S. Olympic Training Site, located in the township of Kearns.

“We are thrilled to build upon year one of the AOI and bring the event to the Utah Olympic Oval this year,” said Ted Morris, Executive Director of US Speedskating. “This event will highlight the excitement of Short Track Speed Skating in a highly entertaining format with Apolo Ohno as your host and ringmaster.”

The Apolo Ohno Invitational will feature the world’s top athletes in short track speed skating as they compete for prize money in both men’s and women’s 500m, 1000m and team relays across 14 nail-biting races (eight semifinals and six finals).

The event will air on NBC Sports Network on Nov. 27, 2015 at 7 p.m. MST.

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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](http://www.usspeedskating.org).

### **About Apolo Ohno**

Apolo Ohno is the most decorated American in Winter Olympic history with eight Olympic medals in short track speed skating. The three-time Olympian and 12-time U.S. National Champion amassed more than 30 medals in international competition over the course his speed skating career. Away from the ice, Ohno has garnered further mainstream appeal by winning ABC’s *Dancing with the Stars* (2007), hosting Game Show Network’s *Minute to Win It*, and serving as a commentator for NBC’s broadcast of the 2012 and 2014 Olympic Games. A highly sought-after motivational speaker, Ohno’s autobiography, *Zero Regrets: Be Greater Than Yesterday*, reached the New York *Times* best-seller list. A believer in living an active and healthy lifestyle, Ohno completed the New York City Marathon in 2011 and the 2014 IRONMAN World Championship in October of 2014 in Kona, Hawaii. For more information, follow online via [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), on [Facebook](#) and at [www.apoloantonohno.com](http://www.apoloantonohno.com).