



# USSPEEDSKATING EVENT COVERAGE

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## US Speedskating Ready for the Season's First ISU World Cup in Montreal

Team USA has ventured north of the border to kick off this season's ISU Short Track World Cup in Montreal, Canada. The World Cup season begins on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 inside of Maurice-Richard Arena, as 12 racers from the United States square off over a three-day span against the world's best short track speed skaters.

The men's side is a mixture of experience and up-and-coming talent, which bodes well for the World Cup circuit. Three-time Olympic medalist **J.R. Celski** (Federal Way, Wash.) returns to World Cup action after taking a season off and looks to lead the men, along with multiple World Cup medalist **John-Henry Krueger** (Pittsburgh, Pa.).

**Keith Carroll Jr.** (Honey Brook, Pa.) and **Cole Krueger** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) add their experience to the mix, making the World Cup team for the second consecutive season. Rounding out the men's squad are **Aaron Tran** (Federal Way, Wash.) and **Thomas Hong** (Laurel, Md.), who will be competing in their first World Cups.

For the women, 2014 Olympian **Jessica Smith-Kooreman** (Melvindale, Mich.) brings her success and experience to a young, yet experienced women's squad. **Kimi Goetz** (Flemington, N.J.), **Katy Ralson** (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.), **Kristen Santos** (Fairfield, Conn.) and **Lexi Burkholder** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) all skated in World Cups last season and rejoin the squad this year. **Jerebelle Yutangco** (Barrington, R.I.), a member of the 2014-15 Universiade Team, will make her World Cup debut.

For the second year the format of the World Cup will consist of one day of qualification and two days of World Cup sessions, which includes the Finals. Results from Montreal can be found [here](#) and you can watch on-demand races from all World Cup races on [icenetwork](#).

### Schedule of events

#### **Friday, Oct. 30 (all times MDT)**

7:45 a.m.: Prelims 1000m, 1500m

11:15 a.m.: Prelims 500m, 1000m (2)

5:15 p.m.: End (appx.)

#### **Saturday, Oct. 31**

11:00 a.m.: Opening Ceremonies

11:10 a.m.: Quarters 1000m (1), Semis 1500m & 1000m (1), Finals 1500m & 1000m (1)

2:10 p.m.: Semis Relays

2:45 p.m. End (appx.)

#### **Sunday, Nov. 1**

11:10 a.m.: Quarters 500m & 1000m (2), Semis 500m & 1000m (2), Finals 500m & 1000m (2)

2:10 p.m.: Finals Relays

2:55 p.m. End (appx.)

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