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ISU World Cup Speed Skating Returns to Utah for Second Stop of Season

World Record-setters Brittany Bowe and Heather Bergsma to skate on the "Fastest Ice On Earth"

KEARNS, Utah – US Speedskating and the Utah Olympic Oval, in partnership with the Utah Sports Commission and the International Skating Union, will host 244 speed skaters from 28 countries this coming weekend, Nov. 20-22, in the second stop of the ISU World Cup Speed Skating circuit. The event will be held at the Utah Olympic Oval, the official 2002 Olympic Winter Games venue for long track speed skating, located in Kearns, Utah.

"We are proud to partner with US Speedskating to bring World Cup Speed Skating back to Utah," said **Jeff Robbins**, president and CEO of the Utah Sports Commission. "This event is invaluable to the state, bringing significant economic impact and image building, and further positions Utah as a leader in the national and international sports community."

Over the weekend in the season opening of ISU World Cup in Calgary, Team USA won eight total medals and broke two world records. **Brittany Bowe** (Ocala, Fla.), the three-time World Champion and 2014 Olympian, broke the longest-standing women's world record when she skated a blistering 1:51.59 in the 1500m. Fellow teammate and reigning 500m World Champion, **Heather Bergsma** (High Point, N.C.), set the world record in the 1000m at 1:12.51 on Saturday, which was previously held by Bowe since 2013 and had set a new mark just minutes before.

The US Speedskating Long Track World Cup team consists of 11 Olympians, including current 1000m and 1500m world record-holder and two-time Olympic Champion, **Shani Davis** (Chicago, Ill.). Davis is the reigning 1000m World Champion.

"Team USA is coming off an incredibly successful ISU World Cup in Calgary and we hope to see more world records falling this weekend on the "fastest ice on earth" at the Utah Olympic Oval," commented **Ted Morris**, Executive Director of US Speedskating. "Athletes from around the world love coming to Salt Lake City because of the great job our partners at the Utah Olympic Oval do hosting elite international events. The support we receive from the Utah Sports Commission and the state of Utah is instrumental to the success of this event."

There are six World Cup speed skating competitions in the 2015-2016 season and the event at Utah Olympic Oval is the second of the series. The last time Utah hosted a World Cup speed skating event was in 2013, ahead of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

The competition includes races in the following distances: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m (women only), 5000m and 10000m (men only), in addition to Team Sprint and Mass Start. Racing begins at 1 p.m. MST on all three days with doors opening at noon.

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The World Cup Salt Lake City will be streamed live through [icenetwork](#) and will air on NBCSN on Nov. 27 as part of an hour-long special beginning at 8:30 p.m. MST. Friday admission to the event is free, while tickets for Saturday and Sunday racing are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children/seniors. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [UtahOlympicLegacy.org](#).

Media interested in covering the ISU World Cup please visit the ISU Media Accreditation [website](#) and submit your accreditation form to media@uolf.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.