



SARATOGA CUP MINI-MEET

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009
SARATOGA SPRINGS ICE RINK, WEIBEL AVENUE
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK**

**Sanctioned by US Speedskating, Northern New York Skating Association and
Saratoga Winter Club**

In conjunction with the American Cup I Short Track Championship being held on October 3-4, 2009, the Saratoga Winter Club will also hold a local mini-meet for younger skaters (Juniors and below) using an All Points format. Skaters will be grouped according to their seed time, with consideration being given to the age of skaters in each group. Because this meet is being held at the beginning of the season, there will not be a Novice group. Since skaters will be seeded by time, each skater must provide a 500m or 333m seed time skated within the past year (after September 1, 2008).

Due to time constraints, we anticipate that each participant will skate in 2-3 races on Saturday, and 2 races on Sunday. Furthermore, the number of participants for this meet will be limited to 50 skaters.

All skaters must be members of U.S. Speedskating to participate in the meet, and must be a Junior or younger based on the U.S. Speedskating age group classifications.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the meet will be on **Friday, October 2.**

Check-in at Saratoga Springs Ice Rink, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Friday. *No Saturday check-in will be permitted. If delayed for Friday check-in, leave message by 7:00 p.m. at 518-281-7550.*

RACE SCHEDULE

The start times for the warm-up sessions and races on Saturday and Sunday have not yet been determined. A preliminary schedule will be posted on the U.S. Speedskating website on or about September 11, 2009, with expected start times.

ENTRY FEE, HELMET COVER DEPOSIT & DEADLINE

All entries must be made on-line via the link on the U.S. Speedskating website. Payment of entry fee must also be made on-line, and no entry will be accepted without payment.

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per skater (\$50.00 per family max.)

\$10.00 per skater Helmet Cover deposit will be required at time of registration. Deposit will be returned when helmet cover is turned in at the end of the meet.

Entries must be RECEIVED by 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2009. ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, AND NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

At the time of registration, the parent or legal guardian of each skater will be required to sign the attached **Release of Liability and Waiver Agreement**. If a skater will not be accompanied at the meet by their parent or legal guardian, the skater must bring to the registration a copy of the attached **Release of Liability and Waiver Agreement** signed by their parent or legal guardian.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Helmet, gloves, long sleeves, knee pads, neck protection and shin guards must be worn by all participants. Eye protection is also recommended.

HOST HOTELS

The following are the host hotels for the meet:

Courtyard by Marriott Saratoga Springs

11 Excelsior Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Reservations: **866-210-9325**, or by calling the hotel directly at **518-226-0538**.
Mention "Saratoga Winter Club" when making reservations.

Rates: \$99.00 per night, plus tax

Reservation deadline: September 15, 2009

Holiday Inn – Saratoga Springs

232 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

Reservations: **518-584-4550** or **800-HOLIDAY**. Use the code "SPD" when making reservations.
Reservations can also be made online at www.spa-hi.com using the code SPD.

Rates: \$135.00 per night, plus tax

Reservation deadline: September 15, 2009

DIRECTIONS TO SARATOGA SPRINGS ICE RINK

Exit 15, I-87, Adirondack Northway. Follow Route 50 North past McDonald's and take a right at the next traffic light onto Weibel Avenue. The rink is on the left hand side of Weibel Avenue approximately 1 mile south of Route 50.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need any additional information regarding the meet, contact Bill Ralston at 518-581-8753 or whralston@gmail.com. Please put "Saratoga Cup" (or something similar) in the subject box of any e-mail message sent to this address.

THIS RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED AND HANDED IN AT REGISTRATION

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER AGREEMENT

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SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 3-4, 2009

NOTE: THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE READ AND SIGNED BEFORE THE PARTICIPANT IS PERMITTED TO TAKE PART IN THE SARATOGA CUP MINI-MEET COMPETITION ON OCTOBER 3-4, 2009, IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTICIPANT AFFIRMS HAVING READ IT.

IN CONSIDERATION of my involvement in the sport and activities under the auspices of US Speedskating, the Northern New York Skating Association, and the Saratoga Winter Club, I acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. I RISK BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PARALYSIS, DISMEMBERMENT, DISABILITY AND DEATH, AND while particular rules of my sport, equipment, and personal training and discipline may reduce this risk, THIS RISK OF INJURY DOES EXIST, AS WELL AS THE RISK OF DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY;
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS; both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERS;
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my presence or participation, I will bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and
4. I, FOR MYSELF, AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, and NEXT OF KIN, HEREBY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, and PROMISE NOT TO SUE US SPEEDSKATING, THE NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION, THE SARATOGA WINTER CLUB, THE SARATOGA SPRINGS ICE RINK, THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, THE INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION OR OTHER SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS, THEIR OFFICERS, VOLUNTEERS, STAFF, SPONSORS AND/OR AGENTS ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY AND LOSS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, EXCEPT THAT WHICH IS THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WANTON MISCONDUCT.

Participant's Name (Printed) _____

This is to certify that I/we as parent(s)/guardian(s) with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release, but also for myself/ourselves, and my/our heirs, assigns and next of kin to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all Liability incident to my/our minor child's involvement as stated above.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (Printed) _____