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***2016 World Cup Speed Skating Sets Five World Records
Short Track Speed Skating athletes Set Five World Records and 49 National Records***

Kearns, UT (November 13, 2016) – In partnership with the International Skating Union (ISU), Utah Sports Commission, and US Speedskating, the Utah Olympic Oval hosted the World Cup Short Track Speed Skating competition this past weekend with a field of 180+ international short track speed skating athletes representing 33 countries.

During the only U.S. stop in the World Cup Short Track series the Utah Olympic Oval again confirmed that it contains the “Fastest Ice On Earth” by shattering five World Records and 49 National records.

World Records:

•	500 m	Ladies	Elise Christie Great Brittan	42.335
•	1000 m	Men	Hwang Daeheon Korea	1:20.875
•	1500 m	Ladies	Minjeong Choi Korea	2:14.354
•	1500 m	Men	Sjinkie Knegt Netherlands	2:07.947
•	3000 m Relay	Ladies	Korea	4:04.222

“We have great pride and take extra care of the ice every day here at the Utah Olympic Oval”, Derek Parra, Program Manager and Olympic Medalist. He continues, “All the variables came together this weekend between weather and amazing world athletes resulting in some world record skating.”

For a full list of the World and National Records review ISU.org

There are six World Cup competitions in the 2016-2017 season. The competition at Utah Olympic Oval is the second of the series followed by stops in Shanghai, China; Gangneung, Republic of Korea; Dresden, Germany; and Minsk, Belarus. The last time Utah hosted a Short Track World Cup event was in 2014.

The ISU adopted short track speed skating in 1967 and officially started short track competitions in 1976. Short track became an official winter Olympic sport in 1992 and features men and women divisions competing in the following events: 500 meter, 1000 meter, 1500 meter and relays, 5000 meter for men and 3000 meter for women.

Home to the 'Fastest Ice on Earth,' the Olympic Oval has now set over 86 World Records since 2002. For more information about the Utah Olympic Oval, please visit UtahOlympicLegacy.org.

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About Utah Olympic Oval

Built in 2001 just in time for the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games, Utah Olympic Oval is located in the community of Kearns, just 16 miles west of Salt Lake City, Utah. The five-acre venue houses Utah’s only 400-meter speed skating oval and two international-sized ice sheets as well as a state-of-the-art four-lane 442-meter running track. Today, Utah Olympic Oval is a dynamic multi-use facility focused on developing and growing participation in ice sports in the state of Utah. Designated an official

U.S.Olympic Training Site by the United States Olympic Committee, the venue is headquarters for U.S. Speedskating, ensuring a legacy of continued growth and international success for the sport. With 10 Olympic records and eight world records, the venue stands uncontested as the 'Fastest Ice on Earth.' For more information about the venue, please visit UtahOlympicLegacy.org or call 801-968-6825.

About Utah Sports Commission

The Utah Sports Commission, a not-for-profit 501c6 business league and Utah Sports Commission Foundation, a not-for-profit 501c3 charitable organization, is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Trustees consisting of statewide sports, business, community, and government leaders. The Sports Commission was created to be a catalyst for Utah in its Olympic legacy efforts and to help enhance Utah's economy, image and quality of life through the attraction, promotion and development of national and international sports. The Sports Commission works closely with communities, sports entities, and organizations to provide event services ranging from the bid process, on-site logistics, volunteer coordination, sponsorships and promotional opportunities and other related services. For more information, visit www.utahsportscommission.com

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.

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