



On Saturday March 7th, the sixth long distance ice speed skating contest for “De Bloksma Bokaal” will take place on the ice skating oval of IJsbaan Haarlem in the Netherlands. This skating contest is organised by the well known long distance Royal Dutch Skating Union KNSB. Six years ago, Bob de Jong decided to organise this contest in Haarlem for younger skaters, enabling them to gain experience in long distance skating at a high level. This winter again, female skaters can compete at a 5 kilometer race after which the men will compete at a 10 kilometer race.

At around 8pm the first two quartets (the competition works with two pairs of skaters on the track each time) women will start for the 5km race, followed by 5 quartets men going 10km. Finally the evening will be concluded with a spectacular mass start race over 10 rounds for women en men between the ages of 15 and 18 years old (juniors A and B).

The committee is already overwhelmed with registrations by a lot of young participants, which will be supplemented with experienced national and international long distance skaters.

Again the competition will be for the honour of winning the “5 en 10 van Bob” and of course the trophy that is provided by our sponsor Bloksma Keukens: “De Bloksma Bokaal”!

The evening program for “De Bloksma Bokaal” looks as follows:

- 20.00hr start 5 kilometer women
- 20:20hr start 10 kilometer men
- 22:20hr start mass start contest 10 rounds women
- 22:30hr start mass start contest 10 round men

You will find the latest news about this competition on the Facebook page and website www.bchaarlem.nl of the track committee Haarlem (baancommissie Haarlem). Registration is possible at the bottom of the Dutch website www.inschrijven.schaatsen.nl. Look for Bloksma Bokaal Haarlem.