



ANNOUNCEMENT

“SOFIA OPEN 2016” In Short Track Speed Skating

November 25 – 27, 2016, Sofia Bulgaria

Qualifying series for Europa Cup Final 2017

BULGARIAN SKATING FEDERATION has the honour to invite you to participate in the 3 rd. “Danube” competition for Season 2016/17, under the following conditions:

GENERAL REGULATION

The competition will be held in accordance with the 2016 ISU Regulations, relevant ISU communications and Memorandum of Danube Series 2016/ 2017.

PARTICIPATION

Participation in the Competition is only open to ISU members and affiliated clubs. Entries can be made only through the respective members.

AGE GROUPS and DISTANCES

Age categories	DOB		Individual Ladies/Men			Relays Ladies/ Men
Senior		30.06.1997	1500m	500m	1000m	Senior 5000 m
Junior “A” *	01.07.1997	30.06.1999	1500m	500m	1000m	Junior “A” + “B” 3000 m 4 skaters
Junior “B” *	01.07.1999	30.06.2001	1500m	500m	1000m	
Junior “C”	01.07.2001	30.06.2003	1500m	500m	1000m	Junior “C” and “D” 2000m 3 skaters
Junior “D”	01.07.2003	30.06.2005	1000m	500m	777m	
Junior “E” *	01.07.2005	30.06.2007	777m	333m	500m	No Relay
Junior “F” *	01.07.2007	30.06.2009	500m	222m	333m	

* Juniors A, B, E and F categories are out of the Danubia Series

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

November 24.2015 Thursday	Team Leaders Meeting	20:00
November 25.2015 Friday	Warm up	08:00-09:00 13:00-14:00
	Competitions	09:00-12:00 14:00-20:00
November 26.2015 Saturday	Warm up	08:00-09:00 13:00-14:00
	Competitions	09:00-12:00 14:00-20:00
November 27.2015 Sunday	Warm up	08:00-09:00
	Competitions	09:00-14:00
	Awarding Ceremony	14:00

COMPETITION SITE

The competitions will be carried out in “Winter Sports Hall” - Sofia, Bulgaria. The track is an artificial refrigerated indoor ice surface measuring 30x60 m. The compass of the track is 111.12 m, according to ISU Rules with curves of 8m. During the competitions there will be used 5 tracks with displacement of 1m each. The finish line for all distances is the same; only the starting place of the distances 500 and 1500 m will be changed; 1000 m and the relays will not be changed.

Address: “Winter Sports Hall”

Sofia, “Student city”

Academic Boris Stefanov Str.

Tel.: +359 2 868 73 34

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Competition will be held according 2016 ISU Regulations and Memorandum for Danubia Open Series 2016/ 2017.

ENTRIES

Entries must be made according to Paragraph 4 of the Memorandum as follows, and done only electronically via **www.shorttracklive.info**:

Individual entries: each ISU Member and/or their Clubs have the right to enter skaters without limitation according to ISU Regulations.

Relay entries: each ISU Member and/or their Clubs have the right to enter one team per category. Members entering the relay must include those skaters who participated in the individual events.

Each skater has the right to start in the respective or next higher age category. The skater is not allowed to change the category during the whole season.

Deadline of Entries and Hotel Requests for the competition: November 10, 2016

By this deadline it is required to submit:

- **Name of Skaters and Team Members, completely filled in hotel-, meal- and travel forms**

Final Entry:

Final entries shall be communicated to the Organizing Committee on November 20 the latest, and can only be made electronically through the www.shorttracklive.info website.

ENTRY FEE:

Entry fee: 20 EUR per entered skater (based on the Final Entry).

Deposit for helmet covers 10 EUR p.p., which will be refunded at the end of the competition on returning the cover.

AWARDS

The first three-placed competitors of the individual competition in the overall ranking will receive medals accordingly.

The skaters of the first three-placed relay teams of each category will be awarded with medals respectively.

LIABILITY

Each competitor participating in the competition at his/her own risk and assurance.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION

Accommodation for the Event Organising Members' National teams:

The organizing committee will cover the hotel accommodation expenses for a maximum of eight (8) skaters for the following ISU Members: AUT, CRO, CZE, HUN, LAT, POL, ROU and SVK - according to the agreed cross-hosting cooperation, starting with dinner on Thursday, November 24 until lunch on Sunday, November 27, 2015.

If the fore mentioned countries wish to enter additional National team skaters and team officials, they must respect the booking deadline and cover the expenses of these additional places.

All other participating skaters or Teams are responsible for their board and lodging expenses (hotel and meals).

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation upon request. Reservation must be made only through the Organizing Committee.

Please, make note that the capacity of the hotels is not unlimited, so make your reservation on time!

OFFICIAL HOTEL FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

PARK HOTEL MOSKVA

Address: 25 Nezabravka Str., Sofia 1113, Bulgaria

Hotel prices:

€ 35 - Double or Triple Occupancy room (incl. three meals),

€ 48 - Single Occupancy room (incl. three meals),

The listed rates are per person, per night and including taxes.

Hotel Parking is 8 euro per Bus and 3 euro per car for 24 hours.

The hotel and meals expenses must be paid in advance upon arrival at the Organising Committee. Method of Payment: Cash in EURO.

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee as indicated above.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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IMPORTANT!

Please indicate your intention of participation as soon as possible in order to enable us to prepare the competition in the best conditions.

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