

ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN BALKAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Slovene Open Championships – Short Track Speed Skating Celje, 30th - 31st March, 2019

The Slovene Skating Union and Skating Club Celje are honoured to invite your team to the Alpe Adria Trophy 2019 – Final /Open Balkan Championships.

The competition will be carried out at the Celje indoor ice rink ("Mestni park", Partizanska 3a, Celje, Slovenia) on a track in accordance with Rule 280, Paragraphs 1 - 4. Protective padding will be used to cover the entire rink board in accordance with Rule 280, Paragraph 5 and the respective ISU Communications.

RULES

The All Final System would be applied. The first round of the first distance shall be made on the basis of the personal best time supplied with the Final Entry. For the Final Classification the skaters are ranked according to Rule 295, Paragraphs 5 - 9.

CATEGORIES

The competition will be opened to the following age groups:

Seniors 30.06.1999 and older

Juniors A 01.07.1999 - 30.06.2001

Juniors B 01.07.2001 - 30.06.2003

Juniors C 01.07.2003 - 30.06.2005

Juniors D 01.07.2005 - 30.06.2007

Juniors E 01.07.2007 - 30.06.2009

Juniors F 01.07.2009 - 30.06.2011

Juniors G 30.06.2011 and younger

All skaters are allowed to race in their own age category, or one category older, however must compete in the same category in all Alpe Adria competitions of the season. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to combine age groups depending on the number of final entries

per group. There is also a possibility of mixed gender groups for younger categories. Final results will be calculated for each age group separately.

DISTANCES

Seniors & Juniors A, B, C (Ladies, Men) 1500 m, 500 m, 1000 m, Juniors D (Girls, Boys) 1000 m, 500 m, 777 m, Juniors E (Girls, Boys) 777 m, 333 m, 500 m, Juniors F (Girls, Boys) 500 m, 222 m, 333 m, Juniors G (Girls, Boys) 222 m, 111 m.

RELAYS

Group A Men/Ladies - 3000m (Seniors, Juniors A and B) – teams of 4 skaters and Group B Men/Ladies - 2000m (Juniors C, D and E) – teams of 3 skaters.

Relay competition will be conducted if at least 4 teams L/M are registered.

GENERAL PROGRAM

Friday: Arrival of teams

Saturday:

8:30 AM Registration of teams and skaters (office at the ice rink)
9:00 AM Team Leader's meeting (at the ice rink)
10:00 AM Warm up – Juniors D + E + F
10:20 AM Warm up – Seniors, Juniors A + B + C
10:30 AM Competition

Sunday:

9:00 AM Warm up – Juniors D + E + F 9:20 AM Warm up – Seniors, Juniors A + B + C 10:00 AM Competition

Awards Ceremony (after the last race):
Open Slovene Championships 2019/ Open Balkan Championships 2019
Alpe Adria Individual and Team Trophy 2019 and
Slovene Championships 2019.

The schedule is subject to change! After closing of Enteries a detailed schedule will be sent to all the participants.

AWARDS

In each age category medals will be awarded to the best three skaters in the individual overall ranking of the Open Slovene Champioships 2019/Open Balkan Championships 2019.

In each age category, the best three skaters in the individual overall ranking of the season (all four competitions of the Alpe Adria Trophy series) will receive the **Alpe Adria Individual Trophy 2019.**

The Alpe Adria Team Trophy 2019 will be awarded to the team with the highest number of combined points from all three competitions of the Alpe Adria Trophy series. Points will be awarded to six highest ranked skaters in the Overall classification of each Alpe Adria Trophy competition in categories: Senior, Junior A, Junior B, Junior C, Junior D, Junior E, Junior F, Relay 3000m and 2000m. The highest ranked skaters will receive points in descending order: 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 and 1 point. However, only 2 best skaters from each participating club/member will receive Team Cup points. The points of subsequent skaters from the same club/member will go to the next placed skater of a different club/member. In case of a tie, the highest score in the Senior category (men and ladies) will decide the winner.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

There will be a Medical representative present at the warm up and during the competition.

EQUIPMENT

All equipment must be in line with the ISU rules. The use of compulsory safety equipment and proper rounding of the blades will be strictly monitored.

ACCOMMODATION

The expenses for accommodation and meals are at the sole responsibility of the participating teams. Please make the reservation yourself directly with the front desk of the hotel.

Hotels: <u>www.hotel-evropa.si</u>; <u>www.celjska-koca.si</u>; <u>www.hotel-celeia.si/en/</u>; <u>www.hotelgrande.si</u> <u>www.hotel-faraon.si</u>;

Youth hostels: www.mc-celje.si/en/;
Student home: dd.celje@guest.arnes.si;
Monastery hostel: dom.jozef@siol.net.

ENTRIES

Final entries must be made by March 22th via <u>www.shorttracklive.info</u> website. If assistance is requied, please contact the website manager at <u>hermann@filipic1.at</u>.

Entry fee: 20 EUR / skater.

It shoud be paid at the registration before the competition in cash. A deposit of 50 EUR per club will be charged for helmet covers and will be refunded at the end of competition upon return of all the helmet covers.

LIABILITY

The Organizing Committee declines all responsibility for any loss or damage during the competition. The skaters are requested to cover their own health insurance.

The timetable, results and all other information will be published on the organizer's website www.drsalniklub-celje.si and the www.shorttracklive.info website.

We look forward to welcoming your team at the Alpe Adria Trophy 2019 in Celje!

Ivan Pfeifer
President of Organizing Commitee