

ANNOUNCEMENT SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING COMPETITION

ISU JUNIOR CHALLENGE SERIES EUROPEAN FINAL and EUROPA CUP FINAL

20-22 March, 2020

KOLOMNA, RUSSIA



On behalf of Russian Skating Union (RSU) and its Organizing committee we have the honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

ISU JUNIOR CHALLENGE SERIES EUROPEAN FINAL & EUROPA CUP FINAL

to be held on 20-22 March 2020 at Skating Center Kolomna, Moscow region, Russia

GENERAL INFORMATION

The competition will be organized in accordance with the 2018 Regulations of the International Skating Union, the Memorandum for European Competition Series 2019/2020 and the conditions included in this announcement. Entries are restricted to those who have qualified through the European Series (StarClass Series and the Danubia Series).

CATEGORIES FOR LADIES AND MEN

Age before July the1st preceding the competition:

ISU Junior Challenge Series European Final:

Senior above 19 born before 1-7-2000 Junior A 17 and 18 born between 1-7-2000 and 30-06-2002 Junior B 15 and 16 born between 1-7-2002 and 30-06-2004 (exception JUN C2 see Memorandum)

Europa Cup Final

Junior C 13 and 14 born between 1-7-2004 and 30-06-2006 Junior D 10-11 and 12 born between 1-7-2006 and 30-06-2009

CONDITION OF CONTEST

The Qualifying Schedule on each distance shall be based on an "All Final System" in all categories. The All Final System is used in order to guarantee a minimum number of races to all participants. The organizer reserves the right to change the program due to unforeseen circumstances.

QUALIFICATION

See Memorandum 2019/2020

ISU Junior Challenge Series European Final

From each of the Qualification Ranking Lists the top 8 ranked skaters in each category (Junior A and B, Female and Male, and Ladies and Men) will qualify for participation in the Junior Challenge Series European Final. Only the named skater can qualify for the final, through the relevant series in their home region. If a qualified skater is not able to participate in the final, then the next skater in the respective Qualification Ranking List will qualify. However, there is a restriction to a maximum of 3 skaters per category per ISU member. Each ISU Member who has entered the required number of skaters to form a relay team in the respective category, may participate in the relay and/or the mixed gender relay competition. The maximum number of Teams is one(1) per country for the Relay competition and one(1) for the Mixed Gender Relay competition.

Europa Cup Final

From each of the Qualification Ranking Lists the top 8 ranked skaters in each category (Junior C and D, Female and Male) will qualify for participation in the Junior Challenge Series European Final. Only the named skater can qualify for the final, through the relevant series in their home region. If a qualified skater is not able to participate in the final, then the next skater in the respective Qualification Ranking List will qualify. However, there is a restriction to a maximum of 3 skaters per category per ISU member. Each ISU Member who has entered the required number of skaters to form a relay team in the respective category may participate in the relay competition. The maximum number of Teams is one (1) per country for the Relay competition.

DISTANCES

ISU Junior Challenge Series European Final

Senior 1500 m 500 m 1000 m Junior B 1500 m 500 m 1000 m Junior A 1500 m 500 m 1000 m

Europa Cup Final

Junior C 1500 m 500 m 1000 m Junior D 1000 m 500 m *777 m * skated as long distance

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

	Europa Cup Final	ISU Junior Challenge Series European Final
Thursday March 19th, 2020	12:00 – Free Training Ladies and Men 18:00 - Team leader Meeting at ice-rink	12:00 – Free Training Ladies and Men 18:00 - Team leader Meeting at ice-rink
Friday March 20th, 2020	08:30 - Warming up 09:08 - H, SF and Finals 1st Distance and Relay	12:30 - Warming up 13:18 - H, SF and Finals 1st Distance 17:27 - H 2nd Distance and Relay
Saturday March 21th, 2020	08:00 - Warming up 08:32 - H, SF and Finals 2nd Distance 11:47 - H 3rd Distance Junior C	12:45 - Warming up 13:24 - H, SF and Finals 2nd Distance 16:57 - H 3rd Distance and Mixed Relay
Sunday March 22th, 2020	08:45-10:52 Junior D H; 3rd Distance SF and Finals 3rd Distance	11:14-15:00 SF and Finals 3rd Distance; Awarding Overall & Relay; End 16:00

Program is subject to change

Competitors must be present before 18:00 (local time) on Thursday 19 March 2020 or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the event. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded from Competition.

ENTRIES

The complete final Rankings with qualification shall be published on the respective websites immediately after the last competition of the European Series.

The Organizing Committee will send the information to the ISU Members concerned the Qualified Skaters with the request to invite the athletes.

For skaters that are not able to take up their qualifying place, the Organizing Committee must be notified immediately

Organizing Committee determines, in cooperation with the Coordination Group, the Substitutes that are to be invited and informs the respective Members accordingly. Entries are made by the ISU Members.

The FINAL ENTRY or confirmation of qualification list specifying/confirming:

- surname, first name and gender of the competitors
- date of birth of the competitors
- name of the accompanying Officials

Quota places/qualified athletes must be reconfirmed as soon as possible. Official confirmation from ISU Memberis to be considered as Final entry. In case of a withdrawal of a skater, please inform Organizing Committee as soon as possible!

ENTRY FEE

An entry fee of EURO 45,00 must be paid to the Organizers for each athlete. For safety reasons the access to the track will be allowed only to the athletes and the accredited people.

Entry fee should be paid during Team Leaders Meeting at the ice-rink by cash.

TRACK CONDITION

The Speed Skating Centre of the Moscow Region "Kolomna" has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding system is combined system which consists of inflatable system and traditional rink board system (width 80-100 cm, movement impact - up to 20 cm) in accordance with the requirements indicated in ISU Communication No2128. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

AWARDS OF PRIZES

Prize for the first - second and third classed in the final results for each category - ladies and men.

During award ceremonies, the skaters should be in club or National track suits.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Doctor and paramedical personnel will be present at the competition days. An ambulance will be on standby in case of need.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

It is the sole responsibility of each Member, on behalf of its participating clubs, to ensure or provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes. Proof of such shall be requested by the Organizing Committee. See ISU Rule 119.

LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility with respect to medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage sustained or caused in connection with this Competition.

CITIZENSHIP/ RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

ANTIDOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communication No. 2243 or any further update of these Communications).

ACCOMMODATION

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the below mentioned official hotels near the ice-rink:

1) HOTEL KOLOMNA

140407, Russia, Kolomna, Soviet Square, 2

Tel.: +7 (496) 6121331 Fax: +7 (496) 6121896

E-mail: kolomnahotel@kolomna.ru Website: www.kolomna-hotel.ru

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows:

Double/Triple room with breakfast and dinner

- Single room is 42 EURO /per night/per person (half board)
- Twin/Triple-bed room per person per day is 38 EURO/per night/per person (half board)

Special price for spouses/parents – 46 EURO/per night/per person (half board)

Due to limited number of single rooms in the Official Hotel, the double/triple accommodation is recommended. The single rooms will be distributed among teams in the order of accommodation request form submitting.

2) HOSTEL OF SPEED SKATING CENTRE

Moscow region 140412, Russia, Kolomna, 7 Naberezhnaya r.Kolomenki Tel.: +7 (496) 616-47-17

E-mail: icetrack@kolomna-speed-skating.com

Rooms for 20 persons are available

- Double/triple room 10 EURO/ per person
- Full board 12 EURO/ per person

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee until **05 March 2020**. Limited number of rooms are available, on first come, first serve base.

Accommodation costs must be strictly paid by advance payment. The OC will send an invoice for the room costs in accordance with the attached accommodation request form.

ISU Junior Challenge Series European Final

Accommodation costs with half board for athletes (Junior A and B) will be covered by OC from dinner on Thursday, 19 March 2020 till breakfast on Monday, 23 March 2020. In addition, one coach per nation will be accommodated free of charge. Room reservations are made exclusively through the Organizing Committee using the attached and completed form.

Accommodation costs for additional trainers (one trainer stays overnight free of charge) must be strictly paid by advance payment.

CATERING AND LUNCH

Breakfast and dinner will be organized in the cafe and restaurant of the hotel Kolomna.

On competition days tea/water/fruits/snacks/pastries are available for all skaters in skater lounge at ice rink.

OC will provide lunch or lunch-boxes at the ice rink for special rate on competition day.

Lunch or Lunch box at the ice-rink are available from Friday to Sunday for a one-time fee of EURO 24 per person for all three days.

Payment (only in cash and in EURO) for lunch will be made not later than 12:00 on Thursday, 19.03.2020 in the Organizing Committee office.

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation between the Moscow international airports Domodedovo (DME) and Sheremetyevo (SVO) and the official hotels

Please note that it is better to land in Domodedovo (DME) airport. Taking into consideration weather conditions and rush hours, the way from Sheremetyevo (SVO) to Kolomna may take up to 3, 5 hours.

Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed free of charge transportation service. Expenses for team members (skaters or officials), who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves, or the OC will quote an individual rate. In case of team staying in unofficial hotel, no transportation is provided.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but not later than 5 March, 2020.

Please indicate the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

SHUTTLE

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotel and The Speed Skating Centre of the Moscow Region "Kolomna" during the competition days and the training periods in accordance with the shuttle schedule. The official Hotel is in 10 minutes walking distance to the Ice Rink.

VISA SUPPORT

The Russian Skating Union will provide possible assistance and support for obtaining visas for competitors, officials and parents of participants. Should you need assistance to obtain a Russian entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee. In accordance with the special Visa Invitation letter the competitors under the age of 18 will be exempt from the paying for the consular fee.

It is therefore strictly recommended to submit to Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than March 05, 2020 the attached visa application form together with a readable color passport copy of good quality for each team and team official in order to have the issuing of the necessary visa completed in due time.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or to the Russian Skating Union at the addresses below:

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LIVE ONLINE-BROADCAST

Live online broadcast will be available at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzkfmzzLHK-HBzpX5V4bVZw

CULTURAL PROGRAM

Kolomna is a major beautiful cultural and historical center of the Moscow region.

It is possible to order excursions in the Kolomna Kremlin and visit other sightseeing on your own:

http://kolomna-kreml.ru

http://kolomna-kreml.ru/museums-view/muzej-kalachnaya/

https://kolomnapastila.ru