



# Announcement

## Short Track Speed Skating



Graz - Cultural Capital of Europe

**Austrian Open – Styrian Open 2015**

**Danubia Series 2015 / 2016**

**September 25 – 27, 2015**

**Graz / Austria**

**Qualifying Event for Europa Cup Final 2016  
&  
ISU Starters' Course (ISU Communication No. 1943)**





## Invitation

On behalf of the Austrian Speed Skating Association (ASSA) and the Organizing Committee we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

**Austrian Open – Styrian Open 2015**  
**Qualifying Event for Europa Cup Final 2016**  
**Short Track Speed Skating**  
**September 25-27, 2015**  
**GRAZ, AUSTRIA**

to be held at the indoor Icerink „STADION GRAZ LIEBENAU“, Stadionplatz 1, A-8041, Graz, Austria

## General Regulations

The Competition will be held in accordance with the 2014 Regulations of the International Skating Union, relevant ISU Communications and the Memorandum of the Danubia Series 2015/2016.

## Participation

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

## Categories, Age Groups (Rule 108) and Distances

### Austrian Open – Qualifying Event for Europa Cup Final 2016

Category	Age	Ladies / Men - Distances / System			
<i>JUN A</i>	17-18	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	All Final
<i>JUN B</i>	15-16	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	All Final

### Styrian Open – out of Danubia Series and out of the Qualifying Event for the Europa Cup Final 2016

Category	Age	Ladies / Men - Distances / System			
<i>Ladies / Men</i>	19 plus	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	Knock out / All Final
<i>JUN C</i>	13-14	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	Knock out / All Final
<i>JUN D</i>	11-12	1000 m	500 m	777 m	Knock out / All Final
<i>Relay Seniors</i>	15 plus	3000 m	4 skaters per team		time ranking
<i>Relay JUN D - C</i>	up to 14	2000 m	3 skaters per team		time ranking

## Preliminary Program\*

September 24 (Thursday)	Opening Meeting at the Official Hotel	20:00
September 25 (Friday)	Competition	08:00 – 19:00
September 26 (Saturday)	Competition	08:00 – 19:00
September 27 (Sunday)	Competition / Awarding Ceremony	08:00 – 15:30

\* On Friday and Saturday the program may be divided into two parts, depending on the number of entries. The program is tentative and subject to change by the organizing committee. A more detailed program will be



published on [www.shorttracklive.info](http://www.shorttracklive.info) in the week before the competition. No training sessions will be provided.

## Track Conditions & Rink Dimensions

The Icerink of Graz has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 30×60 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and the respective ISU Communications. The tracks are in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 1 – 4.

## Conditions of Contest

The individual competition is an All Round competition. All Final System and optional Knock out System is used as qualification procedure. The make up of races will be made according to Rule 296 3 c), 4, 5 and 6. Final points (34,21,13,8,5,3,2,1) will be awarded only in the respective Final-A considering Racing Rule 297 5 a) i).

During this Competition a Seminar for Starters will be held by the International Skating Union. The participants of this Seminar will be the Starters during the Competition. Therefore there will be different Starters for each distance and category.

## Entries

Entries must be made according to Paragraph 4 of the Memorandum as follows, and done only electronically via [www.shorttracklive.info](http://www.shorttracklive.info) :

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

Relay entries: each ISU Member and/or their Clubs has the right to enter one team per category. Relay members must have participated in the individual events.

Each skater has the right to start individually in his/her 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 30 days before the competition: August 27, 2015:**

By this deadline it is required to submit:

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

### **Final Entry: Changes and updates of the submitted data are possible until September 20, 2015.**

If necessary please contact the WEB-site-manager – [hermann@filipic1.at](mailto:hermann@filipic1.at) – for help.

## Entry Fee:

Entry fee: 15 EUR p.p. per entered skater (based on the Final Entry) – even the entered skater is not participating.

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

## Awards

Medals will be awarded to the first three competitors in the individual event. Recognitions will be awarded to the first three relay teams.



## Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and the current ISU communication, 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.

## Liability and Medical Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Austrian Speed Skating Association and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes.

## The Organizing Committee

All hotel reservation as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

Mr. Hermann Filipic  
[hermann@filipic1.at](mailto:hermann@filipic1.at)  
0043 660 6162268

## Accommodation and Meals

All meals and lodging expenses are the sole responsibility of the participating members and must be paid directly upon arrival. The organizing committee will cover accommodation expenses of only Junior Skaters for following ISU Members : AUT, BUL, CRO, CZE, HUN, LAT, POL, ROU and SVK – according to the agreed cross-hosting cooperation in the official hotel based on **double and triple bed basis** (Standard Rooms).

The Organizing Committee will offer accommodation with full board for team members (athletes and team officials) only in the official hotel at the following special price:

**132 EUR per person / 3 nights\*** (3 nights, full board: breakfast, lunch, dinner - international food, free wifi), starting on Thursday with dinner and ending with lunch on Sunday on **double and triple bed basis** (Standard Rooms).

Single room supplement: **60 Euros / 3 nights**

Hotel Garage available: **8 Euro per day / car.**

\* This special price is based on following conditions:

- as long as rooms are available (first come, first serve basis)
- optimized breakdown of rooms by the organizer - based on one, two, and three people sharing
- Lunch will be served in the icerink.
- **reservation must be made until August 27, 2015** (after this date, the rest of the rooms will go back to the hotel reservation system – and the rooms are then only available at standard price).

Reservation for the official hotel are only possible through the Organizing Committee and must be made by filling in the electronic hotel request form – absolute deadline is **August 27, 2015**.

Extra lunches can be ordered with the entry by the organizing committee: **8,00 EUR** per person per lunch and must be paid upon arrival to the organizer via cash.



## Official Hotel

Star Inn Hotel  
Waltendorfer Gürtel 8-10  
8010 Graz, Austria  
Phone: +43 316 826 3000  
Email: [graz@starinnhotels.com](mailto:graz@starinnhotels.com) - Website: [www.starinnhotels.com](http://www.starinnhotels.com)

Hotel requirements must be communicated via [www.shorttracklive.info](http://www.shorttracklive.info) to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than August 27, 2015.

Location: 10 minutes drive (2.5 km) from hotel to the icerink - by public transport: appr. 35 minutes from hotel to ice rink.

For further information on Graz:

<http://www.graztourismus.at/en>

## Ice Rink Location

STADION GRAZ LIEBENAU  
Stadionplatz 1, A-8041 Graz

Stadium Garage available (entrance via Stadionplatz 1): 8 Euro per day / car.

## Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide airport-transfer for all teams between Airport Graz-Thalerhof and the official Hotel (one way appr. 25 minutes) and back for **10 EUR** p.p.; to be paid in cash prior to the Opening Meeting. No shuttle service between hotel and ice rink.

## VISA

All participants are expected to apply for Austrian visa in their own country or region by themselves, if required. Please contact the Austrian Embassy or Consulate in your country or region to clarify your case. Invitation letters of the Organizing Committee will be provided on request.

We are looking forward to seeing You in Graz!



Graz, June 11, 2015

Hermann Filipic  
Organizing Committee

Dr. Hans Spohn  
President, ASSA