



ANNOUNCEMENT

“LATVIA OPEN 2016” In Short Track Speed Skating

Qualifying series for Europa Cup Final 2016

February 26-28, 2016– Ventspils - Latvia

Latvian Skating Association has the honour to invite you to participate in the 6th “Danubia” competition for Season 2015/16, under the following conditions:

GENERAL REGULATION

The competition will be held in accordance with the 2014 ISU Regulations, relevant ISU communications and Memorandum of Danube 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.

AGE GROUPS and DISTANCES

Age Categories	Ages	Individual Ladies/Men			Relays Ladies / Men	
Senior *	age 19 -	1500m	500m	1000m	L:3000m*	M:5000m*
Junior "A"	age 17-19	1500m	500m	1000m	Junior “A”+“B” 3000m (4 skaters)	
Junior "B"	age 15-16	1500m	500m	1000m		
Junior "C"*	age 13-14	1500m	500m	1000m		
Junior “D”*	age 10-12	1000m	500m	777m	Junior “C”+“D” 2000m (3skaters)	
Junior “E”*	age 8-9	777m	333m	500m		
Junior “F”*	age 6-7	500m	222m	333m	Junior “E” + ” F” NO RELAY!	

* The Senior (S) and the Junior C, D, E and F categories are out of the Danubia Series

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

February 25. 2016 Thursday	Team Leaders' Meeting	19.00
February 26. 2016 Friday	Warm up	08.00-09.00 13.00-14.00
	Competitions	09.00-12.00 14.00-18.00
February 27. 2016 Saturday	Warm up	08.00-09.00 13.00-14.00
	Competitions	09.00-12.00 14.00-18.00
February 28. 2016 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 “OLIMPIC CENTRUM” ice-rink, in Ventspils, measuring 30 x 60 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.

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).

EQUIPMENTS

Only equipment, which are in accordance with the ISU rules, can be used in the competitions. The compulsory rounding of the corners of the blades will be controlled.

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

The **Preliminary Entries** must reach the OC by January 25. 2016, at the latest!

These entries should contain the following dates:

- the name of Member Association or Club

- the number of the team members and the list of names (full names),
- the date of birth.

Final Entry:

Final entries shall be communicated to the Organizing Committee on November 15 the latest, and can only be made electronically through the www.shorttracklive.info website.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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COMPETITOR STEWARD

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Entry fee: 15 EUR p.p. per entered skater (based on the Final Entry).

Deposit for helmet covers 5 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.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

OC organize transfer from Riga International Airport (RIX) to Ventspils and back for 30,00 Euro / person

LIABILITY

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

The competition is completely open for all ISU Members.

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, BUL, CRO, CZE, HUN, LAT, POL, ROU** and **SVK** – according to the agreed cross-hosting

cooperation, starting with dinner on Thursday, February 25 until lunch on Sunday, February 28, 2016.

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:

1. HOTEL: “OC Ventspils”

Liels Prospekts 33 .

Ventspils LV 3601

2. HOTEL “Ventspils Tehnikuma Viesnīca”

Jūras street 16,Ventspils LV 3601

All the booking should be made through the Organizing Committee at a very Special Price:

35 EUR per day per person, full board.

“Hotel of Olimpic centrum” hotel as well as the rest of other entered teams.

IMPORTANT!

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

Rīga , December , 21, 2016

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

**PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM
and Hotel reservation**

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To be sent before January 25. 2016

Name of Team: _____

List of Participants:

Men:

Ladies: _____

No. of Officials: _____

Relay participation:

Men: Yes **No** **Ladies: Yes** **No**

Hotel required _____

Airport transfer required _____

Arrival _____

Departure _____

Name of contact person _____

Function _____

Mobilephone _____