



**Announcement (revised)**  
**Short Track Speed Skating**



**Austrian Open – Styrian Open 2017**

**Danubia Series 2017 / 2018**

**September 08 – 10, 2017**

**Hart bei Graz / Austria**

**Qualifying Event for Europa Cup Final 2018**

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## 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 2017**  
**Qualifying Event for Europa Cup Final 2018**  
**Short Track Speed Skating**  
**September 08 - 10, 2017**  
**HART bei Graz, AUSTRIA**

to be held at the indoor Icerink „Eishalle Hart bei Graz“, Eisweg 1, A-8075, Hart bei Graz, Austria

## General Regulations

The Competition will be held in accordance with the 2016 Regulations of the International Skating Union, relevant ISU Communications and the Memorandum of the Danubia and Star Class Series 2017/2018.

## 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 2018

Category	Age	Ladies / Men - Distances / System			
<i>Ladies / Men</i>	19 plus	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	All Final
<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 2018

Category	Age	Ladies /Men - Distances / System			
<i>JUN C</i>	13-14	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	Knock out / All Final
<i>JUN D</i>	10-12	1000 m	500 m	777 m	Knock out / All Final
<i>Relay Seniors</i>	15 plus	3000 m / 5000 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 07 (Thursday)	Opening Meeting at the Official Hotel	20:00
September 08 (Friday)	Competition	08:00 – 19:30
September 09 (Saturday)	Competition	08:00 – 19:30
September 10 (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 on Thursday.

## Track Conditions & Rink Dimensions

The Icerink of Hart bei 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 in the Final-A and Final-B considering Racing Rule 297.

## 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: August 16, 2017:**

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 03, 2017.**





If necessary please contact the WEB-site-manager – hermann@filipic1.at – for help.

## Entry Fee:

Entry fee: 25 EUR (revised pls see therefore ISU Memorandum) per entered skater (based on the Final Entry). An invoice will be sent prior the start of the event. **Payment must done before arrival per bank transfer (Austrian Law) otherwise the entries are not accepted.**

Deposit for helmet covers and transponder 100 EUR p. member, which will be refunded at the end of the competition on returning the cover and transponders.

## 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 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. An invoice will be sent prior the start of the event. **Payment must done before arrival per bank transfer (Austrian Law) otherwise the entries are not accepted.**

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:

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





Single room supplement (single rooms only in exceptional cases): **60 Euros / 3 nights**

\* 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 two, and three people sharing
- Lunch-Snack will be served in the icerink.
- **reservation must be made until August 16, 2017** (after this date, the rest of the rooms will go back to the hotel reservation system).

Reservation for the official hotel are only possible through the Organizing Committee and must be made by e-mail – absolut deadline is **August 16, 2017**.

## Official Hotel

### OEKOTEL Kalsdorf/Graz

Forsterstrasse 70

A-8401 Kalsdorf bei Graz, Austria

Tel.: +43 594 594 50

Fax: +43 594 594 55

[www.oekotel.com](http://www.oekotel.com)

[kalsdorf@oekotel.com](mailto:kalsdorf@oekotel.com)

Lake for bathing nearby 2 min walking

Hotel requirements must be communicated via [e-mail](#) to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than August 16, 2017.

Location: 18 minutes drive from hotel to the icerink. No public transport.

## Ice Rink Location

STADION Hart bei Graz

Eisweg 1, A-8075

Free parking

## Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide airport-/train- and busstation-transfer for all teams between Graz and the official Hotel and back for free; no shuttle service between Official Hotel and ice rink. For teams arrived by plane, bus, train a shuttle service can be organized. Expenses are the sole responsibility of the participating members. Airport-transfer between Vienna and Graz: <https://www.flixbus.at/>





## 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 Hart bei Graz!



Vienna, August 04, 2017

Hermann Filipic  
Organizing Committee

Dr. Hans Spohn  
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