



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **“SOFIA OPEN 2017” In Short Track Speed Skating**

**November 24 – 26, 2017, Sofia Bulgaria**

### **Qualifying series for Europa Cup Final 2018**

**BULGARIAN SKATING FEDERATION** has the honour to invite you to participate in the 3 rd. “Danube” competition for Season 2017/18, under the following conditions:

#### GENERAL REGULATION

The competition will be held in accordance with the 2016 ISU Regulations, relevant ISU communications and Memorandum for the ISU supported European Competition Series and Europa Cup Final in Short Track Speed Skating 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.

#### AGE GROUPS and DISTANCES

Age categories	DOB		Individual Ladies/Men			Relays Ladies/ Men
	Senior		30.06.1998	1500m	500m	1000m
Junior “A” *	01.07.1998	30.06.2000	1500m	500m	1000m	Junior “A” + “B” 3000 m
Junior “B” *	01.07.2000	30.06.2002	1500m	500m	1000m	
Junior “C”	01.07.2002	30.06.2004	1500m	500m	1000m	Junior “C” and “D” 2000m
Junior “D”	01.07.2004	30.06.2006	1000m	500m	777m	
Junior “E” *	01.07.2006	30.06.2008	777m	333m	500m	No Relay
Junior “F” *	01.07.2008	30.06.2010	500m	222m	333m	

\* Juniors A, B, E and F categories are out of the Danubia Series

## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

November 23.2017 Thursday	Team Leaders Meeting	20:00
November 24.2017 Friday	Warm up	08:00-09:00 13:00-14:00
	Competitions	09:00-12:00 14:00-20:00
November 25.2017 Saturday	Warm up	08:00-09:00 13:00-14:00
	Competitions	09:00-12:00 14:00-20:00
November 26.2017 Sunday	Warm up	08:00-09:00
	Competitions	09:00-14:00
	Awarding Ceremony	14:00

## **COMPETITION SITE**

The competitions will be held in "Winter Sports Hall" - Sofia, Bulgaria.  
Address: "Winter Sports Hall", Sofia, "Student city", Academic Boris Stefanov Str.

## **CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

Competition will be held according 2016 ISU Regulations and Memorandum for the ISU supported European Competition Series and Europa Cup Final in Short Track Speed Skating 2017/ 2018.

## **ENTRIES**

Entries must be made only electronically via **[www.shorttracklive.info](http://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.

## **Deadline of Entries and Hotel Requests for the competition: November 10, 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:**

**Final entries shall be communicated to the Organizing Committee on November 19 the latest, and can only be made electronically through the [www.shorttracklive.info](http://www.shorttracklive.info) website.**

## **ENTRY FEE:**

Entry fee: 20 EUR per entered skater (based on the Final Entry).

Deposit for helmet covers 10 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.

## **LIABILITY**

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

## **HOTEL ACCOMODATION**

All 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 FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS**

PARK HOTEL VITOSHA

Address: 1, Rosario Str., Sofia 1700, Bulgaria

### **Hotel prices:**

€ 35 Double or Triple Occupancy room (incl. three meals),

€ 55 Single Occupancy room (incl. three meals),

The listed rates are per person, per night and including taxes.

Hotel Parking is free of charge.

The hotel and meals expenses must be paid in advance upon arrival at the Organizing Committee. Method of Payment: Cash in EURO or BANK TRANSFER.

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All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee as indicated above.

## **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

### **BULGARIAN SKATING FEDERATION**

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### ***IMPORTANT!***

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

**Tatiana Yordanova**

**President of Bulgarian Skating Federation**