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invites you to



**COMMON TRAININGS, SEMINARS
and
INTERNATIONAL FIGURE SKATING AND SHORT TRACK SPEED
SKATING COMPETITION
(Celje, March 28th to April 1st 2018)**

SLOVENE SKATING UNION and the Organizer SKATING CLUB CELJE invites you to the common trainings, seminars and International Figure Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Competitions "BALKAN GAMES 2018 ":

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GENERAL:

The BALKAN GAMES 2018 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the BALKAN GAMES 2018 is open only for competitors from ISU Members: Skating Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgarian Skating Federation, Croatian Skating Federation, Cyprus Skating Federation, Hellenic Winter Sports Federation, Skating Federation of Macedonia, Romanian Skating Federation, Serbian Skating Association, Slovene Skating Union and Turkish Ice Skating Federation.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030 (or any update of this 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.

LEVEL OF THE COMPETITION:

BALKAM GAMES 2018 is an international competition.

CATEGORIES:

Figure Skating: Seniors, Juniors and Advance Novices ,(Singles),
Short Track Speed Skating: Seniors, Juniors A and Juniors B, (Individual and Relay).

TECHNICAL DATA:

Place of the competition: Mestni park, Partizanska 3a, Celje. The rink is indoor, but not heated. The size of the rink is 30 m x 60 m. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication 1726, or further update of this Communication. The standard track will be laid out 111,12 meters to the lap.

DATES OF THE EVENTS:

Date of **common trainings**: 28th March 2018,
 Date of **seminars**: 28th March 2018,
 Date of **Figure Skating competition**: 29th– 30th March 2018 and
 Date of **Short Track Speed Skating competition**: 31th March – 1st April 2018

ENTRIES:

Entries can be made through Member Federations:
 -for Figure Skating common trainings and competition use the forms and
 -for Short Track Speed Skating competition use the web site: www.shorttracklive.info

All entries must also be submitted to Organizing Committee: ivan.pfeifer@celje.si for preparing accreditations vouchers, transfers,..

Preliminary entries (by number and discipline – common training, seminars and competitions) must be entered to Organizing Committee no later than **26th February 2018** (it is mandatory to use the attached form).

Final entries (name and surname, date of birth, gender, discipline, category of competitors..., personal best time on 1500c m in the Short Track branches and name, surname, gender, discipline position and branches for officials and companions) must be entered to Organizing Committee (it is mandatory to use the sending forms) and for Short Track Speed Skating Competitions web site www.shorttarcklive.info , no later than **11th March 2018**.

The members are invited to take part at the common trainings, seminars and competition. Each member may enter 2 competitors in each category (2 males and 2 females) in the branch Figure Skating Single and 2 competitors in each category (2 males and 2 females) and one Relay Team

(Competitors which will include all Competitors for both competitions: Individual and Relay) in the branch Short Track Speed Skating.

The "Program Content Sheet" for all categories in the branch Figure Skating must be returned to the Organizing Committee not later than March 11th 2018. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet will be filled precisely by each Skater in English using terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

Deadline for final entries: All entries (competitors, judges, team leaders, coaches, other participants) are expected not later than **March 11th 2018.**

Cancellation:

Cancellation of the competitor entry, if any, has to be done till March 25th 2018 via e-mail to organizer.

Entry fee:

Entry fee is free of charges.

Citizen / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure:

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication 2030 or any update of it, 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.

The organizing committee has the right and obligation to check the personal identification documents of the athletes to determine whether they are allowed to compete, whether they are competing in the right category, etc. Without the documents, the athlete will be excluded from the competition.

OFFICE AND ACCREDITATIONS:

On the Ice Rink will be official office of event for information, making accreditations, vouchers for boarding, organizing transfers, etc. Office will be open from Wednesday 28th March 2018 to Sunday 1st April 2018, from 09:00 to 20:00 o'clock.

EXPENSES:

Expenses for accommodation and meals for Competitors and one Team Leader of both branch, from lunch March 28th to breakfast 2nd April 2018, will be covered by the organizers in the Dijaski dom Celje: www.dijaski-dom.si , Ljubljanska cesta 21, 3000 Celje.

AWARDS:

The Organizer provides diplomas for all competitors after each event. The three best Skaters in each category, and Relay Teams will be awarded by medals.

LIABILITY:

In accordance with ISU Regulations, Rule 119, all participants act on their own responsibility. Organizer will provide medical emergency aid during competition.

OBLIGATIONS:

All teams (UD and SHT branch) must attend the official opening Saturday, 31th March 2018 at 08:00 AM on the Ice Rink. If the whole team does not attend the official opening of games, organizer does not cover the cost of boarding for the whole team.

COMMON TRAININGS AND SEMINARS

Common trainings will include:

- Common trainings by age groups (Seniors, Juniors and Novices) in the afternoon will be lead by the coaches of skaters and in the same time Technical specialist and an ISU judge will be present for consultation about technical elements and program components.

Seminars will contain:

- Prevention of injury, specific for skating injuries and with practical demonstration of exercises and
- Psychological preparation.

ENTERING THE COMMON TRAININGS AND SEMINARS:

Each participant must send to e-mail organizer: ivan.pfeifer@celje.si the entry for common trainings and seminars not later (deadline for entries) than March 11th 2018.

The seminars and common trainings are free of charge!

FIGURE SKATING BRANCH

SENIOR LADIES

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 610 to 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Short Program: 2 min 40 sec \pm 10 sec

Free Skating: 4 min \pm 10 sec

SENIOR MEN

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 610 to 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Short Program: 2 min 40 sec \pm 10 sec

Free Skating: 4 min 30 sec \pm 10 sec

JUNIOR LADIES

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 610 to 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Short Program: Max 2 min 40 sec, \pm 10 sec

Free Skating: 3 min 30 sec, \pm 10 sec

JUNIOR MEN

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 610 to 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value.

Short Program: Max 2 min 40 sec, +/-10sec

Free Skating: 4 min, +/- 10 sec

ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS

Age and requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2016, ISU Communication 2024 and all respective ISU Communications.

Short Program: Max 2 min 20 sec, +/-10sec

Free Skating: 3 min +/-10 sec

ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS

Age and requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2016, ISU Communication 2024 and all respective ISU Communications.

Short Program: Max 2 min 20 sec, +/-10sec

Free Skating: 3 min 30 sec, +/-10 sec

CALCULATION OF THE RESULTS:

All results will be calculated in the new ISU Judging System.

DRAW:

The draw for the order of skating will be held on Wednesday, 28th March at official Hotel Evropa. Starting order for the free skating will be in reverse order of the results of the short program.

JUDGES AND TECHNICAL PANEL: Each ISU Member participating on the competition is obligatory enter one or more International or ISU Judge, TC, TS and D/R Operator for different disciplines. Each panel of Judges will consist 5 judges.

Accommodation with full board in the **Hotel Evropa****** will be covered by organizer from dinner on March 28th until lunch on March 30th 2018. Confirmation for Judges will be sent to each Member via E-mail.

MUSIC: Each competitor must deliver a CD with her/his program music(s) to the Organizing Committee Office immediately after arrival. Music will be reproduced on Compact Disc - CD. In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all discs must show the Competition event, Competitor's name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short program, free skating) must be recorded on a separate disc.

LIABILITY: In accordance with ISU Regulations, Rule 119, all participants act on their own responsibility. Organizer will provide medical emergency aid during competition.

SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING BRANCH

CATEGORIES, AGE GROUPS (Rule 108) and DISTANCES:

Category	Age	Ladies/Men - Distances / System				Relay
		1500 m	500 m	1000 m	All Final	
Senior Ladies/Men	19 plus	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	All Final	L/M 3000m 4 persons
Junior A Girls/Boys	17-18	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	All Final	
JuniorB Girls/Boys	15-16	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	All Final	

It should be written in the excel the super final as well (Senior Ladies/Men: 3000m JuniorA and B 1500m.

RELAY:

Men/ Ladies (Seniors, Juniors A and B) - 3000 m – teams with 4 skaters (team composition is possible from all age groups). Relay competition will be conducted if at least 4 teams L/M are registered.

RULES:

The All Final System would be applied. The first round of the first distance shall be made on the basis of the personal best time submitted with the Final Entry. ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating 2016 will be applied.

REFERIES, COMPETITORS STEWARDS and STARTERS: Each ISU Member participating on the competition is obligatory enter one or more International or ISU Referees, Competitors Stewards or Starters.

Accommodation with full board in the **Hotel Evropa****** will be covered by organizer from dinner on March 30th until breakfast on April 2nd 2018. Confirmation will be sent to each Member via E-mail.

WEB TV:

The competition will be broadcasted live on: www.drslub-celje.si.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

The Office of the Organizing Committee will be located on the ice-rink from Wednesday 28th March until Sunday 1st April 2018.

ARRIVAL:

Celje is located at the highway A1/E57. It also has a direct train connection to the neighbor countries (Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy). The closest airports are Ljubljana Airport, Graz Airport, Zagreb Airport.

TRANSFERS:

Organizer can arrange transportation from Airports to Celje on the organizer cost, by Sportno drustvo RIS: trnsportskate1@gmail.com. The Team directly arrange their transfer by that authorized contractor.

Contact person for all further information is Mr. Ivan Pfeifer, President of Skating Club Celje, can be contacted **by phone GSM ++ 386 41 684 411** , **fax: ++386 3 4282668** or **E-mail** ivan.pfeifer@celje.si

See you in Celje and accept our sincere regards!

Ivan PFEIFER
President of OC

PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE OF COMMON TRAININGS AND SEMINARS:
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Wednesday, March 28, 2018

- 13:00-13:50 - training FS Group I.(Seniors),
 14:00-14:50 - training FS Group II.(Juniors),
 15:00-15:50 - training FS Group III.(Juniors),
 16:00-16:50 - training FS Group IV (Advance Novice) and
 17:00-17:50 - training FS Group V (Advance Novice)
- 18:00 - seminar for coaches (FS and SHT): Prevention of injury, specific for skating injuries and practical demonstration of excersise,
 - seminar for coaches (FS and SHT): Psychological preparation.

Friday, March 30th,2018

- 21:00-21:50 -training SHT Group Juniors A+B,
 22:00-22:50 -training SHT Group Seniors

Saturday, March 31th, 2018

- 09:00 -Semminar and consultation about the programs from the competition with video, questions & answers from coaches to the Referee and to TC/TS.

Subject to change!

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PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE OF FIGURE SKATING EVENT:

Wednesday, March 28th, 2018

- Arrival of teams
- 19:30 - Judges meeting
- 20:00 - draw for ADVANCE NOVICES, JUNIORS and SENIORS

Thursday, March 29th, 2018

- 07:00 till 11:00 - practice
- 11:00 - Short Program ADVANCE NOVICE Girls and Boys
- Short Program JUNIOR Ladies and Men
- Short Program SENIORS Ladies and Men

Friday, March 30th, 2018

- 07:00 till 11:00 - practice
- 11:00 - Free Skating ADVANCE NOVICE Girls and Boys
- Free Skating JUNIOR Ladies and Men
- Free Skating SENIORS Ladies and Men
- awarding of prizes Advance Novices, Juniors and Seniors

Saturday, March 31th, 2018

- 08:00 - Balkan Games opening ceremony on ice

Subject to change!

Timetable, results and other information will be announced on internet site of the organizer:
www.drsalniklub-celje.si after the conclusion of entries deadline and during the competition.

PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE OF SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING EVENT:**Friday, March 30th, 2018**

- *Arrival of teams*

Saturday, March 31th, 2018

08:00 - *Balkan Games opening ceremony on ice*

09:00 - *warm up & team leaders meeting*

09:00 - *Competition*

Sunday, April 1st, 2018

08:00 - *warm up*

09:00 - *Competition*

- *awarding of prizes Juniors B, A, Seniors and Relay*

Subject to change!

Timetable, results and other information will be announced on internet site of the organizer:
www.drsalniklub-celje.si , after the conclusion of entries deadline and during the competition.



ANNOUNCEMENT

ALPE ADRIA TROPHY 2018 - FINAL

Slovene Open Championships – Short Track Speed Skating
Celje, March 31th - April 1st, 2018

The Slovene Skating Union and Skating Club Celje are honoured to invite your team to the **Alpe Adria Trophy 2018 - Final**. The competition will be held simultaneously with Balkan Games.

The competition will be carried out at the Celje indoor ice rink („Mestni park“, Partizanska 3a, Celje, Slovenia) on a track in accordance with Rule 280, Paragraphs 1 - 4. Protective padding will be used to cover the entire rink board in accordance with Rule 280, Paragraph 5 and the respective ISU Communications.

RULES

The All Final System would be applied. The first round of the first distance shall be made on the basis of the personal best time supplied with the Final Entry. For the Final Classification the skaters are ranked according to Rule 295, Paragraphs 5 - 9.

CATEGORIES

The competition will be opened to the following age groups:

Seniors 30.06.1998 and older

Juniors A 01.07.1998 - 30.06.2000

Juniors B 01.07.2000 - 30.06.2002

Juniors C 01.07.2002 - 30.06.2004

Juniors D 01.07.2004 - 30.06.2006

Juniors E 01.07.2006 - 30.06.2008

Juniors F 01.07.2008 - 30.06.2010

Juniors G 30.06.2010 and younger

All skaters are allowed to race in their own age category, or one category older, however must compete in the same category in all Alpe Adria competitions of the season. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to combine age groups depending on the number of final entries per group. There is also a possibility of mixed gender groups for younger categories. Final results will be calculated for each age group separately.

DISTANCES

Seniors & Juniors A (Ladies, Men) 1500 m 500 m 1000 m

Juniors B (Ladies, Men) 1500 m 500 m 1000 m

Juniors C (Ladies, Men) 1500 m 500 m 1000 m

Juniors D (Girls, Boys) 1000 m 500 m 777 m

Juniors E (Girls, Boys) 777 m 333 m 500 m

Juniors F (Girls, Boys) 500 m 222 m 333 m

Juniors G (Girls, Boys) 222 m 111 m

RELAYS

Group A Men/Ladies - 3000m (Seniors, Juniors A and B) – teams of 4 skaters and

Group B Men/Ladies - 2000m (Juniors C, D and E) – teams of 3 skaters.

Relay competition will be conducted if at least 4 teams L/M are registered.

GENERAL PROGRAM

Friday: Arrival of teams

Saturday:

8:30 AM Registration of teams and skaters (office at the ice rink)

9:00 AM Team Leader's meeting (at the ice rink)

9:30 AM Warm up – Juniors D + E + F

9:50 AM Warm up – Seniors, Juniors A + B + C

10:00 AM Competition

Sunday:

8:00 AM Warm up – Juniors D + E + F

8:20 AM Warm up – Seniors, Juniors A + B + C

9:00 AM Competition

Awards Ceremony (after the last race)

The schedule is subject to change! After closing of Entries a detailed schedule will be sent to all the participants.

AWARDS

In each age category **medals** will be awarded to the best three skaters in the individual overall ranking of the Alpe Adria competition in Celje.

In each age category, the best three skaters in the individual overall ranking of the season (all three competitions of the Alpe Adria Trophy series) will receive the Alpe Adria Individual Trophy 2018.

The Alpe Adria Team Trophy 2018 will be awarded to the team with the highest number of combined points from all three competitions of the Alpe Adria Trophy series. Points will be awarded to six highest ranked skaters in the Overall classification of each Alpe Adria Trophy competition in categories: Senior, Junior A, Junior B, Junior C, Junior D, Junior E, Junior F, Relay

3000m and 2000m. The highest ranked skaters will receive points in descending order: 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 and 1 point. However, only 2 best skaters from each participating club/member will receive Team Cup points. The points of subsequent skaters from the same club/member will go to the next placed skater of a different club/member. In case of a tie, the highest score in the Senior category (men and ladies) will decide the winner.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

There will be a Medical representative present at the warm up and during the competition.

EQUIPMENT

All equipment must be in line with the ISU rules. The use of compulsory safety equipment and proper rounding of the blades will be strictly monitored.

ACCOMMODATION

The expenses for accommodation and meals are at the sole responsibility of the participating teams. Please make the reservation yourself directly with the front desk of the hotel.

Hotels: www.hotel-evropa.si ; www.celjska-koca.si ; www.hotel-celeia.si/en/ ; www.hotelgrande.si ; www.hotel-faraon.si ;

Youth hostels: www.mc-celje.si/en/ ; student home: dd.celje@guest.arnes.si ;

Monastery hostel: dom.jozef@siol.net.

ENTRIES

Final entries must be made by March 11th via www.shorttracklive.info website. If assistance is required, please contact the website manager at hermann@filipic1.at .

Entry fee: 20 EUR / skater.

It should be paid at the registration before the competition in cash. A deposit of 50 EUR per club will be charged for helmet covers and will be refunded at the end of competition upon return of all the helmet covers.

OTHERS

The results of competitors who compete for "Balkan Games 2018" will be taken into account in this competition.

The competitors from the Balkan countries who are registered in the "Balkan Games 2018", do not pay the entry fee.

LIABILITY

The Organizing Committee declines all responsibility for any loss or damage during the competition. The skaters are requested to cover their own health insurance.

The timetable, results and all other information will be published on the organizer's website www.drsalniklub-celje.si and the www.shorttracklive.info website.

We look forward to welcoming your team at the Alpe Adria Trophy 2018 in Celje!

Ivan Pfeifer
President of Organizing Committee