

First Information

ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating

Minsk Arena Cup 2017

Minsk, Belarus

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ПО ФИГУРНОМУ КАТАНИЮ НА КОНЬКАХ
“ КУБОК МИНСК АРЕНА ”

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WELCOME TO MINSK

Our Dear Skating Friends,

It has become a good skating tradition, that every year our hospitable city invites the best skaters from all over the world to various ice competitions. Once again, the OC of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2017 would like to express our honor and happiness on the occasion that Minsk, the capital of the Republic of Belarus, is the host city of the ISU JGP of Figure Skating Minsk Arena Cup 2017.



THE MAIN MINSK SIGHTS & ATTRACTIONS

1. The Holy Spirit cathedral. The history of the Cathedral dates back to 1633-1642. It is a valuable monument of late Baroque style of Old Minsk. Six columns divide the inner room into three naves. The iconostasis has a number of marvelous icons including the Our Lady miracle-working icon that miraculously appeared on the Svisloch bank in 1500.



Address: Kirilla and Mefodiya Street, 3 (Nemiga)

2. Troitskoe suburb (The “Old Town” in the 19th century style). This historical and cultural part of Minsk survived after the destroying World War 2. Here you may admire the Svisloch River, walk down the cobbled streets and enjoy a cup of hot tea or coffee in one of the little cafes. It’s a great and lovely place to walk and relax in any season of the year.

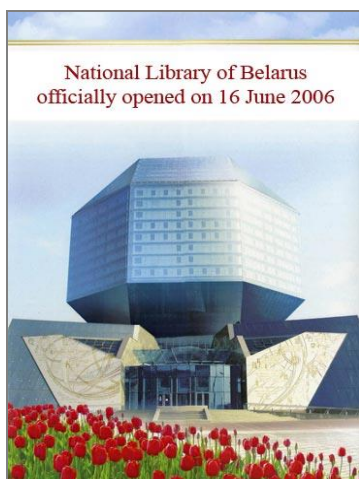


3. The National Academic Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theatre was opened in 1933. Nowadays there are more than 30 titles of dramatic works on the poster of the theatre, the most popular of them are: “Carmen”, “Eugene Onegin”, “Swan Lake”, “Rigoletto”, “Romeo & Juliet”, all of them are well staged with rich decorations and eye-catching costumes. We can assure you’ll get an unforgettable impression after those excellent opera or ballet performance!



Address: Parizhskaya Kommuna sq., 1

4. The National Library is considered to be the most significant tourist attraction and the main information and cultural centre of the country and Minsk city, one of the most important and controversial projects in the modern Belarus. A 72-meter (236 feet) high, 23-storey building in the shape of a diamond symbolizes material and spiritual values gathered by the humanity during thousands of years.



5. The Belarusian State Circus is year-round. It is located in the center of Minsk. The circus has been remodeled and the shows they put on are incredible. The lighting, music and atmosphere give unforgettable impressions.



Address: Nezavisimosti Ave, 32
Ticket Office:(+375 17) 227-78-42,
(+375 29) 312-13-13

6. Stolitsa shopping center is the biggest trade-entertaining centre of European standard in Belarus. Its modern design, magnificent architectural decision, unusual construction will impress visitors. Stolitsa is a great place for shopping, entertainment and rest. Here you can purchase everything: from clothes to food. Also you have an opportunity to find the most exquisite souvenirs which will remind you of Belarus. The area of more than 75 000 square meters is covered by shops and boutiques, cafes and restaurants, children's play room, photo services, bank offices, 5 video saloons, information office, etc.



Address: Nezavisimosti square.

HOW TO GET TO MINSK

Minsk's central location in Europe makes it easy to reach by air, train and car.

ACCESS BY AIR

The city of Minsk has an international airport called Minsk National Airport. It is a modern airport with all necessary facilities including banks, restaurants and shops. The airport is about 30 km from the city centre.

ACCESS BY TRAIN

Belarus has excellent international rail links. There are regular trains between Minsk and practically every major capital in Europe and the CIS. The central train station (Minsk Passenger Station) offers all kinds of services.

ACCESS BY CAR

It's possible to travel to Belarus by car from Europe and the CIS. Minsk is connected to the European long-distance highway E30. It's a toll road, with a 1 USD charge for passenger vehicles. There are several Belarus border crossings and an extensive road network running across the country.

Access from Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Ukraine.

TRANSPORTATION ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Minsk National Airport and Minsk Passenger Station. The Organizing Committee will arrange a pick-up service for the teams and individual officials from both locations. The cost for transportation from the airport is 30 Euro (both ways). The cost for transportation from the central railway station is 30 Euro (both ways).

VISA INFORMATION

Visas are required to enter Belarus. For obtaining the complete information about visa, please visit <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/>.

Upon receipt of copies of passports and completed visa information form (attached) for competitors, coaches and team officials, the Skating Union of Belarus will issue letters of invitation. This letter needs to be presented at the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in the respective country in order to issue the visas. Only those ISU Members, who do not have Belarus Embassies in their countries will receive visas at Minsk International Airport by arrival.

To facilitate the issuing of visa at the airport, please complete the Visa Application form, <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/info/visa-applications.html>, in advance and provide a passport photograph.

According to the decision of Consular, Visa fees could be waived for entered competitors and team officials of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Minsk Arena Cup 2017.

In the Republic of Belarus the medical insurance policy is obligatory. It is different from European medical insurance. It is obligatory and is available to be purchased at the airport on arrival. The cost is up to 10 Euro.

For questions on visa application procedures, please contact Ekaterina Kisluk, e-mail: Minskarena.cup@mail.ru

Please send to the OC copies of passports and completed visa information form as soon as possible.

For those participants, who will have their visas issued at the airport, please inform the OC in advance.

OFFICIAL HOTELS

Hotel for Skaters and Team Leaders, Team Medical Staff

Slavyanskaya Hotel

220020, Minsk, Narochanskaya, 6

phone: +375 173591500

website: <http://slavyanskaya-minsk.by/>

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night):

80 Euro

Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night):

105 Euro



Hotel for ISU Event Officials, Judges, Technical Support Staff, Coaches, Team Officials, Chaperons

Victorya Olimp Hotel

220020, Minsk, Pobeditelei ave.103

phone: +375 173087777

website: <http://olimphotel.by/>

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night):

80 Euro

Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night):

105 Euro



Hotel for Coaches and Media

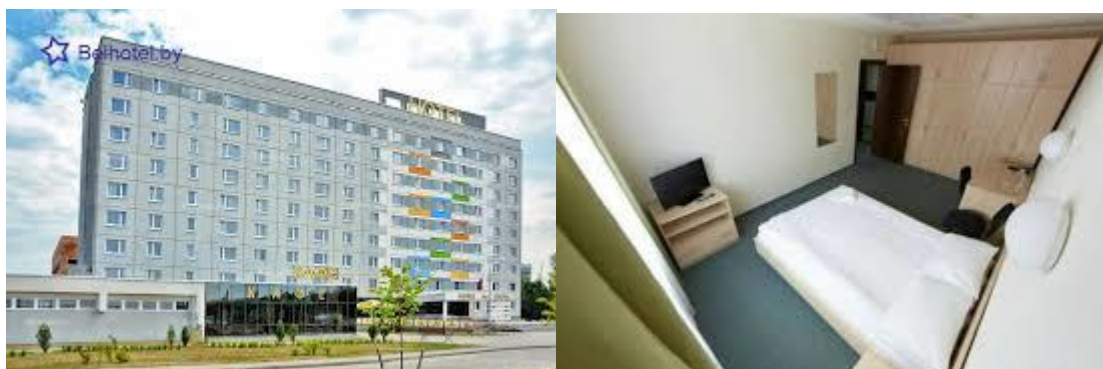
Sport Time Hotel

220020, Minsk, Miastrovskaya, 2

phone: +375 172793960

website: <http://www.sporttime-hotel.by/>

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night):	35 Euro
Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night):	70 Euro
Triple Room with breakfast (per 3 persons, per night):	95 Euro



Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee. Hotel reservation requests need to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

The lunch and dinner will be served at Minsk Arena Sport Complex. The meal vouchers can be purchased at the accreditation. The price for lunch and dinner will be 15 Euro each per person. Meals are available daily at the venue and by additional request at the official hotels.

*Payment: in BYN (Belarus rubles), Euro or Credit card (Visa, MasterCard).

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel(s). The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members.

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than August 18th, 2017.

Accompanying Persons

For Team Members, not covered by the OC and sharing room with a Team Member, whose accommodation is covered by the OC, the charge of 50% of the room rate will apply.

Judges bringing an Accompanying Persons (must be a relative or partner in life) will be charged the difference between the single and twin bed room.
Contact Person for Room changes.

No changes will be accepted by the hotels.

For any requests, concerning rooming, changes, damage, incidentals, etc. the Team Leader is the agreed contact person for the Teams.

EXPENSES, MEAL VOUCHERS

EXTRA EXPENSES

Should any Competitor, Team Leader or Official arrive earlier or stay longer, the costs for accommodation and meals are at the burden of the user. All extra expenses, including hotel incidentals, incurred by any Team Member or any other person will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid prior to departure.

MEAL VOUCHERS

The meal vouchers are only valid on the day indicated on the respective voucher. The vouchers are numbered and the number must correspond with the number on the accreditation card of the person entering the dining room. The Meal vouchers are only valid at Minsk Arena complex. Separate drink vouchers for beer and wine will be available for designated accredited persons. Accredited persons not provided with meal vouchers can purchase meal tickets at the OC Office at Accreditation desk. The same appears for Competitors and Judges after the end of the period covered by the OC. Prices per meal voucher is **15 Euro** (for Lunch, Dinner or Late dinner).

CHAPERONS

Persons who wish to be registered by the federations as official chaperons (one per competitor) must be announced on the Entry Form “Composition of Delegation” (Form C 01). Chaperons will not receive an accreditation but will be registered in the accreditation center upon arrival. The officially registered chaperons will receive a bus permit which will also allow them to visit the practice sessions in the main and the practice arena. Chaperons will not receive any special price tickets to the competition events or the Exhibition. The Organizing Committee upon the request can make hotel reservations for Chaperons. Availability in the official hotels cannot be guaranteed until all team members are confirmed.

EXHIBITION

There will be an Exhibition held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 17:30 h. The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event are invited to take part in the Exhibition.

BANQUET

There will be a Banquet held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 20:00 h. Banquet is free of charge for sportsmen and officials. Price for coaches, chaperones, etc. is 25 Euro.

REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the at the **Minsk Arena VIP 3 entrance** upon arrival.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their ISU Member.

The ISU Member certifies with the entries in ORS the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.

Accreditation will be given to appointed ISU Event Officials, ISU Office Holders and Guests.

Chaperons will not receive accreditation. The Team Leader may request “bus permits” for the official registered Chaperons to join the official shuttle bus system of the Organizing Committee.

All Competitors and Judges will be required to present their passport or other official Schengen travel document for those being resident in Schengen countries (and Clearance Certificate if the passport is not of the same country as the Member entering the Skater and/or the Skater having previously represented another Member) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport or the Schengen document.

THE VENUE

The Minsk-Arena Complex: General Information



Minsk-arena

“The Multipurpose Cultural-Sports Complex “Minsk-arena” is one of the advanced multifunctional constructions in Europe, designed for international sports and cultural-entertaining events. The hi-tech architectural composition with its modern design and beauty leave a great

impression on visitors. Recent years “Minsk-arena” has hosted such popular events as ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, All Stars Hockey Match (KHL)

Speed skating stadium

Speed skating stadium in Minsk is the first indoor skating area in Belarus with 400-meter track. There are two hockey rinks (30X60, 28X60) and two tracks for curling situated inside speed skating ice field.

Stadium meets all the requirements for hosting international competitions. During Ice Star 2014 both of the rinks will be used for the competition and official practices.



General information

<u>Currency</u>	Belarusian ruble
<u>Currency rates</u>	1 US Dollar – 1,8 Belarusian rubles 1 Euro – 2 Belarusian rubles
<u>Time</u>	GMT +3
<u>Climate in Minsk</u>	Average temperature in Minsk in September: +15°C
<u>Bank cards</u>	VISA and MasterCard
<u>Taxi</u>	Phone: 107, 135, 152, 155, 157, 181, 7788.
<u>Car rental</u>	International driver license will be required at the time of rental. Please contact the hotel front desk for details.
<u>Minsk airport</u>	Phone: +375 17 279 13 00, +375 17 279 17 30 Internet: www.airport.by
<u>Electricity</u>	The electric system in Belarus is 220V. Please notice that a two-pin plug system is used.
<u>Smoking</u>	Smoking is not permitted indoors in public buildings and other places open to the public, restaurants and bars, except in designated smoking zones. Smoking is also prohibited in trains, trams and buses. Hotels will charge extra for anyone smoking in bedrooms.
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