



MINSK ARENA ICE STAR 2018

Minsk, BELARUS

October 18 – 21, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENT

**An International Figure Skating Competition
for Senior: Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance
Junior: Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance
organized by
SKATING UNION of BELARUS**

OUR DEAR SKATING FRIENDS,

Welcome to Minsk!

On behalf of Skating Union of Belarus and the Organizing Committee, we are glad to invite you to participate in the MINSK ARENA - ICE STAR International Figure Skating Competition - 2018.

1 GENERAL REGULATIONS

The MINSK ARENA ICE STAR will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the ICE STAR is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 109, paragraph 1 and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3.a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2030 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2030, 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 Clearance Certificate. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must to be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All Competitors must be entered through their respective Member Federations.

2 PLACE & DATES

Main arena: Minsk Arena (Speed Skating Stadium Arena),

111 Pobeditelei Ave., Minsk, Belarus.

(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m)

Practice arena: Minsk Arena (Speed Skating Stadium Arena),

111 Pobeditelei Ave., Minsk, Belarus.

(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 28 m)

DATES: October 18 - 21, 2017.

Arrival of the participants - October 17, 2018.

3 TECHNICAL DATA

SENIOR: Men, Ladies, Pair Skating and Ice Dance

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair

		Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
PAIR SKATING	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2018/19. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2018, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2148, 2164 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2148, 2164 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

JUNIOR: Men, Ladies, Pair Skating and Ice Dance

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2018/19. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair

		Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2018/19. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/-10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
PAIR SKATING	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2018/19. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. , +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2018, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
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4 ENTRIES

Each ISU Member has the right to nominate maximum 3 competitors/couples for each discipline. The official entry forms must be used. The organizer reserves the right to enter more competitors in each category.

Passports of the skaters as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the registration latest.

The Preliminary Entry by number of Skaters & Judges should reach the organizer not later than **September 10th, 2018 - 20:00 h (local time Minsk)**.

The binding Entry by Name of Skaters & Judges has to reach the organizer not later than **September 21th, 2018 - 20:00 h (local time Minsk)**.

The entry forms as well as any other form provided by the OC have to be used and must be sent to:

Organizing Committee

Skating Union of Belarus

Pobeditelei ave.,111

220020, Minsk

phone: +375 293242320

fax +375 173696194

E-Mail: infoicestar18@gmail.com

Contact person: Nikita Babitski

Entries must be accompanied by the official "ISU Declaration Form" as per Rule 131. In case of competitors not being of age (under 18), the Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or another legal representative.

Each Entry Form and Declaration Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as the President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4).

4.1 Entries of Judges

Each ISU Member has right to nominate one (1) Judge. If an ISU Member has entries in two disciplines, this Member has the right to nominate a second judge, who has to have an international qualification for Ice Dance and, if possible, also for Singles or Pairs. If there will be too many Judges nominated for participation, the Organizer reserves the right to draw for the composition of panels beforehand and inform those Judges who are not drawn for service.

The Entries of Judges must be sent to **Organizing Committee** not later than: **21th September, 2018– 20:00 h (local time Minsk)**.

5 MUSIC

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD or in any other approved format. In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2, all covers/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, rhythm dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single and Pairs, for the Rhythm and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition, must be listed for each Competitor on the official Competition Music Form.

If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

With the entry forms, the “Program Content Sheet” must be returned to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

6 REGISTRATION

Accreditation will be given to all Event Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data / Video Operator, all accepted Judges, Participants, one Team Leader and one Coach per Skater / Couple. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport. Accreditation will be given in the Minsk Arena at the Accreditation Office. If the required forms are not complete and music discs are not provided, accreditation will not be given.

7 CHARGES

Single Skating: 50 Euro/skater;

Ice Dance/ Pair skating: 70 Euro/couple.

The transportation service from airport/railway station is available upon request.

The price for transportation is Euro 30 (airport transportation – both ways), Euro 15 (railway station transportation - both ways).

8 RESULTS & PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

The three best-placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored at the official Victory Ceremony.

9 EXPENSES

The travel expenses as well as the accommodation expenses of the Team Leaders, Competitors and other Team Officials will not be covered by the Organizer and are on the account of the teams.

OC will cover accommodation and meal expenses for Referees, one Judge of each entered ISU Member, for the nominated Technical Controllers and the Technical Specialists, Data / Replay Operators beginning with dinner on October 17, 2018 until breakfast on October 22, 2018.

Travel expenses will only be covered for the nominated Referees, Technical Controllers, and Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators based on economy fare.

All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior departure.

*Payment options:

1) cash in Belarussian rubles,

2) credit card (Visa, MasterCard)

3) via bank transfer in Euro

10 ACCOMODATION

All accommodation requests must be addressed to: infoicestar18@gmail.com

With regards to reservation and pre-payment the following schedule will be applied:

Pre-booking of hotels room: 21th of September 2018

Deadline pre-payment of full amount: 28th of September 2018

*Hotel "Slavyanskaya" ****

Minsk, Narochanskaya str.6; tel. +375173591500, +375173591509;

www.slavyanskaya-minsk.by;

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night): 70 Euro

Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night): 85 Euro

*Hotel "SportTime" ***

Minsk, Myastrovskaya str. 2; tel. +375172793960, +375259793960

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): 96 Euro

11 MEALS

The lunch and dinner will be served at Minsk Arena. The meal vouchers can be purchased at the accreditation. The price for lunch and dinner will be Euro 15 each per person. Meals are available daily at the venue according to the following schedule:

-Lunch 11:30-15:00

-Dinner 18:00- 22:00

12 VISA INFORMATION

According to the Presidential Decree, effective from **July 27, 2018**, foreign citizens of **74 countries* can enter Belarus for up to 30 days**** and exit from the territory of Belarus only through the State border checkpoint of the Republic of Belarus "**Minsk National Airport**".

The given order of visa-free movement through the airport **does not extend to persons coming to Belarus by plane from the Russian Federation, as well as to those who intend to fly to the airports of the Russian Federation** (such flights are considered as internal ones and do not have border control).

The term of visa-free stay is calculated in calendar days; the first day corresponds to the date of arrival, the last day coincides with the date of departure (regardless of the time of arrival and/or departure).

Visa-free regime does not extend to holders of diplomatic, service, special and other passports equivalent to them.

The trip is carried out for private, business, tourist or other purposes not related to employment, commercial activity and education, if the term of education exceeds 30 days.

To enter the Republic of Belarus in the visa-free regime via the checkpoint “Minsk National Airport”, foreign nationals should have the following documents:

- a valid **ordinary** passport. The passport must be valid at least 90 days beyond intended date of departure from the Republic of Belarus;
- financial means: amount equivalent to not less than 2 base rates for each day of stay or 50 base rates if the stay is full 30 days, in Belarusian rubles or foreign currency;
- a medical insurance policy with coverage for at least 10 000 euros, valid in Belarus during the whole duration of stay.

For citizens of Vietnam, Haiti, Gambia, India, China, Lebanon, Namibia, Samoa a valid multiple visa of the EU member states or Schengen zone with a mark in passport on crossing the border of these states and tickets with confirmation of departure from “Minsk National Airport” within 30 days from the date of entry is a **compulsory additional requirement**.

NB: When staying in Belarus **for more than 5 working days**, foreign citizens need to **register with the divisions on citizenship and migration of the territorial bodies of internal affairs**. When staying in hotels, hostels, sanatoriums and other collective accommodation facilities the registration of foreign citizens is carried out by the administrations of such facilities by default upon check-in.

The term of visa-free stay can not be extended beyond the established 30 days.

*[Attachment](#) to the Presidential Decree “On establishment of visa-free entry and exit of foreign nationals” (List of States)

** including dates of arrival and departure

Please, see the link below.

<http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/visafreetravel/e0ced19bb1f9bf2c.html>

For obtaining the complete information about visa, please visit

<http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/>.

For those Members, who are not on the list of countries for visa-free travel to Minsk, visa is required to enter Belarus. Please inform OC accordingly.

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.

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. 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.

For questions on visa application procedures, please contact Nikita Babitski, e-mail: infoicestar18@gmail.com.

13 LIABILITY

According to the ISU Rule 119, the Organizer accepts no liability for bodily or personal injury, or for property lost or damage incurred by any Competitors or any kind of Officials.

The Organizer will provide medical emergency aid during the Competition.

14 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

COMPETITION ARENA	PRACTICE ARENA
October 18, Thursday	October 18, Thursday
<i>Official Practice</i> 08:00 - 16:45 <i>Competitions</i> 17:00 - 19:00 ID J RD 19:15 - 21:15 ID S RD	<i>Official Practice</i> 12:00 - 20:00
October 19, Friday	October 19, Friday
<i>Official Practice</i> 06:15 - 09:45 <i>Competitions</i> 10:00 - 12:30 LJ SP 12:45 - 14:30 LS SP 14:45 - 17:00 ID J FD 17:15 - 19:30 ID S FD 19:45 - 20:30 PJ SP 20:30 - 21:30 PS SP	<i>Official Practice</i> 10:00 - 20:00
October 20, Saturday	October 20, Saturday
<i>Official Practice</i> 06:15 - 09:45 <i>Competitions</i> 10:00 - 12:45 LJ FS 13:00 - 15:00 LS FS 15:15 - 16:15 PJ FS 16:30 - 17:45 PS FS 18:00 - 19:30 MJ SP 19:45 - 21:15 MS SP	<i>Official Practice</i> 12:00 - 22:00
October 21, Sunday	October 21, Sunday
<i>Official Practice</i> 06:15 - 08:45 <i>Competitions</i> 09:00 - 10:45 MJ FS 11:00 - 12:45 MS FS	