



**Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019/2020**



**Riga / Latvia**

**September 4 to September 7, 2019**

**First information**



## WELCOME

The Latvian Skating Association and the Local Organizing Committee are looking forward to welcome the ISU skating family in Riga for the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Riga Cup 2019. We have enclosed various pieces of information which might be useful for you and for your preparation to attend this event.

## ABOUT LATVIA

Latvia is the central country of the Baltic States, with its population 1,906,743 (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) and is located in North-eastern Europe on the east coast of the Baltic Sea. It consists of fertile lowland plains and moderate hills, with most of its territory less than 100 meters above sea level. It has an extensive network of rivers, thousands of lakes and hundreds of kilometers of undeveloped seashore lined by pine forests, dunes, and continuous white sand beaches. With over 44 percent of its territory covered by forests, a vast network of free-flowing rivers and thousands of lakes, Latvia is one of Europe's best-preserved havens for a wide variety of wildlife. Over 27 thousand species of flora and fauna thrive in natural settings that are still relatively undisturbed by man. The capital of the Latvia is Riga. **For more information see:** <https://www.latvia.travel/en>

**Location** Latvia is bordered by Estonia to the north, Russia to the east, Lithuania to the south and the Baltic Sea to the west, as well as by Belarus in southeast. Its strategic location has made it an international crossroad for trade, commerce and cultural exchange since ancient times.

**Climate** Latvia's weather features a temperate maritime climate, with mild summers, moderate winters and frequently high levels of humidity and precipitation.

- Summer: June – September with average temperature +18.8°C (in the capital +20.1°C),
- Winter: December – February with average temperature -6.5°C (in the capital -5.5°C),

## ABOUT RIGA

Latvia's political, economic and culture centre is in Riga, where more than one third of Latvia's population (650 thousand) lives and works. Riga's elegant Old Town and distinctive Art Nouveau architecture serve as a stimulating setting for a vibrant modern business and cultural life. Founded in 1201, this former Hanseatic League member is one of the oldest medieval cities in Europe and has been listed by UNESCO as one of the world's most important cultural and natural sites. As one of the new stars of the dynamic Baltic Sea region, Riga has hosted a NATO summit, world hockey championship, the Eurovision Song Contest and many other large-scale international events. Riga's International Airport is one of the fastest growing travel hubs in Europe.

Riga is in fact the largest city of the Baltic states. It was officially founded in 1201, just over eight hundred years ago, as German merchants came over to colonise the Baltics. By 1282 the city was granted admittance into the powerful Hanseatic trading league of predominantly German towns, allowing Riga to flourish. Since that time Riga has been a free town, part of the Polish-Lithuanian kingdom, part of the Swedish empire, part of the Russian empire and part of the USSR. This has always led to Riga being a cosmopolitan and ethnically diverse town. For more information see: <https://www.latvia.travel/en/city/riga-8>



## TRAVELLING TO RIGA

### BY PLANE

The official airport for the ISU Junior Grand Prix in Riga will be Riga International Airport (RIX). The Organizing Committee provides a pick-up service at the Riga International Airport. **The fee for the pick-up service at Riga Airport is € 20.00 per person for round trip and need to be paid upon arrival at registration.** Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

Distance between Riga International Airport and hotel - 15 km; Airport and ice rink - 6 km  
hotel **SEMARAH HOTEL LIELUPE SPA** and ice rink - 13 km  
Pick-up times to the airport will be posted the day prior the departure.

### BY TRAIN

Riga train station is located in the city centre of Riga. Hotel SEMARAH HOTEL LIELUPE SPA and the ice rink can be reached by train as well.

### BY FERRY

Port of Riga is 1 km far from city centre. There is connection by ships to Stockholm.

## PLACE OF COMPETITION

Volvo Ledus Halle, Jurmalas gatve 78 D, Riga, Latvia.

"VOLVO" Sports Center opened its doors to visitors in 2005 August but the official opening was only in November 16th. Our hall is only hall in Latvia with two-standard indoor ice rinks, located between two housing estates Imanta and Zolitude.

Ice hall is open seven days a week from 6:30 am to midnight, ice hall offers various programs to the public, including public skating sessions, learn-to-skate classes and youth/adult hockey times. In Hall we have a newly created professional oriented sports school "PARDAUGAVA".

Sports School enrol students in ice hockey and figure skating groups.

Main rink and practice ice rinks are under one roof, both ice rinks are heated and air-conditioned with ice surface 58mx28m





## HOTEL INFORMATION

Accommodation will be provided in the city of **JURMALA** in the competition official hotel:  
**SEMERAH HOTEL LIELUPE SPA, Bulduru prospekts 64/68, Jurmala, LV- 2010, Latvia**

## ABOUT JURMALA

Jurmala is a Latvian resort city on the Gulf of Riga, just west of the capital, Riga. It's known for wooden, art nouveau seaside villas, Soviet-era sanatoriums and long, sandy Jurmala Beach. Near the beach are the Dzintari Concert Hall complex, dating from the 1930s, and Dzintari Forest Park. On the banks of winding Lielupe River, the Jurmala City Museum tells the history of the city through thousands of objects. For more information see: <https://www.visitjurmala.lv/en>

## ABOUT HOTEL

The just re-opened, stylish, modern and newly renovated hotel is nestled amidst fragrant pine trees with a welcoming scent of the ionized seaside breeze from the Gulf of Riga Sea, just a 5-minute walk to the Bulduri beach, within easy reach of Riga's and Jurmala's premier attractions and a 15-minute drive from the Riga International Airport.



All the rooms are completed with air-conditioning and a spacious balcony highlighting the beautiful views and pine treetops of Jurmala.



The new and spacious Wellness centre Lielupe provides guests with a wide variety of options complete with a 25-metre indoor swimming pool with two water streams, kid's only shallow swimming pool with a waterfall, Finnish sauna, Turkish steam bath, Jacuzzi, Salt inhalation therapy room, Technogym® fitness centre, rest and relaxation area.



Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Officials, Chaperons have to pay for their accommodation to:  
“OC office” in **SEMERAH HOTEL LIELUPA SPA**. For teams with chaperons, please inform OC in time about needed accommodation and transfer service.

All phone bills; room services and other possible extra costs are borne by the respective guest/team and must be paid before checkout to the hotel.

***! The Team Leaders are responsible for the unpaid bills of their team.***

#### **PLEASE NOTICE:**

The room rates of the Organizing Committee are as following:

**Single room**           € 110.00  
**Twin room**           € 70.00 (per person)

**All rates are per person and night, including breakfast**

All the reservations **with special rates can be booked only via the Organizing Committee** and must be prepaid or paid in cash immediately after arriving.

#### **MEALS**

The official meal vouchers (lunch and dinner), will be given to Event Officials, Judges and Competitors beginning with dinner on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 until breakfast on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

Meal Vouchers (lunch and dinner) are valid only in the official Restaurant. The meal vouchers are not transferable.

All other accredited persons may purchase meal vouchers at Organizing Committee Office.

**Lunch or Dinner per voucher € 25.00**

#### **MEAL HOURS**

<b>Breakfast all days</b>	<b>06:00 – 10:00</b>
<b>Lunch all days</b>	<b>11:30 – 14:30</b>
<b>Dinner Tuesday and Wednesday</b>	<b>17:30 – 22:30</b>
<b>Thursday and Friday</b>	<b>17:30 – 00:30</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17:30 – 22:30</b>

#### **EVENT SHUTTLE**

A shuttle-bus-service will be provided from **SEMERAH HOTEL LIELUPE SPA** with the **Volvo Arena** (main and practice rink) and return starting on the first practice day (**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**).

The shuttle will run in accordance with the final time and practice schedule and distributed at the time of registration.



## **REGISTRATION**

The registration for all teams will be held at the **SEMERAH HOTEL LIELUPE SPA** upon arrival.

The registration office / organizing committee office are located in the 1st floor.

## **ACCREDITATION**

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 National Association. The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form 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 of Honour

**Passports of the skaters have to be presented at the accreditation for verification!**

## **MUSIC**

Original music can be collected directly after each final event at the Main Rink (music stand) and in addition for music not collected at the Main Rink on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 19:00 at the Organizing Committee Office, **SEMERAH HOTEL LIELUPE SPA**, 1st floor.

## **PRIZE MONEY CERTIFICATES and DIPLOMAS**

Team Leaders can collect the Prize Money Certificates as well as the Diplomas for the competitors on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 19:00 at the Organizing Committee Office, **SEMERAH HOTEL LIELUPE SPA**, 1st floor.

## **EXHIBITION**

**NB!** There will be no Exhibition held!

## **VISA REGULATIONS**

Please inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible about visa confirmations in case of needed. Visa fee 10.00EUR.

Please contact:

**Latvian Skating Association**

**Organizing Committee**

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## VAROIOUS

### MEDICAL SERVICE

There is a permanent medical service at the rinks during all practice and competition hours in charge of a doctor.

### BULLETINS/ INFORMATION BOXES

The information boxes for the Teams are at the Ice Rink. All official information and bulletins will be placed there. Bulletins are also available at the Hotel.

### SKATING LOUNGE

The "Skating Lounge" is located at the Ice Rink 2nd floor. Competitors, Team-Leaders, Judges, Event Officials and Coaches are welcome to visit it.

There is also a small Café, which is open daily and where you can buy hot food and snacks.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### National currency: EUR

Most of the hotels, stores and restaurants accept Visa, MasterCard, Eurocard, Diner's Club and American Express. However, it is advisable to carry some cash with you.

Banks are plentiful and easy to find in Riga. Most are open from 9:00 to 18:00 on weekdays, while some offices are also open on Saturday mornings. All banks offer currency exchange services. Exchange offices can also be found in larger hotels, the airport, harbour, railroad station and major shopping centres. ATM cash machines are available throughout the city.

### ELECTRICITY

The electricity is **220 Volt** and most over-sea countries will need an adaptor to fit the plugs, which is **standardized two-point plug**.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Public buses, trolleys, and trams operate regularly from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. You may purchase tickets ahead of time at newsstands across the city or via driver in each transport.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**Police:** Free-of-charge call from any phone: **112**.

**First aid:** In case of accident or illness, call for an ambulance free-of-charge from any phone: **112**.

## CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE OC :

### OC Head, Off ice event coordinator:

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## MEETINGS

### Team Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 4, 2019 **Volvo ice rink** (room: TBA)

### Initial Starting Order Draws

Wednesday, Sept 4, 2019, **2st floor, Volvo ice rink,**

The exact times will be published in the final time and practice schedule which will be handed out at time of registration.

### Intermediate Draws

Intermediate draws will be held approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the respective Short Programs and Short Dance at the main rink – **2st floor, Volvo ice rink.**

### Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 4, 2019 **SEMERAH HOTEL LIELUPE SPA** (room: TBA)

### Judges Draw and Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 6, 2017 **SEMERAH HOTEL LIELUPE SPA** (room: TBA)

### Round Table Discussions

All Round Table Discussions are planned to be held at the **SEMERAH HOTEL LIELUPE SPA** (room: TBA)

Exact times as to the event schedule.



## EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 3, 2019	All day	Arrival of teams
Wednesday, September 4, 2019	All day	Official practice Team Leaders' Meeting Medical Meeting Individual Technical Panel Meetings per Discipline Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting Judges Draw and Meeting ISU and Judges Dinner
Thursday, September 5, 2019		LADIES – Short Program PAIRS – Short Program MEN – Short Program
Friday, September 6, 2019		ICE DANCE – Short Dance PAIRS – Free Skating LADIES – Free Skating PAIRS – Technical Panel Review Victory Ceremony PAIRS and LADIES
Saturday, September 7, 2019		PAIRS – Round Table Discussion for Judges LADIES – Technical Panel Review LADIES – Round Table Discussion for Judges MEN – Free Skating ICE DANCE – Free Dance Victory Ceremony MEN and ICE DANCE MEN – Technical Panel Review MEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review ICE DANCE – Round Table Discussion for Judges

**Please note:**

**This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.**