



**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**WINTER STAR 2020**

**December 11-13, 2020**

**An International Figure Skating Competition  
for Senior, Junior: Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance**

**organized by  
SKATING UNION of BELARUS**

Minsk, Republic 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 International Figure Skating Competition – Winter Star 2020.

## **1 GENERAL REGULATIONS**

The Competition 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 competition 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**

PLACE:

**Main arena:** “Minsk Arena”,  
Pobeditelei avenue, Minsk, Belarus.

Size: 28 m x 60 m.

**Practice arena:** “Minsk Arena”,  
Pobeditelei avenue, Minsk, Belarus.

Size: 28 m x 60 m.

The two arenas are located in the same building.

Both arenas are indoor and heated.

DATES: December 11-13, 2020.

Arrival of the participants – from December 10, 2020.

### 3 TECHNICAL DATA

ISU categories:

**SENIOR:** Men, Ladies, Pair Skating and Ice Dance

<b>MEN</b>	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.
<b>LADIES</b>	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.
<b>PAIR SKATING</b>	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. Guidelines listed in ISU Communication 2334. 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.
<b>ICE DANCE</b>	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2314 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.

ISU categories:

**JUNIOR:** Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance

<b>MEN</b>	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 2020/2021 season. 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.
<b>LADIES</b>	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 2020/2021 season. 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.
<b>PAIR SKATING</b>	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 2020/2021 season. 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.
<b>ICE DANCE</b>	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2315 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 2314 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min.30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

## 4 DRAW

The Starting numbers will not be drawn by the competitors but by the Technical Controller. The Referee shall conduct the draw as usual, while the Technical Controller holds the bag and draws the numbers. The draw numbers will be disinfected, and the Technical Controller is advised to use hand sanitizer before and after the draw procedure.

Starting order for the Free Skating/Free Dance for all categories will be in reverse order of the results of Short Program/ Rhythm Dance.

## 5 ENTRIES

Each ISU Member has the right to nominate skaters 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.

The binding Entry by Name of Skaters & Coaches has to reach the organizer not later than **December 04th, 2020 - 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 avenue, 17 office 707

220004, Minsk

**E-mail: 2020winterstar@gmail.com**

Contact person: Katsiaryna Kisliuk

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).

### 5.1 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: **December 04, 2020 – 20:00 h (local time Minsk)**.

The Initial Judges Meeting will be organized December 10, 2020 – 20:00 h (local time Minsk).

Round Table Discussions will be scheduled after the Victory ceremony of each category.

## **6 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, 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.

## **7 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 Hotel "Slavyanskaya"** at the Accreditation Office. If the required forms are not complete and music discs are not provided, accreditation will not be given.

## **8 CHARGES**

Single Skating: **70** Euro/skater.

Ice Dance/ Pair skating: **90** Euro/couple.

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

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

### **LATE ENTRY FEE PAYMENT**

If you fail to make entry application until deadline the following entry fees will apply.

Single Skating: **100** Euro/skater.

Ice Dance/ Pair skating: **120** Euro/couple.

Entry fees must be paid after confirmation of member participation.

The Organizer will not return entry fee but you can replace one skater for another in any category before draw.

Entry Fees are requested to be paid via bank transfer until December 05, 2020 at the latest. Please note that all banking charges have to be borne by the sender.

The entry fees have to be transferred to following bank account:

The Skating Union of Belarus

TAX Number: 100099955

Account # BY78BLBB30150100099955001005

SWIFT Code: BLBBBY2X

BELINVESTBANK JSC, Department 537

Correspondent bank: VTB Bank (Deutschland) AG,

Frankfurt am Main, Germany

HOCTRO# 0105140396 EUR

SWIFT: OWHBDEFF

## **9 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.

## **10 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 December 09, 2020 until breakfast on December 12, 2020.

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.

## 11 ACCOMODATION

### Hotel “Slavyanskaya” \*\*\*

Minsk, Narochanskaya str.6,

Phone: +375173591500, +375173591509

Web: [www.slavyanskaya-minsk.by](http://www.slavyanskaya-minsk.by)

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night): **45 Euro**

Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night): **55 Euro**

### Hotel “SportTime” \*\*

Minsk, Myastrovskaya str. 2,

Phone: +375172793960, +375259793960

Web: [www.sporttime-hotel.by](http://www.sporttime-hotel.by)

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night): **30 Euro**

Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night): **40 Euro**

Triple Room with breakfast (per 3 persons, per night): **50 Euro**

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee. The hotel reservation is provided only via Organizing Committee.

ICE STAR 2020 Organizing Committee:

**Skating Union of Belarus:**

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Phone: +375 44 761 07 63

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Contact person: Katsiaryna Kisliuk +375447610763

## 12 VISA-FREE 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).

Please, see the link below.

<https://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/freemove/airport/>

For questions on visa application procedures, please contact with the Organizing Committee.

## 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 COVID-19 MEASURES

The Organizer will host the event according to the Guidelines for ISU Events During the COVID-19 Pandemic - Figure Skating.

For your information please see the link below.

<https://www.isu.org/docman-documents-links/isu-files/documents-communications/clean-sport-1/coronavirus/24905-isu-guidelines-covid-19-pandemic-sport-specific-annex-figure-skating-final-20-08-31/file>

Please note, that all participants arriving will need 1 negative PCR test made in the last 3 days before travelling, and an Invitation letter that OC shall provide.

## 15 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

### December 11, 2020

Official practices: Men

Ladies

Pair Skating

Ice Dance

### December 12, 2020

Competitions:	Men	SP
	Ladies	SP
	Pair Skating	SP
	Ice Dance	RD

### December 13, 2020

Competitions:	Men	FS
	Ladies	FS
	Pair Skating	FS
	Ice Dance	FD