



## **31st Nepela Memorial**

**An International Senior Competition for Men, Women and Ice Dance  
organized by  
Slovak Figure Skating Association**

**Bratislava / Slovakia**

**September 28th – September 30th 2023**

**A competition as part of the**



**Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24**

**under the authorization of the**

**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION**

# **FIRST INFORMATION**



## WELCOME TO BRATISLAVA

Bratislava is the only capital in the world located on the border of three sovereign states – Slovakia, Austria and Hungary. Besides its strategic location on the River Danube, the city takes pride in its rich history. The first Celtic oppidum was founded here in the 2nd century BC. The location at the intersection of two important historical trade routes, the Danube and Amber Roads, highly influenced the development of trade and handicraft. For 247 years was Bratislava the capital of the Hungarian Kingdom (1536 – 1783) and for 267 years also the coronation city (1563 – 1830). It experienced rapid growth under the reign of Maria Theresia crowned the queen of Hungary 1741 and the Bratislava Castle became a representative royal seat. Not only the Castle, but also the newly built aristocratic Baroque and Rococo palaces enjoyed bustling political, social and cultural life enriched by visits of musical geni, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, Joseph Haydn or Franz Liszt. After the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989, Bratislava started to profile as a modern European metropolis and an attractive tourist destination.



## BASIC INFORMATION

**Location:** 65 km far from Vienna, 200 km from Budapest and 330 km from Prague. The largest airport in Central Europe, Vienna International, is 40 minutes away from Bratislava city centre by car, and the Bratislava Airport M. R. Štefánik only 15 minutes away.

***Unique history, attractive sights, excellent local gastronomy, quality wine and modern shopping centres make Bratislava an ideal city-break destination. Enjoy your stay!***

**For more information about Bratislava please see the following web site:**

**<https://www.visitbratislava.com/>**

## THE VENUE

Ondrej Nepela Ice Rink, address: Odbojárov 9, 83104 Bratislava – Nové Mesto

The Ondrej Nepela Ice Rink is a fully air-conditioned and heated ice rink. The arena offers a comfortable auditorium with 10,000 seats and convenient social and sanitary facilities, including the equipment for the disabled who can easily enter the auditorium on wheel-chairs. It was fully reconstructed in 2011 prior the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships. The whole complex has one main ice rink of the size 60x28 m and two practice ice rinks. It is a home to the Slovan Ice Hockey Team. The stadium is named in honour of Ondrej Nepela, 1972 Winter Olympics figure skating winner, Slovak figure skater, who competed for Czechoslovakia in the late 1960s and early 1970s.



## TRANSPORT

The M. R. Štefánik airport (BTS) lies about 8,5 kilometers far from the city center. Direct flights include London, Prague and Warsaw with additional seasonal routes added during the summer and winter months.

The largest airport in Central Europe, Vienna International Airport – Schwechat (VIE) lies around 60 kilometers far from the city center.

The city also has a central railway station (Bratislava hlavná stanica) linking Bratislava with Budapest, Vienna, Prague, Berlin and Hamburg.

Bratislava is connected with Budapest, Vienna and Prague with motorways so you can easily reach Bratislava by car as well.

The organizers will provide the shuttle servis from Vienna airport to Bratislava and back and from the Bratislava airport to the official hotel as well. Transportation from the central railway station can be arranged upon request. For more details about transport and transportation fee please do not hesitate contact the Organizing committee.

## CLIMATE AND WEATHER

Bratislava lies in the north temperate zone and has a moderately continental climate. It is often windy with a marked variation between hot summers and cold, humid winters. The city is in one of the warmest and driest parts of Slovakia. The average temperatures from June to September vary between 21 °C and 25 °C with average maximum of 25 °C in September.



## USEFUL INFORMATION

### Currency:

The Slovak currency unit is Euro (EUR) divided in 100 cents. More details about ECB Exchange Rates you can find on the website of the Slovak National Bank [www.nbs.sk/en/home](http://www.nbs.sk/en/home).

### Electricity:

The electricity voltage in Slovakia is 220 Volt. A two-pin plug system is used.

### Banks:

Banks are opened Monday to Friday from about 8:00 to 18:00 or in the shopping and business centers from about 9:00 to 20:00 also during the weekends. ATMs can be found in the nearby area of the ice rink and on public places.

**Time zone:** GMT +1

**Country Code:** +421

## ACCREDITATION

The accreditation desk will be open on Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 09:00 in the morning till the 19:00 at the Hotel Lindner.

Starting from September 29, 2023 the accreditation can be picked up in the OC Office at the Ice Rink. The location of the accreditation desk in the official hotel will be in the lobby.

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests who have paid all fees (Entry, Hotel, Transport).

## HOTEL

### Hotel for Teams

Lindner Hotel Gallery Central, Metodova 4, 82108 Bratislava, Slovakia

phone: +421 2 39930 000

web: <https://www.lindner.de/en/bratislava-hotel-gallery-central/welcome.html>

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

## INFORMATION

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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## SCHEDULE

A preliminary schedule could be set-up as follows:

Thursday, September 28, 2023	All day	Arrival of teams
	from 12:30	Unofficial practice (registration must be made to <a href="mailto:slovakskating@kraso.sk">slovakskating@kraso.sk</a> not later than Tuesday, September 19)
	9:00-19:00	Accreditation (Hotel)
	17:00	Team leaders meeting (Hotel)
	18:00	Referees and TC meeting (Hotel)
	18:30	Judge's meeting (Hotel)
Friday, September 29, 2023	19:30	Opening ceremony and Draw (Hotel)
	07:00 – 09:15	Practice Ladies SP (Main rink)
	09:30 – 11:15	Practice Ice Dance Rhythm Dance (Main rink)
	11:30 – 13:45	Practice Men SP (Main rink)
	TBA	Individual Technical Panel Meetings per Discipline
	14:00	LADIES – Short Program ICE DANCE – Rhythm dance MEN – Short program
Saturday, September 30, 2022	07:30 – 10:25	Practice Ladies FS (Practice rink)
	10:40 – 13:35	Practice Men FS (Practice rink)
	08:00 – 10:15	Practice Ice Dance FS (Main rink)
	11:00	LADIES – Free Skating ICE DANCE – Free dance MEN – Free Skating Victory ceremonies
	TBA	LADIES – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	TBA	ICE DANCE – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	TBA	MEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges