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Short Track Speed Skating

VENTSPILS 2018



March 23-25



Announcement

On 23-25 March 2018 the Europa Cup Final Short Track Speed Skating will be held in Ventspils Latvia. The competition is organized by the Latvian Skating Association (LSA) and the International Skating Union (ISU). The competition is the final of the Danubia Cup and StarClass series 2017-2018 and will be held for the categories Junior-D/C/B/A and Senior. The competition will be organized in accordance with the 2016 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications, the Danubia and StarClass memorandums and the conditions included in this announcement.

Entries individual program

The eight (8) best skaters in each category of the Overall Classification of both the Danubia and StarClass series qualify for participation in the Europa Cup Final. These skaters will be invited for the Europa Cup Final. If he/she is not able to participate the next skater in the Overall Classification will be invited. However for all entries, with a restriction of a maximum of three (3) skaters per category per ISU Member.

Entries Relay

Each ISU Member has the right to enter one team of 4 or 5 competitors from the categories Ladies/Men and Junior A/B/C. Team members must be qualified for and participate in the individual competition. The Relay will only take place if enough time is available.

Notification & Invitation Procedure

The Contact persons of the Danubia and StarClass Coordination Group will, after the last competition of each series, notify the respective ISU Members and the OC about which skaters have qualified. This information will also be published into the Entry system of the website

www.Shorttrackonline.info In case of withdrawal the Contact persons will appoint and invite the next qualified skater.

Categories

Age of the skaters before July 1st preceding the competition:

Juniors D 11-12 years old

Juniors C 13-14 years old

Juniors B 15-16 years old

Juniors A 17-18 years old

Seniors +18 years old

Distances	1 st distance	2nd distance	3rd distance
Junior D	1000 m	500 m	777 m
Junior C	1500 m	500 m	1000 m
Junior B	1500 m	500 m	1000 m
Junior A	1500 m	500 m	1000 m
Seniors	1500 m	500 m	1000 m

Relay

Ladies/Men 3000m Junior-A/B/C 3000m

The qualifying schedule for each distance is based on the “All Finals” system for each individual category.

Award of Prizes

Awards will be given in each category to the first three places in the final of each distance and for the first three places in the Overall classification and Relay events. During the award ceremonies, the skaters must be in National or club track suits.

Track Conditions

The track is an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface with the measures of 30x60 meters. Protec-tive padding covers the boards in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap with measured curves of 8 meters and there will be 7 markers used to establish the curve. The length of the straight is 28.85 meters. Beside the original track there will be 4 tracks set up to preserve good ice conditions. For all tracks one finish line will be used.

Medical Assistance

Doctor and paramedical personnel will be present at the competition days. There will be an ade-quate response time for an ambulance to be on site in case of need.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each member, on behalf of its participating clubs, to ensure or provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes. Proof of such shall be requested by the Organiz-ing Committee. See I.S.U Rule 119.

Liability

In accordance with I.S.U Rule 119, the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility with re-spect to medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage sustained or caused in con-nection with this Competition.

Doping Control

Doping Control Doping tests may be made in accordance with ISU Rule 139 and relevant ISU communications.

Preliminary program

On Friday and Saturday the program will be divided in two parts, depending on the number of entries. The program is tentative and subject to changes by the OC, Danubia and StarClass Coordination Group and the referee.

Thursday 22 March 2018: 11.00-19.00 helpdesk at Ice rink open for registration, payments
entry/hotel,etc.

17.00-20.00 free official training session

19.00-20.00 Team leader meetings and drowing

Friday 23 March 2018: 8.00 – 8.45 Warming up

9.00 Start of competitions

17.00 End of competitions

Saturday 24 March 2018: 08.00-8.45 warming up

9.00 Start of competitions

19.00 End of competitions

Sunday 25 March 2018 : 08.00-8.45 warming up

9.00 Start of competitions

14.00 Awarding ceremony

The program above is subject to change by the OC. A more detailed program will be published in the week before the competition on: www.shorttrackonline.info

Entry Fee 30.00 euro

An Entry Fee of 35,00 euro must be paid for all entered skaters (junior/senior). Coaches and other team-members do not have to pay the Entry Fee. Overview of costs and facilitated services

Helmet cover/Race number deposit

For helmet covers a deposit of 10.00 euro per cap with a maximum of 50.00 euro per team must be paid in cash at the check-in. This will be paid back returning the helmet covers after the competition.

Hotel and meals for qualified/invited skaters Junior-D/C/B/A and coach

The Organising committee will provide and pay the costs for hotel accommodation in “ Hotel OC Ventspils “ and Hotel “ Dzintarjura “ , full board for the invited skaters of the category Junior-D/C/B/A from dinner Thursday evening until the breakfast on Sunday morning. The accommodation and meals will also be paid for one coach per country .

Hotel and meals for seniors and accompanying officials

Hotel accommodation for senior skaters and extra accompanying officials can be arranged by the OC in the same accommodation as the Juniors for a special discount price of 35,00 euro per night with full board until the breakfast on Sunday morning. If teams need spend one more night from Sunday till Monday 26.03.18 it will cost 35,00 Euro including Full

board. If teams leave early in the morning Monday 26.03.18 will be provide with breakfast packets

Transport airport to Hotel

Transport from airport Riga to Ventspils Bus station have to be arranged by the teams themselves. The connection by Bus to Ventspils is very good . Bus go every hour from Riga International Bus station . Local transport from the bus station Ventspils and from Thursday until Sunday to hotel will be provided for free with OC busses

Or OC provide round trip Shuttle service from Riga International airport to Ventspils for the price of **30,00 euro per person** . Information about transportation will be supplied by the OC on request of the teams.

Local transport on competition days for accredited skaters and officials

Do not need because ,both official Hotels are very close to Icering maximum 5 min walking

Extra training ice

Rental of extra training ice is possible on Thursday from 09.00-17.00 hr for a price of 120.00 euro per 50 minutes. Requests must be send by mail separately to the OC. If there are will be several teams than the amount will be share.

Entry Procedure

All participants for the Europa Cup Final have qualified through the Danubia and StarClasss series. They will be invited by their National Federations through the respective Contact persons of Danubia and StarClass series.

The names of skaters who are withdrawn from participation must be communicated as quick as pos-sible to the Contact persons of Danubia: **Atilla Telegdi** and for StarClass: **Elena Comolo**. Reason for this is that in that case the next qualified skater can be invited.

Clubs and federations have to confirm the entry or withdrawal of skaters for the Europa Cup Final plus all other requested reservations into the entry system on the website:

www.shorttrackonline.info

Information to be given into the entry system:

- confirmation of skater to compete
- withdrawal of skater
- name of teamleader/coach using the free accreditation
- name of extra accompanying officials
- number of senior skaters using the hotel-accommodation and meals with payment
- request for extra training session
- request for information about transport from and to Riga International airport ,request transportation from and to Ventspils Bus station .

Final entry must be submitted not later than Tuesday 13 March 2018

Clubs and Federations have a special password for login to the entry page for Competitions. If not available they can apply for a login with the webmaster through the website. Clubs from East Europe are requested to pay attention to the fact that they can not use the password from the web-site www.shorttracklive.info. Federations are requested to pay attention to the fact that they can not use the password they received from the ISU for entering skaters for ISU Championships or World cups. In both cases, if not available, a new login password must be requested through the en-try page of the website.

Please be very careful with the entry in counting the exact numbers of reservations per club/country and that there are no double reservations made among clubs and federations!

Request to Team Leaders

All Team Leaders are very urgently requested to inform the organizer of any changes in the team before departure from home. Competitors must be present at the Hasselt Ice rink at latest 07.30 on Friday 23 March 2018 or the organizing Committee must have received document proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Competition.

Payments and receiving tickets

Senior skaters, extra accompanying officials, guest etc. can only get their accreditation passes and hotel accomodation when having paid their board- and lodging-costs to the OC. All payments must be made in cash in euro at the helpdesk when checking in the teams. All in advance reserved services must be paid for also if they are not taken at the last moment.

Appointed/invited competition officials

Appointed/invited competition officials are requested to contact the Organizing committee before they make travel arrangements. All travel arrangements are subject to permission of the Organising committee due to limited available budget.

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