



**Announcement
for
Short Track Speed Skating**



**ISU Danubia Series 3 2018 / 2019
Latvia Open**

February 22 – 24, 2019

Ventspils / Latvia

ISU European Competition Series

Invitation

On behalf of the Latvian Skating Association (LSA) and the Organizing Committee we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

ISU Danubia Series 3 2018 / 2019
Junior Challenge - Latvia Open
Short Track Speed Skating
February 22 - 24, 2019
Ventspils , Latvia

to be held at the indoor Icerink „ Ventspils Olympic Centrum“ Sporta street 7/9 , Ventspils , Latvia

General Regulations

The Competition will be held in accordance with the 2018 Regulations of the International Skating Union, relevant ISU Communications and the Memorandum of the European Competition Series 2018/2019.

Participation

Participation in the Competition is only open to ISU members and affiliated clubs. Entries can be made only through the respective members.

Categories, Age Groups (Rule 108) and Distances

Latvian Open – ISU Danubia Series 3 2018/2019

Category	Age	Ladies / Men - Distances / System			
<i>JUN C</i>	13-14	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	All Final
<i>JUN D</i>	10-12	1000 m	500 m	777 m	All Final

Latvia Open – out of Danubia Series

Category	Age	Ladies /Men - Distances / System			
<i>Ladies / Men (Seniors, JUN A, JUN B combined)</i>	15-	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	Knock out/ All Final
<i>JUN E</i>	-9	500	222	333	Knock out/ All Final

Preliminary Program*

February 21 (Thursday)	Official Trainings	17:00-20:00
February 22 (Friday)	Competition	08:00 – 20:00
February 23 (Saturday)	Competition	08:00 – 20:00
February 24 (Sunday)	Competition / Awarding Ceremony	08:00 – 14:00

* On Saturday the program may be divided into two parts, depending on the number of entries. The program is tentative and subject to change by the organizing committee. A more detailed program will be

published on www.shorttracklive.info in the week before the competition.

Track Conditions & Rink Dimensions

The Ventspils OC Icerink has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 30x60 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and the respective ISU Communications. The tracks are in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 1 – 4.

Conditions of Contest

The individual competition is an All Round competition. All Final System and Knock out System is used as qualification procedure. The first qualifying round of the first distance will be done based on the intermediate Series Classification/ random. The other first rounds of the 2. and 3. distance based on the intermediate overall classification. All subsequent rounds based on the intermediate distance classifications. The make up of races will be made according to Rule 296 3 c), 4, 5 and 6. Final points (34,21,13,8,5,3,2,1) will be awarded in the Final-A and Final-B considering Racing Rule 297.

Entries

Entries must be made according to Paragraph 4 of the Memorandum as follows, and done only electronically via www.shorttracklive.info :

Individual entries: each ISU Member and/or their Clubs has the right to enter skaters without limitation according to ISU Regulations.

Relay entries: each ISU Member and/or their Clubs has the right to enter one team per category. Relay members must have participated in the individual events.

Each skater has the right to start individually in his/her respective or next higher age category. The skater is not allowed to change the category during the whole season.

Deadline of Entries and Hotel Requests: January 21, 2019:

By this deadline it is required to submit:

- Name of Skaters and Team Members
- completely filled in hotel-, meal- and travel forms.

Final Entry: Changes and updates of the submitted data are possible until February 18, 2019.

If necessary please contact the WEB-site-manager – hermann@filipic1.at – for help.

Entry Fee:

Entry fee: 30 EUR per entered skater (based on the Final Entry). An invoice will be sent prior the start of the event ,or o be paid in cash prior to the Opening Meeting

Deposit for helmet covers and transponders 50 EUR p. member, which will be refunded at the end of the competition on returning the cover and transponders.

Awards

Medals will be awarded to the first three competitors in the individual competition respectively.

Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and the current ISU communication, 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 ISU Clearance Certificate.

Liability and Medical Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Latvian Skating Association (LSA) and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes.

The Organizing Committee

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Accommodation and Meals

All meals and lodging expenses are the sole responsibility of the participating members. To be paid in cash prior to the Opening Meeting or invoice will be sent 3 days prior the start of the event. Payment must be done before arrival per bank transfer otherwise the entries are not accepted.

The Organizing Committee will offer accommodation with full board for team members (athletes and team officials) only in the official hotel at the following special price:

Single room - 174 EUR per person / 3 nights* (3 nights, full board: breakfast, lunch, dinner, free parking in hotel, free wifi in the hotel), starting on Thursday with dinner and ending with lunch on Sunday.

Double room - 96 EUR per person / 3 nights* (3 nights, full board: breakfast, lunch, dinner, free parking in hotel, free wifi in the hotel lobby), starting on Friday with dinner and ending with lunch on Sunday.

Triple room - 80 EUR per person / 3 nights* (3 nights, full board: breakfast, lunch, dinner, free parking in hotel, free wifi in the hotel lobby), starting on Friday with dinner and ending with lunch on Sunday.

* This special price is based on following conditions:

- as long as rooms are available (first come, first serve basis)
- optimized breakdown of rooms by the organizer - based on one, two and three people sharing (separated by gender and countries)
- Lunch will be served in restaurants in the ice rink.
- **reservation must be made until February 21, 2019** (after this date, we can not guarantee room availability – and the rooms are then only available at higher price).

Reservation for the official hotel are only possible through the Organizing Committee and must be made by filling in the electronic hotel request form – absolute deadline is **February 18, 2019**.

Official Hotel

Hotel „Ventspils Olympic Centrum“ ***

Sporta street 7/9

Ventspils

Tel. (+371) 636 28032

fakss: (+371) 636 28032

e-pasts: viesnica@ocventspils.lv Single, double and triple rooms + double room with one bad

Location: 3 minutes walking from hotel to the icerink

Hotel „Venta“ ***

Saules iela 15, Ventspils, LV-3601

Tel: (+371) 636 22 663

E-pasts: info@pikc.lv Single and Double rooms

Location: 10-15 minutes walking from hotel to the icerink

Hotel „Dzintarjūra“ ***

Ganību iela 26, Ventspils, LV-3601, Latvija

Tel: (+371) 6 36 22719

Single , double and family rooms 1 double bad and 1 single bad

Location: 10 minutes walking from hotel to the icerink

Hotel requirements must be communicated via www.shorttracklive.info to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than February 18, 2019.

Ice Rink Location

Ventspils Olympic Centrum

Sporta street 7/9 ,Ventspils ,LV3601

Icerink parking available for 0,70 Euro per single entry . From 12,00 AM-2,00 PM free

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide airport-transfer for all teams between Airport Riga and the official Hotel (one way appr. 2 hours) and back for **35 EUR** p.p.; to be paid in cash prior to the Opening Meeting. Transfer between Ventspils bus station and official Hotel by free .
No shuttle service between Official Hotel and ice rink.

VISA

All participants are expected to apply for EU visa in their own country or region by themselves, if required. Please contact the Latvian Embassy or Consulate in your country or region to clarify your case. Invitation letters of the Organizing Committee will be provided on request.

We are looking forward to seeing You in Ventspils !

Rīga , January 07, 2019

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