

On behalf of the European Speed Skating Conference,
The Skating Union of Belarus,
We have the honor and pleasure to invite you to a Competition of the

1st Edition of the European Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2018/19

which will be held at the Minsk-Arena Speed Skating Stadium
in Minsk, Belarus
on Saturday, November 17 and Sunday November 18, 2018

The competition will be held under the 2018 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and European Speed Skating Conference Communication

PROGRAM

Friday, November 16, 2018	16.00	Team leaders' Meeting, <i>Minsk-Arena Speed Skating Conference Hall</i>	
	17.00	Opening draw, <i>Minsk-Arena Speed Skating Conference Hall</i>	
Saturday, November 17, 2018	11.00	Ladies and Men all divisions	500m
		Ladies and Men Juniors/Neo-seniors	1500m
		Ladies and Men Seniors	3000m
		Ladies and Men Juniors/Neo-seniors	Mass Start 10 laps
		Ladies and Men Seniors	Mass Start 16 laps
Sunday, November 18, 2018	11.00	Ladies and Men Juniors/Neo-seniors	1000m
		Ladies and Men Seniors	1500m
		Ladies and Men Juniors	3000m
		Ladies and Men Neo-seniors/Seniors	5000m
		Mix Gender	8 laps relay

Quartet starts will be used in the 3000m and 5000m (and may be used for 1000m and 1500m) depends on the number of entries.

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Minsk-Arena Speed Skating Stadium, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Minsk. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 7 meters.

ENTRIES

Entry Fee for this competition is 20 (twenty) Euro per Skater. Payment have to be done to the Organizing Committee in BYN (Belarus rubles), Euro or Credit card (Visa, MasterCard) before the Team Leaders Meeting.

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to European Speed Skating Conference Communication, paragraph 4.

Participation is open to Junior A and B Skaters, born between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2003, Neo-seniors Skaters born between July 1, 1999 – June 30, 1995, Senior Skaters born on July 1, 1995 and earlier.

Entries can only be made using the following format:

Juniors A and B division (born in the period 1 July 1999 – 30 June 2003)

Last and First name	Gender	Date of Birth	ISU Member Country	Club Name	500m	1500m	Massstart 10 laps	1000m	3000m	Allround
Smith, John	Male	11.11.2001	ESP	Real Madrid	40,00	2:00,00	Yes/no	1:20,00	4:20,00	Yes/no

Neo-seniors division (born in the period 1 July 1995 – 30 June 1999)

Last and First name	Gender	Date of Birth	ISU Member Country	Club Name	500m	1500m	Massstart 10 laps	1000m	5000m	Allround
Damon, Mate	Male	01.01.1997	GBR	Arsenal	40,00	2:00,00	Yes/no	1:20,00	7:20,00	Yes/no

Seniors division (born on 1 July 1995 and earlier)

Last and First name	Gender	Date of Birth	ISU Member Country	Club Name	500m	3000m	Massstart 16 laps	1500m	5000m	Allround
Kidmann, Nicole	Female	11.11.1994	ITA	Inter, Milan	40,00	4:40,00	Yes/no	2:00,00	7:20,00	Yes/no

The entries must indicate the best time on the distance(s) to be skated by each entered Competitor as well as intention to participate in Mass Start and/or allround classification.

Preliminary entries, giving the estimated number of Competitors and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and Team leader must be communicated at the latest *by Wednesday, October 31, 2018*

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the Team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on Friday, *November 16, 2018*.

Please note that entries can be made by the ISU Members or its Affiliated Clubs, the procedures regarding the entry of the skaters shall be clarified by the ISU Members Federations.

ENTRY QUOTAS

An ISU Member or its Affiliated Club may enter a maximum of 20 Competitors (10 Ladies and 10 Men). It is a decision of the ISU Member or its Affiliated Club to enter the Skaters at any of the available divisions. A Skater from a “younger” division may race in the “older” division but not vice versa.

Each ISU Member or its Affiliated Club can only enter 1 Mixed Gender Team in each division. A Junior Skater may take part in a team competitions in the Neo-senior or Senior division, but not vice versa. A Neo-senior Skater may take part in a team competitions in the Senior division, but not vice versa. Each Team consists of 4 skaters (2 Ladies and 2 Men Skaters).

QUALIFYING TIMES

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances, as listed in European Conference Communication, paragraph 4.3:

	Division "Juniors"			
	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m
Ladies	47,00	1.34,00	2.26,00	5.12,00
Men	43,00	1.26,00	2.13,00	4.37,00
	Division "Neo-seniors"			
	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m or 5000m
Ladies	44,50	1.29,00	2.17,50	4.55,00 or 8.25,00
Men	39,50	1.19,00	2.02,50	4.20,00 or 7.40,00
	Division "Seniors"			
	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m or 5000m

	500m	1500m	3000m	5000m
Ladies	42,50	1.25,00	2.11,50	4.43,00 or 8.05,00
Men	37,50	1.15,00	1.56,50,50	4.08,00 or 7.20,00
For allround competition Skater must achieve any of 2 listed qualifying time limits				
For Mass start any of the listed qualifying time limits apply				
For Team competitions any of the listed qualifying time limits apply				

For a result to be a valid as a qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2017 and the entry deadline for the European Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2018/19 concerned. Documentation (specifying date and venue of the competition) of the achieved time must be submitted together with the entries.

MASS START RACES

Mass start races will be organized in accordance with Rule 253, paragraph 4 b), with specific rules and adjustments as mentioned in ISU Communication No. 2195. The distance will be 10 laps for both Ladies and Men Junior and Neo-senior Competitions. The distance will be 16 laps for both Ladies and Men Senior Competitions.

MIXED GENDER TEAM RACES

The competitions will consist of National teams and/or Club teams of 4 Skaters (2 Ladies and 2 Men). Distances are 8 laps for every division.

The deadline for entry of names of the Skaters that may compete in the Team (possibly more than 4 names) will be announced by the Referee at the Team leaders' meeting the day before the first competition day.

The final composition of the team shall be declared by the Team leader not later than 60 minutes before the start of the Team event concerned.

The drawing of the Team Competition will be done by lot.

The Relay Area shall be marked with cones by Referee. Every Skater from the Team has to take the Relay at least once per race and cover at least 2 (two) laps.

Only Racing lanes must be used for this Competition. The Warm-up lane shall be used for the skaters who are not in the race.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to European Conference Communication, paragraph 6.

POINTS

For each distance European Cup points will be awarded according to European Conference Communication, paragraph 7.2.

PRIZES

Special medals will be presented to the three (3) best Skaters in each event (distance) in each Division. Special Cups will be presented to the three (3) best Allround classification Skaters in each Division.

ANTI-DOPING

Doping tests may be carried out at this Competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1871, 1872, 1922 & 1970 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from *Monday, November 12,*

2018 at 10.30 AM. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Friday, November 16, 2018 for all participating teams. Trial starts will be organized on *Friday November 16, 2016 at 17.00*.

Ice fee for practices for each training session (90 minutes) will be charged 10 Euro per skater.

Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

LIABILITY

The Skating Union of Belarus and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred in connection with the European Cup Speed Skating. Each Member or its Affiliated Club is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee can offer accommodation and meals in Hotel(s) in walking distance to the Speed Skating Stadium. Contact event@proskating.by for accommodation and meals requirements.

Hotel "Slavyanskaya" ***

Minsk, Narochanskaya str.6; tel. +375173591500, +375173591509;

www.slavyanskaya-minsk.by;

booking@slavyanskaya-minsk.by;

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Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night):	60 Euro
Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night):	85 Euro

Hotel "SportTime" **

Minsk, Myastrovskaya str. 2; tel. +375172793960, +375259793960

www.sporttime-hotel.by;

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Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night):	35 Euro
Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night):	70 Euro
Triple Room with breakfast (per 3 persons, per night):	95 Euro

The lunch and dinner can be served at Minsk Arena Sport Complex. The price for lunch and dinner will be 10 Euro per meal per each person. Meals are available daily at the venue and by additional request at the official hotels.

*Payment: in BYN (Belarus rubles), Euro or Credit card (Visa, MasterCard).

TRANSPORTATION

Minsk International Airport, <http://airport.by/en>, connects with direct flights to a large number of European Capital cities.

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but not later than *Thursday, November 15, 2018*.

VISA INFORMATION

Foreign citizens of 74 countries can enter Belarus without any visa 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 term of visa-free stay is calculated in calendar days; the first day corresponds to the date of arrival, the last day coincides with the date of departure (regardless of the time of arrival and/or departure).

The list of the countries is available here: <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/>. 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).

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

All inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or the Skating Union of Belarus at the addresses below.

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website:
<http://www.skating.by/>