



ANNOUNCEMENT

MINSK - REPUBLIC OF BELARUS Minsk Arena

15-16 February, 2020















On behalf of the Skating Union of Belarus, and the Organizing Committee, We have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the final Competition of the

ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2019/20

which will be held at the Minsk-Arena in Minsk, Republic of Belarus on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 February 2020

The competition will be held under the 2018 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2279.

PROGRAM

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Friday, February 14, 2020	16:00 17:00 18:00	Team leaders' Meeting, Minsk-Arena, Conference hall Medical Meeting Opening draw, Minsk-Arena, Conference hall		
Saturday, February 15, 2020	11:00	Ladies Men: Ladies Men Ladies Men	1000 m 1000 m 3000 m 3000 m Team Pursuit Team Pursuit	
Sunday, February 16, 2020	11:00	Ladies Men Ladies Men Ladies Men	500 m 500 m 1500 m 1500 m Mass Start Mass Start	

Quartet starts will be used in the 3000m (it may also be used for 1000 and 1500m) according to ISU Communication No. 2279, paragraph 5.1).

TRACK

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Minsk-Arena, 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

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2279, paragraph 4.

As per ISU Rule 108 participation is open to Junior A and Junior B Skaters, born between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2004, and to Junior C Skaters born between July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005, based on achievement of applicable qualifying times (see ISU Communication No. 2279, paragraph 2.d) and 4.3). Participation in the Neo-seniors division is open to Skaters born between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 2000.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on www.isu.org, section Speed Skating or http://isu.events/login.php

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 Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

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 Monday, February 10, 2020.

Please note that for all persons entered by the ISU Members, the procedures regarding the Declaration for Competitors and Officials (all team officials requiring an accreditation) entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication No. 1628, need to be strictly observed.

For more details, please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communications No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

ENTRY QUOTAS

An ISU Member may enter a maximum of 8 Competitors per category (8 Ladies and 8 Men).

Subject to the qualifying times criteria listed below, maximum 3 Competitors may be entered for each individual event, except for the Mass Start event where an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 2 Competitors. For each Division, an ISU Member may enter one team for each of the Team Pursuit events. Only Skaters having scored ISU Junior World Cup points in the Juniors Division during the season 2019/20 and Junior Skaters entered (in preliminary or final entry form) for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2020, may be entered for the Juniors Division in the ISU Junior World Cup Final 2019/20, as well as Neo-senior Skaters with or without JWCup points.

QUALIFYING TIMES

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2279, paragraph 4.3.

	Juniors			Neo-seniors				
	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m
Ladies	42,50	1.25,00	2.12,00	4.45,00	42,50	1.25,00	2.12,00	4.45,00
Men	38,50	1.16,00	1.58,00	4.05,00	38,50	1.16,00	1.58,00	4.05,00
For Mass Start and Team competitions: any of the above Qualifying times apply.								
Ladies	In each division an ISU Member may enter maximum one						2.25,00*	
Men	Skater per gender with the following Qualifying times applying						2.12,00*	
for Mass Start and Team competitions								

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2018 and the entry deadline indicated in the paragraph "Entries" above.

MASS START RACES

Mass start races will be organized in accordance with Rule 253, paragraph 4.b), Rule 265, paragraph 6 and ISU Communication No. 2195 (or any further update).

TEAM PURSUIT RACES

Team Pursuit races will be skated according to Rule 261, paragraph 1, 265, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 2195 (or any further update), with national teams of 3 Skaters each, and with distances of 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.

GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to ISU Communication No. 2279, paragraph 6.

POINTS

For each distance Junior World Cup points will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2279, paragraph 7.2.

PRIZES

Prizes will be presented to the three (3) best Skaters in each event (distance) in each Division. Junior World Cup points gained will count towards the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking 2019/20.

For each division a special trophy for the winner and diplomas for the 2nd and 3rd place in each distance/team competitions will be presented by the ISU, based on the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking for the season 2019/20.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 2213 & 2243 or any further update of these Communications).

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from Monday, February 10, 2020. Trial starts will be organized on Friday, February 14, 2020 at 10:00.

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

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, 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 ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

BOARD AND LODGING

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2279, paragraph 10 f), the Organizing Committee will cover room and meal expenses at the official Hotels for up to two (2) Skaters or, alternatively, for one (1) Skater and one (1) Team leader from each participating ISU Member (based on one double room or two single rooms), beginning with dinner on the evening of *Friday, February 14, 2020* and ending with breakfast on the morning of *Monday, February 17, 2020*.

HOTEL RESERVATION / OFFICIAL HOTELS

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the Competitors in the following hotels:

Hotel "Victoria Olimp" ****

Minsk, Pobeditelej ave, 103; tel. +375 17 308 75 55; www.olimphotel.by reservation@olimphotel.by

Hotel "Victoria&Spa" ***

Minsk, Pobediteley ave., 59A; tel. +375 17 309 52 00 http://victoria2.hotel-victoria.by/en/ reservation@hotel-victoria.by

Prices for rooms not covered by the Organizing Committee will be as follows: Single Room occupancy: € 80 per person per night, including taxes. Double Room occupancy: € 105 per two persons per night, including taxes.

Hotel "Slavyanskaya" ***

Minsk, Narochanskaya str., 6; tel. +375 17 359 15 00, +375 17 359 15 09; www.slavyanskaya-minsk.by booking@slavyanskaya-minsk.by info@slavyanskaya-minsk.by

Prices for rooms not covered by the Organizing Committee will be as follows: Single Room occupancy: € 60 per person per night, including taxes.

Double Room occupancy: € 80 per two persons per night, including taxes.

*Limited number of rooms

Cancellation policy:

Two weeks before arrival: 20% One week before arrival: 50%

Two days before arrival or No-show: 100%

Payment: Cash in BYN (Belarus rubles) or by credit card (Visa, MasterCard).

Accommodation requests can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotels.

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MEALS

*Prices for rooms are including breakfast only.

Lunch and dinner will be available daily at the official hotels (on request).

Price for lunch and dinner (including drinks): Hotel "Victoria Olimp", Hotel "Victoria&Spa" – 40 € Hotel "Slavyanskaya" – 20 €

Meals could also be organized at the venue «Minsk arena» upon request. The meal vouchers can be purchased at the accreditation centre.

Payment: Cash in BYN (Belarus rubles) or by credit card (Visa, MasterCard).

TRANSPORTATION

Minsk National Airport (http://airport.by/en), connects with direct flights to a large number of European Capital cities.

Transportation service will be provided to all arriving and departing teams from Monday, February 10, 2020 until Tuesday, February 18, 2020 between National Airport Minsk or Minsk Central Railway Station and the official hotels.

Price for transportation from and to the airport: 30 € – per person (both ways)

Price for transportation to and from the central railway station: 15 € – per person (both ways).

Payment: Cash in BYN (Belarus rubles) or by credit card (Visa, MasterCard).

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 Monday, February 3, 2020.

The Organizing Committee will provide Transportation between the official hotel(s) and the ice rink from Monday, February 10, 2020 until the Competition is finished.

ACCREDITATIONS

The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Additional fee of 50 € for each extra accreditation must be paid to the Organizing Committee.

VISA-FREE ENTRY

From July 27, 2018 the Republic of Belarus has a visa-free procedure for entry and temporary stay in the country for a period of not more than 30 days (for citizens of 74 states).

IMPORTANT! Arrival and departure from the country should be made ONLY through the State border checkpoint of the Republic of Belarus "Minsk National Airport".

The visa-free entry rules do not extend to any other international border checkpoints or airports of the country. The given order of visa-free movement through the airport does not extend to persons coming to Belarus by plane from the Russian Federation.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. If you need an invitation letter for the visa, please submit the following information:

Family and Given name, date of birth, function, Arrival and Departure date of all team members.

Please submit all this information to the Organizing Committee (<u>juniorwcminsk2020@gmail.com</u>) as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

CLOSING DINNER

Date: Sunday, February 16, 2020 Venue: Restaurant "Dryzya"

Start: 21:00 End: 01:00 Entry fee: 10 € (food included)

During the event, a shuttle bus will be arranged between restaurant "Dryzya" and the official hotels.

* Alcoholic beverages will not be offered to athletes.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - ENTRIES AND INQUIRIES

All inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or the Skating Union of Belarus at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, accommodation, transportation and meals, please contact the below persons as soon as possible.

Organizing Committee	Accreditation, accommodation	Transportation, meals			
Skating Union of Belarus	Media requests	Ms. Polina Ignatsiuk			
Ms. Ekaterina Kisliuk	Ms. Ms. Alina Maksimenko	Phone: +375 29 794 50 66			
Phone: +375447610763	Phone: +375291674373				
info@skating.by					
juniorwcminsk2020@gmail.com					

WEBSITE

Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following websites:

Skating Union of Belarus: http://skating.by/

ISU: https://live.isuresults.eu/events/2020 BLR 0002/schedule

ISU "INSIDE EVENTS" MOBILE APPLICATION

Daily information, results and changes in schedules (race, training, transportation, etc.) will be communicated to the teams on the board of the Team Hotel as well as on the ISU "Inside Events" mobile application.

This mobile application makes the information delivery faster, contains all relevant information for participants, reduce paper needs and notify participants in case of any changes or urgencies through push notification possibilities.

The "Inside Events" app is available free of charge on Android and Apple systems and is compatible with both tablets and smartphones. It can be downloaded with the below QR codes or directly on the app stores.

Each ISU Event will have its own unique password that will be provided on site to participating Athletes, Officials, and Team Delegations.







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