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**balkan games 2021**

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**ALPE ADRIA TROPHY**

**SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING COMPETITION**

(Celje, April 9th to 11th April 2021)
Please note:
The Organizing Committee reserves the right to cancel the “Balkan Games & Alpe Adria Trophy” if due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) the decision or recommendation of the national/local Government will not agree to conduct such an event or if the travel restrictions into and out of Slovenia will unexpectedly block the Teams, without compensation. Cancellation of the program is also possible due to insufficient number of registered ISU members or competitors. Notice of cancellation will be published at least 7 days before the start of the program.

We will follow the instructions and recommendations from National institut of public healt (NIJZ) and the "Guidelines for ISU events during the Covid-19 pandemic".

### IMPORTANT: COVID-19 MEASURES
This is subject to Government restrictions at the time of publication.

**General rules:**

It is MANDATORY during the duration of your stay in Slovenia to stay between the hotel and ice rink. NOT GO to the shop's in the local area.

Keep 2 meters distance from each other, except athletes when they are on the ice. Don’t come to the competition if you have health issues, even as small as a sore throat or nose cold. Please cough and sneeze in your elbow, not your hands.

If you have been in contact with someone carrying the COVID-19 virus you are not welcome to come to the ice rink, and you must go into self quarantine for a period of 10 days.

If you have had the COVID-19 virus yourself you must be at least 48 hours free of complaints before you can come to Slovenia.

Encouraging athletes through shouting is not allowed. No high fives will be given. Wearing a mouth mask is MANDATORY for all persons in the stadium. Solely the use of a face shield is not sufficient.

**COVID-19 tests:**

All Team members need to be able to show a negative PCR-test result that is not older than 48 hours before arrival in Slovenia. You will need to be able to show this upon arrival in Slovenia. All Team members shall undergo a PCR test (paid by the Team) upon arrival at the Ice Rink.

We will have strict protocols and safety and hygiene measures for teams, media, officials and organization. We expect to publish this at the end of March in an information guide to the teams.

SLOVENE SKATING UNION and SKATING CLUB CELJE invites you to the International Short Track Speed Skating Competitions:
The BALKAN GAMES 2021 in the Short Track Speed Skating will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Short Track Speed Skating, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the BALKAN GAMES 2021 is open only for competitors from ISU Members: Skating Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgarian Skating Federation, Croatian Skating Federation, Romanian Skating Federation, Serbian Skating Association, Slovene Skating Union and Turkish Ice Skating Federation.

The invitation is also valid for the open International Competition for the ALPE ADRIA TROPHY CELJE 2021, which will be held simultaneously. Competitors can be registered by ISU Members and Clubs of these ISU Members.

BALKAN GAMES 2021 and ALPE ADRIA TROPHY 2021 are an International competition.

BALKAN GAMES and ALPE ADRIA TROPHY age groups (Individual and Relay):
Seniors, born 30.6.2001 or older,
Juniors A, born between 1.7.2001-30.6.2003,
Juniors B, born between 1.7.2003-30.6.2005 and

ALPE ADRIA TROPHY (Individual and Relay):
Juniors C, born between 1.7.2005-30.6.2007,
Juniors D, born between 1.7.2007-30.6.2009
Juniors E, born between 1.7.2009-30.6.2011
Juniors F, born between 1.7.2011-30.6.2013 and

RULES:

The All Final System would be applied. The first round of first distance shall be made on the basis of
the personal best time supplied with the Final Entry.

Final Points will be awarded in the A Final races only. No points will be awarded to Skaters or Teams
who receive a penalty, a yellow card, a red card, “did not start” or “failed to finish” the race. The points
34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2, 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with first place.

For the Final Classification the skaters are ranked:
• by total number of Final Points
• by position (finish place) in the Super Final
• by combined ranking over all Distance Classification
• by the highest ranking achieved in one of the distances and subsequent other best rankings
• by best time over the longest distance on the program (See Rule 295)

TECHNICAL DATA:

Place of the competition: Mestni park, Partizanska 3a, Celje. The rink is indoor, but not heated. The
size of the rink is 30 m x 60 m. Protective padding covers the boards an accordance with Rule 280,
paragraph 5 and ISU Communication 2128, or further update of this Communication. The standard
track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

DATES OF THE EVENTS:

Date of activity: 9th – 11th April 2021.

ENTRIES:

Entries can be made through ISU Member Federations for Balkan Games and ISU Member
Federations or Clubs for Alpe Adria Trophy and use the web site: www.shorttracklive.info

Final entries: for entries must use web site www.shorttracklive.info, no later than 2nd April 2021 and
on Organizing Committee due to notifications, administrative assistance, ….

Each member may enter 3 competitors in each category (3 males and 3 females) and one Relay Team
(Competitors which will include all Competitors for both competitions: Individual and Relay.

Cancellation:
Cancellation of the competitor entry, if any, has to be done till April 2nd 2021 on web site
www.shorttracklive.info.

ENTRY FEE:
Entry fee is **20 EUR**/ person.

### CITIZEN / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure:

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication 2030 or any update of it, 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.

The organizing committee has the right and obligation to check the personal identification documents of the athletes to determine whether they are allowed to compete, whether they are competing in the right category, etc. Without the documents, the athlete will be excluded from the competition.

### OFFICIALS:

Each ISU Member participating on the competition is obligatory enter one or more International or ISU Referees, Competitors Stewards or Starters no later than **April 2nd 2021**.

Accommodation with full board in the **Hotel Evropa****** will be covered by organizer from dinner on April 9th until lunch on April 11th 2021. Confirmation will be sent to each Member via E-mail.

### CATEGORIES and DISTANCES:

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It should be written in the excel the super final as well (Senior Ladies/Men: 3000m, Junior A and B 1500m).

### RELAY:

**Men-Boys / Ladies-Girls (Seniors, Juniors A and B) - 3000 m** – teams with 4 skaters (team composition is possible from all age groups). Relay competition will be conducted if at least 4 teams L/M are registered.
Boys / Girls (Juniors C, D and E) – 2000 m – 3 skaters (team composition is possible from all age groups). Relay competition will be conducted if at least 4 teams G/B are registered.

Please take info account that relay races are optional for Junior category C, D and E, in case there is a high number of individual races, relay races may be skipped!

**SKILL RACES:**

Skill races will be organized on the first day of the competition, prior to the regular competition program. They are a fun way of stimulating skating enjoyment for the kids in more “game” oriented way on ice and a good opportunity for stimulating skating related activities where kids have fun and develop themselves in a variety of ways, without the pressure of competing and yet within the exciting and inspiring environment of an international competition.

**OFFICE:**

On the Ice Rink will be official office of event for information, organizing transfers, etc. Office will be open from Friday 9th April 2021 to Sunday 11th April 2021, from 08:00 to 20:00 o’clock.

**ACCOMODATION:**

Youth hostels: www.mc-celje.si/en/;
Student home: dd.celje@guest.arnes.si;

Reservations / expenses for accommodation and meals for Competitors, Team Leader and accompanying persons, are at the soley responsibility of the participating teams.

**AWARDS:**

In each age category diplomas and medals will be awarded to the best three skaters in the individual overall ranking and Relay Teams of the Balkan Games 2021 and separately for Alpe Adria Trophy Celje 2021.

**LIABILITY:**

In accordance with ISU Regulations, Rule 119, all participants act on their own responsibility. Organizer will provide medical emergency aid during competition.

**ARRIVAL:**

Celje is located at the highway A1/E57. It also has a direct train connection to the neighbor countries (Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy). The closest airports are Ljubljana Airport, Graz Airport, Zagreb Airport.
TRANSFERS:

Organizer can arrange transportation from Airports to Celje on the organizer cost, by Sportno drustvo RIS: transportskate1@gmail.com, tel: +386 41 515 061 (Miha). The Team directly arrange their transfer by that authorized contractor.

Contact person for all further information is Mr. Ivan Pfeifer, President of OC, can be contacted by phone GSM ++ 386 41 684 or E-mail ivan.pfeifer@celje.si

See you in Celje and accept our sincere regards!

Ivan PFEIFER President of OC
Friday, April 9th, 2021

- Arrival of teams
15:00 – 15:45 -practice I. Group
16:00 – 16:45 -practice II. Group
17:00 – 17:45 -practice III. Group
18:00 – 18:45 -practice IV. Group
19:00 – 19:45 -practice V. Group
Saturday, April 10th, 2021

08:00 - Team leaders meeting
09:00 - Warm up Juniors G,F,E,D
09:30 - Warm up Juniors C,B,A and Seniors
10:00 - Competition

Sunday, April 11th, 2021

09:00 - Warm up Juniors G,F,E,D
09:30 - Warm up Juniors C,B,A and Seniors
10:00 - Competition

- Awarding of prizes

Subject to change!

Timetable, results and other information will be announced on internet site:
www.shorttarcklive.info and www.dk-ceije.si after the conclusion of entries deadline and during the competition.