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INFORMATION



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**To all
Participating ISU Members**

Dear Friends,

The Estonian Skating Union and the Organizing Committee have the pleasure to welcome athletes, ISU Officials, guests and spectators to the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Competition “Tallinn Cup 2014”, in Tallinn, September 24-28, 2014. It is the fifth time that Tallinn is hosting the ISU Junior Grand Prix event.

We have enclosed some information, which might be useful for you.

We look forward welcoming you all in Tallinn.

Yours,

Organizing Committee



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THE AREA – THE CITY

Tallinn is located in the north-eastern part of the Baltic Region, bordering the Baltic Sea and Gulf of Finland, between Latvia and Russia.

With less than half of million citizens, Tallinn is hardly a world metropolis. However: short distances and low traffic are advantages to cherish. Whether you have only few hours or few days, you get to experience a lot. Medieval Tallinn Old Town, one of the best preserved Hanseatic town centre in the world, is just a short walk away from city business centre with its modern buildings and hotels, luxurious restaurants and shopping malls.

The best time to visit Tallinn is between May and September, when there's up to 19 hours of sunlight, so called "White Nights." On the flipside, December to January is dark, wet, and bitterly cold. Tallinn is an attractive travel destination thanks to its rich cultural heritage and medieval old town. The other side of the coin is a modern city with extra ordinary telecom and Internet solutions. Add innumerable diverse cultural events; bargain shopping and a pulsing nightlife and you have a city that is a must to visit when you are in the Baltic Region.

OLD TOWN

One of the greatest pleasures of a visit to Tallinn is wandering through beautiful Old Town and ducking into alleyways, doorways, and medieval courtyards. The Upper Town, sitting on Toompea Hill, the site of the Parliament buildings, boasts great views and is generally quieter than the larger Lower Town, where most businesses and restaurants are located. In the main square, the Town Hall, built between 1371 and 1404, looks heavy and brooding under its upright spire. The Town Council Pharmacy, on the north side of the square, is another ancient Tallinn institution—there has been a pharmacy or apothecary shop here since at least 1422, though the present facade is 17th-century. The Tallinn Old Town (including *Toompea*) became a [UNESCO World Cultural Heritage](#) site in 1997. Tallinn was also the capital of culture for all Europe in 2011. This was one of the biggest cultural event in the history of Estonia.

Town Hall Square





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LANGUAGE

Estonian's official language is Estonian.

Russian, Finnish, English and German are also understood and widely spoken.

VISA REGULATIONS

Please inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible about visa confirmations in case of needed.

Please contact:

The Estonian Skating Union

Regati pst. 1-5P, 11911 Tallinn, Estonia

e-mail: info@uisuliit.ee

As of 21 December 2007, Estonia is a part of the Schengen visa area. Nationals of EU and EEA member states are free to enter Estonia.

The required travel document for entry is a national ID card or passport.

Nationals of the following countries do not need visa to enter Estonia, and can stay for up to 90 days in any 6-month period: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Holy See, Honduras, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Macao, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela.

The required travel document for entry is a valid passport.

Citizens of countries NOT mentioned above require a visa to enter Estonia. Visitors arriving in Estonia with visa must have national passports valid at least 3 months after their planned departure from Estonia. For more specific information, please contact the nearest Estonian consulate or embassy, or check the [Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website](#)

TRAVELLING TO TALLINN

AIRPORT

Tallinn Lennart Meri airport (www.tallinn-airport.ee) is located 4 km from the city centre, just a ten-minute bus ride away.

TRAIN STATION

Tallinn train station is app. 2 km from city centre and a 5 minutes walking distance to the official hotel.

PORT

Port of Tallinn is 1,5 km from city centre. There is connection by ships to Helsinki and Stockholm.

THE VENUE

The competition takes place at Tallinn Arena, which was built in 2014. The Hall has two ice rinks, both 30 x 60m.

The distance between Official Hotel and Ice rink is approximately 8,5 km.



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THE OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Official Hotel for all Teams and Officials will be:

Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel

Address: Paldiski mnt. 4 / Toompuiestee 27

10149 Tallinn, Estonia

Phone: +372 6288100

Fax : +372 6288101

www.meritonhotels.com

Room rates:

SINGLE ROOM (incl. breakfast and all local taxes): 80€

DOUBLE ROOM (incl. breakfast and all local taxes): 100€

SUITE (incl. breakfast and all local taxes): 150€

Hotel capacities with special rates can only be booked via the Organizing Committee.

The rooms are equipped with TV, bath/shower, toilet, mini-bar, WIFI, etc

The hotel facilities include Sauna, pool, Beauty Centre, meeting-rooms, bar, etc

Hotel is located near old town and is about 5 walking minutes to Old Town square.

The hotel accepts all kinds of credit cards.

Payment at the Hotels/Extras

The Organizing Committee will cover board and lodging for Event Officials, Judges and Competitors from **Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 2014 dinner to Sunday, Sept. 28th, 2014 including breakfast**

Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Officials, Chaperons have to pay for their accommodation to "OC office" at the Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel.

Credit cards except American Express are accepted.

All phone bills; room services and other possible extra costs are borne by the respective guest/team and must be paid before checkout to the hotel.

The Team Leaders are responsible for the unpaid bills of their team.

MEALS

The official meal vouchers (lunch and dinner), will be given to Event Officials, Judges and Competitors.

Meal Vouchers (lunch and dinner) are valid only in the official Restaurant.

The meal vouchers are not transferable.

Additional meal vouchers for those holding an ID card (Coaches, Team Leaders, Medical Staff, Officials and Chaperons), can be purchased at the OC Office at Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel.

The price per meal ticket is 20€ per meal (lunch or dinner).



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TRANSPORTATION DURING THE EVENT

A shuttle-bus service on 30 min. basis connects the Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel with the ice-rink and return. The distance between the hotel and ice-rink is app. 8,5 km.

The bus stop is in front of the hotel and in front of the ice rink.

The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival. The transportation fee per person from airport to hotel and back is 10€.

ACCREDITATION

The accreditation for all persons will be held at Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel. Officially entered chaperons receive a special permit to use shuttle-bus service.

Passports of the skaters have to be presented at the accreditation.

EXHIBITION

NB! There will be no Exhibition held!

VARIOUS

Medical Service

There is a permanent medical service at the rinks during all practice and competition hours.

Skate Sharpening

A skate sharpening service is provided free of charge at the Ice Rink. Operation hours are announced later.

Information boxes

The information boxes for the Teams are at the Ice Rink. All official information will be placed there.

Skating Lounge

The "Skating Lounge" is located at the Ice Rink. Competitors, Team-Leaders, Judges, Event Officials and Coaches are very much welcome to visit it.

There is also a Café, which is open daily and where you can buy food and snacks.

Prize Money

Prize money will be awarded to each medal winner for each category according to the announcement. The individual prize money will be transferred to the National Association concerned after the conclusion of the event. The withholding tax in Estonia is 21%. This percentage has to be deducted from the original amount of the prize money.

The certificates will be presented to the Team Leaders together with the original music, and the diploma on Saturday, September 27th, 2014 after Ladies event until 21.00 h at "OC office" at Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel.



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USEFUL INFORMATION

Currency exchange:

National currency: 1 Euro = 100 cents

Most of the larger hotels, stores and restaurants accept Visa, MasterCard, Eurocard, Diner's Club and American Express.

There are plenty of Banks and they are easy to find in Tallinn. Most are open from 9:00 to 18:00 on weekdays, while some offices are also open on Saturdays. All banks offer currency exchange services. Exchange offices can also be found in larger hotels, the airport, harbour, railroad station and major shopping centres.

Electricity

The electricity is 220 Volt and most over-sea countries will need an adaptor to fit the plugs, which is standardized two-point plug.

Public transportation

Public buses, trolleys, and trams operate regularly from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. You may purchase tickets ahead of time at newsstands across the city or a Tallinn Card at the Tallinn City Tourist Office (at Niguliste 2/Kullassepa 4) for unlimited transportation, as well as free admission to museums and sightseeing tours.

Emergency numbers

Police: Free-of-charge call from any phone: 110.

First aid: In case of accident or illness, call for an ambulance free-of-charge from any phone: 112.

TOURIST info

www.tourism.tallinn.ee/eng

Niguliste 2 / Kullassepa 4

Tel: +372 645 7777

Fax: +372 645 7152

Tallinn CITY TOUR – Hop on- hop off.

www.citytour.ee

Tallinn City Tour's double Decker buses are in service year round, every day and in all weather conditions. Audio guide introduces Tallinn's attractions and covers interesting facts in 10 languages: Estonia, English, German, French, Finnish, Swedish, Russian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.

Art Museum of Estonia, KUMU

Weizenbergi 34 / Valge 1

Tel: +372 6 026 001

www.ekm.ee/eng/kumu.php

The museum's collection is the largest in the country. After 75 years of abortive attempts to construct a new home for the museum, Estonia has completed Kunstimuuseum (KUMU), a modern, sculptural space with galleries, an education centre, an auditorium and a library. Permanent exhibits cover Estonian art from the beginning of the 18th century to re-independence in 1991.



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Seaplane Harbour

Vesilennuki 6

Tel: +372 6 200 550

www.lennusadam.eu/et/

As a part of the Estonian Maritime Museum, the Seaplane Harbour's mission is to collect, preserve, and present the history of Estonian and international nautical equipment. They hope to create and develop a diverse exhibition, unique in the world, which may act as a rare space for thoughtful and (inter)active events, and thereby create an abiding interest in maritime history activities and marine engineering achievements.

In 2016, the Seaplane Harbour will be one of Estonia's three leading and most-visited museums. Their goal is to become an influential hub of activity, offering extensive experiences and exciting events. They hope that people may always find interesting exhibits in our museum, and choose the Seaplane Harbour as their preferred leisure space.



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EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 23, 2014	All day	Arrival of Teams
Wednesday, September 24, 2014	07:30	1 st Official Practice
	10:00	Team Leader Meeting
	16:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
	20:00	ISU and Judges Dinner
Thursday, September 25, 2014	10:30	MEN – Short Program
	14:45	PAIRS – Short Program
	18:00	LADIES – Short Program
Friday, September 26, 2014	11:00	ICE DANCE – Short Dance
	14:15	PAIRS – Free Skating
	18:15	MEN – Free Skating
Saturday, September 27, 2014	07:00	PAIRS – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	08:30	MEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	10:30	ICE DANCE – Free Dance
	14:00	LADIES – Free Skating
	20:00	ICE DANCE – Round Table Discussion for Judges
Sunday, September 28, 2014	21:30	LADIES – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	All day	Departure of Teams

This event schedule is subject to change