

 **World Junior Figure Skating
Championships® 2018**



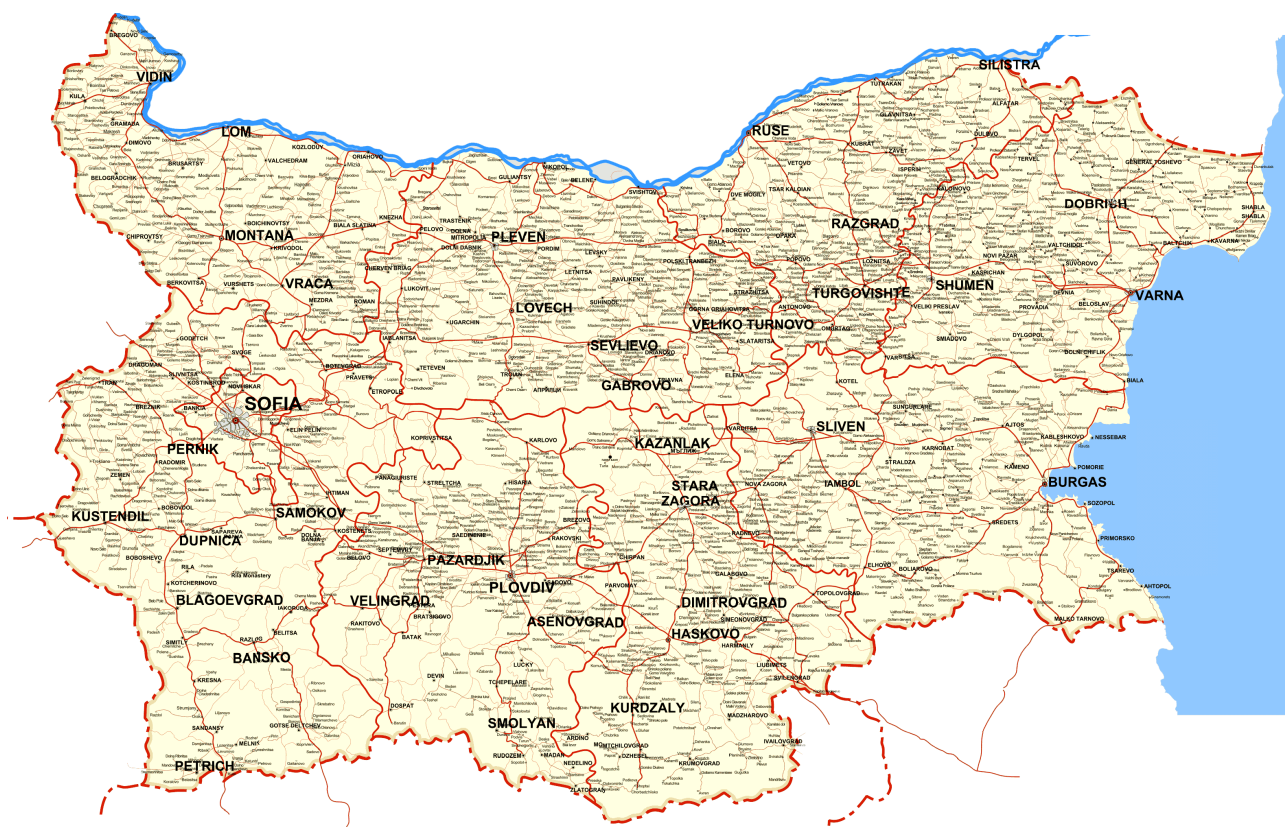
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Sofia/BULGARIA

March 5 – 11, 2018
Sofia, Bulgaria

FIRST INFORMATION

WELCOME TO SOFIA

BULGARIA is honoured to welcome skaters, officials and guests from ISU Member countries at the occasion of the **ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships® 2018** to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria from 5th to 11th March, 2018.



BULGARIA

BULGARIA is situated in Southeastern Europe, in the central part of the Balkan Peninsula. It covers an area of 110 993.6 square kilometres and its population numbers about 8.5 million.

Founded in 681, Bulgaria is one of the oldest European states. The Bulgarian nationality with its standard language, common culture, and state tradition has existed for more than 13 centuries. It developed in the course of time as an amalgamation of Thracian, Slavic and Proto-Bulgarian tribes.

Bulgaria's landscape is variegated - low, medium and high mountains, hills and plateaus, low lands and plains, valleys and meadows, gulfs and beaches. Rila and Pirin are alpine mountains. Their height exceeds 2900 m above sea-level. Stara Planina is the longest mountain; it divides the country into two parts: Northern and Southern. Called also the Balkan /range/, it is the "name-giver" of the whole peninsula.

For more information, please refer to the below listed web sites:

<http://bulgariatravel.org/en/>

www.travel-bulgaria.com

The City of Sofia



SOFIA, the capital of Bulgaria, is situated in the centre of the Balkan Peninsula where the main roads from Western Europe to the Middle East and from Northern Europe to the Mediterranean cross. Sofia lies in the southern part of the Sofia valley, which has an area of 1180 km² and an altitude of 350 m above sea level, just at the foot of Vitosha Mountain. The majestic chain of the Balkan Range surrounds it by the north.

Sofia has a history that goes back thousands of years. Through the centuries, many people have inhabited it and added to its rich and diverse history.



***The St. Sofia Church,
a three-nave basilica, built in the late 5th
century AD***

Serdica was the name of the central dwelling of the ancient Tracian tribe known as “Serdi”. It bore that name when it became part of Bulgarian state at the beginning of the ninth century and was soon recognized as one of the most important feudal towns, acquiring the Slavic name Sredets. The modern city of Sofia was named in the 14th century after the basilica St. Sofia.

The decline of Sofia during the ottoman Empire was followed by the rejuvenation after the liberation in 1879, when Sofia was chosen as the capital of Bulgaria at the first National Constituent Assembly.



The National Art Gallery

Rapidly the city's image changed from an Oriental, to a European. Today many streets, buildings, parks, and even whole neighborhoods preserve the architectural style from the turn of the century.

Being so close to the Vitosha Mountain, Sofia offers a variety of entertainment, sport, rest and excursions.

Traveling to Sofia

By plane

Sofia International Airport is located 10 kilometers (six miles) east of the city centre. Recently renovated, it is now bright, modern and smoke-free (except in designated café areas).

Sofia International Airport (ITAT Code: SOF)

Tel: +359 2 937 22 11/12

E-mail: public@sofia-airport.bg

Website: www.sofia-airport.bg

Airport facilities include several 24-hour bureaux de change and an ATM, located in the customs building some distance from the main entrance, as well as left-luggage facilities, bars, fast-food outlets and rent a car facility from *Avis* and *Hertz*.

By Rail

The main European railway route pass through Bulgaria. International trains link Sofia with many European capital cities and domestic rail network ensures access to all large settlements.

Central Railway Station is Sofia's main station.

The website of Bulgarian State Railway is: <http://www.bdz.bg/en/>

By Road

European roads are prefixed by the letter 'E' while internal motorways and main roads are indicated by numbers only. Place names, signposted along main roads, are in both Cyrillic and Latin script – on minor roads they may be in Cyrillic only – but road signs are international. Petrol stations are found on the main roads in largest towns and every 30-40km along the motorways, while on minor roads these can be few and far between. Speed limits are 140 km/h on motorways, 90 km/h on country roads and 50 km/h in urban areas. A Green Card and Motor Insurance are obligatory. UK driving license and EU pink-format license are valid in Bulgaria. All accident should be reported to tell: 112.

Transportation

Arrival

All ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders and Team Officials taking part in the Championships are requested to announce as soon as possible but not later than February 12, 2018, to the Organizing Committee, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at Sofia International Airport. If arriving by train, the dates and time of arrival at the Central Railway Station should also be provided. These locations are considered as the official arrival/departure points for the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships® 2018, from where a shuttle transfer will be organized. Coaches, Team Medical Staff and Chaperones are only met if they travel with the team. The detailed travel information needs to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

Departure

Transportation at the conclusion of the event for Team Members entitled to complimentary departure transportation to the airport will be managed by scheduled departure shuttles and times. Each entitled Team Member's scheduled departure time from the official hotel will be available no later than 1 day prior to departure on the transportation desk at the hotel. No changes in departure times will be allowed unless approved by the Organizing Committee.

Transportation during the event

There will be two shuttle-bus lines on every 30 min:

- Ramada Sofia City Centre Hotel – Main Rink – Practice Rink – Ramada Sofia City Centre Hotel
- Ramada Sofia City Centre Hotel – Practice Ring – Main Rink – Ramada Sofia City Centre Hotel.

Public transport in Sofia

Sofia's public transport consists of subway, city buses, suburban buses, trams and trolleys. It is the safest and cheapest transport in the city. You can use most of the lines between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. on working days. Tickets can be bought in kiosks located at stops or you can buy them directly from the drivers. Their fare is 1,60 leva and it is valid for only one vehicle.

The website of Sofia Urban Mobility Centre is <https://www.sofiatraffic.bg/en/>.

Main Venue



Arena Armeec is a new modern large sport complex built six years ago – in 2011. It's main function is to provide athletes the best conditions for performing sport activities. The design of the hall responds to all regulations of the International federations and their rules for organizing and running World and European Championships as well as high level commercial tournaments. When promoting big events, the hall capacity can be extended up to 17 906 seats (with stands).

Contact details:

1 Boris Yordanov Blvd., 1113 Sofia, Bulgaria

Phone: +359 2 903 36 06

Website: <http://www.arenaarmeecsofia.com/>

Practice rink

Winter Sports Palace – Indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated.

Contact details:

Studentski grad District, Academician Boris Stefanov Str., 1734 Sofia, Bulgaria

Phone: +359 2 868 55 34

Website: http://academica2011.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2&Itemid=6

The Official Hotel:

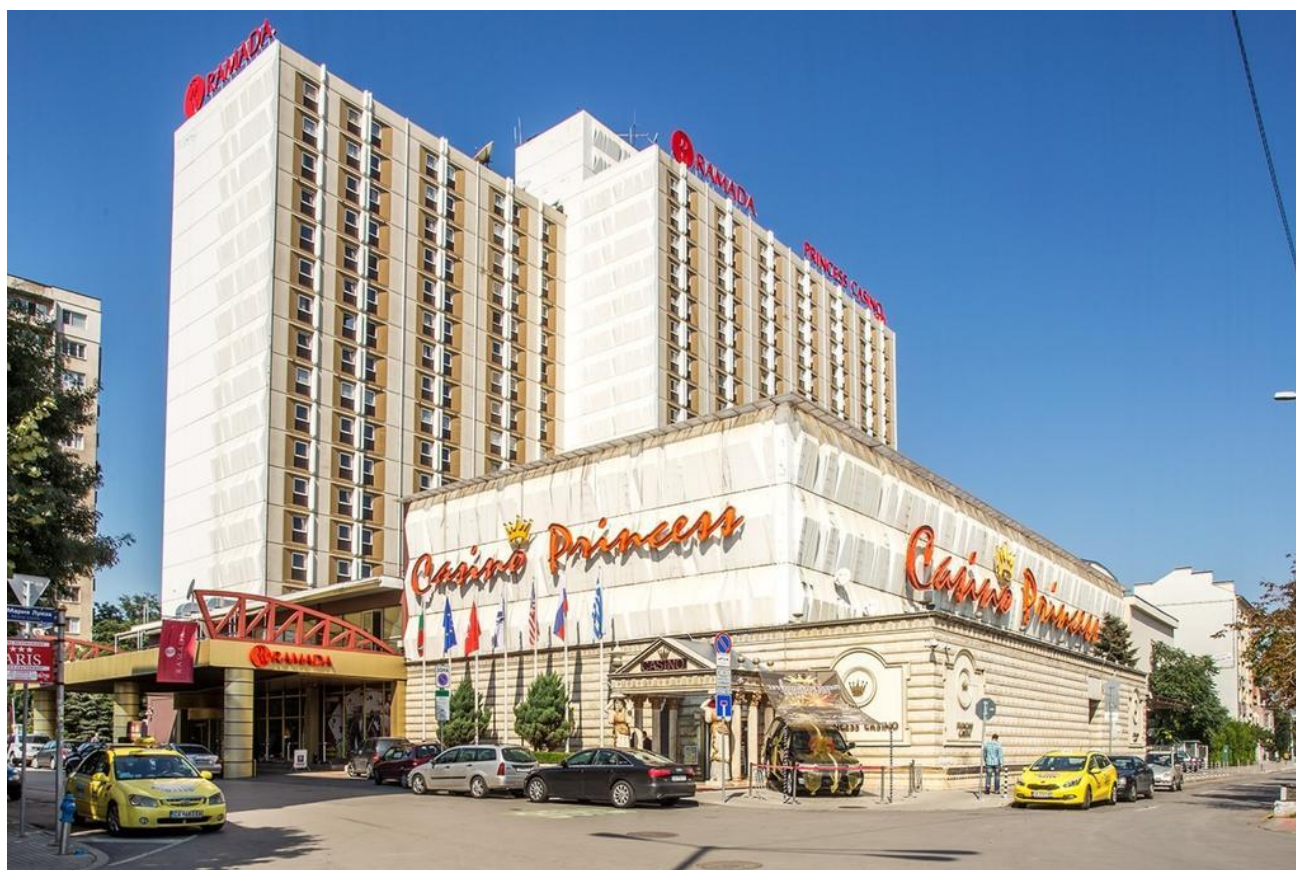
Hotel for ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Judges, Federation Presidents, Skaters, Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Medical Staff and Coaches.

Ramada Sofia City Centre Hotel

131 Maria Luiza Blvd., 1202 Sofia, Bulgaria

Phone: +359 2 933 88 88

Website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/sofia-bulgaria/ramada-sofia-city-center/overview>



Conveniently located within walking distance to the heart of the city, just opposite the Central Railway and Bus Stations, 10 km away from Sofia International Airport and 7 km away from main ice rink Arena Armeec, Ramada Sofia City Centre Hotel successfully incorporates the longstanding traditions and the contemporary concepts with attention to the smallest detail. With a capacity of 601 rooms the hotel welcomes both small groups and large-scale events offering a solution for every preference and budget. At the same time, the individual approach ensures quality of service that will be praised even by the most refined traveller. The hotel offers air-conditioning, individual climate-controlled heating, direct dial phone, TV satellite system, high-speed Wi-Fi, minibar, electronic key lock system as well as secured parking, restaurants, lobby bar, indoor swimming pool and professional fitness center.

Hotel rates, offered by the Organizing Committee to the accredited persons, are:

Single Room: € 90.00

Double Room: € 110.00

All rates are per room / per night with included breakfast and all local taxes.

The hotel shall require the credit card authorization form for covering the extra charges during the check in.

The Hotel will not accept private booking orders.

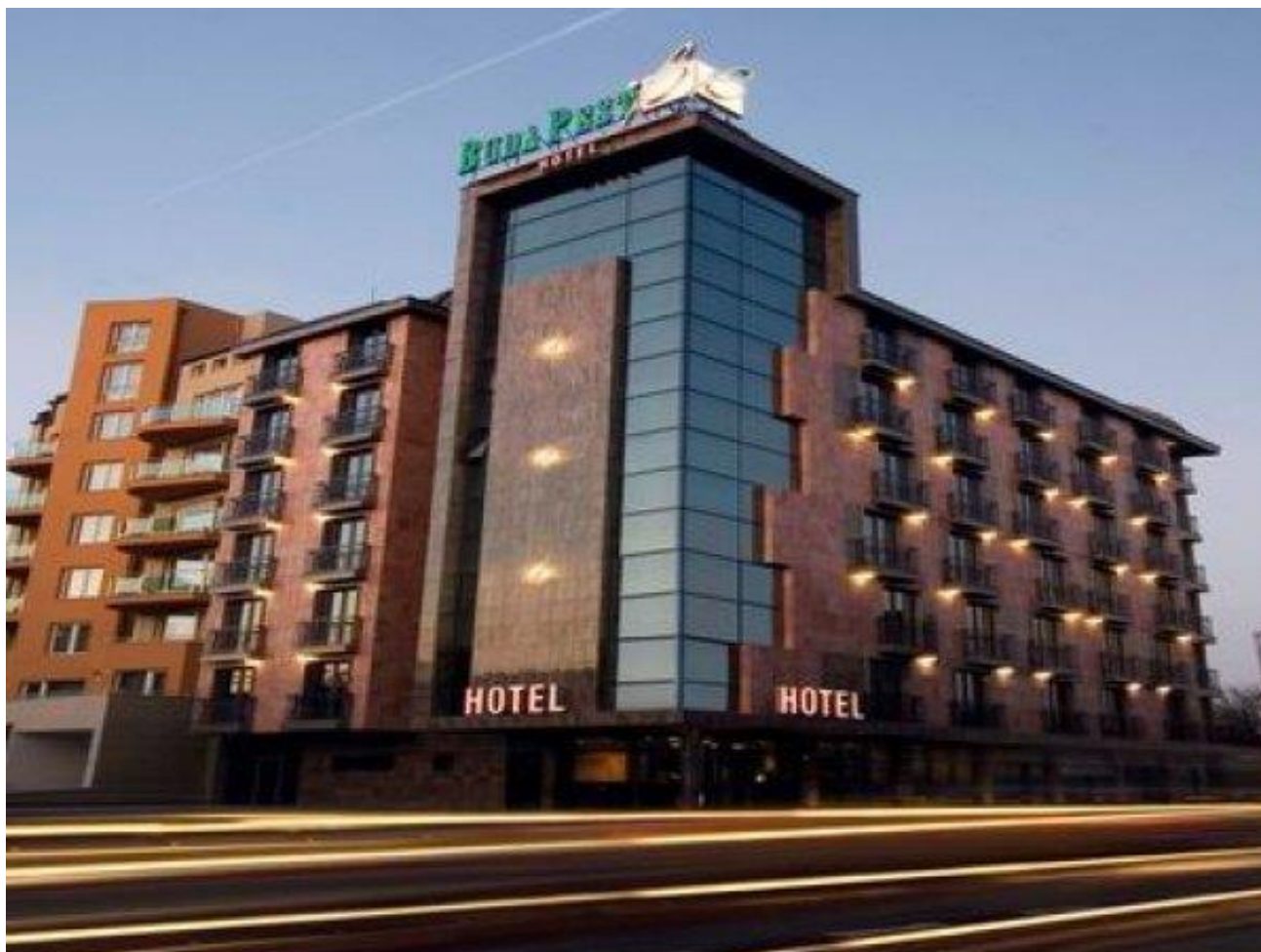
Hotels for Chaperones and Media

Budapest Hotel

92A Budapest Str. 1202 Sofia, Bulgaria

Phone: +359 2 421 58 00

Website: <http://www.hotelbudapest.bg/>



4 Zona Hotel

32 G. M. Dimitrov Str. 1172 Sofia, Bulgaria

Phone: +359 2 971 44 64

Website: <http://www.4zona.bg/>

007 Hotel

15 Ivan Dimitrov-Kuklata Str. 1415 Sofia, Bulgaria

Phone: +359 2 2 870 21 49

Website: <http://www.hotel-007.net/>

Please, note that not all hotels accept American express cards.

Room Costs

The Organizing committee will cover costs for accommodation and meals for athletes, team leaders, officials and judges in accordance with the ISU Announcement (ISU rule 137).

In general, skaters of the same gender from the same federation will share rooms with two beds. If skaters choose to stay in single rooms, the member federation must pay the charges for the extra room(s). The single rooms are subject to availability.

Reservation Policy and Procedures

- The deadline for hotel reservations is 02.10.2017 for all participants.
- Each federation must pay 50% of the total hotel fees as a deposit to by 16.11.2017. The reservations are considered cancelled if deposit is not timely received.
- The Organizing Committee will not guarantee any rooms for reservations requested after 07.12.2017.
- Settlement of the total hotel fees is due no later than the date the team leader arrives at the Event. The payments are settled by the Organizing Committee's booking desk at the Ramada Sofia City Centre Hotel. Visa and Mastercard are accepted. Applicable credit card fees are charged upon payment. Cash payments are accepted in Euros and Levs only.

Cancellation & refund policies (less banking charges)

Refund of deposit 100% until January 18, 2018

Refund of deposit 50% from January 19, until February 13, 2018

No refund after February 13, 2018

NOTE: All rooms cancelled after the deadline February 13, 2018 must be paid by the member federation. This condition applies also to the rooms that are covered by the Organizing Committee.

Meal Service

Accredited persons with full board accommodation will receive meals according to the QR code on the Accreditation card.

Meals for Teams, Event Officials and Judges will be served at Ramada Sofia City Centre Hotel. A designated dining room will be set up for the skating family. Meals will be served in buffet style.

Meal times:

- Breakfast: 06:00-10:00;
- Lunch: 11:30-15:00;
- Dinner: 18:00-22:00;
- Late dinner: 22:30-00:30 (on the nights of evening competitions only);

All accredited Team Members who will not receive meal-vouchers can purchase them from the OC (either per meal or for a certain period of time) for the following prices:

Lunch: € 20.00

Dinner / Late Dinner: € 25.00

Closing Banquet: € 50.00

There will be no dinner in the Dining Room on Saturday, March 10th since there will be a Closing Banquet. Special invitations for the Closing Banquet will be issued at registration and must be exchanged for entry tickets by the Organizing Committee on March 7, 2018 at the latest. A limited number of Closing Banquet tickets will be available for purchase on-site for accredited team members, who are not entitled to a complimentary ticket, as well as by chaperones of the competitors. If Closing Banquet invitation or tickets are lost, new tickets must be purchased at the user's own expense.

Registration and Accreditation

The accreditation for all persons will be held at the official hotel **Ramada Sofia City Centre**.

The Climate

The climate in Sofia is temperate continental, mild and suitable for travel during any season. The average annual temperature is about 12°C.

Climate table													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Mean daily maximum temperature (°C)	2.2	4.9	9.8	15.7	20.3	23.5	25.9	26.0	22.6	16.6	9.6	4.1	15.1
Mean daily minimum temperature (°C)	-4.9	-2.9	0.3	4.8	9.0	12.1	13.8	13.4	10.4	5.7	1.2	-2.7	5
Mean total rainfall (mm)	28	31	38	51	73	75	63	51	38	35	48	40	572
Mean number of rain days	10	10	10	12	14	13	10	8	7	7	9	11	121

Visa Requirements

Since 2007 Bulgaria is a member-state of the European Union.

The Bulgarian Embassy in your country will provide you with all detailed information about visas. More details can be found on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria – <http://www.mfa.bg>.

Please send Visa Application Request Form as soon as possible but not later than **January 26th 2018**.

Money

National currency is Bulgarian Lev (BGN) One Lev contains 100 stotinki. Banknotes come in denominations of 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 levs. There is a fix currency rate between Lev and EURO - one Lev (BGN) is equals 0,51 EUR.

Electricity

The electrical voltage is 220-240 Volts AC, 50 Hertz.

Plug primary socket type is: Europlug, Schuko (two-pin plugs).

Contact Address

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 90, Knyaz Boris I Str.
 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

Tel.: + 359 2 988 75 71, +359 878 637 412
 Fax: + 359 2 987 77 71
 E-mail: office@bsf.bg

Schedule of events

Date	Time	Event
Monday, March 5	All day	Official Practice
	09:00	Team Leaders Meeting 1
	09:00	JUNIOR PAIRS – Technical Panel Meeting
	10:30	Medical Meeting
	13:15	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Meeting
Tuesday, March 6	All day	Official Practice
	08:30	Referee & Technical Controllers Meeting
	09:30	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Initial Judges Meeting
	15:00	JUNIOR PAIRS – Initial Judges Meeting
	15:45	JUNIOR MEN – Technical Panel Meeting
	20:00	ISU and Judges Dinner
Wednesday, March 7	08:00	JUNIOR MEN – Initial Judges Meeting
	12:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Short Dance
	13:00	JUNIOR LADIES – Technical Panel Meeting
	17:30	Opening Ceremony on Ice
	18:15	PAIRS – Short Program
Thursday, March 8	08:00	JUNIOR LADIES – Initial Judges Meeting
	08:00	Team Leaders Meeting 2
	11:30	JUNIOR MEN – Short Program
	19:00	JUNIOR PAIRS – Free Skating
Friday, March 9	07:00	PAIRS – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	08:00	PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:45	JUNIOR LADIES – Short Program
	19:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Free Dance
Saturday, March 10	07:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	08:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion
	11:00	JUNIOR MEN – Free Skating
	16:00	JUNIOR LADIES – Free Skating
	16:00	JUNIOR MEN – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	21:00	Closing Banquet
Sunday, March 11	07:00	JUNIOR LADIES – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	08:15	JUNIOR MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:30	JUNIOR LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion
	15:00	EXHIBITION

Please note: This schedule is subject to changes.

SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

	DEADLINE	to be submitted via	
		Online Registration System	Form
Preliminary Entry Form	02.10.2017	X	
Hotel Request Form Team Leaders, Competitors, Judges	02.10.2017	X	
Hotel Request Form Team Officials, Coaches, Others	02.10.2017	X	
Entry by Name for Competitors	12.02.2018	X	
Entry by Name for Judges	12.02.2018	X	
Entry by Name Delegation Members	12.02.2018	X	
Hotel Reservation	12.02.2018	X	
Travel Details	12.02.2018	X	
Bank Transfer	12.02.2018	X	
Press Information	12.02.2018		X (Form C 06)
Competition Music Information	12.02.2018		X (Form C 07)
Ice Dance Music Information	12.02.2018		X (Form C 08)
Exhibition Music Information	12.02.2018		X (Form C 09)
Planned Program Content	12.02.2018	X	X (Form C 10)
Skater Health Care Form	12.02.2018		X (Form C 11)
Visa Application Request	a.s.a.p.		X (Form A 04)