



NEBELHORN TROPHY 2017

QUALIFICATION COMPETITION
FIGURE SKATING
FOR THE
2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
IN PYEONGCHANG



PART OF THE ISU CHALLENGER SERIES 2017/2018

FIRST INFORMATION





Dear Participating Members

The 49th Nebelhorn Trophy implies that we have almost reached the big anniversary of 50 editions. However, the 49th Nebelhorn Trophy will not be less special because it will be the official Qualification Event for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang (Republic of Korea).

The season 2016/17 has not reached its end yet, but we already have to look forward to the upcoming season. The Qualification Competition for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games will be a main cornerstone of the ISU calendar which requires a more foresighted planning. Besides the 2017 World Figure Skating Championships in Helsinki (Finland), there will be only this opportunity to qualify for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

The Nebelhorn Trophy will be part of the Challenger Series 2017/18, again, as the event is one of the four seeded competitions within this series. In addition, the examinations for Figure Skating Judges and for Ice Dance Judges for the qualification „ISU“ are again planned in combination with the event.

That framework requires two competitions, the Qualification Event and the usual Nebelhorn Trophy including the Memorial-Team-Trophy, named after the former President of the German Federation, Fritz Geiger. The 2017 Nebelhorn Trophy is an ISU World Ranking Competition with more points due to the “ISU Challenger Series”, an own ranking system and additional prize money for the overall best ranked skaters/couples at the end of the series.

We offer our deepest thanks to the International Skating Union for their confidence & trust that our Federation will get the chance to host this essential competition.

With this First Information we would like to facilitate your travel preparations. We are looking forward to welcoming you in Oberstdorf.

Yours sincerely,

Dieter Hillebrand
Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V.
President





AREA



Oberstdorf is located in the southern area of Germany and is the centre of tourism within the region called „Oberallgäu“. About 10.000 inhabitants live in Oberstdorf, but more than 20.000 beds are available for guests during the year.

The pedestrian area in the village might be the biggest one in the world (227.500 square meters) – only a few streets are available for traffic. Oberstdorf was the first community in Germany which kept cars outside the village.

The altitude of the village itself is 813 m; the highest mountain next door, the Nebelhorn, is over 2.200 m. This mountain gave the competition its name. All kind of sport activities are possible. Magnificent ski areas, more than 200 km of well equipped walking ways into seven valleys, used also for cross-country skiing in the wintertime, mountain climbing, golf, rafting and many other indoor and outdoor activities are offered, but one of the main attractions in Oberstdorf is the National Training Centre for Figure Skating.





VENUE



Two 30x60m sized & fully air-conditioned ice rinks, side by side, one with 1.600 spectator seats and the smaller one with 600 spectator seats as well as a Curling rink (also used for all kinds of skating, with the ice surface of 20x45m, fully air-conditioned) are the heart of the National Training Centre for Figure Skating in Oberstdorf.

A dormitory school with 44 beds, mainly used by the German Ski Federation, a restaurant, a fitness centre with a fully equipped centre for medical treatment and a sauna are available for skaters, living in this centre for a longer or shorter period of time. Many famous skaters from Germany and other countries like Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean, Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay, Norbert Schramm, Scott Hamilton, Susanna Rahkamo and Petri Kokko or the bronze medallists of the ISU World Championships 2004 Kati Winkler and René Lohse, Carolina Kostner and Tomas Verner used the excellent facilities of the training-centre. Oberstdorf has always been the place for figure skating and since 1958, when they opened the first summer skating facility, the name of the center has a special sound within the skating family.





THE COMPETITION



The “Nebelhorn Trophy” is one of the oldest and most traditional international events in Figure Skating within the ISU. Created in 1963 first as an international dance event around Easter, moved to an international competition for Juniors and finally in 1969 established in the format of today. 2017 is the 49th edition of this event.

The competition will take place from

September 27 – September 30, 2017

Competition Format 2017

The “2017 Nebelhorn Trophy” will include the following competitions

- Qualification Competition for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games
- “Nebelhorn Trophy 2017”
- “Fritz Geiger Memorial Trophy”

All competitions are included in the “Challenger Series 2017”.





Qualification Competition for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games

Participation is open to one (1) competitor/couple in each discipline (Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance) for those ISU Members, who have not already qualified with their results at the 2017 World Figure Skating Championships in Helsinki for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

The Qualification Competition and the "Nebelhorn-Trophy" will create one result, but for the qualification an own ranking will be designed. In total,

- 6 Men
- 6 Ladies
- 4 Pairs
- 5 Ice Dance couples

will qualify directly for the Olympic Games. The result of the event will also create the list of "Stand-by entries" which will be used in case of cancellations.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for accommodation and full board for skaters and judges during the period of

September 26, 2017 (Dinner) to October 1, 2017 (Breakfast)

Travel costs will be covered by the entered member.

Entered skaters and judges will have priority for the competition.

"Nebelhorn Trophy 2017"

The competition is open with the entry of one (1) competitor/couple primarily for those ISU Members, who reached the places 1 to 10 (Member Ranking) in the "2016 Nebelhorn Trophy" in each discipline (Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance). These are

MEN	RUS, BEL, USA, MAS, CAN, JPN, TPE, SVK
LADIES	JPN, RUS, CAN, KOR, USA, BEL, GBR, CZE, AUS, FIN
PAIRS	CAN, USA, SUI
ICE DANCE	ITA, USA, CAN, KOR, FRA, BLR, GBR

Additional skaters or a second or third entry of already ranked Members (as above) might be accepted after the entry deadline. In line with the qualifying criteria of the Olympic Winter Games, entries for the Qualifying Event will have priority.





A stand-by list of requested participations will also be in place.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for accommodation and full board only for Judges during the period of

September 26, 2017 (Dinner) to October 1, 2017 (Breakfast)

Costs for the skaters and all Team Members are with the entered Member.

"Fritz-Geiger-Memorial Team Trophy"

The "Fritz-Geiger-Memorial Team Trophy" is a Team Event in which both "competitions" are included.

Panel of Judges

The panels of Judges will be composed primarily with Judges of Members, who have an entry in the respective competition. If possible, Judges should not serve in more than one competition. The qualification must be "**ISU Judge**". Judges of the "Nebelhorn-Trophy" will complete the panels if required.

Each panel of Judges will consist of 9 Judges with a minimum of 7 Judges.

Entries

The Organizing Committee requests the **Preliminary Entries** to be communicated by **July 1st, 2017**.

Entries for Competitors and Judges as well as the **Hotel Information** must reach the organizer latest by **August 25th, 2017 – 20:00 h local time** Oberstdorf. Especially the Hotel Information should be communicated as soon as possible/earlier if possible.

The Preliminary Entry, Composition of Delegation, Competitors Entry, Judges Entry, Hotel and Travel information should be entered in ORS. The OC will organize your hotel and transport according to the communicated information.

The Visa Request Form, Press Information, Music Information, Planned Program Content and the Skater Health Care Form should be sent via mail. Please find those forms in electronic versions on the following website:

www.eislauf-union.de/events/nebelhorn-trophy

Those forms also must reach the Organizing Committee "Deutsche Eislaufer-Union" by August 25th.





With the entry forms the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet is completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the proper terminology.

It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

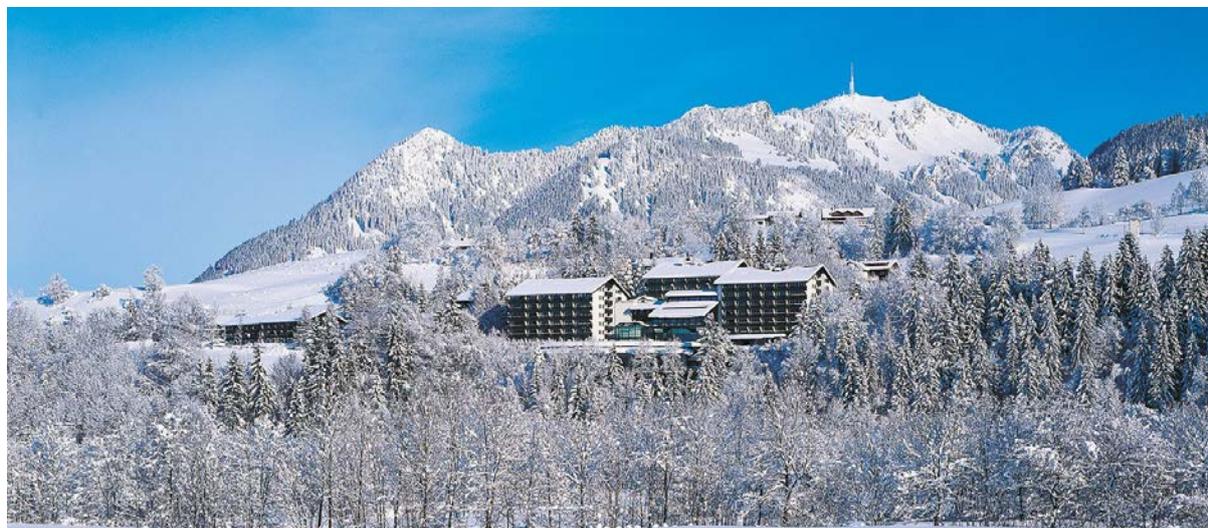
Preliminary Schedule

Sep. 26, 2017	Day of Arrival
Sep. 27, 2017	First day of Practice all Meetings
Sep. 28 – 30, 2017	Competition days, Exhibition, Round Table Discussions
Sep. 30, 2017	Draw for the Panel of Judges for the Olympic Winter Games 2018
Oct. 1, 2017	Departure





THE OFFICIAL HOTEL



The "Allgäu Stern Hotel" is the official event hotel.

The "Deutsche Eislauf-Union" will pay the accommodation for all athletes who participate in the Qualification Event for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. All these athletes will be accommodated at the official event hotel.

It is located in Sonthofen near Oberstdorf:

Buchfinkenweg 2
87527 Sonthofen
Germany

All Competitors, also the ones who will not participate in the Qualification Event, Coaches, Team Leaders, as well as Team Officials, Medical Staff and Chaperones are requested to stay at the official hotel.

There will be a daily shuttle, which the Organizing Committee will organise. It will run every 45 minutes and will connect the official hotel with the venue. This shuttle will also be organised for athletes, who will not participate in the Qualification Event for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, free of charge in the framework of the package deal below.

The nearest airport to Oberstdorf is MÜNCHEN (Munich). A special bus-service will be provided between the airport in Munich and the official event hotel according to the participating members' communicated travel information.

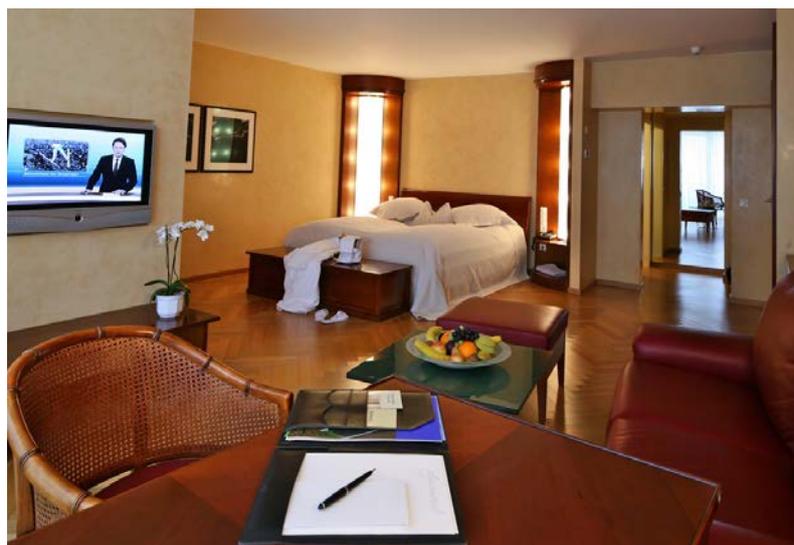




The indicated prices below will apply for a package which includes the transport from Munich airport to Sonthofen, the transport from Sonthofen back to Munich airport, the daily shuttle and the following rooms rates for 5 nights from Tuesday to Sunday (incl. half-board):

- Single Room: EUR 890 per Person
- Double Room: EUR 710 per Person
- Apartment for 3 persons with two bedrooms: EUR 650 per Person

Important notice: If you are from the European Union, please send us your tax ID number, otherwise we need to add 19% (VAT) to the indicated prices.





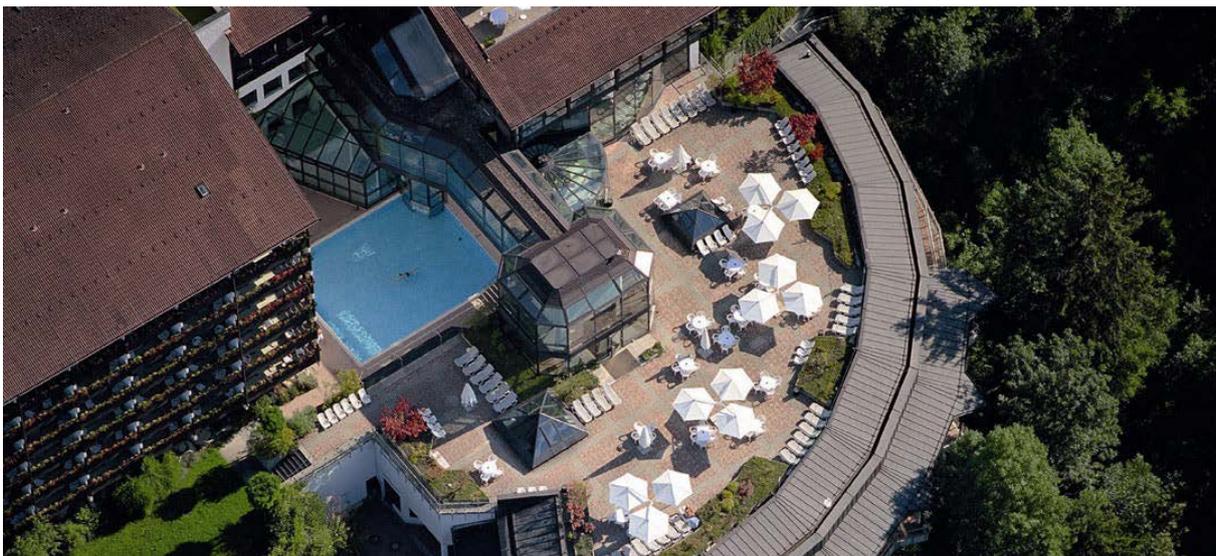
These prices include access to the Wellness Park, Aqua Park and to the Fitness Park. Other features like a beachvolleyball pitch, free WiFi and an underground parking space are also included.



Please see the following link for a 360 degrees panorama tour:

https://v6-moving-pictures.com/allgaeu_stern_sonthofen/?sprache=de&sessionidp=544&fullscreenMode=yes#.WfkOalxuM6E

The initial accreditation and the official ISU Dinner will also take place at the official event hotel.





ACCOMMODATION FOR OFFICIALS

The Organizing Committee will try to accommodate the accepted Officials (Judges, Referees, Technical Panel, ISU) in Oberstdorf within a walking distance to the ice rink. If, however, there is a request that entered Officials would like to stay with the Team, there will be a possibility to support such requests.

EXPENSES

The OC will cover accommodation and meals for all Athletes competing in the OWG Qualification Event, Referees, Judges drawn for the Panel, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operator, participants of the Judges' examination and the Members of the ISU Technical Committees from

Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 starting with dinner
until Sunday, October 1st, 2017, ending with breakfast

The Organizing Committee will provide all persons, as mentioned above, with Meal Coupons, valid only in the Restaurant of the Official Hotel or the Skating Arena.

All other Team Members have to bear their own expenses but can buy Meal Coupons, instead.

Travel expenses will be covered by the OC for all Referees, Technical Panels and the Data and Replay Operators.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

If you book your flights, please make sure that

- no arrival time in Munich should be planned later than 18.00 h
- no departure from Munich should be planned before 11.00 h

At certain times, there is nearly no chance to reach Sonthofen / Oberstdorf by public transport. Due to the "Oktoberfest" in Munich, there is also no chance to be successful in any hotel accommodation requests in terms of an overnight stay in Munich.

The Organizing Committee charges € 70.00 per persons for the pick-up service at Munich airport (both ways).





CONTACTS

Please send your request regarding the competition to

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With respect to the involvement of the ISU in the event, any questions related to the Challenger Series or the tests and/or the Judges examination should be addressed to

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