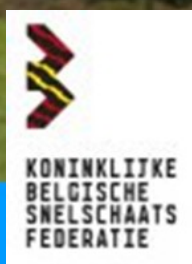


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Short Track Speed Skating



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On 24-26 March 2017 the Europa Cup Final Short Track Speed Skating will be held in Hasselt Belgium. The competition is organized by the IJsschaatsclub “De Schaverdijn” (YDS) under auspices of the Royal Belgium Speedskating Federation (KBSF) and the International Skating Union (ISU). The competition is the final of the Danubia Cup and StarClass series 2016-2017 and will be held for the categories Junior-D/C/B/A and Senior. The competition will be organized in accordance with the 2016 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications, the Danubia and StarClass memorandums and the conditions included in this announcement.

Entries individual program

The eight (8) best skaters in each category of the Overall Classification of both the Danubia and StarClass series qualify for participation in the Europa Cup Final. These skaters will be invited for the Europa Cup Final. If he/she is not able to participate the next skater in the Overall Classification will be invited. However for all entries, with a restriction of a maximum of three (3) skaters per category per ISU Member.

Entries Relay

Each ISU Member has the right to enter one team of 4 or 5 competitors from the categories Ladies/ Men and Junior A/B/C. Team members must be qualified for and participate in the individual competition. The Relay will only take place if enough time is available.

Notification & Invitation Procedure

The Contact persons of the Danubia and StarClass Coordination Group will, after the last competition of each series, notify the respective ISU Members and the OC about which skaters have qualified. This information will also be published into the Entry system on www.Shorttrackonline.info. In case of withdrawal the Contact persons will appoint and invite the next qualified skater.

Categories

Age of the skaters before July 1st preceding the competition:

Junior D	11 - 12	years old
Junior C	13 - 14	years old
Junior-B	15 - 16	years old
Junior-A	17 - 18	years old
Senior	+ 18	years old

Distances	1st dist.	2nd dist.	3rd dist.
Junior-D	1000m	500m	777m
Junior-C	1500m	500m	1000m
Junior-B	1500m	500m	1000m
Junior-A	1500m	500m	1000m
Senior	1500m	500m	1000m

Relay

Ladies/Men	3000m
Junior-A/B/C	3000m

The qualifying schedule for each distance is based on the “All Finals” system for each individual category.

Award of Prizes

Awards will be given in each category to the first three places in the final of each distance and for

the first three places in the Overall classification and Relay events. During the award ceremonies, the skaters must be in club or National track suit.

Track Conditions

The track is an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface with the measures of 30x60 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap with measured curves of 8 meters and there will be 7 markers used to establish the curve. The length of the straight is 28.85 meters. Beside the original track there will be 4 tracks set up to preserve good ice conditions. For all tracks one finish line will be used.

Medical Assistance

Doctor and paramedical personnel will be present at the competition days. There will be an adequate response time for an ambulance to be on site in case of need.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of each member, on behalf of its participating clubs, to ensure or provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes. Proof of such shall be requested by the Organizing Committee. See I.S.U Rule 119.

Liability

In accordance with I.S.U Rule 119, the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility with respect to medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage sustained or caused in connection with this Competition.

Doping Control

Doping Control Doping tests may be made in accordance with ISU Rule 139 and relevant ISU communications.

Preliminary program

On Friday and Saturday the program will be divided in two parts, depending on the number of entries. The program is tentative and subject to changes by the OC, Danubia and StarClass Coordination Group and the referee.

Thursday 23 March 2017	14.00-19.00	helpdesk at Ice rink open for registration, payment entry/hotel, collecting hotel-tickets etc.
	15.00-18.00	free official training session
Friday 24 March 2017:	08.00	Warming up
	08.15	teamleaders meeting at Ice rink
	09.00	Start of competition
	17.00	End of competition
Saturday 25 March 2017:	08.00	Warming up
	09.00	Start of competition
	19.00	End of competition
Sunday 26 March:	08.00	Warming up
	08.35	Start of competition
	14.00	Award Ceremony

The program above is subject to change by the OC. A more detailed program will be published in the week before the competition on: www.shorttrackonline.info

Overview of costs and facilitated services

Entry Fee 30.00 euro

The Entry Fee for all entered skaters (juniors/seniors) is 30.00 euro. Coaches are free of Entry Fee.

Helmet cover/Race number deposit

The deposit for helmet covers is 10.00 euro per cap with a maximum of 50.00 euro per team. Payment must be done in cash at the help desk. Deposit will be paid back returning the helmet covers.

Extra training ice

Rental training ice is possible on Thursday from 09.00-15.00 hr for 100.00 euro per 50 minutes. Requests must be sent to the OC into the Entry System. OC will send confirmation by Email.

Hotel and meals for qualified/invited skaters Junior-D/C/B/A and coach

The OC provides/pays the hotel accommodation, breakfast and dinner in Bungalow park Molenheide for the invited skaters Junior-D/C/B/A and one coach per country from dinner Thursday evening until breakfast Sunday morning. In case of more countries(coaches) the available budget will be divided among the countries/coaches and all coaches have to pay an equal part of the costs.

Hotel and meals for seniors and accompanying officials

Hotel accommodation for senior skaters and extra accompanying officials can be arranged by the OC in the same accommodation as the Juniors for a special discount price of 188.50 euro for 3 night, 3x breakfast and 3x dinner from dinner Thursday evening until the breakfast on Sunday morning. This includes all costs as bed sheets, cleaning etc.

Hotel and meals for family, team supporters, clubcoaches, team guests etc.

Family and supporters of the teams/skaters can also use the above arrangement at 188.50 euro. Reservations must be made separately by E-mail to the OC and NOT into the Entry System.

Hotel Information

The Hotel is Bungalow park Molenheide. Bungalows are available for 4, 5, 6 or 8 persons. The bungalow park has the right to make an as efficient as possible combination of teams to fill the bungalows in a maximum way. The bungalows have WIFI, a swimming pool and Indoor playground. All reservations must be paid in cash at the helpdesk. At the helpdesk the tickets for accommodation will be handed out after payment is received. ***Without these tickets the bungalow park will not hand out the keys for the bungalows!***

Other arrangements for complete bungalows etc. can be made directly to the Bungalow park at <http://www.molenheide.be/nl/aanbiedingen/code/603st>. Please take notice that due to many events this weekend in Hasselt it will be very difficult or impossible to find other hotel accommodation.

Lunch on competition days at Ice rink restaurant at special discount price

Lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Ice rink is not included in the free services. Meals are available at the restaurant of the ice rink according to the normal menu or at a special discount price of 10.00 euro when reservations are made in advance. Vouchers for this have to be paid for in cash and collected at the help desk. (In case of last minute more financial space in the budget the costs of the vouchers for the accredited skaters could be lowered by the OC).

Transport airport to Hotel

Transport from airport Brussel-Zaventem and Charleroi have to be arranged by the teams themselves. The connection by railroad to Hasselt is very good. Information about transport companies will be supplied by the OC on request by Email.

Local transport on competition days for accredited skaters and officials

Local transport from the railroad station Hasselt and from Thursday until Sunday from hotel to the Ice rink will be provided for free with busses in a fixed time schedule.

Entry Procedure

All participants for the Europa Cup Final will be invited by their National Federations through the respective Contact persons of Danubia and StarClass series. The names of skaters who are withdrawn from participation must be communicated as quick as possible to the Contact Persons of Danubia: Istvan Darasz and for StarClass: Elena Comolo. Reason for this is that in that case the next qualified skater can be invited.

Federations have to confirm the entry or withdrawal of skaters for the Europa Cup Final plus all other requested reservations into the entry system on the website:

www.shorttrackonline.info

Information to be given into the entry system:

- confirmation of skater to compete/withdrawal of skater
- name of teamleader/coach using the free accreditation
- name of extra accompanying officials
- number of senior skaters using the hotel-accommodation and meals with payment
- number of extra persons using the hotel-accommodation and meals with payment
- total number of lunch tickets per day for discount price at Ice rink
- request for extra training session
- request for information about transport company from airport to Hasselt
- arrival/departure railroad station Hasselt

Final entry must be submitted not later than Tuesday 14 March 2017

Federations must use their password for normal international competitions to login into the Entry System. It is NOT possible to use the password received from the ISU for entering skaters for ISU Championships or World cups. Federations from East Europe are requested to pay attention to the fact that they can not use the password from the website ***www.shorttracklive.info***. In all cases that a login password is not available or not working a new login password must be requested for through the entry page of the website shorttrackonline.info.

Reservations for extra accompanying people and supporters by Email to the OC

All other reservations for extra accompanying people and supporters must be made by Email directly to the OC. ***Please be very careful with the entry in counting the exact numbers of reservations per club/country and that there are no double reservations made among clubs and federations!***

Request to Team Leaders

All Team Leaders are urgently requested to inform the organizer of any changes in the team before departure from home. Competitors must be present at the Hasselt Ice rink at latest 07.30 on Friday 25 March 2017 or the organizing Committee must have received document proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the Competition.

Payments and receiving tickets

Senior skaters, extra accompanying officials, guest etc. can only get their accreditation passes and hotel tickets when having paid their board- and lodging-costs to the OC. All payments must be made in cash in euro at the helpdesk when checking in the teams. All in advance reserved services must be paid for also if they are not taken at the last moment.

Appointed/invited competition officials

Appointed/invited competition officials are requested to contact the Organizing committee before they make travel arrangements. All travel arrangements are subject to permission of the Organising committee due to limited available budget.

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