



Shorttrackclub YDS HASSELT

## Announcement

# International SpeculaasCup 2026

Golden Sun Awards

February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>, Hasselt (B)

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# Mini SpeculaasCup 2026

February 28<sup>th</sup>, Hasselt (B)

Shorttrackclub "YDS Hasselt" has the honor to invite you to the

**International SpeculaasCup &**

**Mini SpeculaasCup**

at the center of Sport Vlaanderen in Hasselt, Belgium.

Gouverneur Verwilghensingel 13  
3500 Hasselt





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### **1. Date and preliminary program:**

**Saturday, February 28th, 2026**

#### **Morning**

Check-in teams and registration at the entrance of the ice rink (Mini Speculaascup and D, E/F)  
Individual races Mini SpeculaasCup and SpeculaasCup D, E/F  
Podium Mini SpeculaasCup  
Relay Semi Finals DEF

#### **Afternoon**

Check-in teams and registration at the entrance of the ice rink (International SpeculaasCup:  
C, SAB, M)  
Individual races C, SAB, M  
Relay Semi Finals MSABC

**Sunday, March 1th, 2026**

#### **Whole day**

Individual races, E/F, D, C, SAB, M  
Relay A Finals DEF - MSABC  
Closing ceremony

Notice: The final program will be published on [www.ShorttrackOnline.info](http://www.ShorttrackOnline.info) a few days before the start of the competition. Be sure to check this in advance.

### **2. Conditions of contest:**

The competition will be organized in accordance with the latest ISU Regulations and relevant ISU Communications, and the conditions included in this announcement. The qualifying schedule is based on the "All Final System". The organizers reserve the right to change the program due to any unforeseen circumstances. All entries must be made through the relevant club's competition secretary via [www.shorttrackonline.info](http://www.shorttrackonline.info)

⇒ 160 skaters will be allowed to attend the international competition.

When this maximum number of attendees is met, a list of candidates will be maintained.

When the maximum number of skaters has not been reached 10 days before the start of the competition and the program allows it, the competition organization may allow skaters with higher time limits in the junior A, B and Senior category.

Therefore it is possible for slower junior A, B, and Senior skaters to register on the waiting list via [www.shorttrackonline.info](http://www.shorttrackonline.info) Shorttrackclub YDS Hasselt V.z.w. - Ondern.nr. 462.742.557

The O.C. will contact the candidate skaters as soon and only as an entry comes available.  
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⇒ 20 skaters will be allowed to attend the Mini SpeculaasCup competition.



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When this maximum number of attendees is met, a list of candidates will be maintained.

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- Participants in the Mini SpeculaasCup are DEFG skaters with no competition experience.
- **F-skaters** with competition experience are allowed to choose to participate in the Mini SpeculaasCup **or** the international SpeculaasCup. It is not allowed to participate in both competitions.
- G-skaters can only participate in the Mini SpeculaasCup.

### **3. Age-category and Groups:**

#### **Mini SpeculaasCup**

- Junior G, born after July 1st 2018
- Junior F, 7 and 8, born between July 1st 2016 and June 30th 2018
- Junior E, 9 and 10, born between July 1st 2014 and June 30th 2016
- Junior D, 11 and 12, born between July 1st 2012 and June 30th 2014

#### **International SpeculaasCup**

- Junior E/F, 7 until 10 years old, born between July 1st 2014 and June 30th 2018
- Junior D, 11 and 12 years old, born between July 1st 2012 and June 30th 2014
- Junior C, 13 and 14 years old, born between July 1st 2010 and June 30th 2012
- SAB, 15 years and older, born before 1st July 2010
- Open-Masters/Seniors, 20 years and older, born before 1st July 2005 \*

The SAB category will be races in performance groups (PGs), for Women and Men separately. Each group will consist of a maximum of 24 skaters. To participate in the SAB PGs, a minimum time over 500 meters is required and must have been skated in an official competition in the current or previous season. The required time limits are displayed below:

Men 47 sec.	Women 51 sec.
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Junior C skaters that prefer to participate in the SAB category, can contact the OC given they have reached the limit times above.

(\*): Seniors that have not skated the required time limit, can participate in the Open-Master/Senior category. Men and women in the open category will be mixed. In case of fewer participants than expected, Junior A en B skaters can also participate in this Open-Masters/Senior Category. They should enter the waiting list on [www.shorttrackonline.info](http://www.shorttrackonline.info). The O.C. will contact these skaters after the entries have closed.

### **4. Categories and distances:**

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- Mini SpeculaasCup: 333m & 222m [secretary.yds.hasselt@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.yds.hasselt@gmail.com)
- Junior E/F: 500m, 777m & SF 777m [youth.yds.hasselt@gmail.com](mailto:youth.yds.hasselt@gmail.com)



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- Junior D: 500m, 777m & SF 1000m
- Junior C: 500m, 1000m & SF 1500m
- SAB: 500m, 1500m & SF 1000m
- Open-Masters/Seniors: 500m, 1000m & SF 1500m

### **5. Relays:**

If permitted by the time schedule, relays will be organized.

Relay teams can participate in any mix of gender.

Clubs and countries are allowed to mix teams. Only teams of 4 people are allowed to participate.

Teams in the following categories can make a team: DEF - MSABC

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**You need to let the OC know before Friday 21th of February 2026 which skaters want to participate in the Relay competition at [youth.yds.hasselt@gmail.com](mailto:youth.yds.hasselt@gmail.com).** These skaters will be put in Relay Teams as long as teams of 4 skaters can be created. On Sunday, only the A finals DEF and MSABC Relays will be raced,

### **6. Entrance fee:**

An entrance fee of €35 must be paid per skater in the Mini SpeculaasCup.  
An entrance fee of €60 must be paid per skater in the International SpeculaasCup.

With each entry made via ShortTrackOnline you will get a reference number.  
It is necessary to place this reference number + "SpeculaasCup 2026" on your bank transfer.  
After the entry is closed the reference number with the request for payment will be sent to you automatically via email.

Please submit the amount at the latest 3 days prior to the start of the competition.  
The warrant for the helm caps is €10 per skater, with a max. of € 50 per club.  
Helm caps will only be handed out per club, not per skater and only after the payment is done.

Cancellation is only accepted by the O.C. in case of injury or illness - strictly supported by medical certificate, in which case the amount of entry fee will be refunded.

### **7. Awards:**

In the Mini SpeculaasCup there will be an overall podium for the top 3 skaters.  
Boys and girls will have an individual award ceremony.  
There will be a participation medal for all skaters.

In the International SpeculaasCup, there will be:

- Distance medals and an overall podium for the top 3 skaters: per gender (categories C, D, E, F, every PG of the SAB) and mixed in the Open Masters/Senior category.
- The distance medals will be given on the ice in each category or PG.

Prices in both the Mini SpeculaasCup as in the International SpeculaasCup will only be given to the skaters that are present at the award ceremony. Prices will not be handed out towards others.

There will be a medal for the top 3 teams in the categories below: DEF - MSABC

### **8. Training possibilities Friday:**

There is training ice available on Friday February 27th in 2 sessions:

- Session 1: 16h10-17h10 **Shorttrackclub YDS Hasselt v.z.w. - Ondern.nr. 462.742.557**
- Session 2: 17h20-18h20 **Website: [www.ydshasselt.be](http://www.ydshasselt.be)**

Price: €12/skater with a maximum of 20 skaters/session **BB Bank: Dexia Bank Belgium**

Reservations can be made at **[youth.yds.hasselt@gmail.com](mailto:youth.yds.hasselt@gmail.com) before February 21st.**  
(or until a session is fully booked) **[youth.yds.hasselt@gmail.com](mailto:youth.yds.hasselt@gmail.com)**



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Participation is **only possible after confirmation** of available places.

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### **9. -Meals:**

The sportsbar with its new owners will be open for meals and drinks during the entire competition. Cash and card payments are both possible.

### **10. Organizing club and inquiries:**

Shorttrackclub "YDS Hasselt"

<https://www.ydshasselt.be>

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