



Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2016/2017

**47. POKAL
DER
BLAUEN
SCHWERTER
2016
DRESDEN**

05.10.-08.10.2016



FIRST INFORMATION



WELCOME

The Pokal der Blauen Schwerter in his 47th anniversary is one of the oldest international figure skating competitions in ISU history and we are very proud that this prestigious event is part of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating in 2016, again.

The Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V. (DEU), the Sächsischer Eissport-Verband e.V. (SEV) and the Local Organizing Committee are looking very much forward to welcome the worldwide skating family in Dresden for the 47th edition of the Pokal der Blauen Schwerter.

We have enclosed various pieces of information which might be useful for you and for your preparation in order to attend this significant event of the ISU calendar.



THE LOCATION

Dresden is located on both banks of the river Elbe, mostly in the Dresden Elbe Valley Basin at an altitude of about 113 meters. The highest point of Dresden is about 384 meters above sea level.

The incorporation of neighboring rural communities over the past 60 years has made Dresden the fourth largest urban district by area in Germany after Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne.

Greater Dresden, which includes the neighboring districts of Kamenz, Meissen, Riesa-Großenhain,

Sächsische Schweiz, Weißeritzkreis and part of the district of Bautzen, has a population of around 1,250,000.

THE CITY

Dresden got city rights in 1206 and celebrated its 800th birthday in 2006. Dresden is the capital of the German federal state of Saxony (Freistaat Sachsen).

The city has a long history as the capital and royal residence for the electors and kings of Saxony, who gave Dresden most of the cultural and artistic atmosphere. Dresden was completely destroyed at the end of World War II. Since German reunification in 1990, Dresden has re-emerged as a cultural, political and economic centre in the eastern part of Germany.



With a pleasant location and a mild climate at the river Elbe, as well as with baroque styled architecture and numerous worldwide renowned museums and art collections, Dresden has been called "Elbflorenz" (Florence of the Elbe).

The historic city center offers the "Dresden Zwinger", the church "Frauenkirche", "Semper" Opera House and the Royal Palace as well as many other historical monuments.

Internationally famous are also the various art collections of Dresden such as the gallery "Old Masters" with the saucy angels from Raphael's "The Sistine Madonna" as well as the "Green Vault" on the Brühl Terrace featuring the collection of the former royal jewels.



THE COMPETITION AND ITS NAME

The foundation of the international senior competition Pokal der Blauen Schwerter was 1961. While in its first year announced to ladies, men and pairs, the ice dance competition was added the year after, but cancelled again after 1969.

The main change from a senior to a junior competition was made in 1985 and due to logical reasons, the dance competition was added back in 1991.

1997, the Pokal der Blauen Schwerter was added to the newly established ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series and organized ten times in that way. The last edition took place in 2014.

“Pokal der Blauen Schwerter” means “Cup of Blue Swords”. The blue swords are the famous signs and the trademark of the porcelain manufactory of Meissen (located near Dresden) which supports the event since 1961.

In 1707/08 the specialists of King Augustus the Strong discovered the European hard porcelain. The advantage of the newly found fine ceramic material was that all objects could always be produced on demand again, as long as the negative plaster of Paris moulds and the necessary know-how were available.

Since the 18th century, the inhouse education and training facility assures best-possible quality of the products. The image and reputation of Meissen porcelain is worldwide unique.

THE VENUE – EnergieVerbund ARENA

The newly built EnergieVerbund Arena was opened in August 2007. The multifunctional facility meets the highest standard and is conveniently located close to the old city centre of Dresden.

The modern ice and ball sports centre in the Ostragehege Sports Park features ice skating on 5.000 m² in the main arena, the practice rink and on the outside speed-skating track, which is linked to the main building via a tunnel, during the season .



The main arena hosts up to 4.000 spectators at skating events whereas the practice rink offers places for a bit more than 100 persons.

Both rinks are heated and air-conditioned. The ice surface at the main rink is 30 m x 60 m and at the practice rink, the ice surface is 29 m x 58 m.



THE OFFICIAL HOTEL



The Official Hotel for all members of the Skating Family will be:

IBIS Hotel Lilienstein Dresden
Prager Strasse 5/9/13
D-01069 Dresden

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The room rates of the Organizing Committee are as follows:

Single room	€ 85.00
Twin room	€ 55.00 (per person)

All rates are per person and night, including breakfast, GST and all local tourist taxes.

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee.

The hotel is located in the city centre of Dresden - only a few minutes' walk from the main railway station, right next to the shopping district "Prager Strasse" and just steps away from the historic city centre of Dresden.

All rooms have full air conditioning and are equipped with a shower and WC, cable TV, direct dial telephone and radio. Wifi-internet access is available throughout the hotel for a fee only.

The hotel facilities include several meeting-facilities, a restaurant, bar, etc.

Electricity 220 V; please mind the special plug-in in Germany.

The hotel accepts all kinds of credit-cards (VISA, EUROCARD/MASTER CARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS CLUB).

MEALS

ISU Event Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators), Judges and Competitors will receive meal-vouchers for the period, covered through the Organizing Committee, beginning on **Tuesday, October 4, 2016** with dinner until **Sunday, October 9, 2016** including breakfast only. All meals are served in the official hotel.

Meal vouchers can only be used in the designated dining room at the Ibis Hotel. Meal vouchers are not transferable.

All other persons may purchase meal-vouchers for:

Lunch	€ 20.00
Dinner	€ 20.00

Each meal includes a non-alcoholic drink.



TRAVELLING TO DRESDEN

By Plane

Dresden Airport is situated about 9 km north-east of the city centre. **S-Bahn line S2** links the airport and the city centre. The airport terminal can easily be reached via a pedestrian tunnel to the S-Bahn station "Dresden Flughafen".

The Organizing Committee provides a pick-up service at Dresden Airport. Please inform the Organizing Committee together simultaneously with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

There will be a fee for the pick-up service at Dresden Airport which needs to be paid upon arrival at registration.

Please note that the Organizing Committee will not provide pick-up service from any other airport than **Dresden International Airport (DRS)**.

By Train

Dresden is connected to the main railway lines from all over Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland. The two big train stations are: "Dresden Neustadt", on the northern side of river Elbe and "Dresden Hauptbahnhof" (main train station) on the southern side of river Elbe.

If you plan to arrive by train, make sure you will arrive at "**Dresden Hauptbahnhof**" (main station) which is located in walking distance to the official hotel.

Please note that the Organizing Committee will not provide a pick-up service from the train station.

By Car

Dresden can also be reached by car. It is well connected to the German highway system (Autobahn) and a new Autobahn to Prague (Czech Republic) additionally opened a few years ago.

A 4	Frankfurt (Main)-Erfurt-Chemnitz-Dresden
A 13	Berlin-Dresden
A 17	Prague (CZE)-Dresden

There are public parking spots available next to the hotel. A fee needs to be paid for them. The hotel does not offer a parking garage.

EVENT SHUTTLE

A shuttle bus service will connect the Ibis Hotel with the EnergieVerbund Arena (main and practice rink) starting on the first practice day (Wednesday, October 5, 2016).

The shuttle will run in accordance with the final time and practice schedule and will be distributed at the time of registration.



REGISTRATION

The registration for all teams will be held at the **Ibis Hotel Lilienstein** upon arrival.

The registration / organizing committee office is located in the 1st floor of the hotel.

Accreditation

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team-Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials per ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association. The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.

Accreditation will be given to appointed ISU Event Officials, ISU Office Holders and Guests of Honor.

Passports of the skaters have to be presented at the accreditation for verification!

Chaperones

Officially entered chaperones (one per skater) will not be accredited, but receive a special ticket to have access to all practice sessions, competitions and to join the shuttle bus system.

Chaperones tickets will be available from the OC Office at the Ibis Hotel Lilienstein.

Such ticket must be purchased at the OC Office at the hotel before using the shuttle service the first time from the official hotel to the arena.



PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 4, 2016	All day	Arrival of Teams
Wednesday, October 5, 2016	All day	Official Practice
	08:30	Team Leaders Meeting
	16:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
	20:00	Reception of ISU Event Officials and Judges
Thursday, October 6, 2016		Official Practice
	10:30	ICE DANCE – Short Dance
		MEN – Short Program
		LADIES – Short Program
Friday, October 7, 2016		Official Practice
	10:45	PAIRS – Short Program
		ICE DANCE – Free Dance
		MEN – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremonies ICE DANCE and MEN
Saturday, October 8 2016		Official Practice
	06:45	ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion
	08:15	MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:30	PAIRS – Free Skating
		LADIES – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremonies PAIRS and LADIES
	20:30	PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion
	22:00	LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion

Please note:

This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.



SOCIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Team Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 08:30

EnergieVerbund Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

Initial Starting Order Draws

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

EnergieVerbund Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

The exact times will be published in the final time and practice schedule which will be handed out at time of registration.

Intermediate Draws

Will be held approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the respective Short Programs and Short Dance at the EnergieVerbund Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room.

Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 16:00

EnergieVerbund Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

Judges Draw and Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 17:00

EnergieVerbund Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

Reception for ISU Officials and Judges

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 20:00

The City of Dresden in cooperation with the local Organizing Committee is pleased to invite all Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Data & Replay Operators and Judges to a welcome reception. (location tbd)

Round Table Discussions

All Round Table Discussions are planned according to the times in event schedule above.

(location tbd)

VARIOUS

Additional practice before the start of the competition

Only very limited practice time prior to the start of the official practice on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 will be available on request.

It is understood, that additional practice will **be not free of charge**. Furthermore the Organizing Committee will not offer any transportation as well as medical service during such unofficial practice sessions. Please contact the Organizing Committee as early as possible for such arrangements.

Weather

The weather in Dresden during the days of early October might vary between +5°C and + 10°C with often rain showers.

Banks

Regular banking hours in Dresden are Monday to Friday 09:00 h to 12:00 h and 14:30 h to 17:00 h.

Money Exchange

Each bank has a “money changing counter”. ATM cash machines are available throughout the city.



Shopping

With regard to opening hours of shops please see
<https://welcome.dresden.de/en/life/shopping.php>

Please note that October 3rd is a national holiday in Germany - German Unification Day (German: Tag der Deutschen Einheit) and all shops will be closed at that day.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Please inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible about

- Invitation letters for visa requests if needed
- additional practice-time, if needed

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