

ANNOUNCEMENT



Minsk-Arena, Minsk, Belarus

February 10 to 12, 2017



On behalf of the Skating Union of Belarus, the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

ISU World Cup Short Track 2016/17
which will be held at the Minsk-Arena,
Minsk, Belarus
on February 10-12, 2017

The competition will be held under the 2016 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2023.

General Regulations

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2016 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the ISU World Cup Short Track 2016/17.

Distances

Individual	500, 2x1000, 1500 meters Ladies and Men
Relay	3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

Detailed distance program can be found in ISU Communication No. 2023, paragraph 8.

Monday, February, 6:	Ice Training Session - all day
Tuesday, February, 7:	Ice Training Session - all day
Wednesday, February, 8:	Ice Training Session - all day
Thursday, February, 9:	Official Training Session - all day
Friday, February, 10:	Qualifying Session - all day 1000m (1), 1500m, 500m, 1000m (2) and Relay
Saturday, February, 11:	Repechage – 08:00, warm up* World Cup – 14:02 1000m (1), 1500m and Semi-Finals Relay Award ceremony; on ice
Sunday, February, 12:	Repechage – 08:00, warm up* World Cup – 14:02 500m, 1000m (2) and Finals Relay Award ceremony; on ice

* Starting times to be decided upon receipt of the number of final entries.

Track Conditions

The Minsk-Arena has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating on www.isu.org, section Short Track Speed Skating.

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **December 30, 2016**.

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Access to Closing Banquet;
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System not later than **February 5, 2017** (see ISU Communication No. 2023, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Minsk at the latest at 18:00 hours on Thursday, **February 9, 2017** or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Cup Competition. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded

e) Please note that for all persons entered by the Members, the procedures regarding the Declaration for Competitors and Officials (all team Officials requiring an accreditation) entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication No. 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

Citizenships/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2023, paragraph 12.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1871, 1872, 1922 & 1970 or later updates).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Thursday, February, 9, 2017 for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from Monday, February, 6, 2017. Each training session (50 minutes) will be charged 150 Euro. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, Skating Union of Belarus and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Hotel Reservation / Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservation for the Competitors in the following hotels:

Hotel "Victoria Olimp" ****

Minsk, Pobeditelej ave, 103; tel. +3751730875555;

www.olimphotel.by;

reservation@olimphotel.by

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night): 80 Euro

Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night): 105 Euro

Hotel "Slavyanskaya" ***

Minsk, Narochanskaya str.6; tel. +375173591500, +375173591509;

www.slavyanskaya-minsk.by;

booking@slavyanskaya-minsk.by,

info@slavyanskaya-minsk.by.

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night): 60 Euro

Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night): 85 Euro

Hotel "SportTime" **

Minsk, Myastrovskaya str. 2; tel. +375172793960, +375259793960

www.sporttime-hotel.by;

booking@sporttime-hotel.by,

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night):	35 Euro
Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night):	70 Euro
Triple Room with breakfast (per 3 persons, per night):	95 Euro

The lunch and dinner will be served at Minsk Arena Sport Complex. The meal vouchers can be purchased at the accreditation. The price for lunch and dinner will be 15 Euro each per person. Meals are available daily at the venue and by additional request at the official hotels.

*Payment: in BYN (Belarus rubles), Euro or Credit card (Visa, MasterCard).

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than January 19, 2017.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will organize and provide one transportation each way, free of charge, for each team between Minsk 2 and the official hotels, from Sunday, February 5, 2017 to Monday, February 13, 2017. Expenses for team officials, who do not accompany their team members, are to be borne by themselves 15 euro per person each way.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than January 19, 2017. Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Visa Information

Visas are required to enter Belarus. For obtaining the complete information about visa, please visit <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/>.

Upon receipt of copies of passports and completed visa information form (attached) for competitors, coaches and team officials, the Skating Union of Belarus will issue letters of invitation. This letter needs to be presented at the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in the respective country in order to issue the visas. Only those ISU Members, who do not have Belarus Embassies in their countries will receive visas at Minsk International Airport by arrival.

To facilitate the issuing of visa at the airport, please complete the Visa Application form, <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/info/visa-applications.html> in advance and provide a passport photograph.

According to the decision of Consular, Visa fees could be waived for entered competitors and team officials of the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition.

In Republic of Belarus the medical insurance policy is obligatory. It is different from European medical insurance. It is obligatory and is available to be purchased at the airport on arrival. The cost is up to 10 Euro.

For questions on visa application procedures, please contact Mikita Babitski, e-mail: wshorttrack16@gmail.com or info@skating.by at the Skating Union of Belarus.

Please send to the OC copies of passports and completed visa information form as soon as possible.

For those participants, who will have their visas issued at the airport, please inform the OC as soon as possible.

Organizing Committee – Entries and Inquiries

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or Skating Union of Belarus at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Web site

All information concerning the competition will be available at the following Event website:

<http://skating.by/>

Live results will be available at the following website:

<http://shorttrack.sportresult.com/>