



25th Ondrej Nepela Trophy

Bratislava, Slovakia

September 21 – September 23, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENT



Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18

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An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance

organized by

Slovak Figure Skating Association

And the local organizing committee

Figure Skating Club Slovan Bratislava

Bratislava, Slovakia

September 21 – September 23, 2017

A competition as part of the



Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 under the authorization

of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **25th Ondrej Nepela Trophy** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **25th Ondrej Nepela Trophy** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3 a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2030 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2030 all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All competitors must be entered through their respective Member Federation.

2. ISU CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING

The **25th Ondrej Nepela Trophy** is part of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 and will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as specified in the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 as well as ISU Communication 2074.

If the requirements specified in the above-mentioned documents are fulfilled the event will count towards ISU World Standing Points, Minimum Total Technical Score, ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking and Prize Money.

There is a limitation for the Skaters/Couples to three (3) participations in the events of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating. Participation in any of an ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events or an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events does not limit the participation in events of the ISU Challenger Series.

ISU CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING RANKING AND PRIZE MONEY

At the end of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating, after the last event of the season has been concluded, the two highest final scores in the up to three different ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating events of each competitor/couple will be added and taken into consideration to form an ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking which will be published on the ISU website.

The top three placed Skaters/Couples of the annual ISU Challenger Series Ranking in Figure Skating after the last event of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating will receive ISU Prize Money as outlined in the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 as well as ISU Communication 2074.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE

Main arena: Ondrej Nepela Ice Arena, Odbojarov 9, 831 04 Bratislava
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 28 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Practice arena: Ondrej Nepela Ice Arena, Odbojarov 9, 831 04 Bratislava
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 28 x 58 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex / building.

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MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min. and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
PAIR SKATING	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2017/18. Duration: Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2016, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min. and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Short Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2076, 2086 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2076, 2086 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

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4. ENTRIES**4.1 General**

All Entries must be made by the Member concerned based on the regulations for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18.

As started last season for ISU Championships, all entries for the **25th Ondrej Nepela Trophy**, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

4.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: **July 30, 2017** by entering the information through ORS.

4.3 Entries by Name**4.3.1 Entries of Competitors**

The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS):

<https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

Address of organizing committee**FSC Slovan Bratislava**

Ružinovská 4

821 01 Bratislava, Slovakia

e-mail: 25thont@gmail.com

and to:

ISU Secretariat

fax: +41 21 612 66 77 e-

mail: entries@isu.ch

not later than: **Friday, August 18, 2017 – 20:00 h (local time Bratislava).**

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions".

In case of too many nominated judges the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the closing date for the entries. The result of such draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than **Friday, August 18, 2017 – 20:00 h (local time Bratislava).**

Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 7 Judges. In exceptional cases and if there is no possibility to compose a panel of judges with at least 7 Judges, the ISU Vice-President Figure Skating may exceptionally authorize the panel in question to have a minimum of 6 Judges.

In case that at the time of the competition more Judges will be available and entered as required to compose the panels of Judges in one or more disciplines, the Organizing Member in consultation with the ISU will conduct on site, a draw for the panel of judges in the discipline in question for the first segment. The Judges,

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not drawn for the first segment will be seated for the second segment.

The panel for the second segment (Free Skating / Free Dance) will in this case be completed by an open draw amongst the Judges serving in the first segment of the discipline in question.

4.1.4 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Team Officials of each Member, including the Member President provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation, will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. An accompanying person to a Judge will only be accepted for accreditation if this person is a partner in life or a relative of the Judge. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and must reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than **Friday, August 18, 2017 – 20:00 h (local time Bratislava)**.

4.1.5 Entry Fee

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

60.00 € per single skater
90.00 € per pair or ice dance couple:

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

Entry fee must be paid by bank transfer no later than September 10, 2017 – 14:00 (local time city of event).

Bank: J&T Banka, Bratislava, Slovakia
Dvořákovo nábrežie 8
81102 Bratislava
IBAN: SK65 8320 0000 0012 0009 0818
SWIFT/BIC: JTBPSKBA
Account no.: 1200090818
Bank code: 8320

In the comment of payment please provide the name of competitor with category (L, M, P, ID) and nation.

5. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

This ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 as well as ISU Communication 2074 and principles of Rule 420, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016 for appointing the event officials.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member. At least two (2) Technical Panel members will have the qualification "ISU", however one of the three members may have the qualification "International".

The Referee will have at least the qualification "International" and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "International".

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6. MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 until breakfast on Sunday, September 24, 2017.

Should any of the above mentioned persons arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators.

In accordance with the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 as well as ISU Communication 2074, all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges officiating in the “senior” competitions of an ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will, at the expense of the organizing ISU Member, receive pocket money of CHF 200.00 or the equivalent in the local currency. Any Official officiating besides in the “senior” category also in another category (for example junior), will at the expense of the organizing ISU Member receive an additional amount of CHF 100 (or equivalent in another currency) of pocket money per additional day of service.

7. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Thursday, September 21, 2017**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD in any other approved format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single and Pairs, for the Short and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all covers/discs must show the Competition event, Competitor's name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short program, free skating, short dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

With the entry forms, the “Program Content Sheet” must be returned to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to **Bratislava is Bratislava International Airport / Letisko Milana Rastislava Štefánika (BTS)** with a distance of **7 km** to the official hotel.

The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival. Please accept that we have to ask for a small transportation fee from all persons participating in this shuttle service. Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Friday, August 18, 2017** the

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name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information need to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

10. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

Hotel Lindner Gallery Central Bratislava ****

Metodova 4
 821 08 Bratislava
 Phone: +421 2 3993 0000
 fax: +421 2 3993 0001
 web: http://www.lindner.de/en/hotel_bratislava/

Distance from the Ice rink – 650 m

Prices for accommodation (breakfast included)/per day

Single room	-	business class	75€
Double room	-	business class	95€
Single room	-	first class	118€
Double room	-	first class	125€
Triple room	-	first class	125€

Municipality taxes included in price of room

Meal – buffet healthy style with water

Lunch 15 €

Dinner 15 €

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee. Booking requests have to be sent to the organizer by latest **Friday, August 18, 2017**. The organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are received after that date. All payments shall be made upon arrival at the hotel.

Cancellation fee after this date - 70% Cancellation fee after September 10, 2017 - 100%

The price for accommodation must be paid by bank transfer no later than September 2, 2016 – 14:00 (local time city of event).

Bank: J&T Banka, Bratislava, Slovakia
 Dvořákovo nábrežie 8, 81102 Bratislava
 IBAN: SK65 8320 0000 0012 0009 0818
 SWIFT/BIC: JTBPSKBA
 Account no.: 1200090818
 Bank code: 8320

Note: The OC can guarantee and provide accommodation only after receiving 100% of total payment for accommodation (cancellation fee included).

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Hotel Lindner Gallery Central Bratislava ****** upon arrival.

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 of 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 ISU Member. **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.**

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Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

Chaperons will not receive accreditation. The Team Leader may request “bus permits” for the official registered Chaperons to join the official shuttle bus system of the Organizing Committee.

12. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

13. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

14. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in ISU Events, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the Member’s team.

Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The ISU assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

15. EXHIBITION

There will be NO Exhibition at the 25th Ondrej Nepela Trophy.

16. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS and JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 18.

17. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

Address of organizing committee

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assistant of head of OC:	Mr. Csaba Kurti	+421 918 791 227
financial manager:	Ms. Pavla Mauerova	+421 905 342 311
transport manager:	Mr. Stanislav Kusnier	+421 905 849 392

18. EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 20, 2017		Arrival of Teams	
	17:00	Accreditation	Hotel Lindner
	18:30	Team Leaders Meeting	3rd floor
	19:30	Judges Meetings	3rd floor
	21:00	Opening Ceremony & Draw	3rd floor
Thursday, September 21, 2017	13:00	Official Practice	
		Ladies Short Program	
		Men Short Program	
		Pairs Short Program	
Friday, September 22, 2017	13:00	Ice Dance Short Dance	
		Pairs Free Skating	
	20:30	BANQUET	Hotel Lindner
Saturday, September 23, 2017	13:00	Ladies Free Skating	
		Ice Dance Free Dance	
		Men Free Skating	
Sunday, September 24, 2017		Departure	

Please note:

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

19. FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Preliminary Entry Form	ORS	30.07.2017
N/A	Composition of Delegation	ORS	18.08.2017
N/A	Entry Form for Competitors	ORS	18.08.2017
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	ORS	18.08.2017
N/A	Hotel reservation request	ORS	18.08.2017
N/A	Team Travel Form	ORS	18.08.2017
Form 1	Visa request form	Form	18.08.2017
Form 2	Press Information	Form	18.08.2017
Form 3	Competition Music Information	Form	18.08.2017
Form 4	Ice Dance Music Information	Form	18.08.2017
Form 5	Program Content Form	Form	18.08.2017