



Announcement for Short Track Speed Skating



Graz - Cultural Capital of Europe

Austrian Open – Styrian Open 2014

Danubia Series 2014 / 2015

November 28 – 30, 2014

Graz / Austria

Qualifying Event for Europa Cup Final 2015





Invitation

On behalf of the Austrian Speed Skating Association (ASSA) and the Organizing Committee we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

Austrian Open – Styrian Open 2014
Qualifying Event for Europa Cup Final 2015
Short Track Speed Skating
November 28-30, 2014
GRAZ, AUSTRIA

to be held at the indoor Icerink „STADION GRAZ LIEBENAU“, Stadionplatz 1, A-8041, Graz, Austria

General Regulations

The Competition will be held in accordance with the 2014 Regulations of the International Skating Union, relevant ISU Communications and the Memorandum of the Danubia Series 2014/2015.

Participation

Participation in the Competition is only open to ISU members and affiliated clubs. Entries can be made only through the respective members.

Categories, Age Groups (Rule 108) and Distances

Austrian Open – Qualifying Event for Europa Cup Final 2015

Category	Age	Ladies / Men - Distances / System			
<i>JUN A</i>	17-18	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	All Final
<i>JUN B</i>	15-16	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	All Final

Styrian Open – out of Danubia Series and out of the Qualifying Event for the Europa Cup Final 2015

Category	Age	Ladies /Men - Distances / System			
<i>Ladies / Men</i>	19 plus	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	knock out
<i>JUN C</i>	13-14	1500 m	500 m	1000 m	knock out
<i>JUN D</i>	11-12	1000 m	500 m	777 m	knock out
<i>Relay Seniors</i>	15 plus	3000 m	4 skaters per team		time ranking
<i>Relay JUN D - C</i>	up to 14	2000 m	3 skaters per team		time ranking

Preliminary Program*

November 27 (Thursday)	Opening Meeting at the Official Hotel	20:00
November 28 (Friday)	Competition	08:30 – 19:00
November 29 (Saturday)	Competition	08:30 – 17:00
November 30 (Sunday)	Competition / Awarding Ceremony	08:30 – 15:30

* On Friday and Saturday the program may be divided into two parts, depending on the number of entries. The program is tentative and subject to change by the organizing committee. A more detailed program will be



published on www.shorttracklive.info in the week before the competition. No training sessions will be provided.

Track Conditions & Rink Dimensions

The Icerink of Graz has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 30×60 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and the respective ISU Communications. The tracks are in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 1 – 4.

Conditions of Contest

The individual competition is an All Round competition. All Final System and Knock out System is used as qualification procedure. The make up of races will be made according to Rule 296 3 c), 4, 5 and 6. Final points (34,21,13,8,5,3,2,1) will be awarded in the respective Final-A considering Racing Rule 297 5 a) i).

Entries

Entries must be made according to Paragraph 4 - a, b, c, e, f of the Memorandum as follows, and done only electronically via www.shorttracklive.info :

Individual entries: each ISU Member and/or their Clubs has the right to enter skaters without limitation according to ISU Regulations.

Relay entries: each ISU Member and/or their Clubs has the right to enter one team per category. Relay members must have participated in the individual events.

Each skater has the right to start in his/her respective or next higher age category. The skater is not allowed to change the category during the whole season.

Deadline of Entries and Hotel Requests: October 24, 2014:

By this deadline it is required to submit:

- Name of Skaters and Team Members
- completely filled in hotel-, meal- and travel forms.

Final Entry: Changes and updates of the submitted data are possible until November 23, 2014.

If necessary please contact the WEB-site-manager – hermann@filipic1.at – for help.

Entry Fee:

Entry fee: 15 EUR p.p.

Deposit for helmet covers 10 EUR p.p., which will be refunded at the end of the competition on returning the cover.

Awards

Medals will be awarded to the first three competitors in the individual competition and the first three relays respectively.

Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and the current ISU communication, 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.



Liability and Medical Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Austrian Speed Skating Association 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 competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes.

The Organizing Committee

All hotel reservation as well as other inquiries should be addressed as soon as possible to:

Mr. Hermann Filipic
hermann@filipic1.at
0043 660 6162268

Accommodation and Meals

All meals and lodging expenses are the sole responsibility of the participating members and must be paid directly upon arrival. The organizing committee will cover accommodation expenses of Junior Skaters and one Team-Official for following ISU Members : AUT, BUL, CZE, HUN, LAT, POL, ROU and SVK – according to the agreed cross-hosting cooperation in the official hotel.

The Organizing Committee will offer accommodation with full board for team members (athletes and team officials) only in the official hotel at the following special price:

131 EUR per person / 3 nights* (3 nights, full board: breakfast, lunch, dinner - international food, free parking in hotel, free wifi), starting on Thursday with dinner and ending with lunch on Sunday.

* This special price is based on following conditions:

- as long as rooms are available (first come, first serve basis)
- optimized breakdown of rooms by the organizer - based on one, two, three, four and six people sharing (separated by gender and countries)
- Lunch will be served in the icerink.
- **reservation must be made until October 24, 2014** (after this date, the rest of the rooms will go back to the hotel reservation system – and the rooms are then only available at standard price).

Reservation for the official hotel are only possible through the Organizing Committee and must be made by filling in the electronic hotel request form – absolute deadline is **October 24, 2014**.

Extra lunches can be ordered with the entry by the organizing committee: **8,00 EUR** per person per lunch and must be paid upon arrival to the organizer via cash.

Official Hotel

Name of the Hotel: JUFA Graz City
Address: Idlhofgasse 74, A-8020 Graz, Austria
Tel: +43 5 7083-210
Fax: +43 5 7083-211
e-mail: graz@jufa.eu

<http://www.jufa.eu>

Hotel requirements must be communicated via www.shorttracklive.info to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than October 24, 2014.



Location: 15 minutes drive from hotel to the icerink - by public transport: 30 minutes from hotel to ice rink.

For further information on Graz:

<http://www.graztourismus.at/en>

Ice Rink Location

STADION GRAZ LIEBENAU
Stadionplatz 1, A-8041 Graz

Stadium Garage available (entrance via Stadionplatz 1): 8 Euro per day / car.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide airport-transfer for all teams between Airport Graz-Thalerhof and the official Hotel (one way appr. 25 minutes) and back for **10 EUR** p.p.; to be paid in cash prior to the Opening Meeting.

VISA

All participants are expected to apply for Austrian visa in their own country or region by themselves, if required. Please contact the Austrian Embassy or Consulate in your country or region to clarify your case. Invitation letters of the Organizing Committee will be provided on request.

We are looking forward to seeing You in Graz!



Graz, September 19, 2014

Hermann Filipic
Organizing Committee

Ernst Falger
President, ASSA

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General Secretary, ASSA