

On behalf of the Skating Union of Belarus,  
Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus,  
Minsk City Executive Committee  
We have the honor and pleasure to invite you to a Competition of the

### **ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2016/17**

which will be held at the Minsk-Arena Speed Skating Stadium  
in Minsk, Belarus  
on Saturday, November 26 and Sunday November 27, 2016

The competition will be held under the 2016 ISU General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 2039.

#### **PROGRAM**

Friday, November 25, 2016	16.00	Team leaders' Meeting, <i>Minsk-Arena Speed Skating Conference Hall</i>	
		17.00	Opening draw, <i>Minsk-Arena Speed Skating Conference Hall</i>
Saturday, November 26, 2016	11.00	Ladies	1000m
		Men	1000m
		Ladies	3000m
		Men	3000m
		Ladies	Team Sprint
		Men	Team Sprint
Sunday, November 27, 2016	11.00	Ladies	500m
		Men	500m
		Ladies	1500m
		Men	1500m
		Ladies	Mass Start (10 laps)
		Men	Mass Start (10 laps)

Quartet starts will be used in the 3000m (it may also be used for 1500m) according to ISU Communication No. 2039, paragraph 5.1 b).

#### **TRACK**

A standard speed skating track of 400 meters to the lap laid out at Minsk-Arena Speed Skating Stadium, an artificially frozen indoor skating rink in Minsk. The radii of the inner and outer competition lanes are 26 and 30 meters, respectively. The width of the inside training lane is 7 meters.

#### **ENTRIES**

Entries for this competition will be restricted and must be made according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2039, paragraph 4.

Participation is open to Junior A and Junior B Skaters, born between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 2001 as per ISU Rule 108, and to Junior C Skaters born between July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002, based on achievement of applicable qualifying times (see ISU Communication No. 2039,

paragraph 2 d).

Participation in the Neo-seniors division is open to Skaters born between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1997, at the condition that the Skater did not participate in any ISU World Cup Competition during the season 2016/17.

Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for Speed Skating Events on [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org), section Speed Skating or [www.k4sport.ru/login.php](http://www.k4sport.ru/login.php)

*Preliminary entries*, giving the estimated number of Competitors and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and Team leader must be communicated at the latest *by Wednesday, October 26, 2016*

*Final entries* including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the Team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must reach the Organizing Committee at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on *Monday, November 21, 2016* (see also ISU Communication No. 2039, paragraph 4.3).

**Please note that for all persons entered by the ISU 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 Communications No. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

**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.**

## ENTRY QUOTAS

An ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Competitors per category (10 Ladies and 10 Men). An ISU Member may enter not more than 5 Neo-seniors per gender.

Subject to the qualifying times criteria listed below, maximum 5 Competitors may be entered for each individual event, both Divisions (Juniors & Neo-seniors) counted together.

For the Team Sprint event an ISU Member may enter maximum one team per gender in each division. A Junior Skater may take part in a team event in the Neo-senior Division but not vice versa.

## QUALIFYING TIMES

Entered Skaters (including substitutes) must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances, as listed in ISU Communication No. 2039, paragraph 4.1:

	<u>Junior Ladies</u>	<u>Junior Men</u>	<u>Neo-seniors Ladies</u>	<u>Neo-seniors Men</u>
500 m	45,00	41,00	42,00	37,00
1000 m	1.30,00	1.22,00	1.24,00	1.14,00
1500 m	2.20,00	2.07,00	2.10,00	1.55,00
3000 m	5.00,00	4.25,00	4.40,00	4.05,00

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2015 and the entry deadline indicated in the paragraph "Entries" above.

For Junior C skaters additional conditions apply, see ISU Communication No. 2039, paragraphs 2d) and 4.1.

## **MASS START RACES**

Mass start races will be organized in accordance with Rule 253, paragraph 4 b), with specific rules and adjustments as mentioned in ISU Communication No. 1959, paragraph 5.2. The distance will be 10 laps for both Ladies and Men. Further details, in particular on safety measures, are given in ISU Communication No. 2038.

## **TEAM SPRINT RACES**

Team Sprint races will be skated according to ISU Communication No. 2039, paragraph 5.3, with teams of 3 Skaters.

## **GROUPING AND DRAWING PROCEDURES**

The grouping and drawing of pairs will be according to ISU Communication No. 2039, paragraph 6.

## **POINTS**

For each distance Junior World Cup points will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 2039, paragraph 7.2.

## **PRIZES**

Prizes will be presented to the three (3) best Skaters in each event (distance) in each Division. Junior World Cup points gained will count towards the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking 2016/17.

## **ANTI-DOPING**

Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1871, 1872, 1922 & 1970 or any further update of these Communications).

## **TRAINING TIMES**

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered Competitors from *Monday, November 21, 2016 at 10.00 AM*. The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on Friday, November 25, 2016 for all participating teams. Trial starts will be organized on *Friday November 25, 2016 at 10.00 – 12.00 and 16.30 – 17.30*.

Extra practices will be provided from Monday, November 21, 2016. Each training session (90 minutes) will be charged 10 Euro per skater.

Only accredited Competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

## **LIABILITY**

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

## **BOARD AND LODGING**

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2039, paragraph 10 f), the Organizing Committee will cover room and meal expenses at the official Hotel(s) for up to three (3) Skaters or, alternatively, for two (2) Skaters and one (1) Team leader from each participating ISU Member

(based on one double room and one single room), beginning with dinner on the evening of *Friday November 25, 2016* and ending with breakfast on the morning of *Monday November 28, 2016*

### **HOTEL RESERVATION / OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)**

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](http://www.olimphotel.by);

[reservation@olimphotel.by](mailto: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](http://www.slavyanskaya-minsk.by);

[booking@slavyanskaya-minsk.by](mailto:booking@slavyanskaya-minsk.by),

[info@slavyanskaya-minsk.by](mailto: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](http://www.sporttime-hotel.by);

[booking@sporttime-hotel.by](mailto: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.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel(s). The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the competition, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2039, paragraph 10.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Minsk International Airport, <http://airport.by/en>, connects with direct flights to a large number of European Capital cities.

A transportation service will be provided to all arriving and departing teams between *Monday, November 21, 2016 and Monday, November 28, 2016*. Transportation will be provided from and to the International Airport Minsk-2 and from and to the Minsk Central Railway Station. The price for transportation to and from the airport is 30 Euro per person (both ways) and the price of transportation to and from the central railway station is 15 Euro.

The Organizing Committee would like to be informed about the time of arrival and departure (incl. flight details) of the competitors and team officials as soon as possible, but not later than *Thursday, November 10, 2016.*

## **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 at the Junior World Cup.

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: [Jspeedskating16@gmail.com](mailto:Jspeedskating16@gmail.com) or [info@skating.by](mailto: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 inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or the Skating Union of Belarus at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible.

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Results and other information from the competitions will be posted on the following website:  
<http://www.skating.by/>