

GOLDEN LYNX - 2020



April 15 – 18, 2020
Gomel, BELARUS

International Figure Skating Competition
for Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice: Men, Ladies and Ice Dance
(all Categories in accordance with ISU Rules)

organized by
SKATING UNION of BELARUS

ANNOUNCEMENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to Gomel!

On behalf of Skating Union of Belarus and the Organizing Committee, we are glad to invite you to participate in the **GOLDEN LYNX** International Figure Skating Competition - 2020.

1 GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **GOLDEN LYNX** Competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **GOLDEN LYNX** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 109, paragraph 1 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 Clearance Certificate. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must to be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All Competitors must be entered through their respective Member Federations.

2 PLACE & DATES

PLACE:

Main arena: **“Gomel Ice Palace”**,

Mazurova, 110, Gomel, Belarus.

Practice arena: **“Gomel Ice Palace”**,

Mazurova, 110, Gomel, Belarus.

Both arenas are 28 m x 60 m.

These two facilities are in the same complex, both are indoor and heated.

DATES: **April 15 - 18, 2020.**

Arrival of the participants – from April 14, 2020.

3 TECHNICAL DATA

SENIOR: Men, Ladies and Ice Dance

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min.40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min.00 sec. +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min.40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min.00 sec. +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2239 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min.50 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2239 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min.00 sec. +/- 10 sec.

JUNIOR: Men, Ladies and Ice Dance

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3, for 2019/2020 season. Duration: 2 min.40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
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	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min.30 sec. +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3, for 2019/2020 season. Duration: 2 min.40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min.30 sec. +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2239 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min.50 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2239 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min.30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

ADVANCED NOVICE: Men, Ladies and Ice Dance

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2242. Duration: 2 min.20 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Communication 2242. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min.00 sec. +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2242. Duration: 2 min.20 sec. +/-10 sec.

	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Communication 2242. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min.00 sec. +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Compulsory Dances	In accordance with ISU Communication 2242: “Starlight Waltz” and “Quickstep”.
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Communication 2242. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min.00 sec. +/- 10 sec.

SKATING ORDER FREE SKATING / FREE DANCE

In all categories the starting order for Free Skating / Free dance will be **reverse** to the result after the Short Program / Rhythm Dance / Pattern Dances.

4 ENTRIES

Each ISU Member has the right to nominate maximum **3 competitors/couples** for each discipline. The official entry forms must be used. The organizer reserves the right to enter more competitors in each category.

Passports of the skaters as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the registration latest.

The binding Entry by Name of Skaters has to reach the organizer not later than **March 15th, 2020 - 20:00 h** (local time **Gomel**).

The entry forms as well as any other form provided by the OC have to be used and must be sent to:

Organizing Committee

E-mail: goldenlynx2020@gmail.com

4.1. Entries of Judges

Each ISU Member has right to nominate one (1) Judge. If an ISU Member has entries in two disciplines, this Member has the right to nominate a second judge, who has to have an international qualification for Ice Dance and, if possible, also for Singles.

The Entries of Judges must be sent to **Organizing Committee** not later than: **March 15th, 2020 – 20:00 h** (local time **Gomel**).

The **initial judging meeting** will take place on April 14, 19:00 at the ice rink. **Round table discussion** will be held at the ice rink half an hour later after the end of the last event of the international competition.

5 MUSIC

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD or in any other approved format (carriers). In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2, all covers/discs must show the Competitor's name and the Nation. Each program (short program, free skating, rhythm dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc (or any other approved format).

6 REGISTRATION

Accreditation will be given to all Event Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data / Video Operators, all accepted Judges, Participants, one Team Leader and one Coach per Skater / Couple. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport. Accreditation will be given at the accreditation office.

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

If the required forms are not complete and music discs (or other music carriers) are not provided, accreditation will not be given.

7 ENTRY FEE

Single Skating: **60 Euro**/skater,
Ice Dance: **80 Euro**/couple.

In case no Judge has been entered by the respective Member Federation, the amount of entry fee for a single skater will increase to **80 Euro** and for a couple to **100 Euro**. The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

8 RESULTS & PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

The three best-placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced and honored at the official Victory Ceremony.

9 EXPENSES

The travel expenses as well as the accommodation expenses of the Team Leaders, Competitors and other Team Officials will not be covered by the Organizer and are on the account of the teams.

OC will cover accommodation and meal expenses for Referees, one Judge of each entered ISU Member, for the nominated Technical Controllers and the Technical Specialists, Data / Replay Operators beginning with dinner on April 14, 2020 until breakfast on April 20, 2020.

Travel expenses will only be covered for the nominated Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators based on economy fare. All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior departure.

10 ACCOMODATION

The official Hotel for the nominated Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators will be provided by the Organizing Committee.

The official Hotels for the teams are:

*** Hotel “**Sozh**”

Gomel, Krestyanskaya, 16

Phone: +375 293 494 444

*** Hotel “**Tourist**”

Minsk, Sovietskaya str., 87,

Phone: +375 445 545 608

Single Room with breakfast (per person, per night): **40 Euro**

Double Room with breakfast (per 2 persons, per night): **80 Euro**

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee. The hotel reservation is provided only via Organizing Committee.

11 AIRPORT PICK UP SERVICE / TRAVELLING TO GOMEL

Minsk International Airport is the main transport node of Belarus.

Airport “Minsk” have a distance of 20 km to the Minsk-city and 300 km to the Gomel.

The website of Minsk Airport is:

www.airport.by

Organizer will provide transportation for teams and officials between **Minsk Airport** and **official Hotels in Gomel**.

Price for transportation from and to the airport: 40 Euro per person (both ways).

Price for transportation to and from the central railway station in Minsk: 15 Euro per person (both ways).

The approximate price for the train Minsk – Gomel is 10 Euro.

Payment: Cash in BYN (Belarus rubles) or by credit card (Visa, MasterCard).

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 Wednesday, **April 01, 2020**.

Gomel is connected by the **railway** lines with Minsk and all main cities of Belarus. There is a regular service to Gomel from Russia and Ukraine too. The train station in Gomel is located close to the hotels. More information:

Gomel is easy to reach by **car**, being served by major motorway links. There are roads from Minsk, Moscow, Kiev, Brest cities. Place names, signposted along main roads, are in both Cyrillic and Latin script – on minor roads they may be in Cyrillic only – but road signs are international. Petrol stations are found on the main roads every 30-40 km.

12 SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

Organizer will provide shuttle bus between official hotels and Ice Palace.

13 VISA INFORMATION

According to the Presidential Decree, effective from July 27, 2018, foreign citizens of **74 countries* can enter Belarus for up to 30 days**** and exit from the territory of Belarus only through the State border checkpoint of the Republic of Belarus “**Minsk National Airport**”.

The given order of visa-free movement through the airport **does not extend to persons coming to Belarus by plane from the Russian Federation, as well as to those who intend to fly to the airports of the Russian Federation** (such flights are considered as internal ones and do not have border control).

The term of visa-free stay is calculated in **calendar** days; the first day corresponds to the date of arrival, the last day coincides with the date of departure (regardless of the time of arrival and/or departure).

Visa-free regime does not extend to holders of diplomatic, service, special and other passports equivalent to them.

The trip is carried out for private, business, tourist or other purposes not related to employment, commercial activity and education, if the term of education exceeds 30 days.

To enter the Republic of Belarus in the visa-free regime via the checkpoint “Minsk National Airport” foreign nationals should have **the following documents**:

- a valid ordinary passport. The passport must be valid at least 90 days beyond intended date of departure from the Republic of Belarus;
- financial means: amount equivalent to not less than 2 base rates for each day of stay or 50 base rates if the stay is full 30 days, in Belarusian rubles or foreign currency;
- a medical insurance policy with coverage for at least 10 000 euros, valid in Belarus during the whole duration of stay.

For citizens of Vietnam, Haiti, Gambia, India, China, Lebanon, Namibia, Samoa a valid multiple visa of the EU member states or Schengen zone with a mark in passport on crossing the border of these states and tickets with confirmation of departure from “Minsk National Airport” within 30 days from the date of entry is a **compulsory additional requirement**.

NB: When staying in hotels, hostels, sanatoriums and other collective accommodation facilities the registration of foreign citizens is carried out by the administrations of such facilities by default upon check-in.

The term of visa-free stay cannot be extended beyond the established 30 days.

Please, see the link below.

<http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/visafreetravel/e0ced19bb1f9bf2c.html>

For obtaining the complete information about visa, please visit <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/>. For those Members, who are not on the list of countries for visa-free travel to Minsk, visa is required to enter Belarus. Please inform OC accordingly.

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.

In the 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. 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 in advance.

For questions on visa application procedures, please contact with the Organizing Committee.

14 LIABILITY

According to the ISU Rule 119, the Organizer accepts no liability for bodily or personal injury, or for property lost or damage incurred by any Competitors or any kind of Officials. The Organizer will provide medical emergency aid during the Competition.

15 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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15 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

MAIN ARENA		PRACTICE ARENA	
<i>Wednesday, April 15</i>			
	M AN	SP	Official Practice
	M J	SP	
	L AN	SP	

	L J	SP	
<i>Thursday, April 16</i>			
	M AN	FS	Official Practice
	M J	FS	
	ID AN	PD	
	L AN	FS	
	L J	FS	
<i>Friday, April 17</i>			
	ID AN	FD	Official Practice
	ID J	RD	
	ID S	RD	
	L S	SP	
	M S	SP	
<i>Saturday, April 18</i>			
	ID J	FD	Official Practice
	ID S	FD	
	L S	FS	
	M S	FS	
	Exhibition Gala		

WELCOME TO GOMEL !