**ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION**

## for

***“SKATE ODESSA”***

**3rd BLACK SEA CUP 2021**

**International Figure Skating Competition in Single Skating for**

 **JUNIOR, ADVANCED NOVICE,**

**BASIC NOVICE**

**Odessa - Ukraine**

**13 - 15th April, 2021**

**“*SKATE ODESSA*” 3rd BLACK SEA CUP 2021 – Organizing Committee**

**Odessa Special Youth Olympic Reserve Sport School for Figure Skating**

**Odessa Regional Figure Skating Federation (member of Ukrainian Federation of Figure Skating)**

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***WELCOME***

Odessa Special Youth Olympic Reserve Sport School for Figure Skating and Organizing Committee are glad to invite you and your club/sport school to participate in “SKATE ODESSA”, 3rd BLACK SEA CUP 2021.

***INTRODUCTION***

“SKATE ODESSA”, 3rd BLACK SEA CUP 2021. International Competition in Figure Skating and Ice Dance will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018, and the relevant ISU Communications.

All Members of the ISU and Clubs being members of National Skating Federations associated with the ISU, are invited to take part in the competition. Competitors taking part in the Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice category must be entered through their respective Member Federation.

Participation in “SKATE ODESSA”, 3rd BLACK SEA CUP 2021 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 in accordance with the ISU General Regulations 2018 or any update of this 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 for verification at the accreditation of the event.

***TECHNICAL DATA***

All categories according to ISU rules 2018.

**Place of competition:** The Palace of Sport

(Shevchenko Ave. 31, Odessa - 65000, Ukraine)

Rink is indoor, heated ice rink with a surface of 60 x 30 meters, located near the centre of Odessa.

**Date:** April 13 - 15, 2021

**Organizer:** Odessa Special Youth Olympic Reserve Sport School for Figure Skating;

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**Categories:** *Single Skating:*

- Senior, Junior, Advanced Novice, Intermediate, Basic Novice

**COVID-19 MEASURES**

This is subject to Government restrictions at the time of publication.

1. It is MANDATORY during the duration of your stay in Ukraine to stay between the official hotel and ice rink. DO NOT GO to the shops in the local area.

2. Keep a 2,0-meter distance from each other, except athletes when they are on the ice.

3. Don’t come to the competition if you have health issues, even as small as a sore throat or nose cold.

4. Please, cough and sneeze in your elbow, not your hands.

5. If you have been in contact with someone carrying the COVID-19 virus, you are not welcome to come to the ice rink, and you must go into self-quarantine for 14 days.

6. If you have had the COVID-19 virus yourself, you must have at least 2 negative COVID-19 tests before coming to Ukraine.

7. Wearing a mouth mask is MANDATORY for all persons in the stadium. Solely the use of a face shield is not sufficient.

**COVID-19 tests**

1. All Team members need to show a negative PCR-test result that is not older than 48 hours before arrival in Ukraine.

2. All Team members will receive a special invitation from the Ukrainian figure skating Federation. You will need to be able to show this upon arrival in Ukraine.

3. All Team members shall undergo a PCR test (paid by the team) upon arrival at the airport.

We have strict protocols and safety and hygiene measures for teams, media, officials, and organizations. The OC will publish updated guidelines and national rulings regarding the COVID-19 at the beginning of March 2021.

***SENIOR CATEGORIES***

**GIRLS & BOYS**

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., 40sec. +/-10 sec.

Free Skating: In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 621, and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/-10 sec

***JUNIOR CATEGORIES***

**GIRLS & BOYS**

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 2020/21. 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

***ADVANCED NOVICE CATEGORIES***

**GIRLS & BOYS**

(at least 10 y.o., but younger than 15 y.o.as of 01.017.2020).

Short Program: 2 min 20 sec, +/-10 sec.

Free Skating: 3 min +/-10 sec

The category will be held in accordance with ISU Communication 2328 (or any update) and all respective ISU regulations.

***INTERMEDIATE NOVICE CATEGORIES***

 **GIRLS & BOYS**

Free Skating: Age and requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2019 and the ISU Communication No. 2242.

Duration: 3 min +/- 10 sec.

***BASIC NOVICE CATEGORIES***

 **GIRLS & BOYS**

Free Skating: Age and requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2019 and the ISU Communication No. 2242.

Duration: 2 min. 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

***ENTRIES***

**ENTRIES BY NAME**

All Members / Clubs / Sport Schools, which are members of National Figure Skating Federations associated with the ISU, may enter competitors in each category. (Please, be aware that all Club entries are only accepted in Basic Novice and minor categories.) The OC reserves the right to limit the number of participants to one (1) Entry each category in case of overcrowding. With the Entry forms, the “Program Content Sheet” must also be returned to the Organizing Committee in due time (by March 20, 2021 the latest). It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet must be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication. It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

**ENTRIES OF JUDGES**

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one Judge and one substitute Judge for the event in which the Member has Competitor(s) entered. Only ISU Championships and International Judges will be accepted. The OC reserves the right to limit the number of judges in accordance with the number of the Skaters’ Entries. The Organizing Committee will only cover the board and lodging for judges accepted in the panel only for the period: from the dinner before the day of their activity until the end of their activity. Please, be aware that judges not involved in the panel have to cover their own expenses (board and lodging). Please note, that different entry fee will apply for those who do not enter judge(s) to their competitors.

The confirmation of the list of judges will be announced until March 25, 2021.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES**

Entries must be forwarded to Organizing Committee using the official entry forms latest by

March 25, 2021

The official forms must be sent to:

“SKATE ODESSA”, 3ST BLACK SEA CUP 2021 – Organizing Committee

Fax: +380-487-64-3736

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**ENTRY FEE**

**Payment of the fee is made for cash settlement upon registration at the place of arrival.**

For those whose National Federation enter(s) judge/s

55 EURO/person, 1530 UAH / person

For those whose National Federation does NOT enter any judge

65 EURO/person, 1800 UAH / person

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

The schedule of competitions will be published on the site **www.ufsf.com.ua** after the deadline for acceptance of applications no later than March 30, 2021

**DRAW**

Draws for the BASIC NOVICE category will be done by electronic random draw, on the day preceding the event and will be published on the same day.

Concerning the first segment of all the remaining categories (ADVANCE NOVICE, JUNIOR, Senior will be done by electronic random draw, on the day preceding the event and will bepublished on the same day.

Starting orders for the second segment will be the reverse order of the results of the short programs.

Please be informed that only those competitors whose entry fee will have arrived until the time of the draw of the given category, will be drawn for the competition.

**ACCREDITATION**

The accreditation desk will be open at the Ice Rink from Tuesday, 13 April, 2021 until Thursday, 15 April, 2021.

**Opening hours:**

Tuesday to Thursday from 07:30 until end of the Competitions

**EXPENSES**

The organizer covers the expenses of competition, organization, awards, presents and board & lodging only for judges on duty (announced until 20th March 2021). Travel expenses to and from Odessa, transfer costs to and from the Official Hotel and Airport will not be covered by the organizer.

The expenses for rooms and meals, travel and transfer of the Team Leaders, Competitors and other Team officials will not be covered by the organizer and are on the account of the Teams.

**INSURANCE / LIABILITY**

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the “SKATE ODESSA”, 3rd BLACK SEA CUP 2021, 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 means. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

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

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE – STARTING TIMES**

Please, be informed that only the daily starting times are fixed. Following the morning start the time schedule of the event is flexible, which means that in case of cancellations certain categories may start some time earlier than in the Preliminary Schedule. Please, be informed that all changes in entries and Preliminary Program might be followed at **www.ufsf.com.ua** and on the information board in the ice rink.

**MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT**

In accordance with Communication No. 2034.

**PRESENTATION OF MEDALS**

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. All participants will receive a diploma with their placement. The exact time of the Awarding Ceremonies will be announced in the detailed schedule in due time. Please make sure that all skaters are represented at the Ceremony.

**ARRIVAL OF JUDGES AND OFFICIALS**

Judges and officials taking part in the Competition are requested to announce the flight/train numbers, dates and times of arrival and departure or any other information concerning transportation to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than 1 April, 2021.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Please, be aware that the Organizing Committee does not provide any transportation to the participants.

**ACCOMMODATION**

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**We are very welcome you and hope to see you soon in Odessa!**