



ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

20th ONDREJ NEPELA TROPHY

**An International Senior Competition for
Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance**

**organized by the
Slovak Figure Skating Association**

**October 3rd – 6th, 2012
in Bratislava, Slovakia**

1. GENERAL

The 20th Ondrej Nepela Trophy will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012, the Special Regulations for Single & Pair Skating, the Special Regulations for Ice Dance 2012, the Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012 and the Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012 as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the Ondrej Nepela Trophy 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 2. b) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of it.

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

The winners of the Single, Pairs and Ice Dance category will receive the medals and diplomas. All competitors will receive diplomas.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

ISU Member: Slovak Figure Skating Association

Place: Ondrej Nepela Ice Rink (60 m x 30 m)
a skating complex with three indoor ice-rinks,
air conditioned and heated with the ice surface
of 60m x 28m and two practice
58m x 28m; 56m x 26m;
the rinks are next to each other.
Odbojárov 1, Bratislava



MEN AND LADIES

Short Program:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 511, paragraph 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication.

Special attention should be paid to the “well-balanced-program” and the element values.

Duration:

Men 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

Ladies 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

Factors:

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 353, paragraph 1, l) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

a) for Men

Short Program 1,0

Free Skating 2,0

b) for Ladies

Short Program 0,8

Free Skating 1,6

PAIRS

Short Program:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 520, paragraph 1 and 2, group for 2012/2013 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 521 and the relevant ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well-balanced program” and the element values.

Duration: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

Factors:

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 353, paragraph 1, m) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

Short Program	0,8
Free Skating	1,6

ICE DANCE

Short Dance:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 609, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

The composition of the Short Dance in the season 2012/2013 will contain the following Required Elements:

2 Sections of the Pattern Dance Yankee Polka

• **Section 1: Steps # 1 – 25**

• **Section 2: Steps # 26 – 52**

Skated one after the other, with Section 1 followed by Section 2, and with Step # 1 skated on the Judges' side.

3 Required Elements in the Creative part (Short Lift, Circular or Midline Not-touching Step Sequence and one Set of sequential Twizzles).

The music for the entire Short Dance (including music for specified Pattern Dance) is provided by the couple and may be vocal. One to three of the following Rhythms may be chosen: **Polka, March, Waltz.**

The Pattern Dance Elements must be skated on the Polka Rhythm, in any style of Polka. The tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance Elements must be constant and in accordance with the required tempo of the Pattern Dance Yankee Polka, i.e. 60 measures of two beats or 120 beats per minute, plus or minus 2 beats per minute.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds +/- 10 sec.

Free Dance:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2012, Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communications. For the value of the required elements and components see the respective ISU Communications.

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2012, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (well balanced program and required elements) and the respective ISU Communication must be observed.

3. ENTRIES

Citizen / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication 1420, all skaters or any update of it 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.

Each ISU Member has the right to nominate 2 competitors for each single event (2 Men, 2 Ladies). In Pairs and Ice Dance categories is no limitation of entries. The Slovak Figure Skating Association reserves the right to enter additional competitors in each category, max. of 24 competitors in discipline.

The Organizer has right if in the category concerned is more than 24 entries preferably accept skaters and couples having part in the finals of the Senior and Junior ISU Championships of the last two (2) seasons.

The Organizer confirms the accepted skater (s) after closing date of entries.

Each ISU Member has the right to enter one judge. If an ISU Member has entries in three or more disciplines, this Member has right to enter a second judge, who has to have the international qualification for Ice Dance and if possible for singles or pairs. The Panels of judges will consist of five (5) judges (in the ISU listed as International or ISU judges).

Should there be too many judges nominated for participation, the organizer reserves the right to draw for the composition of panels beforehand and inform those judges who are not drawn for service.

Entries for Competitors and Judges must reach organiser latest by August 15th, 2012.

The entry forms have to be used and must be sent to:

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821 08 Bratislava
Slovak Republic

Fax: + 421 2 49 24 95 80

Phone: + 421 2 49 24 92 44

Email: skrz@sztk.sk

Email: maria.hrachovcova@gmail.com

Email: 20thmon@gmail.com

Please find all Forms and the Program Content Sheets in electronic version at: www.kraso.sk, www.mon.estranky.sk

4. MUSIC

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on either CD or MD format, in accordance with Rules 343, paragraph 1. Each program (Short Program/Free Skating , Short Dance/Free Dance) must be recorded on one track respectively on a separate discs. Discs must show the competition event, competitor's name, 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.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating for Singles and Pairs, for the Short and Free Dance for Ice Dance must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

If the music information is not completed and discs are not provided, accreditation will not be given.

With the entry forms, the “Program Content Sheet” must be returned to the Organizing Committee. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet must be completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the terminology listed in the respective ISU Communication.

It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

5. EXPENSES PROVIDED

The organiser will provide accomodation and meals for all Referees, Judges drawn for the panel as to paragraph 3 above and Event Officials (Technical Controlers, Technical Specialists, Data/Video Operators)

From October 03rd (dinner)
To October 06th (ending with dinner)

All Competitors, Coaches and Team Leaders have to bear their own expenses. Hotel accomodation can be booked only through the organiser. The prices are agreed exclusively with the organiser. Please send your booking at the attached form to skrz@sztk.sk; 20thmon@gmail.com not latest by 15th august 2012

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Hotel City Bratislava
Distance from the Ice rink – 2000 m
Prices for accomodation (breakfast included)/per day
Singel room 49 €
Double room 67 €
Triple room 82 €
Appartment 98 €
Municipality taxes 1,65 € / person from 18 years / per day

The Organizer can guarantee and provide you accommodation only after receiving 50% of total payment for accommodation (cancellation fee included) before 25th September 2012 on the following bank account.

Bank: VUB a.s., Bratislava, Slovakia
IBAN: SK39 0200 0000 0028 5032 7658
SWIFT/BIC: SUBASKBX
Account no. 2850327658
Bank code 0200

Meal
Lunch 10 €
Dinner 10 €

Travel expenses will be paid **only** to the Referees, the Technical Specialists, the Technical Controlers and Data/Video Operators based on economy airfare. All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of the respective person and must be paid prior to the departure.

The Airport is “Airport Bratislava” which is about 15 minutes far from official hotel and Ice Rink.

The railway Station is “Bratislava Railway Station” or „Bratislava Bus Station – Mlynske Nivy“

The Organizing Committee provides a shuttle bus upon arrival and departure for the teams at the airport. Transportation fee **of EUR 9,-** /one person/one way will be asked and should be paid at the registrations.

6. CHARGES

Entry fee: EUR 50/ skater
EUR 100/couple
This fee has to be paid at the registration before the competition.

7. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 352 and 353.

The three best- placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced and honoured at the official Victory Ceremony. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flag of the medal winners hoisted.

8. LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 20th Ondrej Nepela Memorial, 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 to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injure person.

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

9. REGISTRATION

Accreditation will be given to all Event Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators, all entered Judges, Participants, one Team Leader and one coach per skater. Not more than 2 Officials of each ISU Member will also receive an accreditation provided they are Council Members of their National Federation (including Presidents), or the General Secretary of the Head Office of their Federation. Each Member Federation confirms the function of each Team Member with the official entry form "Composition of Delegation".

**Accreditation will be given at the Hotel City Bratislava (Welcome Desk) on 03.10.2012 at 17,00.
The Opening Ceremony with draw will be at 21.00 hrs in the Hotel City Bratislava.**

10. VARIOUS

Distance to the Ice-Rink: Bratislava – Bratislava Airport (5 km)
Bratislava - Vienna Airport/Schwechat (50 km)
Bratislava - Brno Airport/Tuřany (130 km)
Bratislava - Budapest Airport (200km)

Transportation : all Referees, Technical Panels, Judges, Participants and Coaches are requested to announce to the organizer not later than **August, 15th, 2012 arrival information on the prescribed Form.**

Information: the boxes for Member will be placed in the rink.

11. PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Thursday, October 04th, 2012

Official Practice

13:00	Ladies	Short Program
	Men	Short Program
	Pairs	Short Program

Friday, October 05th, 2012

12:00	Ice Dance	Short Dance
	Pairs	Free Skating
	Ladies	Free Skating

Saturday, October 06th, 2012

11:00	Ice Dance	Free Dance
	Men	Free Skating