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***Announcement of the International Figure Skating Competition
for young skaters***

Kuopio, Finland 31.3-2.4.2006

Silver Skate 2006

Organized by: Kuopion Taitoluistelijat ry. (KuTa) Kuopio, Finland.

Venue: The Kuopio City Ice Rink, Kuopio, Finland.

Preliminary event schedule:

Wednesday 29.3 City Icerink: draw chicks and cubs.

Thursday 30.3. City Icerink: Official open practices, all categories.

Friday 31.3. City Icerink: Official open practices, all categories.
Competitions chicks and cubs.

Friday 31.3. The official draw and dinner party at the hotel Scandic.

Saturday 1.4. City Icerink: Competitions springs, debs, novice A short
program.

Saturday 1.4. Get-together party for skaters.
"Judgement evening" for all coaches and judges

Sunday 2.4. City Icerink: Competitions novices free program.
Gala exhibition.

Competitors: Competitions are open to single skaters. Skaters from
Kuopion Taitoluistelijat and invited visitors may participate.

Entry fee: 40 Euros per skater

Awarding: Three first standings in each competition will be awarded with
a cup and with a diploma. Special awards will be granted for
the most memorable presentations.

All the competitors will get a medal and a diploma.

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Competition will contain the following single skating categories:

Small chicks: Born 1998 or later

Free program: Boys and Girls max. 2 min 30 s

Chicks: Born 1996 or later

Free program: Boys and Girls max. 2 min 30 s

Cubs: A and B category.

Born 1994 or later

Free program: Boys and Girls max. 2 min 40 s

Springs: A and B category

Born 1992 or later

Free program: Boys and Girls max. 3 min 10 s

Debs:

Born 1992 or later

Girls 3 min +/- 10 sec, Boys max. 3 min 40 s

Novices: B category

Born 1990 or later

Girls 3 min +/- 10 sec, boys min. 2 min 50 sec, max. 3 min 40 sec

Novices A / ISU novice

Music: CD.

Expenses: Travel expenses, board and accommodation will be borne by the participants. If a foreign judge is sent by a foreign competitor, the latter will be responsible of the judge's travel. Judges will be granted lodging and a daily allowance. Expenses related to the competition's technical management will be covered by the entry fees and by KuTa.

Accommodation: Accommodation possibilities will be forwarded in the 2nd announcement, beginning of January 2006.

Entries:

Email entries are encouraged, an entry form: *annex A*. Deadline is 28.2.2006. Entries received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Entries can be delivered e-mail or fax to the following addresses:

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jari.karhu@nexstim.com

Fax: +358-17-173 244

The entry fee should be paid no later than 28.2.2006 on the account of the Kuopion Taitoluistelijat ry.(KuTa), Kuopion Osuuspankki 560005-2160543

The entry fee of foreign competitors can be paid in cash to the competition office during the competitions.

The entries for each category should be in the club's order of preference in the case of need to limit the number of entries.

The organizer reserves the right to enter more competitors.

Cancellations: after 28.2.2006 only cancellations verified by a medical certificate will be refunded.

Liability: According to the ISU regulations, Rule 119, organizer accepts no liability for injuries or damage sustained by competitors or officials.

GALA:

We encourage strongly and ask for a special gala program with duration of max. 4 min / club.

The program may be performed by an individual competitor / group of competitors / any combination.

Please inform the organizer about the gala program and the performers in the entry.

The gala will be open for the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS, *Annex B*:

Please pay special attention to the recommendations – there will be no 6.0 judging.

Please note that Novice A may participate to short program only, to free program only, or to both.

Please remember that the program structure and the music information will be required as part of the entry of each competitor in Springs, Debs and Novices.

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LIST OF ENTRIES

CLUB.

	SKATER's NAME Last/first name	DATE OF BIRTH day/month/year	CATEGORY A/B	CLASS chicks,cubs,springs, debs,novice
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2. Judges' Entry

	Judge's name	Category

Team leader

Name (printed)

signature

tel.....

e-mail.....

address.....

Coaches, chaperons

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GALA

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Annex B

SILVER SKATE 2006 RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations for Springs, Debystants and Novice B are combinations of the canadian and finnish recommendations for young skaters. Recommendations for Novice A are the same as ISU guidelines for Novice (Communication 1324). Novices may participate in Short program or in Free Program or take part in both competitions. Chicks and Cubs will be judged by giving stars from different technical elements and presentation components. ISU new judging system will be used in Springs, Debystants and Novices. Factors of program components will be the same as in Canada for Novice and younger skaters.

SMALL CHICKS birth 1998 or later (max. 2 min 30 sec)

- 2-3 different single jumps
- 2 spins
- Spirals
- Steps

CHICKS birth 1996 or later (girls and boys max. 2 min 30 sec)

- 4 different single jumps
- 1 jump combination or jump sequence
- 3 spins
- Step sequence
- Spirals

CUBS B birth 1994 or later (girls and boys max. 2 min 40 sec)

- All single jumps
- 1 jump combination or jump sequence (single-single)
- 3 spins
- Step sequence
- Spirals

CUBS A birth 1994 or later (girls and boys max. 2 min 40 sec)

- 1 double jump
- 1 jump combination or jump sequence (single-single/single-double/ double single)
- 3 spins (including one spin combination, at least 5 rev in each spin)
- Step sequence
- Spirals

SPRINGS B birth 1992 or later (girls and boys max. 3 min 10 sec)

- There shall be no more than 6 (for girls) / 7 (for boys) jump elements that must meet the following specifications (if skater do more jump elements she/he won't get deductions but skater do not get points from extra elements):
 - I) at least one axel type of jump must be included (any jump with forward take off), II) No more than three jump combinations or jump sequences may be included. One jump combination may contain a maximum 3 jumps, III) No jump may be included more than twice, and if a jump is repeated it must be included in a combination or sequence, IV) No more than 3 jumps can be repeated in a program
- There shall be 1-2 double jumps, jump combination should be single-single, single-double or double-single
- 3 spins (including one combination spin)
- Step sequence

SPRINGS A birth 1992 or later (girls and boys max. 3 min 10 sec)

- There shall be no more than 6 (for girls)/ 7 (for boys) jump elements that must meet the following specifications (if skater do more jump elements she/he won't get deductions but skater do not get points from extra elements):
 - I) at least one axel type of jump must be included (any jump with forward take off), II) No more than three jump combinations or jump sequences may be included. One jump combination may contain a maximum 3 jumps, III) No jump may be included more than twice, and if a jump is repeated it must be included in a combination or sequence, IV) No more than 3 jumps can be repeated in a program
- There shall be maximum 4 double jumps, one single-doubled / double-single jump combination
- 3 spins (flying spin, combination spin including at least 1 change of foot and minimum two positions, third spin may be of any nature)
- Step sequence

DEBYTANTS 1992 or later (girls 3 min +/- 10 sec, boys max. 3 min 40)

- There shall be no more than 6 (for girls)/ 7 (for boys) jump elements that must meet the following specifications (if skater do more jump elements she/he won't get deductions but skater do not get points from extra elements) :
 - I) at least one axel type of jump must be included (any jump with forward take off), II) No more than three jump combinations or jump sequences may be included. One jump combination may contain a maximum 3 jumps, III) No jump may be included more than twice, and if a jump is repeated it must be included in a combination or sequence, IV) No more than 3 jumps can be repeated in a program
- There shall be at least 4 double jumps, one double-double jump combination
- 3 spins (flying spin, combination spin including at least 1 change of foot and minimum two positions, third spin may be of any nature)
- Step sequence

NOVICES B birth 1990 or later (girls 3 min +/-10 sec, boys min. 2 min 50 sec, max. 3 min 40 sec)

- There shall be maximum of 6 jump elements for Girls and 7 jump elements for Boys one of which must be Axel type of jump and there may be up to three (3) jump combinations or sequences (if skater do more jump elements she/he won't get deductions but skater do not get points from extra elements). Only one jump combination can contain three (3) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. No jump may be included more than twice, and if a jump is repeated it must be included in a combination or sequence. No more than 3 jumps can be repeated in a program.
- There shall be 3 different double jumps
- 3 spins (including one spin combination)
- Step sequence or spiral sequence (a spiral position in order to be counted should be held for at least 3 seconds)

NOVICES A / ISU NOVICE 10-14 years old

Program **must** contain:

See Short program and Free program guidelines for Novice from ISU Communication 1324.

The panel's points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor according to the following table:

	Skating Skills	Technical Transitions	Performance/Execution	Choreography	Interpretation
Short Program					
Novice A	0,80	0,70	0,80	0,50	0,70
Free Programs					
Springs	1,00	0,75	1,00	0,50	0,75
Debytants	1,40	1,00	1,40	0,80	1,40
Novice A/B	1,60	1,40	1,60	1,00	1,40