

INTERNATIONAL FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION

For
Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance

+youngsters



Volvo Open Cup 31st

09.11.2016-13.11.2016

Riga, Latvia

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ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

GENERAL:

The Volvo Open Cup will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the Special Regulations and Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016 as well as all pertinent ISU Communications and valid decisions of the ISU Congress 2016.

Participation in the Volvo Open Cup 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.

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

ORGANIZER:

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DATE:

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PLACE OF COMPETITION:

Main Arena: **Volvo Ice Rink**,
Jurmālas gatve 78 D, Riga, Latvia.

(an indoor ice-rink with ice surface of 28 x 58 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Practice Arena: Volvo Ice Rink, Jurmālas Gatve 78 D , Riga,
(covered ice rink with ice surface of 28 x 58 m)

Both rinks are in same building.

ENTRIES for Competition :

All the members of ISU and Clubs, being members of National Skating Federations associated with ISU, are invited to take part in this competition.

Each entry form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary or Executive Director.

Members can enter up to 3 Skaters/Couples into each category. Substitute or over limit Skaters/Couples may be nominated in entry form.

Organizers have the right to refuse or limit the participation in competition. The attached entry forms have to be filled in precisely and can be sent by e-mail on the address given below by **October 1st, 2016** to:

E-mail: Kristal_ice@hello.lv

The deadline for entries is October 1st, 2016

Categories:

Senior Men, Ladies, Ice Dance and Pairs :
According to the latest ISU regulations and communications

Junior Men and Ladies :
According to the latest ISU regulations and communications

Advanced Novice Boys and Girls :
According to the latest ISU regulations and communications

Basic Novice A Boys and Girls :
According to the latest ISU regulations and communications

Basic Novice B Boys and Girls :
According to the latest ISU regulations and communications

Youngsters NON ISU categories Boys and Girls :
According to annex.1

ENTRY FEE:

Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior category - 75 euro
Basic Novice – 60 euro
Pairs and Ice Dance – 90 euro
NON ISU Youngsters categories – 60 euro

ENTRY FEE PAYMENT:

Entry fees must be paid after confirmation of member participation. Bill must be paid with one (1) transaction for all the country/member participants.
The Organizer will not return entry fee
The entry fees have to be transferred to following bank account

Sia "Kristal Ice"
LV 40003763273
DNB bank
LV21RIKO0002930054380 - account number for euro payments
S.W.I.F.T. RIKO LV 2X

OFFICIALS:

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) Judge with the qualification "Judge for International competitions" or "ISU Judge" per discipline, double duty Judges are very welcome.

The Panels of Judges will consist of a minimum of five (5) Judges in all panels.

The Referees and the Technical Panel members will be invited by the Organizing Committee who will also cover their travel expenses.

EXPENSES:

Judges, Referees and Technical Panel

The Organizer will provide accommodation and meals for all Referees, Judges drawn for the panel, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators

Competitors

Competitors and all other Team Members are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and meal expenses.

LIABILITY:

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the Volvo Open Cup 31st, 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 injured person.

The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the event mentioned above.

THE CODE OF ETHICS:

All the skaters, coaches, judges, chaperons should follow the ISU Communication 1717, 1784 and 1853 (or any update of this Communication). Action against this rule conducts by itself the disqualification of the skater.

MUSIC:

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD format or any other electronic media.

In accordance with Rule 343 all discs must have Competitor's name, Member's name 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 Program for Singles, for the Short Dance and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance, must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

If music information is not complete and music not provided, accreditation will not be given.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENTS :

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee. (Kristal_ice@hello.lv),

It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the proper terminology.

AWARDS:

The top three competitors in each event (Final results) will be honored and awarded by Trophies , special presents and diplomas; others will receive diplomas and presents

RESULTS:

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016

Result information and detailed protocols will be available on the website:

<http://kristalice.lv>

ACCREDITATION / REGISTRATION

Accreditation will take place at the official hotel, Bellevue Park Hotel. The accreditation desk will open on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 16.00.

At Volvo Ice Arena during competition days.

ACCOMODATION :

The Organizer will make the room arrangements for **INVITED** officials only.
Skaters, coaches and other team members can book accommodation themselves

OFFICIAL HOTEL:

Official hotel for skaters is

[BELLEVUE \(ex.maritim\)PARK HOTEL 4*](#)

Draws and all the information as starting orders, results, protocols will be available there during competitions.

Transfer from hotel till/from ice rink and till/from airport will be available free of charge

All the skaters can use parking, fitness and wifi free of charge.

Special prices for hotel reservation using code " [KRISTAL ICE/VOLVO CUP](#)"

single room - 50 euro

double room - 55 euro

triple room - 75 euro

extra bed - 20 euro
including breakfast

E-mail for reservations : slava@maritim.lv

The „[BELLEVUE \(ex.maritim\) PARK HOTEL](#)„ 4* (5 min from icerink by bus, transfer for additional special price – 10 euro/person/for all the competition days is available).

All rooms are equipped with: air conditioner bath or shower, hair dryer, satellite TV, Internet connection, direct-dial telephone and fridge. The above mentioned rates are in EUR per room per night and they include the following services: Accommodation in required room category, Breakfast Buffet, Service Charges, VAT, Parking lot.

TRANSFER: Transfer between Bellevue Park Hotel and Volvo Arena will be available for additional cost 10 euro/person for all the days , purchasing special voucher at accreditation.

TIMETABLE:

The competition will start on Wednesday, November 9 and will be finished on Sunday, November 13. Detailed time schedule will be send to all members soon after the close of entries.



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TECHNICAL DATA

MEN SENIOR

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Duration:

2 min., 40 sec. +/-10 sec.

Free Skating:

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration:

4 min. and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

LADIES SENIOR

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Duration:

2 min., 40 sec. +/-10 sec.

Free Skating: In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.
Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

PAIR SKATING SENIOR

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2016/17.
Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/-10 sec.

Free Skating: In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2016, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.
Duration: 4 min. and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

ICE DANCE SENIOR

Short Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 1998, 2003 and subsequent updates.
Duration: 2 min., 40 sec., +/- 10 sec

Free Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1998, 2003, 2019 and subsequent updates
Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

ALL THE OTHER CATEGORIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH LATEST ISU RULES 2016

TECHNICAL DATA FOR YOUNGSTERS AND NON ISU CATEGORIES

Technical data for Volvo Cup season 2016/2017

All the ISU categories (Basic Novice A&B, Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior, Ice-Dance) will be judged in accordance with the latest ISU RULES 2016 and communications

NON ISU Ice Dance (Basic Novice Ice Dance couples who is not reached official age for ISU requirements)

2016/2017

A class

Pre-Chicks A Free Skating only Girls and Boys (2010 and younger) 2 min., +/- 10 sec.

- a) maximum of four (4) jump elements (one of which must be an Axel type jump);
- b) maximum of two (2) jump combinations or sequences
(jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps)
- c) maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (minimum of 3 revolutions each);
- d) one (1) step sequence.

CHICKS A Free Skating only Girls and Boys (2008/2009 and younger) 2 min., +/- 10 sec.

- a) maximum of four (4) jump elements (one of which must be an Axel type jump);
- b) maximum of two (2) jump combinations or sequences
(jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps)
- c) maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (minimum of 3 revolutions each);
- d) one (1) step sequence.

CUBS A Free Skating only Girls and Boys (2006/2007) 2 min. 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

- a) maximum of four (4) jump elements (one of which must be an Axel type jump);
- b) maximum of two (2) jump combinations or sequences
(Only one jump combination may consist of three (3) jumps);
- c) maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination with one (1) change of foot and at least one (1) change of position (minimum of three (3) revolutions on each foot), one spin is optional (minimum of three (3) revolutions);
- d) one step sequence.

IMPORTANT !

1. In all categories listed above the Program Components are only judged in

- Skating Skills
- Performance/execution

The Factor of the Program Components is • **2.5**

- 2. In all elements which are subject to Levels, only features up to **Level 2** will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- 3. Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1724 (or any update of this Communication).
- 4. No jump with the same name may be repeated more than twice including Axel type jumps.
- 5. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two (2) most difficult jumps will be counted.
- 6. Time violation - 0.5 point deduction for every 5 seconds in excess.
- 7. Falls - 0.5 point deduction for every fall
- 8. Interruption – 0,5
- 9. Warm up group up to 10 skaters
- 10. Warm up 5 min.

B class

Pre-Chicks B Free Skating only Girls and Boys (2010 and younger) 2 min., +/- 10 sec.

- a) maximum of four (4) jump elements minimum of two (2) jump elements
- b) maximum of one (1) jump combinations or sequences (jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump combination containing three (3) jumps is not allowed);
- c) maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (minimum of 3 revolutions each);
- d) one (1) step sequence.

• Axel, Lutz, Flip and double (2) jumps are not allowed in pre-chicks category!!!

CHICKS B Free Skating only Girls and Boys (2008/2009 and younger) 2 min., +/- 10 sec.

- a) maximum of four (4) jump elements
- b) maximum of two (2) jump combinations or sequences (NB! A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump combination containing three (3) jumps is not permitted);
- c) maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (minimum of 3 revolutions each);
- d) one (1) step sequence.

- Axel and double (2) jumps are not allowed

CUBS B Free Skating only Girls and Boys (2006/2007) 2 min. 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

- a) maximum of four (4) jump elements;
- b) maximum of two (2) jump combinations or sequences
(Only one jump combination may consist of three (3) jumps);
- c) maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (minimum of three (3) revolutions);
- d) one step sequence.

- Axel and one (1) double jump are allowed not more than two (2) times.

SPRINGS B Free Skating only Girls and Boys (2004/2005) 2 min. 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

- a) maximum of four (4) jump elements (one of which must be an Axel type jump);
- b) maximum of two (2) jump combinations or sequences
(Only one jump combination may consist of three (3) jumps);
- c) maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature (minimum of three (3) revolutions);
- d) one step sequence.

- Maximum 2 (two) different double jumps are allowed and they cannot be repeated more than twice.

IMPORTANT !

1. In all categories listed above the Program Components are only judged in
 - Skating Skills
 - Performance/execution

The Factor of the Program Components is **2.5**

2. In all elements which are subject to Levels, only features up to **Level Base** will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
3. Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2000 (or any update of this Communication).
4. No jump with the same name may be repeated more than twice including Axel type jumps.
5. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two (2) most difficult jumps will be counted.
6. Falls and Trips • 1.0 point deduction for every fall
Chicks, Cubs Springs • 0.5 point deduction for every fall
7. Interruption – 0,5
8. Warm up group up to 10 skaters
10. Warm up 5 min.

NOVICE B Free Skating only 3 min. +/- 10 sec.

- Age limits:
- has reached at least the age of ten (10)
 - has not reached the age of fifteen (15) before July 1st preceding the event

- a) Maximum of 5 jump elements (girls and boys) one of which must be an Axel type jump.

There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted.

b) There must be a maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination (minimum of ten (10) revolutions in total), one a flying spin or a spin with a flying entrance (minimum of five (5) revolutions in total) and one spin is optional (minimum of five (5) revolutions).

c) One step sequence

IMPORTANT !

1. The Program Components are only judged in

- Skating Skills
- Performance/Execution
- Interpretation

The Factor of the Program Components is

- for boys **2.5**
- for girls **2.0**

2. Any jump with the same name cannot be included more than two (2) times in total.

3. Time violation - 1.0 point deduction for every 5 seconds in excess

4. Falls - 0.5 point deduction for every fall

5. Warm up group up to 8 skaters

6. Warm up 5 min.

7. Deductions for Interruption:

- more than 10 seconds up to 20 seconds: - 0.5
- more than 20 seconds up to 30 seconds: - 1.0
- more than 30 seconds up to 40 seconds: - 1.5
- more than 40 seconds: - 2.0

8. In all elements which are subject to Levels, only features up to [Level 2](#) will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

JUNIOR B Free Skating only 3 min., +/- 10 sec.

a) maximum of five (5) jump elements one of which must be an Axel type jump;

b) maximum of two (2) jump combinations or sequences;

c) three (3) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination (minimum of ten (10) revolutions in total), one a flying spin (minimum of six (6) revolutions) and one spin is optional (minimum of six (6) revolutions);

d) one(1) step sequence.

The Program Components are only judged in

- Skating Skills
- Transitions
- Performance/Execution
- Interpretation

The factor for the Program Components is

- for men **2.5**
- for ladies **2.0**

Levels explanations:

In all elements which are subject to Levels, only features up to [Level 2](#) will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

SENIOR B Free Skating only 3.30 min., +/- 10 sec.

a) maximum of six (6) jump elements one of which must be an Axel type jump;

b) maximum of three (3) jump combinations or sequences;

c) three (3) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination (minimum of ten (10) revolutions in total), one a flying spin (minimum of six (6) revolutions) and one spin is optional (minimum of six (6) revolutions);

d) one(1) step sequence.

The Program Components are only judged in

- Skating Skills
- Transitions
- Performance/Execution
- Interpretation

The factor for the Program Components is

- for men 2.5
- for ladies 2.0

Levels explanations:

In all elements which are subject to Levels, only features up to [Level 3](#) will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

Beginners

ISU Judging system

BEGINNERS born 2005-2008 and younger Free Program: 2:00 min (± 10 sek)
(axel and double jumps are forbidden)

Free program 2:00 minutes ± 10 sec.

- Maximum four (4) jump elements
- maximum of two (2) jump combinations or sequences (NB! A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump combination containing three (3) jumps is not permitted)
- maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (minimum of 3 revolutions each).
- Step sequence (2/3 cover of the ice), (straight line, circular or serpentine).

Axel and double jumps are not allowed

BEGINNERS born 1996 -2000 and 2000-2004 Free Program: 2:30 min (± 10 sek)
(Maximum 1A and 1 double jump are allowed)

- Maximum five (5) jump elements
- maximum of two (2) jump combinations or sequences (NB! A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump combination containing three (3) jumps is not permitted)
- maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (minimum of 3 revolutions each).
- Step sequence (2/3 cover of the ice), (straight line, circular or serpentine).

Maximum one (1) Axel and one (1) double jump are allowed

BEGINNERS born 1986 -1996 Free Program: 2:30 min (± 10 sek)
(Maximum 1A and 1 double jump are allowed)

- Maximum five (5) jump elements
- maximum of two (2) jump combinations or sequences (NB! A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump combination containing three (3) jumps is not permitted)
- maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (minimum of 3 revolutions each).
- Step sequence (2/3 cover of the ice), (straight line, circular or serpentine).

Maximum one (1) Axel and one (1) double jump are allowed

IMPORTANT !

- In all categories listed above the Program Components are only judged in
 - Skating Skills
 - Performance/execution

The Factor of the Program Components is **2.5**

- In all elements which are subject to Levels, only features up to [Level Base](#) will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1724 (or any update of this Communication).

4. No jump with the same name may be repeated more than twice including Axel type jumps.
5. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two (2) most difficult jumps will be counted.
6. Time violation - 1.0 point deduction for every 5 seconds in excess
7. Falls - 0.5 point deduction for every fall
8. Interruption – 0,5
9. Warm up group up to 10 skaters
10. Warm up 5 min.

Hobby Class

Adults **born from 1985 and older**

ISU Judging system

Gold	ladies and men	Free program:	max. 2:40 min (± 10 sek)
Silver	ladies and men	Free program:	max. 2:00 min (± 10 sek)
Bronze	ladies and men	Free program:	max. 1:40 min (± 10 sek)

