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Announcement



Friday 6 to Sunday 8 January, 2012 - City Park Ice Rink - Budapest, Hungary
Ladies and Men - Allround

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On behalf of the Hungarian National Skating Federation, the Organizing Committee has the honour and pleasure to invite you to participate in the

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which will be held in Budapest, Hungary on January 6-8, 2012.

PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday, January 5	16:30	Team Leaders Meeting (City Park Ice Rink)
	18:00	Opening Draw (City Park Ice Rink)
Friday, January 6	15:15	Opening Ceremony on the ice
	16:00	500 meters Ladies
		3000 meters Ladies Drawing for Saturday's distances
Saturday, January 7	12:00	500 meters Men
		1500 meters Ladies
		5000 meters Men
		Drawing for Sunday's distances
Sunday, January 8	12:00	1500 meters Men
		5000 meters Ladies
		10000 meters Men
		Award Ceremony

REGULATIONS

The Essent ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2012 will be held in accordance with the 2010 Regulations of the International Skating Union (ISU) and relevant ISU Communications, in particular ISU Communication No. 1697.

Participation in the Championships is open to skaters who belong to a European ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 1) and who have met the qualification criteria according to Rule 208 and ISU Communication No. 1697. The results of the European Championships will determine the entry quotas for European ISU Members at the Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships 2012.

TRACK

City Park Ice Rink (Városligeti Műjéópálya) is an outdoor artificial ice rink with a standard track of 400 meters and inner and outer curves with radii of 25 meters and 29 meters respectively. The width of each competition lane is 4 meters, with an inside training track of 4 meters wide.

TITLE AND AWARDS

The winners of the Championships are the Skaters with the lowest total of points after 4 distances have been completed (Rule 265, paragraph 2 and 268, paragraph 1).

The winner will bear the title: "Lady European Speed Skating Champion for 2012" and "European Speed Skating Champion for 2012", respectively (Rule 133, paragraph a), and will each be awarded the ISU Championships gold medal. The Skaters placed second and third in the final classification after 4 distances will be awarded the ISU Championships silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Prize money will be awarded according to ISU Communication No. 1509.

ENTRIES

Entries must be made only through the respective ISU Members using the official ISU entry forms (Rule 131, paragraph 1) according to ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1697. Each European ISU Member may enter maximum 1 Lady and 1 Man, subject to achieved qualifying times as defined in ISU Communication No. 1697.

According to ISU Communication No. 1685 and Rule 208, paragraph 5 c), the following ISU Members have the right to enter more than one Competitor:

Ladies

Austria	2 competitors	Netherlands	4 competitors
Belarus	2 competitors	Norway	3 competitors
Czech Republic	3 competitors	Poland	3 competitors
Germany	3 competitors	Russia	3 competitors

Men

Belarus	2 competitors	Netherlands	4 competitors
Belgium	2 competitors	Norway	4 competitors
France	2 competitors	Poland	3 competitors
Germany	2 competitors	Russia	3 competitors
Italy	2 competitors	Sweden	2 competitors
Latvia	2 competitors		

Each ISU Member may enter substitutes corresponding with the number of ordinary entries.

The Preliminary entry with the number of Competitors & substitutes and the number of coaches and other team staff, as well as provisional names of the Competitors and team leader must be communicated to the Organizing Committee at the latest by December 19, 2011 (See Rule 208, paragraph 8).

Final entries including the names of the Competitors and available substitutes, as well as the names of the team leader, coaches and other team staff for whom an accreditation is required must reach the Organizing Committee by letter, fax or electronic mail at the latest by 12:00 noon (local time) on January 3, 2012 (See Rule 208, paragraph 9).

Please note that for all persons entered by the Members the procedures regarding the Declaration for Competitors and Officials (all team Officials requiring an accreditation) entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and 208

CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1420, 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.

DRAWING

The drawings will be made in accordance with Rules 239 and 240. For the third distance only 24 Competitors will be admitted, see Rule 240, paragraph 5 b). For the last distance (5000 meters Ladies, 10000 meters Men) the number of Skaters to qualify will be 12, see Rule 240, paragraph 4 a).

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications No. 1650, 1651, 1693 and 1694 or any further updates of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU General Regulations (Rule 119), the ISU, the Hungarian National Skating Federation and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or loss of property or damage incurred in connection with this Championship. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

TRAINING TIMES

The speed skating track will be open for training for entered competitors from Tuesday, January 3, 2012 to Thursday, January 5, 2012 from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00.

Trial starts will be organized on Thursday, January 5, 2012. Only accredited competitors, substitutes and team officials will be allowed to enter the ice-rink during the official training hours.

BOARD AND LODGING

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for expenses for board and lodging at the official hotel from lunch on Thursday January 5, 2012 until lunch on Monday January 9, 2012 (Rule 137 paragraphs 10 and 14) for all Competitors participating in the Championships and 1 team leader or coach for each ISU Member. Expenses of other Skaters and officials (i.e. coaches, other team staff members and accompanying persons) other than those mentioned above, and expenses before or after the period mentioned above, will be at their own expense.

Please make all hotel arrangements directly with the Hungarian National Skating Federation prior to December 19, 2011.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservation for all Skaters and officials at the

Lion's Garden Hotel Budapest****

Cházár András utca 4. H-1143 Budapest

www.lions-garden-hotel-budapest.com

And for the ISU Officials and VIP guests at

Mamaison Hotel Andrassy Budapest*****

Andrássy út 111.

H-1063 Budapest

www.mamaison.com/budapest-andrassy-hotel.html

Hotel prices at the official hotels:

	SINGLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM	THREE-BED ROOM
Lion's Garden Hotel Budapest****	98 EUR	89 EUR	89 EUR
Mamaison Hotel Andrassy Budapest*****	120 EUR	98 EUR	-

The prices show the rate per person per night with full board.

TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Monday, January 2, 2012 to Monday, January 9, 2012 from and to the Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport, Terminals 1, 2A and 2B and all Budapest International Railway Stations (Eastern, Western and Southern). Team officials who do not travel together with their team are not guaranteed this transportation service.

A shuttle bus service will be available between the official hotels and the ice-rink from Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

The Organizing Committee must be informed about the date and time of arrival and departure of the competitors and officials as soon as possible, but at the latest by December 19, 2011.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact the Hungarian National Skating Federation if you need an invitation letter for the visa. For the invitation letter please submit the following information: Name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Passport no.

Please submit all these information to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in order to have the necessary visas completed in due time.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

All entries, hotel reservation and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee, details please see below.

All questions concerning media accreditation and media facilities should be addressed to our Chief Press Officer, Mrs. Anikó BALOGH.

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WEB SITE

Results and other information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:

www.essc2012.hu