

EUROPEAN CRITERIUM TROPHY

MEMORANDUM 2025/26

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The **European Criterium** competitions are in line with the **ISU Development Program** and provide an overview of the development of figure skating in individual youth categories and according to ISU members.

The European Criterium competitions are Trophy tournament in the following categories for boys/girls and men/women: Chicks, Cubs, Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice and Juniors.

To coordinate the activities of the Organizers of competitions in the European Criterium Trophy and to advise on unforeseen matters arising a group of experienced Officials and Organizers, hereinafter called Coordination Group, has been designated. The Coordination Group will monitor and decide upon the competition organizers, rules, oversee the implementation of this Memorandum and liaise with the organizers on their marketing and promotion plan and any other matter that may arise.

The Coordination Group for the European Criterium Competition consists of:
Mrs. Vesna Rakovic, General Secretary of Serbian Skating Federation,
Mrs. Nadejda Hodjeva, ISU International Judge,
Mr. Francesco Acceti, founder of European Criterium Competition and
Mr. Ivan Pfeifer, Vice president of Slovene Skating Union.

The Coordination Group appoint a Technical Commission for the preparation of Technical Elements, Interpretation of Levels, etc. for groups outside the ISU Rules. Competition organizers from Bulgaria, Serbia and Slovenia, who are also sub-signatories of the »Letter of Intent«, are proposed to the Technical Commission.

Before each season the Technical Committee is obliged to prepare proposals for possible changes, which are approved by the Coordination Group.

The European Criterium website is the official website of the tournament for the organizers of competitions, results in individual categories and teams, as well as in tournament trophy for individual categories and teams.

All organizers interested in organizing European Criterium competitions should use the official website of the tournament - <http://www.europeancriterium.eu>.

The aim of the website <http://www.europeancriterium.eu> is:

- To publish the current Memorandum,
- To publish dates of the competitions and detailed info of European Criterium competitions,
- To promote competitions in European Criterium,

- To design, check and update the base of data about organizers, registered associations/clubs, officials and competitors performing in these competitions,
- To publish online individual competitions with all application documents,
- To order competitors and officials into appropriate groups according to the associations/clubs,
- To deliver and publish online the ranking for individual competitors and the associations/clubs,
- To deliver and publish online the team ranking in a particular season for competitors according to categories and the associations/clubs,
- To publish commercial advertisements,
- To realise other common interests,
- To provide live broadcasts of the competitions.

The owner of the European Criterium website (Skating Institute, Celje, Slovenia), issues all invoices for the organizers' obligations under the Memorandum (maintenance, operation). Marketing live broadcasting rights is the right of the EC website owner.

The organizers are obliged to provide funds for the maintenance and operation of the website to the extent described. The website owner prepares a financial report and a financial proposal for the following period before each season. The price list of services and the method of securing funds should be confirmed by the Coordination Group before each season.

The Coordination Group also takes decisions of the inclusion of new organizers.

ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITIONS

The organizers of the European Criterium competitions are responsible for the organization of their own competition. The events can have two parts:

- **ISU Competition** for categories Juniors and Advanced Novice (decided by the organizer).
- **Interclub Competition** for categories Chicks, Cubs, Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice and Advanced Novice (decided by the organizer).

The Organizing Committee of each competition can also include another ISU category of Figure skating: Seniors, Ice Dance, Pairs and Synchronized Skating. The standings of these categories will not affect the final score for the participants.

ISU competition must be announced in the ISU Calendar and on the European Criterium web site. Interclub competition must be announced on the web site of European Criterium.

PARTICIPATION

All skating federations, skating clubs or skating associations can participate in. European Criterium competitions.

The athletes are allowed to compete only according to their age category in the interclub competition. Age requirements for Advanced Novice, Juniors and Seniors categories are according to the ISU regulations. Skaters must compete in one and the same category on all

competitions of the European Criterium series per season. Skaters are allowed to compete only in one category per competition.

ENTRIES

Two months prior to the date of the competition, the organizing committee must publish the competition announcement together with the planned schedule (dates for individual categories) and a list of the possible places for accommodation for the teams. The Announcement must be sent to EC web administrator (european.criterium@gmail.com).

Entering to ISU competition:

Competitors taking part in ISU categories may be entered through their respective ISU Member Federations or clubs. In case when club applies, it must obtain a written confirmation of entries from the parent federation, which is a member of the ISU. All responsibility regarding the permission to register competitors on behalf of the parent association is assumed by the applicant. The document must be attached when registering on the EC website.

If there are too many entries registered in an individual category and the competition cannot be held according to the published preliminary schedule, the organizer may limit the number of competitors in the free skating up to 30 for Juniors and 32 for Advanced novice.

Entering to Interclub competition:

Entries for Interclub categories may be entered by ISU Member Federations or clubs. Each federation or club can enter two male and two female athletes for each category. The Organizer reserves the right to make exceptions and to accept additional entries.

Each participant must send a request to the web administrator for a code to make the direct online registration. The online registration of entries will be closed 20 days before the first day of event.

VERIFICATION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

The local organizing committee has the right and obligation to check the personal identification documents of the athletes. Without valid documents, the athlete will not be allowed to compete.

MUSIC

First competitor's application is in status pending. After confirmation, the music files can be attached to the competitor's application. Since competitor's data is entered and confirmed, it is **mandatory** music files of the performances to be added.

All music rights with the Association of Composers, Authors and Publishers for the Protection Copyright must be arranged by the participants.

TECHNICAL DATA: CATEGORIES

JUNIOR WOMEN & MEN

Technical Requirements are in accordance with ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024 and respective ISU Communications.

Short Program: 2 min 40 sec, +/- 10 sec

Free Skating: 3 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS & BOYS

Technical and Age requirements are according to the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2699 and all respective ISU Communications.

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

Free Skating: 3 min, +/-10 sec

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE GIRLS & BOYS

Age requirements: Skaters who has not reached age of sixteen (16) - 1.7.2009.

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules, Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2699 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 3 min, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE I GIRLS & BOYS

Age requirements: Skaters who was born: 1.7.2011 – 30.6.2013

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules, Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2699 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE II BOYS

Age requirements: Skaters who was born: 1.7.2013 – 30.6.2015

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules, Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2699 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE II GIRLS

Age requirements: Skaters who was born: 1.7.2013 – 30.6.2014

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules, Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2699 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE III GIRLS

Age requirements: Skaters who was born: 1.7.2014 – 30.6.2015

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules, Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2699 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

CUBS BOYS

Age requirements: Skaters who was born: 1.7.2015 – 30.6.2017

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CUBS I GIRLS

Age requirements: Skaters who was born: 1.7.2015 – 30.6.2016

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CUBS II GIRLS

Age requirements: Skaters who was born: 1.7.2016 – 30.6.2017

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CHICKS GIRLS & BOYS

Age requirements: Skaters who was born: 1.7.2017 and younger

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

General requirements for Cubs & Chicks

Duration of the programs: Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

Warm up time: 4 minutes.

Warm up groups: maximum up to eight (8) Skaters.

Technical Requirements

A well-balanced Free Skating program for Cubs & Chicks must contain:

a) Maximum of four (4) jump elements one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or one (1) jump combination and one (1) jump sequence. Jump combinations and the jump sequence consist of two (2) jumps. In the jump sequence the second jump must be an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump into the take-off curve of the Axel jump. One full revolution on the ice between the jumps (free foot can touch the ice, but without weight transfer) keeps the element in the frame of the definition of a jump sequence. Jumps executed in a jump sequence receive their full value. No triple or quadruple jumps are allowed. Only one single jump and one double jump (including Double Axel) can be repeated once.

b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination, and one must be a spin with no change of position and no change of foot. The spin combination with a change of foot must have a minimum of eight (8) revolutions and without a change of foot with a minimum of six (6) revolutions. Flying entry is allowed. If with change of foot, only one level feature per foot will count. Difficult variation of a non-basic position is not counted as a feature in this spin, this will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

The spin in one position without change of foot must have a minimum of six (6) revolutions, must be done in a basic position without any difficult variation positions and will be called maximum level basic. After the required revolutions it is allowed to execute difficult variations, but these will be ignored by the Technical Panel. Flying entry is not allowed.

c) There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface and including at least one skating movement such as a spiral, spread eagle, Ina Bauer, hydroblading etc. If the skating movement is missing, no Level will be given. The Technical Panel will not award Feature 3) Use of body movements for at least 1/3 of the pattern and Feature 4) Two combinations of 3 difficult turns on different feet.

Levels explanations:

For Chicks and Cubs, in all elements that 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.

The following Program Components are judged:

- Composition
- Presentation
- Skating Skills

The factor for the Program Components is 1.67.

All other General rules and Technical Requirements are the same as ISU rules for Single Skating Basic Novice - Girls and Boys written in Communication No. 2699.

The same ISU Rules regarding judging, refereeing and the work of the Technical Panel apply as in Junior and Senior International Competitions.

JUDGING SYSTEM

For all the categories the “New judging system” will be used.

JUDGES

The Panel of Judges and Technical Panel will be created by the organizing committee and will include judges from the participating countries in the competition.

The Panel of Judges for ISU categories should be composed according to the ISU Rules and regulations.

The Panel of Judges for Advanced Novice category should be composed according to the ISU Rules and regulations.

The Panel of Judges for Interclub categories should be composed of at least three judges from three different nations.

SCORING SYSTEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

After each Competition, points will be awarded to the athletes based on their ranking. Minimum three competitions and more than half of the competitions held in the season can counted for the final ranking for each skater, the best three results their achieved. The final results of the European Criterium series will be announced after the last event. In case of a tie between two or more athletes, the skater who had better places on the competitions will be higher on the final ranking.

Total scoring for individual competitors applies to those declared by different applicants in one trophy season only until the first change (clubs, associations, federations, ...), as already the case for joint scoring for clubs / federations.

Points for the final ranking on the competition will be awarded as followed:

1st place, 15 points

2nd place, 12 points

3rd place, 10 points

4th place, 9 points

5th place, 8 points

6th place, 7 points

7th place, 6 points

8th place, 5 points

9th place, 4 points
10th place, 3 points
11th place, 2 points
all other athletes receive 1 point

SCORING SYSTEM FOR PARTICIPANTS

The final ranking of participants (club, skating federation or skating association) will be calculated from the points of their skaters on the ranking. Only two skaters result per a category can be counted of each participant. In final ranking can be counted only the three best results for each participant.

In case of tie between two or more participants the one that attended on more competitions will be higher on the final ranking. If there is still a tie then the participant which had skaters in more categories will be higher at the end.

AWARDING

The Organizing Committee for each contest will provide following awards:

1st place medals, cup or diplomas,
2nd place medals, cup or diplomas,
3rd place medals, cup or diplomas,
Diplomas for all athletes.

FINAL AWARDING

At the last event of the European Criterium series the individual winners of the final ranking of each category and the best participants will get a trophy. At least three complete competitions in one season are required to award trophies.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for the competitions is maximum 100 EUR per single skater.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OBLIGATION

The local organizing committee duties are as follows:

- To settle all obligations with the application owner and payment for the operation of the EC website prior to the publishing of the competition announcement.
- To financially ensure the work of the administrator on the website and his up-to-date service from the first point of this Memorandum,
- To use "Add-Remove_Entries.xlsx" template for updating the entries after the deadline. Template should be updated accordingly by the organizer and sent once per week to the EC web administrator.
- To deliver proper data and documents from the "FS Manager" immediately after the end of the competition due to the preparation of ranking of competitors and associations/clubs and to ensure the calculation of the team ranking and the well-timed ceremony,
- To broadcast live signal from the event.

- To record the performances of all competitors in all categories during the competition for the possibility of exclusive marketing by the owner web site. These recordings are at the same time the official recordings, which may be used by judges' panel. The recording of the programs and their marketing is not allowed for third parties. Only the sale of photos is allowed,
- To allow at least 2-3 days stay for the members of Coordination Group within the EC at his own expense.
- To organize a joint meeting of the Coordination Group with informative and current topics.
- To announce the dates of his competition for the upcoming season which must also be published on the ISU calendar, no later than the last EC competition for the season. Based on the agreement provided, they must confirm the obligations arising from this Memorandum.
- To comply with all national regulations and instructions against the spread of the coronavirus epidemic or another pandemic.
- During the registration in the online system of EC all participant accepts "The General Data Protection Regulations". If the organizer wants to enter competitors directly through the administrator, then he also assumes responsibility for the data protection. In that case he is obliged to require from the applicants to agree and sign "The General Data Protection Regulations" template.

EC Coordination Group
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