

# **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> 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 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:

- **International 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 other categories (Seniors) and other Figure skating disciplines: Ice Dance, Pairs and Synchronized Skating. The standings of the Senior categories and additional disciplines will not affect the final score for the participants.

International 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 ( [eupean.criterium@gmail.com](mailto:eupean.criterium@gmail.com) ) and to ISU ( [entries@isu.org](mailto:entries@isu.org) ).

### Entering to the International competition:

All skaters participating in any International Competition must be registered with ISU in ORS registration system ( <https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com> ) , and must be made by ISU Member Federations. Program Content Sheet also should be entered into ISU Portal.

The music for the competitor must be uploaded to the European Criterium registration system ( <http://www.europeancriterium.eu> ) by the ISU Member Federation or the skater's club who must confirm that competitor been confirmed through the ORS system. A maximum of two competitors per category can enter. Organizer reserves the right to make exceptions and to accept additional entries.

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 (Federation or Club) 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 according to the deadline specified in the Announcement, but not less than 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 passports for the competitors entered to the International competition and any personal identification documents of the competitors entered to the Interclub competition. Without valid documents, the athlete will not be allowed to compete.

## **MUSIC**

The entry of the competitor is pending until the music files are uploaded. No entry without the uploaded music will be accepted.

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 International competition should be composed according to the ISU Rules and regulations.

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

## **SCORING SYSTEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES**

After each competition, athletes will be awarded points based on their ranking. The final ranking of each skater will be based on the results of at least three competitions, or more than half of the competitions held during the season. The three best results will be taken into account. The final results of the European Criterium series will be published after the last event. In the event of a tie between two or more athletes, the skater who achieved better results in the competitions will be ranked higher in 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 ( federations and clubs)**

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 for each participant. Only the three best results for each participant can be counted for the final ranking.

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 be awarded trophy.

### **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

Jesenice, Slovenia, 12.4.2025

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