

EUROPEAN CRITERIUM COMPETITIONS

MEMORANDUM 2024/25

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Competitions for the European Criterium are in line with the ISU Development Skating Development Program and provide an overview of the development of skating of individual youth categories and according to ISU Members.

In order to coordinate the activities of the Organizers of Competitions in the European Criterium Trophy and also 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 Sekretary 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 European Criterium website is for the organizers of competitions and results in individual categories and teams, as well as in trophy individual and team categories, it is the official website of the competitions.

As the interested organizers of competitions through the website European Criterium are concluding on the use of the website <http://www.europeancriterium.eu>.

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

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

The price list of services is confirmed by the Coordination Group before each season.

The organizers of competitions of European Criterium, which are published in ISU Calendar, are responsible to organize their own competition. The events will have two parts:

- ISU Competition in categories Novices and older groups,
- Interclub Competition only for Cubs and Chicks.

Competition not published in the ISU Calendar can be announced as an Interclub Competition in all categories.

PARTICIPATION

A participant is a skating federation, skating club or skating association.

The athletes are allowed to compete only in their age category in the interclub competition. Age requirements for Advance Novice, Junior and Senior category are according to the ISU regulation. Skaters must compete in the same category on all competitions of the European Criterium series. Skaters are allowed to compete only in one category.

ENTRIES

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

Entering to ISU competition:

Competitors taking part in Novice, Junior and Senior categories may be entered through their respective ISU Member Federations and clubs. In the event that a club applies, only it must obtain the written consent of the parent federation, which is a member of the ISU, for this to be understood as an application by the parent federation. 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.

Entering to Interclub competition:

Entries for Cubs and Chicks categories may be accepted only by clubs.

Each club or federation can enter two male athletes and two female athletes to each of the seven male or eleven female categories. The Organizer has a right to make exceptions and accept additional entries from clubs and ISU Members.

MUSIC

After confirming and sending new registration data of selected competitors it is mandatory to add files with music the competitors need for their performances.

The process anticipates that competitor's application is in the pending status first. After confirming there is an option to attach the appropriate music file to competitor's application.

TECHNICAL COMMISSION

The Coordination Group can 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.

TECHNICAL DATA: CATEGORIES

JUNIOR LADIES

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

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024 and some changes in General, Special and Technical Rules, ISU Communication No.2655.

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

In accordance with ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2024, and some changes in General, Special and Technical Rules, ISU Communication No.2655.

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ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS

Age and requirements according to the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2624 and all respective ISU Communications.

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

Free Skating: 3 min, +/-10 sec

ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS

Age and requirements according to the ISU Special regulations & Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2624 and all respective ISU Communications.

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

Free Skating: 3 min, +/-10 sec

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE GIRLS

Age requirements: Intermediate Novice skater not reached the age of sixteen (16) -1.7.2008.
Requirements according to the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2022, ISU Communication 2624 and all respective ISU Communications.
Free Skating: 3 min, +/- 10 sec

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE BOYS

Age requirements: Intermediate Novice skater not reached the age of sixteen (16) -1.7.2008.
Requirements according to the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2022, ISU Communication 2624 and all respective ISU Communications.
Free Skating: 3 min, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE I. GIRLS

Age requirements: Basic Novice I. skater who was born: 1.7.2010 – 30.6.2012.
Requirements according to the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2624 and all respective ISU Communications.
Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE I. BOYS

Age requirements: Basic Novice A skater who was born: 1.7.2010 – 30.6.2012.
Requirements according to the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2624 and all respective ISU Communications.
Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE II. GIRLS

Age requirements: Basic Novice II. skater who was born: 1.7.2012 – 30.6.2014.
Requirements according to the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2624 and all respective ISU Communications.
Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE II. BOYS

Age requirements: Basic Novice A skater who was born 1.7.2012 – 30.6.2014.
Requirements according to the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2624 and all respective ISU Communications.
Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

CUBS I. GIRLS

Age requirements: Cubs Skater is, who was born: 1.7.2014 – 30.6.2015
Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CUBS II. GIRLS

Age requirements: Cubs Skater is, who was born: 1.7.2015 – 30.6.2016
Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CUBS BOYS

Age requirements: Cubs Skater is, who was born: 1.7.2014 – 30.6.2016
Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CHICKS I. GIRLS

Age requirements: Chicks Skater is, who was born: 1.7.2016 – 30.6.2017

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CHICKS II. GIRLS

Age requirements: Chicks Skater is, who was born: 1.7.2017 and younger.

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CHICKS BOYS

Age requirements: Chicks Skater is, who was born: 1.7.2016 and younger

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

General requirements

- Duration of programs: Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec
- Singles Girls and Boys for Chicks and Cubs categories: warm-up groups can be maximum up to eight (8) Skaters.
- Warm up time: for girls and boys 4 minutes.

Technical Requirements

A well balanced Free Skating program for Single Skating for Cubs and 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. 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 rule for Single Skating Basic Novice - Girls and Boys written in Communication No. 2624.

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

OTHER CATEGORIES

The Organizing Committee of each contest can also include the another ISU category of Figure skating: Senior, Dance, Pairs and Groups.

The position of these categories will not affect the final score for the participants.

JUDGING SYSTEM

For all the categories the new judging system will be used.

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The Panel of Judges and Technical Panel will be formed by the organizing committee and will include judges from the participating countries on the Competition.

Panel of Judges for category Cubs and Chicks will be composed of at least three judges from three different nations.

Panel of Judges for Novice, Junior and Senior will be composed as determined by the relevant ISU Communications.

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 be counted for the final ranking for each skater, the best three results they achieved. The final results of the European Criterion 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 results 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 the awards as follows:

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 on the competitions is maximum 80 EUR/ skater.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OBLIGATION

The local organizing committee duties are as follows:

- deliver the adequate documents and data from the system IceCalc on time and for all purposes from the first point of this Memorandum due to the ranking of competitors and associations /clubs;
- financially ensure the work of the administrator on the website and his up-to-date service from the first point of this Memorandum;
- The user/the organizer of the last competition is obliged to deliver data immediately after the end to ensure the calculation of the team ranking and the well-timed ceremony;
- The users are obliged to record performances of all competitors in all categories when performing at official competitions 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 judge panel. The recording of the programmes and their marketing is not allowed for the third persons. Only the sale of photos is allowed;
- Organizer must settle all obligations to the application owner and payment for the operation of the EC website prior to the desired publication of the competition announcement.
- The organizer is obliged to allow at least 2-3 days stay for the members of Coordination Group within the EC at his own expense.
- The organizer of the competition is obliged to organize a joint meeting of the Coordination Group with informative and current topics.
- Organizers are obliged not later than the last EC competition in the season by 1 July before next season, announce the competing dates, confirm the proposed annual agreement for the implementation of online activities by that time and propose in writing any changes to the EC rules.
- The competition organizer must comply with all national regulations and instructions against the spread of the coronavirus epidemic or another pandemic .
- All organizer registration take place in the online system EC and the General Data Protection Regulation is thereby regulated. If the organizer wants entries directly through the administrator, then he also assumes responsibility for data protection.
- In so far as the organizer of an individual competition decides to broadcast individual programs live via the EC website, he is responsible for their broadcast and must arrange relations with the Association of Composers, Authors and Publishers for the Protection Copyright.

ENTERING THE CONTEST

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 14 days before the 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 be allowed to compete.

EC Coordination Group