SOFIA TROPHY 2026

Sofia, Bulgaria 06-11 January 2026



ANNOUNCEMENT



BULGARIAN SKATING FEDERATION and FIGURE SKATING CLUB DENKOVA-STAVISKI Invites you to attend the

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INTERNATIONAL FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION
in Singles and Ice Dance for
Senior and Junior



1. **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The **SOFIA TROPHY** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024/2025, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **SOFIA TROPHY 2026** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2526 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.

Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

2. TECHNICAL DATA:

2.1 PLACE OF THE EVENT:

Winter Sports Palace – Studentski grad District, Academician Boris Stefanov Str., Sofia, Bulgaria (an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated).

2.2 CATEGORIES:

SENIOR WOMEN & MEN

Technical Requirements are in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2024 and respective ISU Communication.

Short Program: 2 min 40 sec, +/- 10 sec Free Skating: 4 min 00 sec, +/- 10 sec

SENIOR ICE DANCE

Technical Requirements are in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice dance 2024 and respective ISU Communication.

Rhythm Dance: 2 min 50 sec, +/- 10 sec Free Dance: 4 min 00 sec, +/- 10 sec

JUNIOR WOMEN & MEN

Technical Requirements are in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2024 and respective ISU Communication.

Short Program: 2 min 40 sec, +/- 10 sec Free Skating: 3 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

JUNIOR ICE DANCE

Technical Requirements are in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice dance 2024 and respective ISU Communication.



Rhythm Dance: 2 min 50 sec, +/- 10 sec Free Dance: 3 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

3. ENTRIES:

All competitors must be entered through their Member Federation.

The Entries by name with Program Content Sheet must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com not later than **December 14, 2025**:

After the ISU Member receives confirmation of the entries from ORS system, competitors must be entered together with their music in the EC web portal – www.europeancriterium.eu.

Before entry procedure in the EC web portal a representative of each federation/club needs to apply for a new account on www.europeancriterium.eu/Account/Register.

Only for Ice dance, music should be sent to music@bsf.bg, without registration in EC web portal.

Hotel, travel and practice forms must be sent together with entries to the official email: sofiatrophy@bsf.bg. They can be downloaded from the ISU website or from the website of the competition: https://sofia-trophy.clubdenkovastaviski.com.

Entries must reach the ORS and Event Organizer not later than December 14, 2025

In case of too many entries, the organiser reserves the right to limit the number of participants as follows:

- Junior Women 30
- Junior Men 12
- Junior Ice Dance 10
- Senior Women 24
- Senior Men 12
- Senior Ice Dance 10

The organizer will not cover any expenses for competitors, team leaders, coaches, or chaperons.

4. CANCELLATION:

Cancellation of the competitor entry must be done till <u>December 26, 2025</u>. For any letter cancellation, the team leader of the respective Federation or Club will be asked to pay the entry fee.

5. JUDGES:

Each participating ISU member may nominate one (1) International or ISU Judge. The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and reach the Organizing Committee, not later than **December 14, 2025**.

The Panels will be drawn after the closing of entries. The members concerned will be notified of the result of the draw.

Each panel of Judges in Seniors and Juniors categories will consist of 5 Judges.

The organiser will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialist, Data and Replay Operators and confirmed Judges at *VITOSHA Park Hotel*****, beginning with dinner on Tuesday, January 06, 2026, until lunch on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

Travel expenses will be covered only for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialist, Data and Replay Operators.



6. ENTRY FEE:

When payment is made by bank transfer before the deadline, entry fee is:

- Senior and Junior € 100 per skater.
- Senior and Junior Ice dance € 130 per couple/skater.

Payment shall be made by bank transfer to bank account:

INVESTBANK BULGARIA

IBAN: BG82IORT73711400332500

BIC: IORTBGSF

Bank holder: Club "Denkova-Staviski"

<u>Please fill in the name and discipline of the skater and Club or Federation in the transfer details!</u>

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason after the cancellation date.

When payment is made after the deadline or on spot during the accreditation, entry fee is:

- Seniors and Juniors € 130 per skater.
- Seniors and Juniors Ice dance € 160 per couple/skater.

7. EUROPEAN CRITERIUM TROPHY:

SOFIA TROPHY 2026 is associated with the European Criterium Tournament 2025/2026 for Juniors, Advanced Novices, and younger categories. Results of the Teams will count for competition in the International Trophy of Figure Skating European Criterium. Individual points are automatically calculated for all skaters in every category and those are valid in the European Criterium Tournament for the same category. The age requirements and the special regulation for the European Criterium Trophy are published on the website of the EC: www.europeancriterium.eu.

8. CALCULATION OF THE RESULTS:

Results for all categories will be calculated using the new ISU Judging System.

The results and any additional information for the event will be published on the websites www.europeancriterium.eu and https://sofia-trophy.clubdenkovastaviski.com.

9. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES:

The three best placed Skaters in each event will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists. All skaters will receive a diploma.

10. MUSIC:

The participating member is responsible for submitting the Competitor's music after registration data is sent and confirmed.

When a competitor's application is sent it goes to status "pending". After the application is confirmed, it receives an option to attach the appropriate music file with the program of the competitor.

When the music file is attached to the application the status goes to "active" and the competitor is included in the official competitors list of the selected competition.

Mandatory music file format is ".mp3".

The representatives of clubs or National Figure Skating Federations have a possibility to replace the music files of their competitors, three days before the start of the competition.

Advanced novice, Juniors and Seniors must attach two music files to receive an "active" status of



competitor's application (Short program and Free Skating).

Competitors must have a copy of their music mp3 files on a USB stick or any external USB drive.

11. LIABILITY:

According to ISU regulations, the Event Organizer accepts no liability for bodily harm, personal injury and loss of property or damages incurred by any competitor(s) or official(s).

12. ACCREDITATION:

The accreditation will start on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 06</u>, <u>2026</u>, <u>at 12:00 h</u>. in the office of the Organizing Committee at the Winter Sports Palace.

Operating hours on competition days will be from **08:00h to 20:00 h**.

13. DRAW:

The draw for order of skating for Ice Dance will be held on Wednesday, January 07, 2026, and for Singles on Thursday, January 08, 2026, in the presence of the Referee and Technical Controller in accordance with Rules 512 and 513.

The exact place and time will be published in the official detailed schedule.

Starting order for the free skating of categories Juniors and Seniors will be in reverse order of the results in the short program.

14. ADDITIONAL PRACTICE:

Rates for additional practice hours are as follow:

50-min open practice together with other teams – 25 € per skater / 40 € per couple.

50-min private team practice – 200 € per team.

15. <u>INFORMATION:</u>

For additional information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

90 Kniaz Boris I Str., Sofia 1000, Bulgaria

phone: +359 2 988 75 71 fax: +359 2 987 77 71 e-mail: sofiatrophy@bsf.bg



16. ACCOMMODATION:

Official hotel of the event:

VITOSHA Park Hotel****, 1 Rosario Street, Sofia

Special Event prices: Single room - € 75, Double room - € 85, Tripple room - € 120, Apartment (max. 4 people) - € 205.

The rates are per night including breakfast, internet, swimming pool and fitness.



Point A - VITOSHA Park Hotel

Point B - Winter Sports Palace

Distance time by bus – around 10 minutes, Bus line No 94, 5th bus stop from the hotel.

Distance time by walk – around 20 minutes.

<u>The room reservations for all team members must be done through the Organizing</u> <u>Committee to be provided the special room rates.</u>

17. TRANSPORTATION:

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from/to Sofia Airport and Sofia Central Railway station to official hotels.

The transportation fee is 25 € per person/one way.



Competition Provisional Schedule - subject to change

Wednesday - 07.01.2026

Draw - Junior and Senior Ice Dance

Thursday - 08.01.2026

Official practices Ice Dance Judges meeting Ice Dance

Junior and Senior Ice Dance - Rhythm dance

Draw – Junior and Senior Singles

Friday - 09.01.2026

Official practices Ice Dance and Singles Judges meeting Singles

Competitions:

Junior Women – Short Program
Junior Men – Short Program
Junior and Senior Ice Dance – Free dance
Senior Women – Short Program
Senior Men – Short Program

Prize giving ceremony – Junior and Senior Ice Dance Round Table Discussion – Junior and Senior Ice Dance

Saturday - 10.01.2026

Official practices

Competitions:

Junior Women – Free skating Junior Men – Free skating Senior Women – Free skating Senior Men– Free skating

Prize giving ceremony – Juniors and Seniors Singles Round Table Discussion – Juniors and Seniors Singles

THE OFFICIAL DETAILED AND FINAL SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT WILL BE PUBLISHED AFTER THE REGISTRATION OF ALL ENTRIES

Respectfully Yours and Best Skating Regards, Organizing Committee of the Sofia Trophy, Sofia, Bulgaria

