

SOFIA TROPHY KIDS 2026

Sofia, Bulgaria
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ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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INTERCLUB FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION
for Advanced, Intermediate and Basic Novice,
Cubs and Chicks

1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

The **SOFIA TROPHY 2026** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **SOFIA TROPHY 2026** is open for all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify regarding eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3.

Passports of all Skaters 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:

ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS & BOYS

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

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

Free Skating: 3 min +/-10 sec

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE GIRLS & BOYS

Age requirements: Skaters born: 1.7.2009 and younger

Technical requirements are 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 born: 1.7.2011 – 30.6.2013

Technical requirements are 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 born: 1.7.2013 – 30.6.2014

Technical requirements are 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 born: 1.7.2013 – 30.6.2015

Technical requirements are 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 born: 1.7.2014 – 30.6.2015

Technical requirements are 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 I. GIRLS

Age requirements: Skaters born: 1.7.2015 – 30.6.2016

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CUBS II. GIRLS

Age requirements: Skaters born: 1.7.2016 – 30.6.2017

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CUBS BOYS

Age requirements: Skaters born: 1.7.2015 – 30.6.2017

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CHICKS GIRLS & BOYS

Age requirements: Skaters born: 1.7.2017 and younger

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

A well-balanced CUBS & CHICKS Free Skating Program 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 a 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 Cubs and Chicks, 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

The same ISU rules on Judging, refereeing and work of the Technical Panel will be applied as it is in junior and senior international competitions.

3. ENTRIES:

All ISU members and clubs, which are members of Figure Skating Federations associated with ISU, are invited to take part in the competition.

Entries will be accepted by Member Federations or clubs.

The entries for the competition must be done via web portal – www.europeancriterium.eu.

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

Together with online entries a filled Program Content Sheet for each skater must be sent to the official e-mail: sofiatrophyp@bsf.bg.

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

Program Content Sheet and additional forms can be downloaded from ISU website or from the official website of the competition: <https://sofia-trophy.clubdenkovastaviski.com>.

In case of too many entries, the organizer reserves the right to limit the number of participants.

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

4. CANCELLATION:

Cancellation of the competitor's entry must be done by **December 26, 2025**. 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 nomination must be done via web portal – www.europeancriterium.eu, not later than **December 14, 2025**.

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

Each panel of Judges will consist of a minimum of 3 Judges. The Panel of Judges in Advanced Novice category will consist of 5 Judges.

The organizer 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.

The Organizing Committee will cover the travel expenses 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:

- Advanced Novice – **€ 100 per skater**.
- Intermediate Novice, Basic Novice, Cubs and Chicks – **€ 90 per skater**.

Bank account:

INVESTBANK BULGARIA

IBAN: BG82IORT73711400332500

BIC: IORTBGSF

Bank holder: Club "Denkova-Staviski"

Please fill in the name, discipline of the skater and Club or Federation in the transfer details!

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

- Advanced Novice – **€ 130 per skater**.
- Intermediate Novice, Basic Novice, Cubs and Chicks – **€ 120 per skater**.

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

7. EUROPEAN CRITERIUM TROPHY:

SOFIA TROPHY 2026 is associated with the European Criterium Tournament 2025/2026 for Juniors, Advanced Novice, and younger categories. Results of the Teams will count for competition of 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.clubdenkovstaviski.com>.

9. 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.

10. 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).

11. ACCREDITATION:

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

Operating hours on competition days will be from **8:00h to 20:00 h.**

12. DRAW:

The draw for order of skating will be held electronically on Friday, January 03, 2026, in the presence of the referee and will be published on the website of the competition.

Starting order for the free skating of category Advanced Novice will be in reverse order of the results in the short program.

13. ADDITIONAL PRACTICE:

Rates for additional practice hours are as follows:

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

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

14. INFORMATION:

For additional information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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15. 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.

The room reservations for all team members must be done through the Organizing Committee in order to be provided the special room rates.

16. 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

Tuesday – 06.01.2026

Arrival of the teams

Official practices

Wednesday – 07.01.2026

Official practices

Competitions:

Chicks – Free Skating

Cubs – Free Skating

Intermediate Novice – Free Skating

Advance Novice– Short program

Prize giving ceremony – Chicks, Cubs, Intermediate Novice

Thursday – 08.01.2026

Official practices

Competitions:

Basic Novice – Free Skating

Advance Novice – Free Skating

Prize giving ceremony – Basic Novice, Advanced Novice

**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***