



**Announcement of /
Invitation for the**

**Europa Cup Final
Short Track Speed Skating Competition**

Budapest, Hungary

March 06-08, 2026



ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1. Organizer of the competition:** supported by the ISU Development, the Hungarian National Skating Federation (HNSF) has the honour of inviting you to take part in the Europa Cup Final, which is the final of the Danubia Series and the Star Class Series.

The HNSF reserves the right to change the date, location, and program of the competition.

The competitors acknowledge that upon cancellation of the competition they do not have the right to claim back the already paid entry fee as the HNSF had various costs concerning the competition.

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- 2. Location:** Practice Rink – Istvánmezei út 3-5, Budapest, H-1146

The competition will be held in the covered Practice Rink with an indoor ice rink measuring 30x60 metres and a moveable padding system. The compass of the track is 111.12 metres with curves of 8 metres as per the ISU Rules. During the competitions besides the standard track there will be 6 additional tracks with a displacement of 0,7 metre each, while the finish line for all distances is the same and only the starting place of distances 500 metres and 1500 metres will be changed.

- 3. Date:** March 06-08, 2026

- 4. Guiding rules:**

The competition will be carried out according to the International Skating Union's (ISU) General Regulations 2024, the relevant Communications and the ISU Short Track Guidance to the racing rules 2025/26, along with the Short Track Speed Skating European Competition Series Memorandum.

- 5. Participation:**

- in total 25 skaters, in each category, qualify for the Final, 13 from the host region and 12 from the guest region
- each eligible ISU Member can send maximum 4 skaters per category
- only registered competitors of ISU Members and affiliated clubs are allowed to participate, entries can be made only through the respective members
- only those competitors who have submitted their entries and paid the entry fee by the given deadline are allowed to participate

- 6. Technicalities:**

- age groups

Junior C	Age 13 and 14
Junior D	Age 11 and 12

Age before July 1 preceding the Competition

Entries can only be accepted if a skater is entered into the correct age category or according to their date of birth.

- distances

INDIVIDUAL (all final system):

Junior C	1500 m	500 m	1000 m
Junior D	1000 m	500 m	777 m

RELAY:

Women	3000 m	Junior C, D	4 skaters
Men	3000 m	Junior C, D	4 skaters
Mixed Relay	2000 m	Junior C, D	4 skaters (2 women, 2 men)

- **relay entries:** each ISU Member and/or their Clubs have the right to enter more than one team per category. The Members / Clubs have to rank their relay teams (the fastest team to be ranked 1) as only the fastest one will be evaluated. The accepted number of Mixed Relay entries will depend on the schedule of the event. Only skaters participating individually in the competition may take part in the relay.

Please take into account that relay races are optional and will be finalized at the Technical Meeting at the latest.

7. Conditions of Contest

The start procedure will be conducted using the **traditional start system (one false)**.

The competition will be carried out with an **all-final system**. Thus, those skaters who received a penalty will be able to compete in the lower finals (e.g. Final A-B-C-D-E).

In accordance with the Memorandum, for the first distance the skaters will be listed in order of the respective Danubia and StarClass Classifications, as below:

1	Place	1	Guest Region
2	Place	1	Host Region
3	Place	2	Guest Region
4	Place	2	Host Region
5	Place	3	Guest Region
6	Place	3	Host Region
etc.			

For the first round of the remaining distances, the intermediate Overall Classification will be used.

8. Entries and payment: by submitting an entry the competitor clearly agrees to all terms set in this Announcement.

- the **Final Entries** should be submitted electronically via the www.shorttracklive.info site until **February 26, 2026**, at the latest and include the following data:

- * the title of the competition
- * the name of the Club and ISU Member making the entry
- * the first (given) name and surname, and date of birth of the competitor(s)
- * data requested for seeding purposes (personal bests) for all entered competitors
- * the name of the Team Leader / Coach
- * the e-mail address of the Team Leader / Coach
- * the International Registration Numbers (UPID)
- * the date and time of arrival and departure of the competitor(s) and those accompanying them

- the **entry fee** is **100, - EUR/person**
- the entry fee must be paid via **bank transfer** until **February 26, 2026**, at the latest

bank details: bank account holder: MOKSZ
 name of the bank: MBH Bank Nyrt.
 bank swift code: MKKBHUHB
 IBAN account number: HU94 10300002-50100124-21004884
 description: ST EK_ISU Member_Skaters' surnames
 (e.g. ST EK_HUN_Smith, Murphy etc.)

Please note that **helmet covers and transponders will only be handed over** at the Technical Meeting **if payment is fulfilled!**

- the **deposit** for helmet covers and transponders is **50, - EUR/team**
- 9. Equipment:** only that equipment which are in accordance with the ISU Rules can be used in the competitions; this will be checked in the Heat Box before the competitors enter the ice
- compulsory rounding of the ending of the blades
 - helmet
 - cut proof gloves (white coloured)
 - neck protectors (the built-in neck protector is also suitable)
 - cut proof skin suit
 - eye-wear protection

10. Awards:

The first three placed competitors of each distance and category receive a medal immediately after the respective final on ice, while the first three placed competitors of the individual all-round competition, and the first three placed relay teams in each category will be awarded with medals respectively at the end of the competition.

- 11. Accommodation:** all meals and lodging expenses are to be paid by the participating members. The OC recommends hotels nearby the Practice Rink, cf. below, but does not take any responsibility for booking accommodation for the participants – reservations should be made directly via the chosen hotel and in advance.

Lion's Garden Hotel****

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Danubius Hotel Arena

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12. Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and the current ISU communication, 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.

13. Results and stream

All results of the competition series will be published on the websites as follows: www.shorttracklive.info and www.shorttrackonline.info
 The competition can be followed live on the hunskate.tv/hunskate-tv platform.

14. Miscellaneous:

- each competitor participates in the competition at his/her own risk and insurance; the ISU, the HNSF and the OC do not take responsibility for or liability with respect to any injury or property damage incurred in connection with the competition
- by entering all participants accept and agree that they might be subject to recording (audio and picture), and might appear in the media content created about the competition
- by entering all participants accept that personal data are collected by the Organizing Committee (OC) and such data are stored and used by the OC, and when necessary, third parties, for the purposes only of, and to the extent necessary only in relation to facilitate their participation in the competition; personal data may include but will not be limited to full legal name as per national identity documents, address, date of birth, nationality, sex
- the OC provides medical service (ambulance) during the competition

15. Preliminary program / schedule: subject to change based on the final entries

day	event	time
March 06 (Friday)	Technical Meeting	11:00
	competition	12:00-18:00
March 07 (Saturday)	competition	09:00-18:00
March 08 (Sunday)	competition	09:00-14:00
	Awarding Ceremony	14:15

Budapest, February 02, 2026

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