

Announcement of / Invitation for the

Olympic Hopes

**International Competition and part of the Challenger Series in Short
Track Speed Skating**

Budapest, Hungary

October 22-25, 2026



ANNOUNCEMENT

1. **Organizer of the competition:** the Hungarian National Skating Federation (HNSF)

The organizer has the honour of inviting you to take part in the Olympic Hopes International Competition in Short Track Speed Skating.

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, Budapest

The competition will be held in the covered Practice Rink with an indoor ice rink measuring 30x60 metres and a movable padding system. The compass of the track is 111.12 metres with curves of 8 metres as per the ISU Rules. There will be seven (7) 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:** October 22-25, 2026

4. **Guiding rules:**

The competition will be carried out according to the International Skating Union's (ISU) Competition and Event Regulations (CER), ISU Short Track Sport Rules 2026, the ISU Short Track Guidance to the racing rules 2026/27 and the relevant Communications.

5. **Participation:**

- only registered competitors of ISU Members and affiliated clubs and 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
- the organizing committee may close the registrations earlier, in case of too many entries.

Please indicate your intention of participation as soon as possible in order to enable us to prepare the competition as well as possible.

6. **Technicalities:**

- categories, age groups for **Olympic Hopes Challenger Series** competition (according to CER Article 9.2.)

Senior	born between		-	30.06.2007
U19 - Junior A	born between	01.07.2007	-	30.06.2009
U17 - Junior B	born between	01.07.2009	-	30.06.2011

Entries can only be accepted if a skater is entered into the correct age category according to their date of birth, there is no possibility to enter in a higher category.

INDIVIDUAL for Olympic Hopes Challenger Series competition: Knock-out system with Repechage

Senior	1500 m	500 m	1000 m
U19 – U17 - Junior A-B	1500 m	500 m	1000 m

- categories, age groups for **Olympic Hopes International Competition**

U15 - Junior C	born between	01.07.2011	-	30.06.2013
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Entries can only be accepted if a skater is entered into the correct age category according to their date of birth, there is no possibility to enter in a higher category.

Should the number of entries in the Junior C category be excessively high and thereby affect the conduct of the competition, the Organizing Committee shall have the right, in order to safeguard the smooth running of the competition, to reduce the number of entries per Member on a proportional basis.

After the registration deadline, the final entry list will be published on the www.shorttracklive.info website. Those applicants whose entries could not be accepted (and cannot participate in the competition) will be notified at the email address provided in the registration on the shorttracklive.info website.

INDIVIDUAL for Olympic Hopes International Competition: Semi All-Final system

U15 – Junior C	1000 m	500 m
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RELAY:

Gender Relays	3000 m	Senior	4 skaters
	3000 m	Junior A-B	4 skaters
Mixed Team Relay	2000 m	Senior	4 skaters (2 women, 2 men)
	2000 m	Junior A-B	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 accepted number of Mixed Relay entries will depend on the schedule of the event. Relay members must have participated in the individual events. In case a Club does not have the sufficient number of skaters to enter a Relay Team, it is permitted to form a combined Relay Team; however, such a Team may only consist of skaters from the same Member. For the Senior Mixed Team Relay, however, teams may be composed of skaters representing different ISU Members.

7. Conditions of Contest

- the seeding for the first distance shall be determined according to the skaters' officially registered personal best times.
- the start procedure will be conducted using the **zero false start** system.

- the individual competition in the Olympic Hopes Challenger Series competition is an All-Round competition. Knock-out system with repechage is used as qualification procedure. The make-up of races will be made according to Rule 293 and 291 and the Memorandum. Final points (34-21-13-8-5-3-2-1) will be awarded in the respective Finals considering Rule 297 §.
- 8. **Entries:** by submitting an entry the competitors clearly agree to all terms set in this Announcement.
- **Preliminary Entries** must reach the OC by **1st of October 2026** at the latest
- the **Final Entry** must be electronically (www.shorttracklive.info) entered not later than **8th of October 2026** and should include the following:
 - * the title of the competition
 - * the name of the Club and ISU Member making the entry
 - * the number of athletes in each category
 - * the number of coaches and team leaders
 - * the first (given) name and surname of the competitor(s)
 - * the date of birth of the competitor(s)
 - * the date and time of arrival and departure of the competitor(s) and those accompanying them
 - * the financial statement of the respective Club/ISU Member that all occurring costs will be covered by them

If you are not registered in the shorttracklive.info website, please fill in the Registration form in the 1st Appendix and send it to the comp.steward@hunsbate.hu e-mail address.

If you have further questions on this subject (username, password etc.), please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hermann Filipic, e-mail: hermann@filipic1.at

Skaters whose personal best time(s) are not available on the www.shorttracklive.info website, shall be required to submit their official personal best times(s) by e-mail to comp.steward@hunsbate.hu no later than the entry deadline (08.10.2026).

- the **entry fee** for the Senior, Junior A and Junior B categories is **65, - EUR/person** and for the Junior C category it is **40, -EUR/person**
- the entry fee must be paid via bank transfer until **12th of October 2026**. Please note that **helmet covers and transponders will only be handed over at the Technical Meeting if payment is fulfilled!**

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: ORV_ISU Member_Skaters' surnames
 (e.g. ORV_HUN_Smith, Murphy etc.)

- **late entry fee:** If the entry fee is paid after **16th October 2026** an increased entry fee for the **Senior, Junior A and Junior B categories of 80 EUR/person**, and for the **Junior C category 55 EUR/person**. In case of **onsite payment**, the entry fee is **85 EUR/person for Senior, Junior A and B categories; 60 EUR/person for Junior C category** (an additional 4% bank fee applies to card payments).
 (amended on October 15, 2026)
- the **deposit** for helmet covers and transponders is 50, - EUR/team
- cancellation is only accepted by the HNSF in case of an injury or illness – strictly supported by medical certificate, in which case the amount of entry fee will be refunded.

9. Payment:

Accepted payment methods: bank transfer (only in advance)

10. 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 corners of the blades
- helmet
- cut proof gloves
- neck protectors
- cut-proof skin suit for competition
- eye wear protection

11. Awards:

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

The Senior and Junior A categories will skate together; however, the overall results will be classified separately for each category.

12. Accommodation:

All meals and lodging expenses are to be paid by the participating members. The OC recommends hotels nearby the Ice Rink, listed below, please make your reservation directly. The rooms are available in limited numbers.

Hotel Lions Garden

address: Cházár András Street 4., Budapest, H-1146

tel.: +36 1 273 2070

e-mail: info@lions-garden.com

Danubius Hotel Arena

address: Ifjúság road 1-3., Budapest, H- 1148

tel.: +36 1 889 5200

e-mail: arena.reservation@danubiushotels.com

13. Lunch: at the ice rink

It is possible to order warm lunch beforehand at the ice rink for all competition days. The price is **20 Euros / person / 1-course meal. Orders should be made through the Organizing Committee via e-mail: boroka.kovacs@hunsbate.hu until 16th of October.**

14. Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with CER Article 8.2. 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.

15. Results and stream

All results of the competition series will be published on the website as follows: www.shorttracklive.info

The competition can be followed live on the hunsbate.tv/hunsbate-tv platform.

16. 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

17. Preliminary program / schedule: it is subject to change

day	event	time
22 nd October (Thursday)	Technical Meeting	09:00
	Competitions	10:00-18:00
	Lunch	13:45-14:15
23 rd October (Friday)	Competitions	09:00-18:00
	Lunch	14:20-14:50
24 th October (Saturday)	Competitions	09:00-18:00
	Lunch	11:45-12:15
25 th October (Sunday)	Competitions	09:00-13:00
	Awarding Ceremony	13:10

Budapest, 24.09.2026

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Registration form for shorttracklive.info

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