

*Ondrej
Nepela
Trophy*



ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

21st ONDREJ NEPELA TROPHY

**An International Senior Competition for
Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance**

organized by the

**Slovak Figure Skating Association
and Figure Skating Club Slovan Bratislava**

October 2 – 5, 2013

in Bratislava, Slovakia

1. GENERAL

The 21st Ondrej Nepela Trophy will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012, the Special Regulations for Single & Pair Skating, the Special Regulations for Ice Dance 2012, the Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012 and the Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012 as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the Ondrej Nepela Trophy is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 109, paragraph 1, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2. b) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of it.

Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation.

The winners of the Single, Pairs and Ice Dance category will receive the medals and diplomas. All competitors will receive diplomas.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

ISU Member:	Slovak Figure Skating Association
Place:	Ondrej Nepela Ice Rink (60 m x 30 m) a skating complex with three indoor ice-rinks, air conditioned and heated with the ice surface of 60m x 28m and two practice 58m x 28m; 56m x 26m; the rinks are next to each other. Odbojárov 1, Bratislava



MEN AND LADIES

Short Program:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 511, paragraph 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication.

Special attention should be paid to the "well-balanced-program" and the element values.

Duration:

Men 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

Ladies 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

Factors:

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 353, paragraph 1, l) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

a) for Men

Short Program	1,0
Free Skating	2,0

b) for Ladies

Short Program	0,8
Free Skating	1,6

PAIRS

Short Program:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 520, paragraph 1 and 2, group for 2012/2013 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 521 and the relevant ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well-balanced program” and the element values.

Duration: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

Factors:

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 353, paragraph 1, m) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

Short Program	0,8
Free Skating	1,6

ICE DANCE

Short Dance:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 609, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1738 and subsequent updates.

The rhythm

Quickstep

Or

Quickstep plus one or two of the following Rhythms:
Foxtrot, Charleston, Swing

The Pattern Dance Element must be skated on the Quickstep Rhythm, in the style of Quickstep. The tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance Elements must be constant and in accordance with the required tempo of the Pattern Dance Finnstep, i.e. 52 measures of two beats or 104 beats per minute, plus or minus 2 beats per minute.

Vocal music is permitted.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds +/- 10 sec.

Free Dance:

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 610. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1721 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2012, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (required elements) and the respective ISU Communication must be observed.

Factors:

in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2012, the multiplying factors for the different segments are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1, n).

3. ENTRIES

Citizen / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of it, 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.

Each ISU Member has the right to nominate 2 competitors for each single event (2 Men, 2 Ladies). In Pairs and Ice Dance categories is no limitation of entries. The Slovak Figure Skating Association reserves the right to enter additional competitors in each category, max. of 24 competitors in discipline.

The Organizer has right if in the category concerned is more than 24 entries preferably accept skaters and couples having part in the finals of the Senior and Junior ISU Championships of the last two (2) seasons. The Organizer confirms the accepted skater (s) after closing date of entries.

Each ISU Member has the right to enter one judge. If an ISU Member has entries in three or more disciplines, this Member has right to enter a second judge, who has to have the international qualification for Ice Dance and if possible for singles or pairs. The Panels of judges will consist of five (5) judges (in the ISU listed as International or ISU judges).

Should there be too many judges nominated for participation, the organizer reserves the right to draw for the composition of panels beforehand and inform those judges who are not drawn for service.

Entries for Competitors and Judges must reach organiser by August 15th, 2013 latest.

The official entry forms have to be used and must be sent to:

Slovak Figure Skating Association
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821 08 Bratislava
Slovak Republic

Fax: + 421 2 20 85 23 01
Phone: + 421 2 20 85 23 01
Email: skrz@sztk.sk
Email: slovan.kraso@gmail.com
Email: 21stONT@gmail.com

Please find all Forms and the Program Content Sheets in electronic version at: www.kraso.sk,
www.nepelatrophy.webs.com

4. MUSIC

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on either CD or USB key, in accordance with Rules 343, paragraph 1. Each program (Short Program/Free Skating , Short Dance/Free Dance) must be recorded on one track respectively on a separate discs. Discs must show the competition event, competitor's name, nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal, and must be submitted at the time of registration.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating for Singles and Pairs, for the Short and Free Dance for Ice Dance must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all disks must show the Competition event, Competitors name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music - not skating time - including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration.

If the music information is not completed and discs are not provided, accreditation will not be given.

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet must be completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the terminology listed in the respective ISU Communication.

It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

5. EXPENSES PROVIDED

The organiser will provide accommodation and meals for all Referees, Judges drawn for the panel as to paragraph 3 above and Event Officials (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Video Operators)

From October 02nd (dinner)
To October 06th (ending with breakfast)

All Competitors, Coaches and Team Leaders have to bear their own expenses. Hotel accommodation can be booked only through the organiser. The prices are agreed exclusively with the organiser. Please send your booking at the attached form to skrz@sztk.sk; 21stont@gmail.com, slovan.kraso@gmail.com
not latest by august 15th, 2013

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Hotel LINDNER GALLERY CENTRAL Bratislava ****
Metodova 4
821 08 Bratislava
www.lindner.de

Distance from the Ice rink – 250 m
Prices for accommodation (breakfast included)/per day

Single room	-	business class	59 €
Double room	-	business class	79 €
Single room	-	first class	99 €
Double room	-	first class	119 €
Triple room	-	first class	119 €

Municipality taxes included in price of room

The Organizer can guarantee and provide you with accommodation only after receiving 50% of total payment for accommodation (cancellation fee included) before September 25th 2013 on the following bank account:

Bank: VUB a.s., Bratislava, Slovakia
IBAN: SK39 0200 0000 0028 5032 7658
SWIFT/BIC: SUBASKBX
Account no. 2850327658
Bank code 0200

Meal – buffet healthy style with water

Lunch	15 €
Dinner	15 €

Wellness

Possibility to access the wellness center with 25m pool, saunas, fitness and Jacuzzi for a surcharge 5,50 € / pre person / paid on the reception

Travel expenses will be paid **only** to the Referees, the Technical Specialists, the Technical Controllers and Data/Video Operators based on economy airfare. All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of the respective person and must be paid prior to the departure.

The Airport is "Airport Bratislava" which is about 15 minutes far from official hotel and Ice Rink.

The railway Station is "Bratislava Railway Station" or „Bratislava Bus Station – Mlynske Nivy“

The Organizing Committee provides a shuttle bus upon arrival and departure for the teams at the airport. Transportation fee **of EUR 9,-** /one person/one way will be asked and shall be paid at the registration.

6. CHARGES

Entry fee: EUR 50/ skater
 EUR 100/couple
 This fee has to be paid at the registration before the competition.

7. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 352 and 353.

The three best- placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced and honoured at the official Victory Ceremony. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flag of the medal winners hoisted.

8. LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 21st Ondrej Nepela Trophy, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injure person.

The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred Competitors and Officials.

9. REGISTRATION

Accreditation will be given to all Event Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators, all entered Judges, Participants, one Team Leader and one coach per skater. Not more than 2 Officials of each ISU Member will also receive an accreditation provided they are Council Members of their National Federation (including Presidents), or the General Secretary of the Head Office of their Federation. Each Member Federation confirms the function of each Team Member with the official entry form "Composition of Delegation".

Accreditation will be given at the Hotel LINDNER Bratislava (Welcome Desk) on 02.10.2013 at 17,00.

The Opening Ceremony with draw will be at 21.00 hrs in the Hotel LINDNER Bratislava.

10. VARIOUS

Distance to the Ice-Rink: Bratislava – Bratislava Airport (5 km)
 Bratislava - Vienna Airport/Schwechat (50 km)
 Bratislava - Brno Airport/Tuřany (130 km)
 Bratislava - Budapest Airport (200km)

Transportation : all Referees, Technical Panels, Judges, Participants and Coaches are requested to announce to the organizer not later than **August, 15th, 2013 arrival information on the prescribed Form.**

Information: the boxes for Member will be placed in the rink.

11. PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Thursday, October 03rd, 2013

Official Practice

13:00	Ladies	Short Program
	Men	Short Program
	Pairs	Short Program

Friday, October 04th, 2013

12:00	Ice Dance	Short Dance
	Pairs	Free Skating
	Ladies	Free Skating

Saturday, October 05th, 2013

11:00	Ice Dance	Free Dance
	Men	Free Skating