



Short Track club Kristallijn Gent

Announcement of the

42nd EASTER CUP 30 – 31 March 2024

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Dates and Venue

Short Track club *Kristallijn Gent* has the honour of inviting you to the

42nd International EASTER CUP Short Track

For Juniors, Seniors & Masters

Date: 30 March – 31 March 2024

Venue: IJbaan Kristallijn, Warmoezeniersweg 20, 9000 Gent - Belgium

The competition will be held in accordance with the ISU regulations.

Entries

The entries are open to all clubs and skaters affiliated with an ISU member. Final Entries must reach the organizing committee by **Wednesday 20 March 2024**.

Entry fee: an entry fee of € 45,00 must be **paid by the club** to the organizers for every athlete. To reduce the amount of cash and fast handling of helmet caps, we ask you to wire the money by bank transfer to the STKG bank account no later than **Wednesday 27 March 2024**:

Recipient name: STKG vzw

Recipient address: Warmoezeniersweg 20, 9000 Gent, BELGIUM

Receiving bank name: KBC Bank

Receiving bank address: Havenlaan 2, B-1080, Brussel, BELGIUM

IBAN: BE92 7340 4266 2023

BIC: KREDBEBB

Use the following formatted message with the transfer: "EC Club X" with EC = Easter Cup, Club, the abbreviation of your club on ShorttrackOnline, and X the number of skaters you are paying for. This number should correspond to the number of entered skaters on ShorttrackOnline). We ask for a single bank transfer per club. Reach out to the organizing committee if you have any issues (bestuur@stkg.be).

Clubs can only make entries with the approval of their respective ISU Member at:

shorttrackonline.info

The entry fee for athletes **includes a meal voucher for pasta carbonara and one drink (bolognese and veggie option available on request)** that can be used on Saturday evening during the pasta event. Friends and family will also get a chance to buy extra tickets for this event at the price of € 14,00. Practical information about this will be sent to the clubs later on.

Age Groups

The competition is open to all Juniors, Seniors & Masters. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories per gender:

Junior F:	born after 30/06/2014
Junior E:	born from 1/07/2012 to 30/06/2014 (*)
Junior D:	born from 1/07/2010 to 30/06/2012
Junior C:	born from 1/07/2008 to 30/06/2010
Junior B:	born from 1/07/2006 to 30/06/2008
Junior A + Senior:	born from 1/07/1993 to 30/06/2006 (**)
Master:	born before 1/07/1993

The equipment of the skaters must be in accordance with the ISU regulations. Different age groups and genders may skate together depending on the number of participants in each group. Junior E and F are foreseen to form such a combined group.

(*) Junior E skaters who have the limit time below can participate in the junior D category on request.

- Women Junior D: 57.00 sec (500m)
- Men Junior D: 55.00 sec (500m)

(**) Junior A and Senior skaters are allowed to skate with the Master categories upon request. Their application will be considered based on their best times in the current and past seasons while guaranteeing safety for all participants.

Program

The individual competition will follow an All Final Qualifying System. Seeding in the first round is done by the best time for that distance in the past and current seasons. The starting positions in the first round of a distance (with multiple rounds) is based on the same list where the fastest skater will be in position 1, the second fastest in position 2 etc. In the Super Final distance, the starting position will be based on the overall classification.

According to the number of entries, there will be a competition over a minimum of two distances and a Super Final A+B. The total number of points from all distance finals + Super Finals will determine the competition's overall winner in each category.

Relay races will be held with club mixed gender teams in 3 categories A/B/S/M (3000m), C/D (3000m) and E/F (2000m). Depending on the number of club teams, extra mixed club teams may be allowed as well, if time permits it. The races of the Relay teams shall happen as if they were finals by assigning a virtual rank based on the sum of the best 500m times for Junior C upwards and 333m for the Junior E/F of the skaters of each team. Hence the last Relay race of each category shall consist of the (virtually) fastest teams. However, the distance classification of the Relay shall follow the finish times of each team. In such a way, we can provide challenging and safe Relays.

	1st distance	2nd distance	Super Final A + B
Junior E & F	333 m	222 m	500 m (2 x 6)
Junior D	777 m	500 m	A: 1000m (6) - B: 777 m (6)
Junior C	777 m	500 m	1000 m (2 x 6)
Junior B	1000 m	500 m	1500 m (2 x 7)
Junior A & Senior	1000 m	500 m	1500 m (2 x 7)
Masters	1000 m	500 m	A:1500 m (7) - B: 1000m (6)

The organizing committee may alter the program should it be deemed necessary.

Competition Times

Saturday 30th of March 2024:

- 7.30: Team leader meeting
- 8.00 - 13.00: Warming Up + Competition
- 14.00 - 19.30: Competition
- 18.00 - 21.00: Pasta event

Sunday 31st of March 2024: 8.00 - 14.00: Warming Up + Competition

Accreditation

Helmet caps will be given at the entrance of the Cafeteria of the Ice Rink (registration desk), between 7.00 and 8.30 on Saturday 30th of March 2024. A deposit of € 10,00 per helm cap has to be made in cash and will be returned upon recollection of the helmet caps (max € 50,00 per club).

Track and padding

The track is an artificial indoor ice surface of 30 m x 60 m. The competition will be held on a 111,12 m oval track with a measuring curve of 8,50 m. Six (6) other tracks will be laid out according to ISU rules. The starting line will be moved accordingly. For all tracks, one finishing line with a photo finish will be used.

STKG finds safety very important, so we provide traditional padding of 60 cm in the primary and secondary crash zone and 40 cm of padding in the safe zone per ISU communication 2128 for competitions for International Competitions (Seniors and Junior A+B).

Condition of contest

Points for each Distance Classification will be awarded in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 6. The Overall Classification will be calculated in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 8. Skaters who did not start in the first round of any of the distances with a valid reason, e.g. a medical reason, will get a ranking on that distance equal to the number of participants plus 1.

Awards

Individual classification: Awards will be given to the first, second and third in the final classification of each category.

Club classification: Awards will be given to the first, second and third in the final club classification (best 5 skaters per club + best Relay result). Individual skaters may gain the following points 25, 23, 22, 21 ... for a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th ... place according to the categories defined in the announcement (section Age Groups). For the Relay, 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10 points are granted for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place respectively in one of the categories in which the Relay was skated. Only the points of teams of which all members belong to the same club, count towards the club classification. In case of a tie, the clubs will be ranked equally. In the case that Relays are not held for all categories, no Relay results will count towards the clubs classification.

Competition Series: Golden Sun Awards

The Easter Cup is part of a series of 3 competitions, including the Hanse Cup in Rostock, GER (20-22 October 2023), the Speculaas Cup in Hasselt, BEL (24-25 February 2024) for Juniors and Seniors. A combined ranking will be created over all competitions. The awards will be handed out after the award ceremony of the Easter Cup.

Miscellaneous

By entering, all participants accept and agree that they might be subject to recording (audio, video and pictures), and might appear in the media content created about the competition during this competition or in future competitions organized by STKG.

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 facilitating 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.

Liability and Medical Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Royal Speed Skating Federation and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes.

Anti-doping

Anti-doping tests might be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 2213 & 2243 or any further update of these Communications). <https://www.isu.org/clean-sport/anti-doping>

Food & drinks

Only food and drinks that are bought in the cafeteria can be consumed there. In the dressing rooms, you are allowed to consume your own food and drinks. Additional information about catering will be sent to the entered clubs later on.

Technology

Time recording will happen by photo finish at 0.001 seconds accuracy. Video replay will be available from different angles to help the referees to assess infringements. Transponders will also be used. If technically possible, we will also have a livestream.

Information

Should you have any questions for the organizing committee, do not hesitate to contact us:

Email: info@stkg.be

Website: www.stkg.be

Low Emission Zone Ghent

Please be aware of the newly installed low emission zone (LEZ) in Ghent centre. (inside the inner ring R40) To access the ice rink, no extra effort is required if you reach the ice rink from the highway, but if you would like to visit the city centre, you need to register your car if it has a non-Belgian license plate. More information can be found here:

<https://stad.gent/en/mobility-ghent/low-emission-zone-ghent>

Also be aware of the mobility plan that is still operational in Ghent center. Be sure not to cross any of the restricted access roads. More information can be found here:

<https://stad.gent/en/mobility-ghent/mobility-plan>

Accommodation

All participating clubs are responsible for their own accommodation. Book your hotel in advance: many hotels in Ghent are often sold out during Easter weekend!

More information can be found at: www.visitgent.be