

26.01.2010

Announcement of the International Figure Skating Competition for young skaters

Kuopio, Finland 8.4. - 11.4.2010

8th Silver Skate 2010

Organized by: Kuopion Taitoluistelijat ry. (KuTa) Kuopio, Finland.

Venues: City (Niirala) Ice Rink, Kuopio, Finland
Lippumäki Ice Rink, Kuopio, Finland.

Preliminary event schedule:

Thursday 1.4. Hotel Puijonsarvi: official draw for all categories (Novice A and Juniors A and B for short program).

Thursday 8.4. City Icerink: Competitions Chicks, Springs B, Novice C
Lippumäki Icerink: Open practices.

Friday 9.4. City Icerink: Competitions Springs A, Novice B
Lippumäki Icerink: Competitions Cubs

City Icerink: **Award ceremonies for all skaters**
Evening gala, open to public

Saturday 10.4. City Icerink: Competitions Debs: free program,
Junior B, Novice A, Junior A: short program
Lippumäki Icerink: Reserve. Boy skaters "minicamp"

Saturday 10.4. City Icerink: official draw for Novice A, Junior A and B free
program.
"Judgement evening" for all coaches and judges
(The traditional complaint and comparison night...)

Sunday 11.4. City Icerink: Competitions Junior B, Novice A, Junior A:
free program

City Icerink: **Award ceremonies on ice**
Award ceremonies for Northern Light Tour

**THE TIMETABLE IS PRELIMINARY AND MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE
NUMBER OF ENTRIES FOR EACH CATEGORY !**

**ORGANIZERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGES DUE TO OVERLAPPING ICE-
HOCKEY SEMIFINALS. THE FINAL RINK FOR EACH CATEGORY CAN BE
ANNOUNCED THE EARLIEST ON SATURDAY 03.04.2010.**

.....

- Competitors:** Competitions are open to single skaters from Kuopion Taitoluistelijat and invited visitors.
- Entry fee:** 50 Euros per skater for Chicks, Cubs and Novice C. (Finnish Star evaluation)
60 Euros per skater for Springs A and B, Debs and Novice B
70 Euros per skater for Novice A and Junior A and B (two programs)
- Awarding:** Three first standings in each competition will be awarded with a cup and with a diploma. Special awards will be granted for the most memorable presentations.

All the competitors will get a medal and a diploma.

Competition is part of the Northern Lights Tour –please see Annex D for current club standings:

Please see Annex B for categories and recommendations for Silver Skate 2010.

Competition website: <http://kuopiontaitoluistelijat.sporttisaitti.com/>

Music: CD.

Expenses: Travel expenses, board and accommodation will be borne by the participants. If a foreign judge is sent by a foreign competitor, the latter will be responsible of the judge's travel. Judges will be granted lodging and a daily allowance.

Accommodation: Accommodation information is in *annex C*. Special prices will be forwarded in the 2nd announcement, beginning of February 2010.

Entries:

Email entries are strongly encouraged, an entry form: *annex A*. Deadline is 21.3.2010. Entries received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Entries can be delivered by e-mail or fax to the following addresses:

e-mail: hannu.jauhiainen@dnainternet.net

Fax: +358-17-173 244

The entry fee should be paid no later than 21.3.2010 on the account of the Kuopion Taitoluistelijat ry.(KuTa),
Kuopion Osuuspankki 560005-2160543
IBAN: FI4056000520160543
(SWIFT) OKOYFIHH

The entry fee of foreign competitors can be paid in cash to the competition office during the competitions.

The entries for each category should be in the club's order of preference in the case of need to limit the number of entries.

The organizer reserves the right to enter more competitors.

Cancellations: after 21.3.2010 only cancellations verified by a medical certificate will be refunded.

Liability: According to the ISU regulations, Rule 119, organizer accepts no liability for injuries or damage sustained by competitors or officials.

GALA FRIDAY 9.4.:

We ask for a special gala program with duration of max. 5 min / club.

The program may be performed by an individual competitor / group of competitors / any combination.

Please inform the organizer about the gala program and the performers in the entry.

The gala will be organized in Niirala Ice Rink on Friday 9.4. (tentatively at 5 pm) after the competitions and award ceremonies on the ice. Gala will be open to the public and, having about 200 competitors on that day, we wish to have a crowd in the audience!!

RECOMMENDATIONS, Annex B:

Please pay special attention to the recommendations.

Please remember that the program structure and the music information will be required as part of the entry of each competitor in Springs, Debs, Novices, and Juniors, Deadline March 21st.

Please fill the planned program component sheet in separate enclosure by the deadline and return to hannu.jauhiainen@dnainternet.net

SILVERSKATE 2010 RECOMMENDATIONS:

Single skating categories:

Chicks born 2003 or later (Finnish Star system judging)

Duration of the program: max. 2 min 30 sec

Chicks born 2002 (Finnish Star system judging)

Duration of the program: max. 2 min 30 sec

Cubs born 2001 (Finnish Star system judging)

Duration of the program: max. 2 min 30 sec

Cubs born 2000 (Finnish Star system judging)

Duration of the program: max. 2 min 30 sec

Recommendations for Chicks and Cubs:

- Single jumps. One which may be Axel type jump and/or not more than 1 kind of double jump.
- 2-3 spins which should have min 3 revolutions.
- 1 step sequence covering at least ½ of the ice.
- 2 unsupported spirals

Springs A (ISU scoring system)

- Born 1998/1999
- Duration of the program: max. 2 min 40 sec

Springs A (ISU scoring system)

- Born 2000 or later
- Duration of the program: max. 2 min 40 sec

Free Skating 9 elements

- Maximum of 5 jump elements. One must be Axel type jump.
At least 3 different types of double jumps which may be repeated once either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence. Not more than 2 jump combinations or sequences. Only 1 jump combination may contain 3 jumps.
- Not more than 3 different spins of a different nature. One which must be a spin combination (min 8 revolutions) with or without a change of foot. One must be a spin in one foot and in one position (min 5 rev) and may start with a jump.
One different kind of spin which must have a different abbreviation than the two mentioned above (one foot and one position spin min 5 rev / a spin combination min 8 rev).
- 1 step sequence.

- Minimum of 2 unsupported spirals (evaluated in transitions).

NB: In Springs the deduction for each fall is -0.5 points/fall.

Springs B (ISU scoring system)

- Born 1998 or later
- Duration of the program: max. 2 min 40 sec

(Skaters may be divided in separate categories: Springs B 1998/1999 and Springs B born 2000 or later if the amount of skaters is over 40.)

Free Skating 9 elements

- Maximum of 5 jump elements. One must be Axel type jump. There must be at least 1 double jump. Double jumps may be repeated once either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence. Not more than 2 jump combinations or sequences. Only 1 jump combination may contain 3 jumps.
- Not more than 3 different spins of a different nature. One which must be a spin combination (min 8 revolutions) with or without a change of foot. One must be a spin in one foot and in one position (min 5 rev) and may start with a jump. One different kind of spin which must have a different abbreviation than the two mentioned above (a one foot and one position spin min 5 rev / a spin combination min 8 rev).
- 1 step sequence
- Minimum of 2 unsupported spirals (evaluated in transitions)

NB: In Springs the deduction for each fall is -0.5 points/fall.

Debutants: (ISU scoring system)

- Born 1997 or later
- Duration of the program: girls: 3 min +/- 10 sec, boys 3 min 30 sec +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating 10 elements/girls, 11 elements/boys

- Girls maximum of 6 jump elements
Boys max 7 jump elements.
One must be Axel type jump. There shall be at least 4 different double jumps. There may be up to 3 jump combinations or sequences. Only one jump combination may contain 3 jumps. A jump sequence may contain any number of jumps, but only 2 most difficult jumps will be counted. Double and triple jumps may be repeated once either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence.
- 3 different spins of a different nature. One which must be a spin combination (min 8 rev) with or without a change of foot. One must be a spin in one foot and in one position (min 5 rev) and may start with a jump. One camel spin with change of foot (4+4 rev).
- 1 step sequence.

NB: A debutant skater will get +2 bonus points for jumps which are called either double axel or a triple jump. The maximum is +6 bonus points/program even if a skater performs more triple jumps or double axels.

Novice C (Finnish Star System judging)
"Taitajat"

- born 1998 or before (skaters over 11 years old)
- Duration of the program max 3 min.
- Music: lyrics accepted

Free skating:

- At least 3 different single jumps
- At least one jump combination
- At least 3 spins: one spin combination with change of foot (at least 4 rev in each foot), two spins in any nature (at least 5 revolutions)
- Step sequence
- Spirals

Novice B (ISU scoring system)

- Born 1995 or later
- Duration of the program: girls: 3 min +/- 10 sec, boys 3 min 30 sec +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating 10 elements (girls and boys)

- Maximum of 6 jump elements (girls and boys). One must be Axel type jump. There may be up to 3 jump combinations or sequences. Only one jump combination may contain 3 jumps. A jump sequence may contain any number of jumps, but only the 2 most difficult jumps will be counted. Double and triple jumps may be repeated once either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence.
- 3 different spins of a different nature. One which must be a spin combination with or without a change of foot (min 8 rev). One which must be a spin in one foot and in one position (min 5 rev) and may start with a jump. One different kind of spin which has a different abbreviation than the two mentioned above (a one foot and one position spin min 5 rev / a spin combination min 8 rev).
- One step or spiral sequence. In a spiral sequence, there must be at least 2 spirals in which the free leg is above hip-level. One of the spirals must be unsupported.

Junior B

- age: 13-18 years (ladies and men)

Short program

- Duration of the program: max. 2 min 50 sec (ladies and men)

8 elements (ladies and men):

- Axel or double axel
- Double jump with connecting steps
- Jump combination (double-double, solojump may not be repeated)
- Flying spin (at least 6 rev)
- Layback spin (ladies) (at least 6 rev) / change camel or change sit spin (men) (at least 5 rev in each foot)
- Combination spin with all 3 basic positions and only one change of foot (at least 5 rev in each foot).
- Step sequence (ladies and men) (circular, serpentine or straightline)
- Ladies: Spiral sequence (at least 3 spiral positions and one change of foot, one of the spirals must be unsupported).
- Men: Step sequence (circular, serpentine, straightline, different shape than the other)

Free program

Duration of the program: max. 3 min 30 sec (ladies and men)

11 elements (ladies and men):

- Maximum of 7 jump elements. One must be Axel type jump. There may be up to 3 jump combinations or sequences. Only one jump combination may contain 3 jumps. A jump sequence may contain any number of jumps, but only the 2 most difficult jumps will be counted. Triple jumps may be repeated once either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence.
- 3 different spins of a different nature. One which must be a spin combination (min 10 rev) with or without a change of foot. One must be a spin in one foot and in one position (min 5 rev) and may start with a jump. One different kind of spin which must have a different abbreviation than the two mentioned above (a one foot and one position spin min 5 rev / a spin combination min 10 rev).
- 1 Step sequence.

Novice A, girls and boys

Requirements: According to ISU Regulations.

Junior A, ladies and men

Requirements: According to ISU Regulations.

Program Component factors and falling deductions in Compliance with the Northern Lights Tour (please see separate announcement):

Program Component Factors are as follows:

	ss	tr	pe	ch	in	
Junior B (short)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	falling deduction -1.0
Junior B (Free)	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	falling deduction -1.0
Novice B	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	falling deduction -1.0
Springs	1.0	0.75	1.0	0.5	0.75	falling deduction -0.5
Debs	1.4	1.0	1.4	0.8	1.4	falling deduction -1.0

ISU factors and ISU falling deduction (-1.0) in all ISU categories.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Annex C

Competitors should contact the hotels directly to reserve accommodation. We are in the process of negotiating special prices – information about these will follow in the 2nd announcement in one week:

Hotel Savonia Best Western, *** neighbourhood hotel, 300 m walk to the City Ice Rink.

Reservations: Best Western Hotel Savonia / Puijo
+358-17- 2555 102
savonia.myyntipalvelu@sakky.fi
<http://www.savonia.com>

Sokos Hotel Puijonsarvi**** large city hotel, 1.3 km walk to the City Ice Rink.

Address: Minna Canthin katu 16, 70100 Kuopio
Puh. +358-(0)17 1922 000
Fax +358-(0)17 1922 001
sales.kuopio@sokoshotels.fi

Hotel Cumulus Kuopio, *** city hotel, 300 m walk to the City Ice Rink.

Address: Puijonkatu 32, Kuopio

Reservations: Puijonkatu 32, FIN-70100 Kuopio, Tel. +358-(0)17-617 711, fax +358-(0)17-6177 299

Hotel Spa Rauhanlahti ****, at lakefront, spa and hotel, 5 km to the City Ice Rink

Address: Katiskaniementie 8, Kuopio

Reservations: Tel: +358-30-608 30, fax +358-30-608 3200

<http://www.rauhalahti.fi>

Hotel Spa Kunnan Paikka ****, at lakefront, spa and hotel, 10 km to the City Ice Rink

Address: Jokiharjuntie 3, Vuorela, Kuopio

Reservations: Tel: +358-17-476 111, fax +358-17-465 1398

<http://www.kunnanpaikka.fi/>