

Dear sport lovers!

Every year, at the beginning of April (at the closure of the skating season) Jesenice and Kranjska Gora become the scene for the competition of the best young figure skaters from all over the world. This year is going to be organised for the 22nd time.

The competition is hosted in Jesenice ice hall Podmežakla and has its roots from the year 1992. From then on it has grown to be one of the most important events in the framework of International Ice skating Union. It is rated immediately after senior and junior world championships.

Over 100 skaters (cadets, juniors and seniors) from all over the world compete for the Triglav Trophy every year. The competition is regularly attended by all important ice skating world powers (such as USA, Japan, Korea, Russia, Canada and all the European countries) with their young promising ice skaters.

Some of the biggest names of world ice skating have competed at the Jesenice ice ring. Many of them became important competitors later, in junior and senior classes, some of them European and World champions and even Olympic winners: Shizuka Arakawa, Stephane Lambiel, Yuna Kim, EvanLysacek, Rachael Flatt,...



The winning teams of the Triglav Trophy 2007 with the president of the Slovene Skating Union Darja Gabrovšek Polajnar

Shizuka Arakawa (JPN) won the competition at Jesenice as young girl (junior class) in the year 1996. In the year 2004 she became World champion and two years later in Torino she won the Olympic gold medal.



Evan Lysacek and Shizuka Arakawa

The winner of the Triglav Trophy 2002 in the junior competition - Evan Lysacek (USA) became the world champion in the year 2009 and the winner in the Olympic games in 2010.

Stephane Lambiel from Switzerland won the gold medal in the Triglav Trophy as a junior in the year 1997. After that, he became world champion twice - in the year 2005 and 2006. In the Olympic Games in Torino (2006) he won silver medal.



The world junior champion in the year 2008 and American state champion in 2010, Rachael Flatt, won gold in Jesenice in 2005.



Rachael Flatt (with Kanako Murakami (JPN) and Carolina Kostner (ITA))

Yuna Kim, from Korea, together with Mao Asada (JPN) are among of the best worlds skaters. Yuna Kim was the World champion in 2009, she also won Olympic gold in 2010. In Jesenice she competed and won gold in 2002.



Yuna Kim



In the past few years, senior class competition has been included in the Triglav Trophy program, and more and more of elite skaters from this category come to compete in Jesenice. In the year 2009 the winner of this category was Alban Préaubert, who is also five times winner of the french bronze medal.

Among all this glittering names Slovenia also has its own hero. His name is Gregor Urbas, and on his home ice he won six gold medals. He comes from Jesenice and he is the best Slovenian skater of all time. In the year 2007 he was 9th at the European championship, and this is the best Slovene result in the international championship of this sport.



Gregor Urbas on the winning podium in the year 2007 with Tjaša Andree Prosenec and Vinko Otovič



Gregor Urbas in 2005 with skaters from Jesenice Skating club



After the performance at the Olympic Games in the year 2010, Gregor Urbas concluded his sport career as a competitor.

The Triglav Trophy competition is quite a big organising challenge for members of the Organising Committee, which consists of members of the Jesenice Skating club and executive members of the Slovene Skating Union, but it is also a good opportunity for promoting Slovenia and the Gorenjska region outside its borders. In the time of the competition Slovenia is visited not only from competitors, but also from their coaches and a lot of other companions, as competition is one of the most popular official International competitions in this sport. The Organising Committee so far got a very positive feedback from many competitors, coaches, team leaders and other accompanying members. The nicest (and almost personal) are as presented below:

*Big Thanks from Natalia Popova -
coach of Turkish Team.*

*This is my 5th time at Triglav Trophy.
Last year I was really feeling sorry for you
when all computers were stolen during
the competition. But you are great
guys you didn't only recovery after this,
you improve technical staff and organization,
you did your "Personal Best" at this
competition.*

*I would like to thank President Mr. Vinko
Otovič, I would like to thank all organizing
committee, I would like to thank all
~~referees~~, technical controllers, technical specialists
and judges for a fair play, for their
patron and supporting skaters.*

*I wish Triglav Trophy to continue lots of years,
I wish great skaters from many countries
come here and I wish friendship and
fair play will be always here.*

*Congratulations to all skaters, coaches
and Team leaders.*

Hope to see you next year.

*Natalia Popova
04.04.2010*

All who like sports, especially ice skating are invited to the Bled ice hall in March 2013 and be part of a top skating event of the 22nd Triglav Trophy 2013.

Do not miss this great opportunity.....

Organising Committee
Triglav Trophy 2013