

SOFIA TROPHY 2016

Sofia, Bulgaria

February 10-14 2016



ANNOUNCEMENT

FIGURE SKATING CLUB DENKOVA-STAVISKI

and

BULGARIAN SKATING FEDERATION

Invites you to attend the

SOFIA TROPHY

Sofia, Bulgaria
February 10-14 2016

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

for categories

Seniors, Juniors and Advanced Novices

(Ladies and Men)

INTERCLUB COMPETITION

for categories

Basic Novice B, Basic Novice A, Cubs and Chicks

(Girls and Boys)

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The **SOFIA TROPHY** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Figure Skating as well as pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the **SOFIA TROPHY 2016** is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 109, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3 b) and c) 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.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 1420 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. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must to be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

2. **TECHNICAL DATA:**

Place of the competition: **Winter Sports Palace** – Studentski grad District, Academician Boric Stefanov Str., Sofia, Bulgaria (an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated).

3. **ENTRIES:**

Competitors from categories Seniors, Juniors and Advance Novice must be entered through their Member Federation (it is also open for clubs, which are members of National Figure Skating Federations, associated with the ISU).

Entries for younger categories will be accepted only by clubs, which are members of National Figure Skating Federations, associated with the ISU.

All ISU members and clubs, which are members of National Figure Skating Federations associated with ISU, are invited to take part at the competition. Each member and club may enter 2 competitors in each category (2 males and 2 females). The Event Organizer reserves the right to enter additional skaters in each category.

In case of too many entries, the organizer reserves the right to limit the number of participants.

The entries for the competition must be done via web portal – www.europeancriterimu.eu. Before entry procedure a representative of each club/federation need to apply for new account on www.europeancriterium.eu/Account/Register. Each participant must send to web administrator request for code direct online registration and submit the entry not later than deadline.

For season 2015/16 participants may use also entry forms which can be downloaded from the website of Sports Club Denkova-Staviski: www.clubdenkovastaviski.com.

They must be sent together with filled Program Content Sheet for each skater to the following address:

Sports Club Denkova-Staviski / Bulgarian Skating Federation

31b Bratia Bukston Blvd, Sofia, Bulgaria

E-mail: office@bsf.bg

Fax: + 359 2 987 77 71

Entry forms by name must reach the Event Organizer not later than January 20, 2016

The organizer will not cover any expenses for competitors, team leaders, coaches or chaperons.

4. **CANCELLATION:**

Cancellation of the competitor entry, has to be done till **February 5, 2016**. For any latter cancellation the team leader of respective Federation or Club will be asked to pay the entry fee.

5. **JUDGES:**

Each participating ISU member may nominate one (1) International or ISU Judge. Nomination for Judge and substitute Judge must be sent along with the entry forms for competitors. The official entry form for Judges must reach the Organizing Committee, not later than **January 20, 2016**.

The Panels will be drawn immediately after the closing of entries. The members concerned will be notified of the result of the draw.

Each panel of Judges in Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice categories will consist of 5 Judges. In young groups the panel of Judges will consist of 3 Judges.

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges participating at the ***SUIT Hotel*******, beginning with lunch on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 until lunch on Monday, February 15, 2015.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators.

6. **ENTRY FEE:**

For categories Senior, Junior and Advance Novice – an entry fee of 50 € is to be paid per skater.

For younger categories – an entry fee is 45 € per skater.

Payment shall be made by bank transfer or on the spot in the office of the Organizing Committee in the Winter Sports Palace during the accreditation.

Bank account:

INVESTBANK BULGARIA

IBAN: BG82IORT73711400332500

BIC: IORTBGSF

Bank holder: Club "Denkova-Staviski"

We kindly ask to mention, name, discipline of the skater, and Club or Member Federation!

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

7. **CATEGORIES:**

SENIOR LADIES

Short Program: Max 2 min 50 sec

Free Skating: 4 min 00 sec, +/- 10 sec

Technical Requirements are in accordance with ISU Technical Rules - Single and Pair Skating 2014 and respective ISU Communication.

SENIOR MEN

Short Program: Max 2 min 50 sec

Free Skating: 4 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

Technical Requirements are in accordance with ISU Technical Rules - Single and Pair Skating 2014 and respective ISU Communication.

JUNIOR LADIES

Short Program: Max 2 min 50 sec

Free Skating: 3 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

Technical Requirements are in accordance with ISU Technical Rules - Single and Pair Skating 2014 and respective ISU Communication.

JUNIOR MEN

Short Program: Max 2 min 50 sec

Free Skating: 4 min, +/- 10 sec

Technical Requirements are in accordance with ISU Technical Rules - Single and Pair Skating 2014 and respective ISU Communication.

ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS

Age and technical requirements are according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, ISU Communication 1947 and all respective ISU Communications.

Short Program: Max 2 min 30 sec

Free Skating: 3 min +/-10 sec

ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS

Age and technical requirements are according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, ISU Communication 1947 and all respective ISU Communications.

Short Program: Max 2 min 30 sec

Free Skating: 3 min 30 sec, +/-10 sec

BASIC NOVICE B I. GIRLS

Age requirements - Basic Novice B is a skater who was born: 1.7.2000 - 30.6.2001

Technical requirements - according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, ISU Communication 1947 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 3 min, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE B II. GIRLS

Age requirements - Basic Novice B is a skater who was born: 1.7.2001 – 30.6.2002

Technical requirements - according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, ISU Communication 1947 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 3 min, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE B BOYS

Age requirements - Basic Novice B is a skater who was born: 1.7.2000 - 30.6.2002

Technical requirements - according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, ISU Communication 1947 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 3 min, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE A I. GIRLS

Age requirements - Basic Novice A is a skater who was born: 1.7.2002 – 30.6.2003

Technical requirements - according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, ISU Communication 1947 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE A II. GIRLS

Age requirements - Basic Novice A is a skater who was born: 1.7.2003 – 30.6.2004

Technical requirements - according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, ISU Communication 1947 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE A III. GIRLS

Age requirements - Basic Novice A is a skater who was born: 1.7.2004 – 30.6.2005

Technical requirements - according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, ISU Communication 1947 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE A BOYS

Age requirements - Basic Novice A is a skater who was born: 1.7.2002 – 30.6.2005

Technical requirements - according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, ISU Communication 1947 and all respective ISU Communications.

Free Skating: 2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

CUBS I. GIRLS

Age requirements – Cubs is a skater who was born: 1.7.2005 – 30.6.2006

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CUBS II. GIRLS

Age requirements – Cubs is a skater who was born: 1.7.2006 – 30.6.2007

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CUBS BOYS

Age requirements – Cubs is a skater who was born: 1.7.2005 – 30.6.2007

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

A well balanced CUBS Free Skating Program must contain:

a) Maximum of 4 jump elements for Girls and Boys, one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. Jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only the two most difficult jumps will be counted. Triple jumps are not permitted. Any single or double jump (including Double Axel) cannot be executed more than twice in total.

b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination with or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total) and one spin with no change of position and with or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total). Flying entry is allowed.

c) There must be a maximum:

– for Girls one (1) Choreographic sequence which includes at least one 3 seconds long spiral position. The sequence will have a fixed Base value and evaluated in GOE only.

– for Boys maximum of one (1) step sequence with a fixed Base value and evaluated in GOE only.

Level explanation: For CUBS, in all elements which are subject to levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not be counted for Level Requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

The program components are judged according to the following criteria only:

- Skating Skills
- Performance/Execution

The factors for the program components are 2.5.

CHICKS I. GIRLS

Age requirements - Chicks Skater is a girl who was born: 1.7.2007 – 30.6.2008

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CHICKS II. GIRLS

Age requirements - Chicks Skater is a girl who was born: 1.7.2008 and younger.

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

CHICKS BOYS

Age requirements: Chicks Skater is a boy who was born: 1.7.2007 and younger

Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec

A well balanced CHICKS Free Skating Program must contain:

a) Maximum of 4 jump elements for Girls and Boys, one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. Jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only the two most difficult jumps will be counted. Triple jumps are not permitted. Any single or double jump (including Double Axel) cannot be executed more than twice in total.

b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination with or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total) and one spin with no change of position and with or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total).

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c) There must be a maximum:

- for Girls one (1) Choreographic sequence which includes at least one 3 seconds long spiral position. The sequence will have a fixed Base value and evaluated in GOE only.
- for Boys maximum of one (1) step sequence with a fixed Base value and evaluated in GOE only.

Level explanation: For CUBS, in all elements which are subject to levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not be counted for Level Requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

The program components are judged according to the following criteria only:

- Skating Skills
- Performance/Execution

The factors for the program components are 2.5.

The same ISU rules on Judging, refereeing and work of the Technical Panel will be applied as it is in junior and senior international competitions.

8. EUROPEAN CRITERIUM TROPHY:

SOFIA TROPHY 2016 is associated with the European Criterium Tournament 2015/16 for Junior, Advance Novice and younger categories. Results of the Teams will count for competition of International Trophy of Figure Skating European Criterium. Individual points are automatically calculated for all skaters in every category and those are valid in the European Criterium Tournament for the same category. The age requirements and the special regulation for the European Criterium Trophy are published on the website of the EC: www.europeancriterium.eu.

9. CALCULATION OF THE RESULTS:

Results for all categories will be calculated using the new ISU Judging System. The results and any additional information for the event you can find on www.europeancriterium.eu and www.clubdenkovastaviski.com.

10. MUSIC:

Music will be reproduced on Compact Disc - CD. In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all discs must show the Competition event, Competitor's 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. Each program (short program, free skating) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

11. LIABILITY:

According to ISU regulations, the Event Organizer accepts no liability for bodily harm, personal injury and loss of property or damages incurred by any competitor(s) or official(s).

12. ACCREDITATION:

The accreditation will start on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the office of the Organizing Committee in the Winter Sports Palace.

13.DRAW:

The opening draw for the order of skating will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. The exact place and time will be published in the official detailed schedule.

14.ADDITIONAL PRACTICE:

Rates for additional practice hours are as follow:

1 hour private practice – 90 €.

1 hour open practice together with another teams – 10 € per skater.

15.INFORMATION:

For additional information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

90 Kniaz Boris Street, Sofia 1000

phone: +359 2 988 75 71

fax: +359 2 987 77 71

e-mail: office@bsf.bg

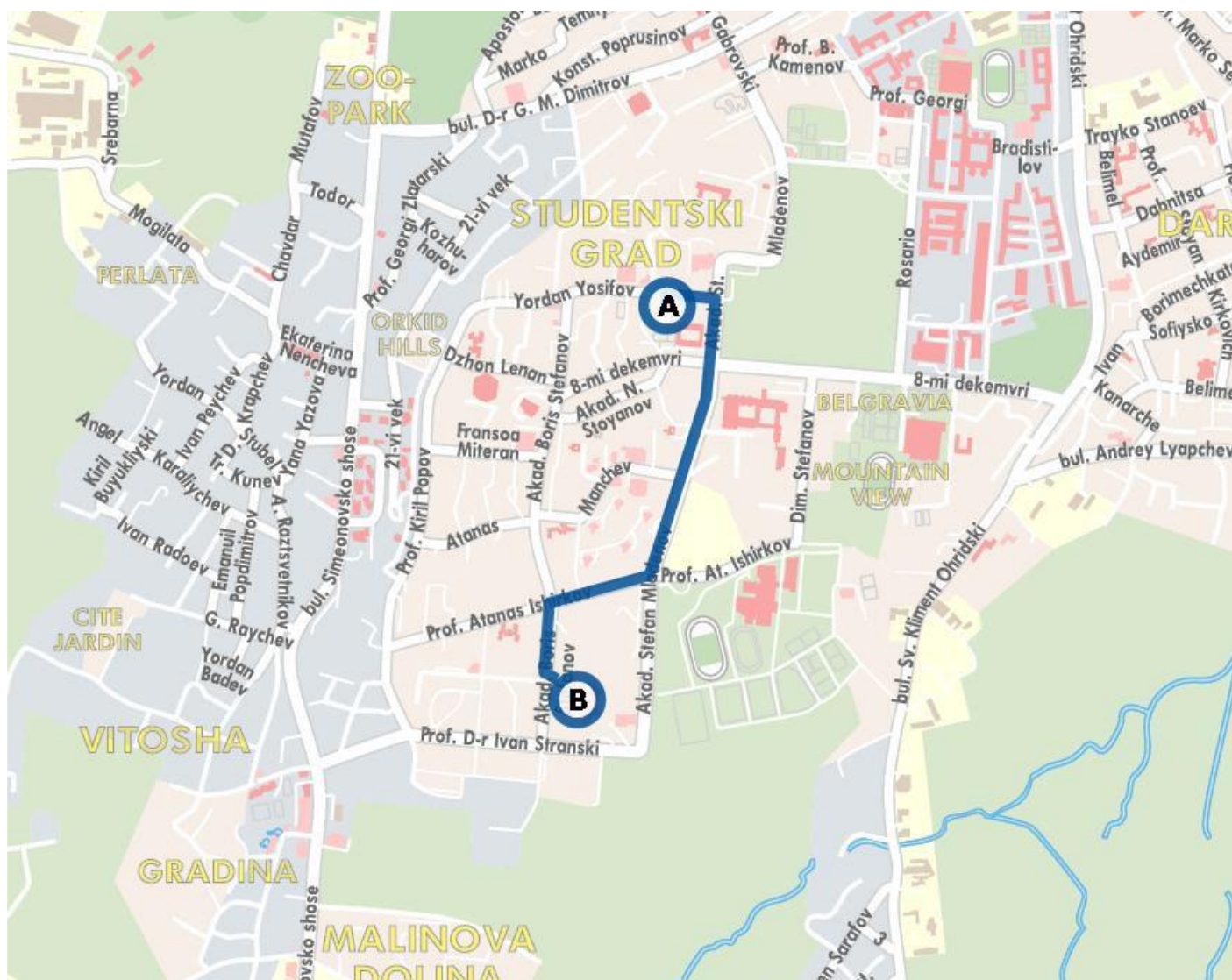
16.ACCOMMODATION:

Official hotels of the event:

SUIT Hotel****, 1A Yordan Yosifov Street, Sofia, Bulgaria.

Special Event prices: Single room – 45 €, Double room – 60 €, Apartment for 3 persons – 86 €, Apartment for 4 persons – 106 €.

The rates are per night including breakfast, wireless internet, fitness and free parking.



Point A - **SUIT Hotel**

Point B - **Winter Sports Palace**

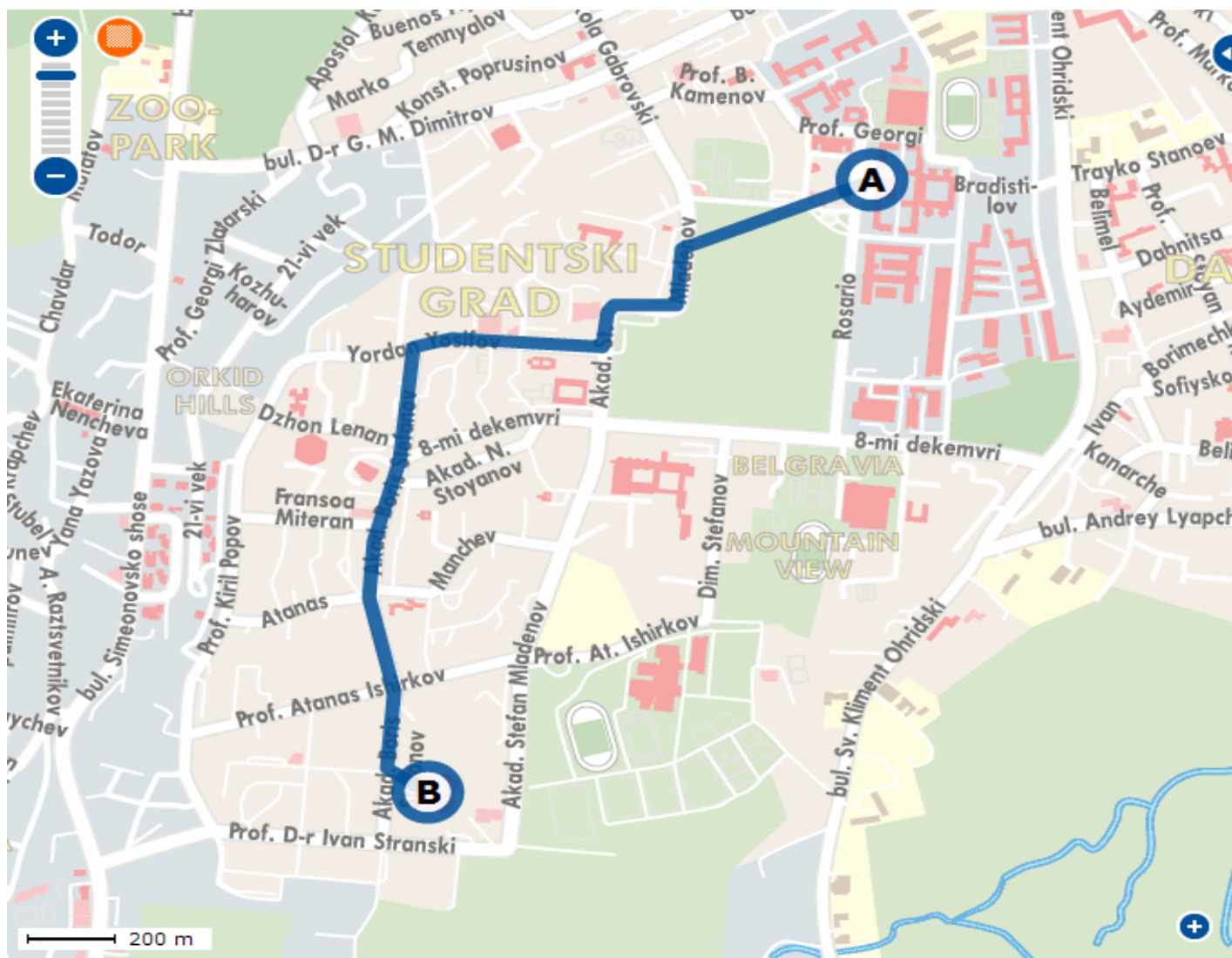
Distance time by bus – around 5 minutes, Bus line No 94 or No 280, 3th bus stop from the hotel;

Distance time by walk – around 10 minutes;

VITOSHA Park Hotel****, 1 Rosario Street, Sofia, Bulgaria.

Special Event prices: Single room – 45 €, Double room – 60 €, Apartment for 5 persons – 118 €

The rates are per night including breakfast, internet, swimming pool and fitness.



Point A - **VITOSHA Park Hotel**

Point B - **Winter Sports Palace**

Distance time by bus – around 10 minutes, Bus line No 94, 5th bus stop from the hotel;

Distance time by walk – around 20 minutes;

The room reservations for all team members must be done through the Organizing Committee in order to be provided the special room rates

17. TRANSPORTATION:

Organizing Committee will provide transportation from/to Sofia Airport and Sofia Central Railway station to official hotels.

The transportation fee is 12 € per person/one way.

Provisional Schedule (Updated) - subject to change

Tuesday – 9.02.2016

Judges meeting and draw
Opening draw

Wednesday – 10.02.2016

Official practices

Competitions:

Junior - Short Program
Senior - Short Program

Thursday – 11.02.2016

Official practices

Competitions:

Advance Novice - Short Program
Junior - Free Skating
Senior - Free Skating
Prize giving ceremony – Junior, Senior

Friday – 12.02.2016

Official practices

Competitions:

Chicks - Free Skating
Cubs - Free Skating
Advance Novice - Free Skating
Prize giving ceremony – Chicks, Cubs, Advance Novice

Saturday – 13.02.2016

Official practices

Competitions:

Basic Novice A – Free Skating
Basic Novice B – Free Skating
Prize giving ceremony - Basic Novice A , Basic Novice B

**THE OFFICIAL DETAILED AND FINAL SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT WILL BE PUBLISHED AFTER THE
REGISTRATION OF ALL ENTRIES**

*Respectfully Yours and Best Skating Regards,
Organizing Committee of the Sofia Trophy,
Sofia, Bulgaria*