



***Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating***

***2016 / 2017***

***Ostrava, Czech Republic***

***August 31 to September 3, 2016***



**INFORMATION No. 1**

One of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2016/2017 events, CZECH SKATE 2016, is held in Ostrava, Czech Republic, from August 31 to September 3, 2016. The organizers are proud and pleased that they have been appointed to host this important and prominent event.

Having organized the Czech Skate competitions (several years for Senior categories and then eight times as ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and once as the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final) as well as ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2003, the town of Ostrava and the Moravian-Silesian Region are proud of having a chance to welcome the Skating Family again. The Organizing Committee is also using the Czech Skate competition as the last rehearsal for the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2017 which is organized in the same venues and hotels in January 2017.

This material gives the necessary and useful pieces of information about the region, Venue, Hotels and other facilities, as well as about the Organizing Committee.

## Region

The city of Ostrava has the population of about 312,000. It is the industrial centre of North Moravia and Silesia and thanks to the nearby Beskydy and Jeseniky Mountains it has also good conditions for sports, especially for skiing, hiking and biking. Figure skating has a long tradition in this region; these days we can find here one of the three Junior Figure Skating Centres which have been established in the Czech Republic.

## **OSTRAVA – A UNIQUE INDUSTRIAL CITY**

Ostrava is the third largest city in the Czech Republic and the largest urban centre in the Moravian-Silesian Region. It occupies a strategic position 360 km east of the Czech capital Prague and 310 km north of Vienna, and is close to the border with Poland (which is just 10 km north of the city centre), and 60 km north-west of the border with Slovakia.

The logo of Ostrava is made up of three exclamation marks, perfectly painting the picture of the **city's vitality, energy and confidence**. Ostrava is known for its unique industrial architecture and the earthy character of the local people. Vítkovice Lower Area, listed as a **European cultural heritage site**, offers stunning panoramas and walking around the heart of the steel city is an unforgettable experience.

**Technical monuments** as well as Ostrava's wealth and pride are being **discovered and admired by people from around the world**. **NHL Lower Vitkovice**, forming the distinctive skyline of Ostrava, offers a unique experience combined with an industrial atmosphere. **The Colours of Ostrava festival** and the **Janacek May** festival moved into the factory space in 2012, with concerts taking place around the gas tank and adjacent areas. The factory includes a 75 metre high blast furnace, which can be climbed providing views of the nearby **Karolina and Trojhalí**, soon to be interconnected. This development has given rise to a new neighbourhood full of artists, modern art galleries, cafes, museums, convention and exhibition spaces.





- The fastest growing developing area of the Czech Republic
- Area of 214 km<sup>2</sup>
- Nearly 312,000 inhabitants
- Strategic location between Poland (15 km to the border) and Slovakia (50 km to the border)
- Rich mining history – today's unique technical monuments
- International Airport 25 km from the city centre
- D1 highway and railway corridor
- Cultural centre of the region - cultural and international events
- Entertainment centre
- Numerous sports opportunities and international competitions

### **Venue**

A fully air-conditioned and heated ice rink of the size of 28m by 58m – the OSTRAVAR ARÉNA - offers a comfortable auditorium with 9,956 seats and convenient social and sanitary facilities, including the equipment for the disabled who can easily enter the auditorium on wheel-chairs. Visitors can be served in 6 snack bars and 8 new cafeterias. 18 skyboxes have a structured cable system connected to telephone, fax, satellite, computer, television, and internet. The OSTRAVAR ARÉNA can be transformed into 46 variants of various modifications, it is one of the most modern Arenas in the Czech Republic.

Located next to the Main Arena, is the "Multi Purpose Arena" which will be used as a Practice Rink. The "Multi Purpose Arena" is an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 29m by 58m, air-conditioned and heated, offering around 502 seats.

The guarded parking lots next to the Arena offer 886 places for cars and 6 others for buses. The adjacent areas are providing further parking places for buses.

### **Climate**

The average outside temperature during the period concerned is +22° Celsius at day and +11° Celsius at night. But the real temperature can vary from +10° Celsius to +30° Celsius at day and from around 0° Celsius to +15° Celsius at night.

### **Hotels**

**The "Clarion Congress Hotel Ostrava"** is located within a walking distance from the OSTRAVAR ARÉNA and is the largest congress hotel in Ostrava.

#### **Available for Skaters, Team Leaders, Team Medical Staff.**

It offers 169 rooms & suites for its guests (single and double superior rooms, Junior suites) together with newly build four brand congress halls (capacity is enlarged to 1 620 seats), 2 restaurants, bar, fitness, wellness and swimming pool.

Prices per night:

Single room:	100 EUR
Double room:	150 EUR
Suites:	160 EUR



*The "Park Inn by Radisson Hotel Ostrava"* is located within 10 km from the Arena.

**For ISU Event Officials, Judges, Technical Support Staff, Coaches, Team Officials, Chaperons.**

It offers 185 rooms for its guests (single and double rooms) together with restaurant and bar and fitness.

Prices per night:

Single room: 80 EUR  
Double room: 120 EUR

*The "Hotel PULS"* is a part of "Multi Purpose Arena" next to the Main Arena.

Hotel is reserved for organizers and cooperative persons, if available rooms it should be used for the Chaperons and Coaches.

It offers 35 rooms for its guests (single and double rooms) together with a restaurant, bar and meeting room.

Prices per night:

Single room: 40 EUR  
Double room: 80 EUR

### **Meals**

All the accredited Team Members, who will not receive meal-vouchers from the OC, can purchase from the OC (either per meal or for a certain time period) meals for the following prices:

Lunch: 20 EUR      Dinner: 20 EUR

### **Please note:**

**All the prices given include breakfast and local taxes.**

**Competitors will be accommodated in twin-bed-rooms whenever possible.**

**The hotel will not accept private booking orders.**

**If a skater shares a room with a person from their team, the price is shared.**

**If a Judge or any ISU Official shares a room with an accompanying person, he/she is obliged to pay the difference between the Single and Double Room.**

**Accommodation can be booked only through the Organizing Committee.**

The OC and Hotels accept all kinds of major credit cards.

## How to reach Ostrava

The capital of North Moravia and Silesia is not difficult to reach. While making your travel arrangements, you can find the following recommendations useful.

### **By plane To Ostrava – Mosnov, Leos Janacek International Airport (OSR)**

The flight duration from the Vaclav Havel Airport in Prague Ruzyně to Ostrava-Mosnov Airport is approximately 45 – 60 min (the distance covered is app. 40 km). For flights schedule to Ostrava - Mosnov Airport see following link:  
<http://www.airport-ostrava.cz/en/page-timetable/> .

The OC arranges for Teams and Officials the transport from the Ostrava-Mosnov Airport. The transportation fee of €15 one way or € 30 both ways will be required.

### **To Katowice (Poland) – Pyrzowice Airport (KTW)**

The next official airport for the ISU Junior Grand Prix in **Ostrava** will be **Katowice (Pyrzowice) Airport (KTW)**.

Katowice Airport is situated about 125 km from Ostrava with an approximately travel time of 1 hour (by bus) to the official hotels in Ostrava. The whole way is newly-made modern highway. For flights schedule to Katowice Airport see following link: <https://www.katowice-airport.com/en/passenger/timetable> .

The Organizing Committee provides a pick-up service at Katowice Airport. Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

The fee for the pick-up service at Katowice Airport is **€ 35.00 per person (€ 70.00 for round trip)** and need to be paid upon arrival at registration.

In case you are using this option, please be aware the entry point to the European Union / Schengen Area would be Poland, which may require also visa for Poland.

### **To Krakow (Poland) – Balice Airport (KRK)**

The third official airport for the ISU Junior Grand Prix in **Ostrava** will be **Krakow (Balice) Airport (KRK)**.

Krakow Airport is situated about 160 km from Ostrava with an approximately travel time of 1,5 hour (by bus) to the official hotels in Ostrava. The whole way is newly-made modern highway. For flights schedule to Krakow Airport see following link:

<http://www.krakowairport.pl/en/passenger,c70/flight-information,c71/regular-flights-schedule,a181.html> .

The Organizing Committee provides a pick-up service at Katowice Airport. Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

The fee for the pick-up service at Katowice Airport is **€ 40.00 per person (€ 80.00 for round trip)** and need to be paid upon arrival at registration.

In case you are using this option, please be aware the entry point to the European Union / Schengen Area would be Poland, which may require also visa for Poland.

**To Prague – Ruzyne, Vaclav Havel International Airport**

(and then by train)

From the Prague, Vaclav Havel Airport you can take the direct bus AE to the Prague Main Railway Station “Praha Hlavni nadrazi” (the journey takes about 30 to 50 min., bus is departing every 20 to 30 min., price is app. € 2,20 one way). Then take a train from Prague to Ostrava – Svinov.

**By train From Prague Hlavni nadrazi**

The 400 km distance is covered in around 3 hours.

There are more than 30 direct trains a day from Prague to Ostrava.

Except of many trains to other destinations in Silesia, Poland and Slovakia via Ostrava there are currently 3 companies providing regular service between Prague and Ostrava (5 to 10 times per day per company) with limited amount of stops on the journey and using very comfortable and modern trains. Tickets for all three services should be bought on the internet and together with your flight tickets. Train tickets are cheap (varied between CZK 150 and 700).

**IC RegioJet** <https://bustickets.studentagency.eu/Timetables?6>

**LEO Express** <http://www.le.cz/i.php>

**SC Pendolino** <http://www.cd.cz/pendolino/en/pendolino.htm>

**From Ostrava – Svinov Station**

The OC arranges for Teams and Officials the transport from this station provided the arrival times are announced. The transportation fee of € 10 one way or € 20 both ways will be required.

Please see that you will be expected at the **Ostrava SVINOV station** (there are more railway stations in Ostrava).

**By car** The journey from Prague takes about 4 hours (motorway D1 to Ostrava via Brno and Olomouc).

**Useful information**

**Currency:** Czech Crown: 1 crown = 100 halers,  
Exchange rates: EUR 1 = app. CZK 26,00; USD 1 = app. CZK 23,00

**Banks:** Usually open from 09.00 to 17.00 (Monday – Friday)

**Electricity:** Electricity sockets are 220 V, AC 50 Hz, using three-pin plugs



## **EVENT SHUTTLE**

Shuttle-bus-service will connect official hotel Park Inn by Radisson Hotel Ostrava with the OSTRAVAR ARÉNA (main and practice rink) and return starting on the first practice day (Wednesday, August 31, 2016).

The shuttle will run in accordance with the final time and practice schedule. A detailed bus schedule will be distributed at the time of registration.

## **REGISTRATION**

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team-Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association. The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.

Accreditation will be given to appointed ISU Event Officials, ISU Office Holders and Guests of Honour

### **Passports of the skaters have to be presented at the accreditation for verification!**

The registration for all teams will be held at the **Clarion Congress Hotel Ostrava** upon arrival.

The registration / organizing committee office is located in a hotel Congress Centre.

Operating hours:	Tuesday, August 30	10:00 – late night
	Wednesday, August 31	08:00 – 22:00

From Thursday, Sept. 1 the registration will be held at OSTRAVAR ARÉNA.

Thursday, Sept. 1	09:00 – 22:00
Friday, Sept. 2	09:00 – 22:00
Saturday, Sept. 3	09:00 – 22:00

## **Chaperones**

Officially entered chaperones (one per skater) will not be accredited, but receive a special ticket to have access to all practice sessions, competitions and to join the event shuttle bus system.



## **SOCIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

### **Team Leaders Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2016 – 09:30**

OSTRAVAR ARÉNA - Main Rink (room: TBA)

### **Initial Starting Order Draws**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2016**

Main Rink (room - TBA)

The exact times will be published in the final time and practice schedule which will be handed out at time of registration.

### **Intermediate Draws**

Intermediate draws will be held approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the respective Short Programs and Short Dance at the Main Rink – room (TBA)

### **Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2016 – 16:00**

Park Inn by Radisson Hotel (room: TBA)

### **Judges Draw and Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2016 – 17:00**

Park Inn by Radisson Hotel (room: TBA)

### **Individual Technical Panel Meetings per Discipline**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2016** (exact times as to the event schedule)

Main Rink (room: Technical Panel Room)

### **ISU and Judges Dinner**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2016 – 20:00**

### **Round Table Discussions**

All Round Table Discussions are planned to be held at the Park Inn by Radisson Hotel (room: TBA)

Exact times as to the event schedule.





**EVENT SCHEDULE (subject to change)**

Tuesday, August 30, 2016	All day	Arrival of teams
Wednesday, August 31, 2016	All day	Official practice
	09:30	Team Leaders Meeting
	TBA	Individual Technical Panel Meetings per Discipline
	16:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
	20:00	ISU and Judges Dinner
Thursday, September 1, 2016	11:30	ICE DANCE – Short Dance LADIES – Short Program PAIRS – Short Program
Friday, September 2, 2016	09:45	MEN – Short Program ICE DANCE – Free Dance PAIRS – Free Skating
	17:45	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review Victory Ceremonies PAIRS and ICE DANCE
	21:30	PAIRS – Technical Panel Review
Saturday, September 3, 2016	06:45	ICE DANCE – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	08:15	PAIRS – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	10:30	LADIES – Free Skating MEN – Free Skating Victory Ceremonies MEN and LADIES
	16:00	LADIES – Technical Panel Review
	16:45	LADIES – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	21:15	MEN – Technical Panel Review
	22:00	MEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges

**Please note:**

**This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.**

**Tickets for Practices and Competitions are free of charge!**

**Telephone / E-mail contacts**

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