**SKATE CHALLENGE 2023**

**National A-, B- and Adults competition for ladies & men**

Ice Diamonds Antwerp hereby invites you to its national competition “Skate Challenge 23’ for girls & boys, which will take place on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th April 2023. This competition is an A-competition, B-competition and Adult competition.

The competition is organized in co-operation with the Royal Belgian Figure Skating Federation (KBKF/FRBPA), the Flemish Skating Union (VLSU), the management of the Ice rink and the city of Antwerp and Deurne.

The competition is organized in accordance with the National A-Competition Regulations, National B-Competition Regulations and Adults-competition Regulations, and the KBKF/FRBPA internal regulations for Belgian national competitions.

We hope to welcome you and wish you a lot of success in your participation at this competition.

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**Ice Rink** Ice Rink Sportoase Groot Schijn Antwerpen

Ruggeveldlaan 488, 2100 Deurne

The ice rink is a covered rink, skating area 60m x 30m.

Ice Rink Sportoase Groot Schijn Antwerpen offers **a** wide variety of snacks, salads, sandwiches and hot meals.

Car parking is sufficiently available at the ice rink.

**Invited members** Participation is open to all competitors who are affiliated to the Belgian Federation KBKF/FRBPA who meet the criteria as mentioned in the KBKF/FRBPA internal regulations for Belgian national competitions.

The competition is for Girls and Boys, Ladies and Men.

The B-competition includes following categories :

**Preminiemen, Miniemen,**

**Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice,**

**Junior, Senior**

The A-competition includes following categories :

**Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice**,

**Junior, Senior**

The Adult competition includes following categories :

**Brons, Silver, Gold, Master**

**Entrance Fee** The entrance fee is :

* 75 € for single skaters (Free Skating only).
* 110 € for single skaters (Short Program + Free Skating)

**Entries** Entries must be made using the Excel form from Skate Belgium.be. Please make sure to use the drop-down menus to select club and all skaters.

Completed entry forms should be mailed to both

* [mariabouwens@](mailto:maria.bouwens@vlsu.be)hotmail.com,
* [secretariaat@icediamonds.be](mailto:secretariaat@icediamonds.be) , the club secretary

**Closing date** Entries will be accepted until Friday 31/03/2023 20:00.

Inscriptions will **not** be closed prior to the closing date, regardless the number of entries received.

**Limitations** In case the number of entries exceeds the maximum capacity, the participants **will be determined by draw on** Wednesday 05/04/2023 - 18:30 at ice rink ‘Sportoase Groot Schijn Antwerpen’ in accordance with the KBKF/FRBPA competition regulations.

There will be no limitations for the organizing club.

The draw of the rejected entries will be random, regardless the competition type or category.

The organizing committee will confirm the participants by mail on Saturday 0804/2023. An invoice will be included.

**Payments** If payments aren’t received in full on Friday 22/04/2023, the organizing club has the right to cancel or replace the skater(s) concerned.

Please keep in mind that bank transfers can take a few days.

Account holder : Ice Diamonds Antwerp

IBAN : BE35 1430 9092 1437

BIC : GEBABEBB

After the closing date, there will be **no refunds** in case of withdraw.

Withdrawals one month before the competition at the latest, **because of a medical reason with implications exceeding the competition date**, will be exceptionally refunded **only if confirmed by a specialists medical certificate**.

**Music** Program music will be used from the national database.

Participants whose program music has changed need to update the database **10 days before the first competition day at the latest**.

(see KBKF Comm 2020.24)

**File format** : *mp3 file*

**File name format** : *FS <Category> <Full Name> <Time>*

*<Category> =*  *PRE,* *MIN, BNO, INO, ANO, JUN, SEN*

**Example** : *FS ANO John Doe 2m34.mp3*

During the event, and only for backup purposes, all competitors must also have **a copy of their music** available on **USB-stick using the correct file format and file name format**

**Planned Elements** Planned Elements will be used from the national database.

Participants whose planned elements have changed need to update the database **10 days before the first competition day at the latest**.

(see KBKF Comm 2020.25)

**Time Table** The time table will be published as soon as available on the federations website [**www.skatebelgium.be**](http://www.skatebelgium.be) . Please (re-)check for possible changes when approaching the day of the competition.

During the competition, minor modifications related to the time table can be made due to organizational circumstances.

The timetable will also mention all Price Awarding Ceremonies.

**Starting Order** For each category, the starting order will be determined by draw.

The draw will be done by computer prior to the competition.

**Registration** All competitors must register **in person**, **every competition day**, at the info desk upon arrival, **presenting their identity card or Kids ID**.

Competitors entered in the first category of the competition day mustregister **between 07:00 and 07:30 AM**.

All other competitors mustregister **one hour before the start of their category at the latest**.

Coaches must visibly wear a valid trainers license to enter the neutral zone.

**Awarding Ceremony** All participants must be present in their competition costumes for the announcement of the results and the prize awarding ceremony.

There will be partial awarding ceremonies for the categories who skated in the morning before lunch-time.

In case of absence during the awarding ceremony, no trophies or medals will be provided.

**Accommodations** Skaters, coaches and supporters may book travel arrangements and accommodations individually and at their own expense.

We recommend to include a cancellation insurance in case the number of entries exceeds the maximum capacity.

**Liability and Insurance** In accordance with ISU rules the organizing committee accepts no liability for injuries or damages sustained by competitors.

In accordance with ISU rules the responsibility for health and accident insurance lies with the athletes, officials and all other members of the team. Such insurance must include full medical care and repatriation.

**Technical Regulations** The marking system (ISU Judging System) will be used in accordance with the respective ISU Communications.

The competition will be conducted **in accordance with the latest KBKF/F****RBPA regulations for National Competitions**

which can be found on **http://www.skatebelgium.be/regulations.html**

In case ISU regulations should change by the time of the competition, program contents will be updated according to the latest ISU communications

**Privacy regulations** The organization of this event complies to the General Data Protection Regulation legislation. Consequently, we hereby inform you that participation in our competition requires us to share personal data as follows :

* Participant list and starting order : a list of participants is shared with the judges and officials, with the audience and on [**www.skatebelgium.be**](http://www.skatebelgium.be). The list mentions full name, gender, category and club.
* Results : a list of participants and their detailed results is published after the competition on [**www.skatebelgium.be**](http://www.skatebelgium.be).

Photographic pictures of the programs and/or awarding ceremonies will be taken and published on local and/or social media for promotion purposes. When entering the competition, participants agree with taking and publishing these pictures.

**Photos or videos** By entering our competition , competitors agree that pictures/video will be taken by our IDA photographers. Only our IDA photographers are allowed to take pictures/video of every competitor, due to privacy regulations. By being registered, you are giving IDA permission to publish photos or videos that are made during the competition, on the website, Facebook and/or Instagram. External photographers who like to take photos during the competition must request permission from the organization. Please mail to : [secretariaat@icediamonds.be](mailto:secretariaat@icediamonds.be)

**COVID-19 regulations** During the competition, COVID-19 safety measures by national and/or local health authorities may (still) apply. If so, these measures will be indicated and should be met at all times. All participants and club secretaries will be informed in advance regarding such measures.

**Summary Closing date:** Friday 31/03/2023 - 20:00

**Draw (if needed) :** Wednesday 05/04/2023 18:30 - Ice rink Sportoase Groot Schijn Antwerpen

**Confirmation :** Friday 08/04/20223

**Payments before :** Friday 22/04/20223

**Competition date(s) :** Friday 28th and Saturday 29th April 2023

**Planned Elements** No later than 08/04/2023 - to be mailed to

[mariabouwens@hotmail.com](mailto:mariabouwens@hotmail.com)

For all other questions, please feel free to contact the organizing committee.