

Four National Championships 2017

Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic

Katowice, Poland

December 15th -17th , 2016



ANNOUNCEMENT



Four National Championships 2017 (4NC)

National Championships of Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovak Republic

for the following categories

Senior – Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance,
Junior – Pairs and Ice Dance,

Organized by the

Polish Figure Skating Association

(PFSA)

and

Figure Skating Club UKŁ SPIN Katowice

(SPIN)

SPODEK ICE RINK Katowice, Poland

December 15th – 17th, 2016

1. GENERAL

The Four Nationals Championships will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulation 2016, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place of the competition	All practice and competition events on Thursday, December 15 to Saturday, December 17, 2017 are taking place at the SPODEK ICE RINK Katowice Address: Al. Korfantego 35 , 40-005 Katowice Rink is newly built, indoor, heated ice rink with a surface of 58 x28 meters, located in the centre of Katowice.
Date:	December 15-17.12, 2016
Categories	SENIOR: Ladies, Men, Pairs, Ice Dance JUNIOR: Pairs, Ice Dance
Draws	The Draws will be held on December 15, 2016 after the Opening Ceremony. The time and venue of the Draw will be published in the Official Time Schedule. Official Ceremony is planned in MCK Katowice. Address: Sławika i Antalla 1 square, 40-166 Katowice, on December 15, 2016 at 19:00 pm.

SENIOR CATEGORIES

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2016/17. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. , +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4 min. and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2016/17. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2016/17. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2016, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min. and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Short Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1998 and 2003 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1998 and 2003, and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

JUNIOR CATEGORIES

ICE DANCE	Short Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 1998, 2003 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communications 1998, 2003 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

3. ENTRIES

The Preliminary Entry Form and Preliminary Hotel Sheet must reach PFSA **not later than Friday, October 28, 2016 using the respective " 4 Nationals Entries by Numbers Form"**.

Entries by names must be made to:

Polish Figure Skating Association
Łazienkowska str. 6A
00-449 WARSZAWA
Poland

Phone.: + 48 22 629 52 07

E-mail: 4N@pfsa.com.pl

Deadline for entries: Monday, November 30, 2016 – 16:00 h. CET

4. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD format in accordance with Rules 343, paragraph 1. 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 / short dance, free skating / free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors / couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

If music information is not completed and discs are not provided, accreditation will not be given.

Planned Program Content Sheet must be send to:

E-mail: 4N@pfsa.com.pl

It is mandatory that the PPCS must be completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the terminology listed in the respective ISU Communication.

5. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2014, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

The three best placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced at the official Victory Ceremony. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the medallists. The National Anthem of the winner will be played.

The Victory Ceremony for the best three placed skaters/couples of each Nation, as a result of the participating Federations' National Championships, will be organized on ice by the Federations themselves. 4NC OC will provide the podium.

Team Trophy – result of the Nations' competition – is introduced for the second time in the 4NC. The result of the Team Trophy will be done as follows.

- a.) All Nations participating in the 4NC, will participate in the Team Trophy.
- b.) Participating events in the Team Trophy on 4NC 2017 will be those categories where minimum 5 participants finish the competition.
- c.) The three best final results will be counted, but the three best final results have to come at least from two different events.
- d.) Each medal and placement in each participating categories has a point value – see the table below. These points will be allocated to the Nation.
- e.) The highest points earned by a Nation will win the first place of the Team Trophy, the second highest points earned by a Nation will win the second place of the Team Trophy and the third highest points earned by a Nation will win the third place of the Team Trophy.
- f.) In case the earned points will match, the skaters'/couples' final scores will be added to the Nations' points and the highest overall points will earn the Team Trophy placement in question.
- g.) The three best Nations will be announced and honoured at the official Victory Ceremony and the winning Nation will receive "4NC – Visegrad Cup" which the Nation has right held until next 4NC.

Categories	Final result	Points allocated to the Nation
Senior MEN	1st. Place	90
	2nd. Place	70
	3rd. Place	50
	4-7th. Place	30
	8-12th. Place	20
	+ 12th. Place	10
Senior LADIES	1st. Place	90
	2nd. Place	70
	3rd. Place	50
	4 – 7th. Place	30
	8-12th. Place	20
	+ 12th. Place	10
Senior Ice Dance	1st. Place	90
	2nd. Place	70
	3rd. Place	50
	4 – 7th. Place	30
	8-12th. Place	20
	+ 12th. Place	10
Junior Ice Dance	1st. Place	80
	2nd. Place	60
	3rd. Place	40
	4 – 7th. Place	20
	8-12th. Place	10
	+ 12th. Place	5

Visegrad 4 Young skaters' result

The result of the young skaters will be done as follows:

Those skaters will be counted in the Visegrad 4 Young Skaters' Result, who has not reached the age of nineteen (19) for Ladies and Men in singles competition; and has not reached the age of nineteen (19) for Ladies and the age of twenty-one (21) for Men in Pair Skating and Ice Dance competition.

All categories (Ladies, Men, Ice Dance including BOTH categories and Pairs including ALL categories) will have an overall "Visegrad 4 young skaters" result, based on the final competition points they earned in their event.

6. RESPONSIBILITY / INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 4NC 2016, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means. It is an internal matter of each participating Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

7. OFFICIAL HOTELS

Please be aware that all reservations should be handled through their own Federation which will cooperate with the PFSA to fulfil the booking. All hotel bookings must be sent to hotels using the Preliminary Hotel Sheet Form 03 with "M4N – Mistrzostwa w łyżwiarstwie" password.

HOTEL DIAMENT PLAZA ****

Address: Dworcowa 9 str., 40-012 Katowice

Phone: +48 32 746 70 00

fax. +48 32 746 70 01

e-mail: katowice@hotelediament.pl

Distances: 1,1 km from SPODEK ICE RING, 100m Train station, 0,3 km Railway station

Prices:

SR: PLN 194

DR: PLN 224

Prices per room per night included buffet breakfast, local taxes, Free Internet. Private, guarded parking is located 50 m away. Reservation is needed and costs PLN 50 per day.

PARK HOTEL DIAMENT ****

Address: Wita Stwosza 37 str.

40-042 Katowice

Phone: +48 32 720 00 00

fax: +48 32 720 00 01

e-mail: katowicepark@hotelediament.pl

Distances: 4 km from SPODEK ICE RING, , 1,0 km Train station, 2,5 km Railway station

Prices:

SR: PLN 180

DR: PLN 225

Prices per room per night included buffet breakfast, local taxes, Car Parking, Free Internet.

Meals will be available in the Hotel DIAMENT SPODEK restaurant.

8. PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

All extra expenses incurred by any person will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior departure at the hotel.

9. ORGANIZING EXPENSES AND PAYMENT

Costs and expenses for organizing the Four Nationals Championships 2017 will be divided among the participating Federations. Costs and expenses distribution will be done according to the agreement of the Federations.

Reimbursement for travel, lodging and per diem for Referees, Technical Panel, Judges, Athletes and Coaches shall be determined by each participating country according to their own rules and decisions.

The invoices for organizing expenses will be issued after the entry deadline.

10. TRANSPORTATION

There will be no transportation service at the SPODEK ICE RINK, airports, bus or train stations.

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for the Competitors, Judges, Technical Panels members, Coaches and other Team Members is planned in the MCK Centrum on Thursday, December 15, 2016 and in the SPODEK ICE RINK on Friday, December 16, 2016 and Saturday, December 17, 2016.

The exact time will be announced in the detailed Time Schedule.

12. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Polish Figure Skating Association

Łazienkowska 6A
00-449 WARSZAWA
Poland
Phone.: + 48 22 629 52 07
E-mail: 4N@pfsa.com.pl

and (during the event days) to:

Office SPODEK ICE RINK
Al. Korfantego 35
40-005 Katowice
Phone: +48 502 359 933 (Mrs. Ewa Kierzkowska)

13. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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Preliminary Time Schedule

Thursday, Dec 15, 2016	19:00	Opening Ceremony
	19:15	Draws (short programmes / short dances)
	19:45	Show
	20:30	Banquet

Friday, Dec 16, 2016	10:00	PAIRS - Short
	10:30	LADIES – Short Program
	15:00	ICE DANCE Junior – Short Dance
	16:00	ICE DANCE Senior – Short Dance
	17:00	MEN – Short Program

Saturday, Dec 17, 2016	08:00	PAIRS - Free
	08:40	LADIES – Free Skating
	13:40	Victory Ceremony PAIRS, LADIES
	14:30	ICE DANCE Junior – Free Dance
	15:30	ICE DANCE Senior – Free Dance
	16:30	MEN – Free Skating
	20:30	Victory Ceremony ICE DANCE, MEN, Team Trophy

Judges and Technical Panels meetings are to be held one hour before the start of the first segment in each category.

Judges Round Table Discussions are to be held immediately after the end of each category.

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