



Announcement of the International Figure Skating Competition

Kuopio, Finland April 7 – 9, 2017

Figure skating club Kuopion Taitoluistelijat ry., Kuopio, Finland, has the pleasure of inviting your young and adult skaters to participate in the

15th Silver Skate

Organized by: Kuopion Taitoluistelijat ry. (KuTa) Kuopio, Finland

Venues: City (Niirala) Ice Rink, Kuopio, Finland
Lippumäki Ice Rink, Kuopio, Finland

Competition website: <http://www.kuta.fi/silver-skate/silver-skate-2017/>

Categories:

Finnish Star Evaluation:

Chicks born 2008 or later	FS
Cubs born 2007 or later	FS
Springs B born 2005 or later	FS
Debs B born 2004 or later	FS
Novice C born 2002 or later	FS
Junior C born 1997 or later	FS
Starlets born 2006-2008 / 2004-2005 / 2003 and before	FS

ISU Evaluation:

Springs A born 2005 or later	FS
Debs A born 1.7.2003 or later	FS
Advanced Novice born 1.7.2001 or later	SP/FS
Novice B born 1.7.2001 or later	FS
Junior A born 1.7.1997 or later	SP/FS
Junior B born 1.7.1997 – 30.6.2003	SP/FS
Senior A	SP/FS
Senior B born 30.6.2001 or before	SP/FS
Adults (single/pairs) Steel, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters, Elite	
Masters	FS/Artistic

Chicks, Cubs, Springs, Junior B and Senior B may be divided into age groups depending on the number of entries.

Please see *Annex A* for technical requirements.

In categories with both Short program (SP) and Free skating (FS), 24 skaters with the highest points in SP will achieve the place in FS. FS will be competed in the reverse order of the SP points.

Adult categories are part of **Skating Family Team Award Cup**.

Competitors:

All clubs and members of the National Figure Skating Federations associated with the ISU are invited to take part in the competition.

Entries:

Please fill in the separate Entry Form (*Annex B*) and return it to:
competitions.kuta@gmail.com

Deadline for entries is March 3, 2017.

The entries for each category should be in the club's order of preference in case of need to limit the number of entries. The organizer reserves the right to enter more competitors. Please note that in categories Junior B and Senior B all participants will be accepted in the competition.

Cancellations: After March 17, 2017 only cancellations verified by a medical certificate will be refunded. Note that office fee of 15 euros will be charged in this case. If the skater cannot participate, he/she can be replaced by another skater of the same club in the same category. This should be done by 3rd of April though.

Liability: According to the ISU regulations, organizer accepts no liability for injuries or damage sustained by competitors or officials. Qualified medical personnel will be present at the competition and practice site.

Entry Fee:

50 euros for skaters with Finnish Star evaluation
60 euros with only free program (FS) with ISU evaluation
90 euros for skaters with short and free program (SP+FS) with ISU evaluation.
Adults (single/pairs): 60/70 euros first program, 30 euros second program.

The entry fee should be paid no later than March 17 , 2017

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We kindly ask to make one transaction/club. The entry fee of foreign competitors can be paid by cash in competition office before the competition.

Planned Program Components:

ISU evaluation categories: please fill in the Planned Program Component –sheet (*Annex C*) and return it **by March 3, 2017** together with the entries by email to
competitions.kuta@gmail.com

Preliminary Event Schedule:

Friday April 7 City Ice Rink: Competition time 10:00 - 21:00
Lippumäki Ice Rink: Competition time 10:00 - 21:00

Saturday April 8 City Ice Rink: Competition time 08:00 – 18:00
Lippumäki Ice Rink: Competition time 08:00 – 17:30
City Ice Rink: Evening Gala at 19:00, open to public

Sunday April 9 City Ice Rink: Competition time 08:00 – 20:00
Lippumäki Ice Rink: Competition time 08:00 – 20:00

A more detailed event schedule will be posted on the Competition website on March 10, 2017, as soon as we know the number of skaters in each category.

Awarding: Three first standings in each category will be awarded with a cup and a diploma. All competitors will receive a medal and a diploma.

Music: CD (no CD-RW). The music disc must contain the full name of the competitor, category and the name of the club.

Judges: The organizer will invite the judges and technical panel and pay their expenses. The names of the judges and technical officials will be posted on the competition website.

Expenses: Competitors' travel expenses, board and accommodation will be borne by the participants.

Accommodation: Accommodation information can be found on the competition web site.

Meal at the rink: A warm meal (incl. salad, bread, drink) will be served each day in the City Ice Rink. More details can be found on the competition web site – we will update the menus and prices as soon as we will have the information available.

GALA: **Traditional Gala again on Saturday evening!**

We kindly ask for a special Gala program with duration of max 5 min / club.

The program may be performed by an individual competitor / group of competitors / any combination.

Please inform the organizer about the gala program (name and duration) and the performers in the program. Deadline is together with the entries by March 3, 2017.

The Gala will be organized in Niirala Ice Rink on Saturday April 8 (preliminary starting time at 7 PM) after the competitions. Gala will be open to public.

NOTE! If Ice Hockey team Kalpa proceeds to Play-offs, the Gala may be changed to Friday April 7.

Important Dates:

March 3, 2017	Deadline for entries (incl. Planned Program Component – sheet, Gala program).
March 10, 2017	List of skaters published. Detailed event schedule on competition website published.
March 17, 2017	Due date for entry fee payment.
March 24, 2017	Draw of skating orders. The results of the draw will be published on competition website latest on March 25, 2017.
April 7, 2017	Let the Fun Begin ☺

We look forward to meeting you all figure skating friends in Kuopio, Finland for the Silver Skate 2017!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Attachments: Annex A (Requirements), Annex B (Entry Form), Annex C (Planned Program Components)

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