

Announcement of the International Figure Skating Competition

Kuopio, Finland April 1 – 3, 2016

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

14th Silver Skate 2016

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-2016/>

Categories:

Finnish Star Evaluation:

Chicks born 2007 or later	FS
Cubs born 2006 or later	FS
Springs B born 2004 or later	FS
Debs B born 2003 or later	FS
Novice C born 2001 or later	FS
Junior C born 1996 or later	FS
Starlets born 2005-2007 / 2002-2004 / 2001 and before	FS

ISU Evaluation:

Springs A born 2004 or later	FS
Debs A born 1.7.2002 or later	FS
Advanced Novice born 1.7.2000 or later	SP/FS
Novice B born 1.7.2000 or later	FS
Junior A born 1.7.1996 or later	SP/FS
Junior B born 1.7.1996 – 30.6.2002	SP/FS
Senior A	SP/FS
Senior B born 30.6.2000 or before	SP/FS
Adults (single/pairs) Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters, Elite Masters	FS / Artistic

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

Please see *Annex A* for technical requirements.

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 **February 26, 2016**.

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.

Cancellations: After March 11, 2016 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 28th of March 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: 60 euros for skaters with Finnish Star evaluation.
60 euros with only free program (FS) with ISU evaluation.
80 euros for skaters with short and free program (SP+FS) with ISU evaluation.
Adults (single/pairs): 60/70 euros first program, 20/30 euros second program.

The entry fee should be paid no later than March 11, 2016 on the account of

Kuopion Taitoluistelijat
IBAN: FI30 5600 0520 4215 56
SWIFT: OKOYFIHH

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 February 26, 2016** together with the entries by email to competitions.kuta@gmail.com

Preliminary Event Schedule:

Friday April 1

City Ice Rink: Competition time 10:00 - 21:00

Lippumäki Ice Rink: Competition time 10:00 - 21:00

Saturday April 2

City Ice Rink: Competition time 08:00 – 17:00

Lippumäki Ice Rink: Competition time 08:00 – 17:00

City Ice Rink: **Evening Gala at 18:00, open to public**

Sunday April 3

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 4, 2016, 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 entry **by March 11, 2016.**

The Gala will be organized in Niirala Ice Rink on Saturday April 2 (preliminary starting time at 6 PM) after the competitions. Gala will be open to public.

Important Dates:

- February 26, 2016** Deadline for entries (incl. Planned Program Component – sheet, Gala program).
- March 4, 2016** List of skaters published.
Detailed event schedule on competition website published.
- March 11, 2016** Deadline for Gala program entries.
Due date for entry fee payment.
- March 18, 2016** Draw of skating orders. The results of the draw will be published on competition website latest on March 19, 2016.
- April 1, 2016** **Let the Fun Begin ☺**

We look forward to meeting you all figure skating friends in Kuopio, Finland for the Silver Skate 2016 !

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

On behalf of the Organizing Team

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

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