



Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2014/2015



**46. POKAL
DER
BLAUEN
SCHWERTER
2014
DRESDEN
01.-04.10.2014**



INFORMATION



WELCOME

The Pokal der Blauen Schwerter in his 46th anniversary is one of the oldest international figure skating competitions in the ISU history and we are very proud that this year again this prestigious event is part of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

The Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V. (DEU), the Sächsischer Eissport-Verband e.V. (SEV) and the Local Organizing Committee are looking very much forward to welcome the skating family in Dresden for the 46th edition of the Pokal der Blauen Schwerter.

We have enclosed various pieces of information which might be useful for you and for your preparation to attend this important event of the ISU calendar.



THE LOCATION

Dresden is located on both banks of the river Elbe, mostly in the Dresden Elbe Valley Basin at an altitude of about 113 meters. The highest point of Dresden is about 384 meters above sea level.

The incorporation of neighboring rural communities over the past 60 years has made Dresden the fourth largest urban district by area in Germany after Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne.

Greater Dresden, which includes the neighboring districts of Kamenz, Meissen, Riesa-Großenhain, Sächsische Schweiz, Weißeritzkreis and part of the district of Bautzen, has a population of around 1,250,000.

THE CITY

Dresden became the city rights in 1206 and celebrated its 800th birthday in 2006. Dresden is the capital of the German federal state of Saxony (Freistaat Sachsen).

The city has a long history as the capital and royal residence for the Electors and Kings of Saxony, who gave Dresden most of the cultural and artistic flair. Dresden was totally destroyed at the very end of World War II. Since German reunification in 1990, Dresden has re-emerged as a cultural, political and economic centre in the eastern part of Germany.



With a pleasant location and a mild climate on the Elbe, as well as Baroque-style architecture and numerous world-renowned museums and art collections, Dresden has been called "Elbflorenz" (Florence of the Elbe).

The historic city center offers the "Dresden Zwinger", the "Frauenkirche" Church, "Semper" Opera House and Royal Palace as well as many other historical monuments and ensembles.

Worldwide known are also the various art collections of Dresden such as the gallery "Old Masters" with the saucy angels from Raphael's "The Sistine Madonna" as well as the "Green Vault" on the Brühl Terrace featuring the collection of the former royal jewels.

For car freaks the "Gläserne Manufaktur" is a must to see. The transparent factory is the site where Volkswagen builds its luxury sedan Phaeton.



THE COMPETITION AND ITS NAME

1961 was the foundation year of the international senior competition Pokal der Blauen Schwerter. In its first year announced for Ladies, Men and Pairs, the Ice Dance event was added the year after, but already cancelled after 1969.

The main change from a senior to a junior competition was made in 1985 and again, due to logical reasons, the Dance competition was added back in 1991.

1997 the Pokal der Blauen Schwerter was added to the new ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and again organized as such 9 times with the last edition in 2012.

“Pokal der Blauen Schwerter” means “Cup of the Blue Swords” and the Blue Swords are the famous signs and trademark of the porcelain manufactory of Meissen (located near Dresden), who supports the event since 1961.

In 1707/08 the specialists of King Augustus the Strong discovered the European hard porcelain. The advantage of the newly found fine ceramic material was that all objects could always be produced again on demand, as long as the negative plaster of Paris moulds – and the know-how – were available.

Since the 18th century, the in-house education and training facility assures succession in the crafts. The image and reputation of Meissen porcelain is worldwide unique.

A special commemorative coin, made from origin Meissen porcelain, will be given to all competitors and officials attending the 46th edition of the Pokal der Blauen Schwerter.

The trophies sponsored by the Meissen porcelain manufactory presented to the winners in each category have a value of 1,000 Euro.

THE VENUE – EnergieVerbund ARENA

The newly build EnergieVerbund Arena was only opened in August 2007. The multifunctional facility is equipped at the highest standard and is conveniently located close to the old city centre of Dresden.

The modern ice and ball sports centre in the Ostragehege Sports Park features ice skating during the season on 5.000 m² in the main arena, the practice rink and on the outside speed-skating track, which is linked to the main building via a tunnel.



During skating events the main arena hosts up to 4.000 spectators while the practice rink offers places for a bit more than 100 persons.

Both rinks are heated and air-conditioned. The ice surface at the main rink is 30 m x 60 m and at the practice rink the ice surface is 29 m x 58 m.



THE OFFICIAL HOTEL



The Official Hotel for all members of the Skating Family will be:

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<http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-1579-ibis-dresden-lilienstein/index.shtml>

The room rates of the Organizing Committee are as following:

Single room	€ 79.00
Twin room	€ 51.00 (per person)

All rates are per person and night, including breakfast, GST and all local tourist taxes.

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee.

The hotel is located in the city centre of Dresden - just a few minutes' walk from the main railway station, right next to the shopping district "Prager Strasse" and just steps away from the historic city centre of Dresden.

All rooms have full air conditioning and are equipped with a shower and WC, cable TV, direct dial telephone, radio. Wifi-internet access is available throughout the hotel for a fee only.

The hotel facilities include several meeting-facilities, a restaurant, bar, etc.

Electricity 220 V; please mind the special plug-in in Germany.

The hotel accepts all kinds of credit-cards (VISA, EUROCARD/MASTER CARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS CLUB).

MEALS

ISU Event Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators), Judges and Competitors will receive meal-vouchers for the period, covered through the Organizing Committee, beginning on **Tuesday, September 30, 2014** with dinner until **Sunday, October 5, 2014** including breakfast. All meals are served in the official hotel.

Meal vouchers can only be used in designated dining room at the Ibis Hotel. Meal vouchers are not transferable.

All other persons may purchase meal-vouchers for:

Lunch	€ 20.00
Dinner	€ 20.00

Each meal includes a non-alcoholic drink.





TRAVELLING TO DRESDEN

By Plane

LUFTHANSA, the partner-airline of the Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V., offers many daily flight connections to **DRESDEN (DRS)**.

Dresden Airport is situated about 9 km north-east of the city centre. **S-Bahn line S2** links the airport and the city centre. The airport terminal can easily be reached via a pedestrian tunnel to the S-Bahn station "Dresden Flughafen".

The Organizing Committee provides a pick-up service at Dresden 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 Dresden Airport is **€ 10.00 per person (€ 20.00 for round trip)** and needs to be paid upon arrival at registration.

Please note that the Organizing Committee will not provide pick-up service from any other airport than **Dresden International Airport (DRS)**.

By Train

Dresden is connected to the main railway lines from all over Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland. The two big train stations are: "Dresden Neustadt", on the northern side of the Elbe and "Dresden Hauptbahnhof" (main train station) on the southern side of the Elbe.

If you plan to arrive by train, make sure you will arrive at "**Dresden Hauptbahnhof**" (main station) which is located in walking distance to the official hotel.

Please note, that the Organizing Committee will not provide a pick-up service from the train station.

By Car

Dresden can also be reached by car. It is well connected to the German highway system (Autobahn) and a new Autobahn to Prague (Czech Republic) has recently be opened.

A 4	Frankfurt (Main)-Erfurt-Chemnitz-Dresden
A 13	Berlin-Dresden
A 17	Prague (CZE)-Dresden

There are public parking spots for a fee available next to the hotel. The hotel does not offer a parking garage.

EVENT SHUTTLE

Shuttle-bus-service on a 30 minutes interval connects the Ibis Hotel with the EnergieVerbund Arena (main and practice rink) and return starting on the first practice day (Wednesday, October 1, 2014).

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



REGISTRATION

The registration for all teams will be held at the **Ibis Hotel Lilienstein** upon arrival.

The registration / organizing committee office is located in the 1st floor of the hotel.

Operating hours:	Tuesday, Sep. 30	10:00 – late night
	Wednesday, Oct. 1	08:00 – 22:00
	Thursday, Oct. 2	09:00 – 22:00
	Friday, Oct. 3	09:00 – 22:00
	Saturday, Oct. 4	09:00 – 00:00
	Sunday, Oct. 5	07:00 – 12:00

Accreditation

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!

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 shuttle bus system.

Chaperones tickets are available at a price of **€ 25.00** from the OC Office at the Ibis Hotel Lilienstein.

Such ticket must be purchased at the OC Office at the hotel before using the shuttle service the first time from the official hotel to the arena.

**PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, September 30, 2014	All day	Arrival of Teams
Wednesday, October 1, 2014	All day	Official Practice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	16:00	Referee's and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
	20:00	Reception of the City of Dresden for ISU Officials and Judges
Thursday, October 2, 2014		Official Practice
	11:00	ICE DANCE – Short Dance
		LADIES – Short Program
		MEN – Short Program
Friday, October 3, 2014		Official Practice
	11:00	PAIRS – Short Program
		ICE DANCE – Free Dance
		LADIES – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremonies ICE DANCE and LADIES
Saturday, October 4, 2014		Official Practice
	07:00	ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion
	08:30	LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:00	PAIRS – Free Skating
		MEN – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremonies PAIRS and MEN
	18:45	PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion
	20:15	MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion

Please note:

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



SOCIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Team Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 – 10:00

EnergieVerbund Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

Initial Starting Order Draws

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

EnergieVerbund Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

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

Intermediate Draws

Will be held approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the respective Short Programs and Short Dance at the EnergieVerbund Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room.

Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 – 16:00

EnergieVerbund Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

Judges Draw and Meeting

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 – 17:00

EnergieVerbund Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

Reception for ISU Officials and Judges

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 – 20:00

The City of Dresden in cooperation with the local Organizing Committee is pleased to invite all Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Data & Replay Operators and Judges to a welcome reception. (location tbd)

Round Table Discussions

All Round Table Discussions are planned to be held at the Ibis Hotel Lilienstein, meeting room – top floor. Exact times as to the event schedule above.

VARIOUS

Additional practice before the start of the competition

Only very limited practice-time before the start of the official practice on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 will be available on request.

It is understood, that additional practice will **be not free of charge**. Furthermore the Organizing Committee will not offer any transportation as well as medical service during such unofficial practice sessions. Please contact the Organizing Committee as early as possible for such arrangements.

Weather

The weather in Dresden during the days of early October might vary between +5°C and + 10°C with often rain showers.

Banks

Regular banking hours in Dresden are Monday to Friday 09:00 h to 12:00 h and 14:30 h to 17:00 h.

Money Exchange

Each bank has a “money changing counter”. ATM cash machines are available throughout the city.



Shopping

Regular shopping hours in Dresden are:

Shops	Monday – Friday	10:00 h – 18:00 h
	Saturday	09:00 h – 13:00 h

Department-Stores	Monday – Friday	10:00 h – 20:00 h
	Saturday	10:00 h – 16:00 h

On Sunday and Public Holidays shops are closed.

Please note that October 3rd is a national holiday in Germany - German Unification Day (German: Tag der Deutschen Einheit) and all shops will be closed at that day.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Please inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible about

- Invitation letters for visa requests in case of needed
- additional practice-time, if needed

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