

# Hope Cup 2026

## Technical data

### B CLASS

- Any skater who has not met the lower age limit (is younger) of the category, but their skills meet the technical requirements of the category can be allowed to skate in the higher category.
- No skater can change from Class A to Class B and from Class B to Class C within the season in competitions listed in the Estonian Skating Union Competition Calendar.
- Any protests can be filed in accordance with ISU Rule 123. Protest fee of 50 EUR or other convertible currency to the same value must be deposited with the Referee. The protest must be submitted to the Referee of the event in writing. In case the Referee cannot be reached, the protest can be submitted to the Competition Office. All protests must be submitted no later than 24h after the announcement of the segment results.
- Any protests can be lodged by:
  - Competitors or team leaders accredited for the competition concerned.
  - With the approval of such Competitor(s), or team leaders, members of the committee organizing the competition or any official representatives of affiliated clubs that have entered Competitor(s).
  - Protests must be filed with the Referee in writing and within the stated time limit. At the same time the protest is filed 50 euro must be deposited with the Referee. In the case where the protest is successful the protest fee will be refunded, otherwise the Referee will remit it to the Organizing Committee. If the Referee is not available in person at the site or hotel, the Protest shall be sent by email to the Competition Secretariat which will forward it to the Referee concerned.
- Protest must be submitted within the published time frames:
  - against incorrect mathematical calculation may be filed until 24 hours after the Victory Ceremony of the category concerned.
  - Concerning the participation of a Competitor must be filed before the competition starts. If an immediate decision cannot be reached, the Competitor is permitted to start, but the announcement of the final result

and the distribution of the prizes shall be deferred until a decision has been reached.

- Concerning the composition of the panel of Officials must be filed within 30 minutes of its announcement.
- Any other protests must be filed immediately, thus not later than 30 minutes after the end of the Segment concerned.
- No protests against evaluations by Referees, Judges and the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists) of Skaters' performances are allowed.
- Protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect mathematical calculation. A wrong identification of an element or of a level of difficulty, although it results in a lower or higher score is not an incorrect mathematical calculation.

## PRE-CHICKS B Girls/Boys (born 2019 and younger)

Free Skating only

Duration: 2:00 min ± 10 sec

- maximum of four (4) jump elements:
  - 1A, 1Lz, 1F and double (2) jumps are not permitted.
  - maximum of two (2) jump combinations:
    - a jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps.
    - a jump sequence is not allowed.
- maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature.
- one (1) Choreographic Sequence consisting of at least two (2) different skating movements.

### Additional information:

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills**. The factor for components is 1.67.
- In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level Base will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No.2701 (or any update).
- No jump with the same name can be executed more than twice including Axel type jumps.
- Interruption of performance will be deducted as follows:
  - more than 10 sec. up to 20 sec. – 0.5 point
  - more than 20 sec. up to 30 sec. – 1.0 point

- more than 30 sec. up to 40 sec. – 1.5 point
- Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption – 2.5 point deduction per program.
- Falls: 0.5 point deduction per fall outside the element. Falls in elements will be called by the Technical Panel but with no deduction(s).
- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- A skater's outlook (costume, makeup) and program music selection must be appropriate to the skater's age and competitive environment of the sport.
- Warm-up time is 4 minutes and there can be up to 10 skaters in a warm-up group.

## CHICKS B Girls/Boys (born 2017/2018)

Free Skating only

Duration: 2:00 min ± 10 sec

- maximum of four (4) jump elements:
  - single Axel (1A) and double jumps (2x) are not permitted.
  - maximum of two (2) jump combinations:
    - a jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps.
    - a jump sequence is not allowed.
- maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature:
  - one (1) spin in one position without change of foot.
  - one (1) spin is optional.
- one (1) Choreographic Sequence consisting of at least two (2) different skating movements.

### Additional information:

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills**. The factor for components is 1.67.
- In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level Base will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No.2701 (or any update).  
Time violation: 0.5 point deduction for up to every 5 seconds in excess.  
Interruption of performance will be deducted as follows:
  - more than 10 sec. up to 20 sec. – 0.5 point
  - more than 20 sec. up to 30 sec. – 1.0 point

- more than 30 sec. up to 40 sec. – 1.5 point
- Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption – 2.5 point deduction per program.
- Falls: 0.5 point deduction per fall outside the element. Falls in elements will be called by the Technical Panel but with no deduction(s).
- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- A skater's outlook (costume, makeup) and program music selection must be appropriate to the skater's age and competitive environment of the sport.
- Warm-up time is 4 minutes and there can be up to 10 skaters in a warm-up group.

## CUBS B Girls/Boys (born 2015/2016)

Free Skating only

Duration: 2:30 min ± 10 sec

- maximum four (4) jump elements:
  - maximum two (2) jump combinations or one jump combination and one jump sequence. Combinations and sequences may consist of only two (2) jumps. In a jump sequence, the second jump must be an Axel type jump.
  - 1A (single axel) and one (1) double jump are allowed and cannot be included more than two (2) times in total.
  - 2F, 2Lz and triple (3X) jumps are not allowed.
- maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature:
  - one (1) spin combination with a change of foot (minimum of eight (8) revolutions in total) or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total). Flying entry is not allowed.
  - one (1) spin in one position and with a change of foot (minimum of eight (8) revolutions in total) or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total). Flying entry is allowed.
- one (1) Step Sequence fully utilizing the ice surface and including at least one skating movement such as a spiral, spread eagle, Ina Bauer, hydroblading etc. If the skating movement is missing, no Level will be given. At least 2 difficult turns and steps must be executed on clean edges for Level basic. The Technical Panel will not award Feature 3) Use of body movements for at least 1/3 of the pattern and Feature 4) Two combinations of 3 difficult turns on different feet.

### **Additional information:**

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills**. The factor for components is 1.67.  
In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 1 will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No.2701 (or any update).
- Time violation: 0.5 point deduction for up to every 5 seconds in excess.
- Interruption of performance will be deducted as follows:
  - more than 10 sec. up to 20 sec. – 0.5 point
  - more than 20 sec. up to 30 sec. – 1.0 point
  - more than 30 sec. up to 40 sec. – 1.5 point
- Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption – 2.5 point deduction per program.
- Falls: 0.5 point deduction per fall outside the element. Falls in elements will be called by the Technical Panel but with no deduction(s).
- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- A skater's outlook (costume, makeup) and program music selection must be appropriate to the skater's age and competitive environment of the sport.
- Warm-up time is 4 minutes and there can be up to 10 skaters in a warm-up group.

## **SPRINGS B Girls/Boys (born 2013/2014)**

Free Skating only

Duration: 2:30 min ± 10 sec

- maximum four (4) jump elements:
  - one (1) Axel type jump
  - maximum two (2) jump combinations or one jump combination and one jump sequence. Combinations and sequences may consist of only two (2) jumps. In a jump sequence, the second jump must be an Axel type jump
  - maximum two different (2) double jumps are allowed (2S, 2T or 2Lo).
  - No jump with the same name can be executed more than twice including Axel type jumps.
  - 2F, 2Lz, 2A and triple (3X) jumps are not allowed.
- maximum two (2) spins of different nature:

- one (1) spin combination with a change of foot (minimum of eight (8) revolutions in total) or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions). If with change of foot, only one level feature per foot will count. Flying Entry is allowed.
- spin in one position without change of foot must have a minimum of six (6) revolutions, must be done in a basic position and will be called maximum level basic. No level features are allowed. Flying entry is not allowed.
- one (1) Choreographic Sequence consisting of at least two different skating movements.

#### **Additional information:**

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills**. The factor for components is 1.67.
- In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 1 will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No.2701 (or any update).
- Interruption of performance will be deducted as follows:
  - more than 10 sec. up to 20 sec. – 0.5 point
  - more than 20 sec. up to 30 sec. – 1.0 point
  - more than 30 sec. up to 40 sec. – 1.5 point
- Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption – 2.5 point deduction per program.
- Falls: 0.5 point deduction per fall outside the element. Falls in elements will be called by the Technical Panel but with no deduction(s).
- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- A skater's outlook (costume, makeup) and program music selection must be appropriate to the skater's age and competitive environment of the sport.
- Warm-up time is 4 minutes and there can be up to 10 skaters in a warm-up group.

### **NOVICE B Girls/Boys (born after 01.07.2009)**

Free Skating only

Duration: 3:00 min ± 10 sec

- maximum of five (5) jump elements:

- one of which must be an Axel-type jump
- maximum of two (2) jump combinations or one (1) jump combination and one (1) jump sequence. Jump combinations and the jump sequence consist of two (2) jumps. In the jump sequence the second jump must be an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump into the take- off curve of the Axel jump. One full revolution on the ice between the jumps (free foot can touch the ice, but without weight transfer) keeps the element in the frame of the definition of a jump sequence. Jumps executed in a jump sequence receive their full value.
- 2A and triple (3x) jumps are not allowed.
- all double (2x) jumps are allowed;
- maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature:
  - one (1) spin combination with a change of foot (minimum of eight (8) revolutions) or without a change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions). If with change of foot, only one level feature per foot will count. Flying Entry is allowed.
  - spin in one position without change of foot must have a minimum of six (6) revolutions, must be done in a basic position and will be called maximum level basic. No level features are allowed. Flying entry is not allowed.
- one (1) Choreographic Sequence consisting of at least two (2) different skating movements.

#### **Additional information:**

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills**. The factor for components is 2.40 for Men and 2.13 for Women. In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No.2701 (or any update). Interruption of performance will be deducted as follows:
  - more than 10 sec. up to 20 sec. – 0.5 point
  - more than 20 sec. up to 30 sec. – 1.0 point
  - more than 30 sec. up to 40 sec. – 1.5 point
- Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption – 2.5 point deduction per program.
- Falls: 0.5 point deduction per fall outside the element. Falls in elements will be called by the Technical Panel but with no deduction(s).

- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- A skater's outlook (costume, makeup) and program music selection must be appropriate to the skater's age and competitive environment of the sport.
- Warm-up time is 4 minutes and there can be up to 8 skaters in a warm-up group.

## JUNIOR B Girls/Boys (age same as Junior A)

Free Skating only

Duration: 3:00 min  $\pm$  10 sec

- maximum of five (5) jump elements:
  - one of which must be an Axel-type jump
  - maximum of two (2) jump combinations or one (1) jump combination and one (1) jump sequence. Jump combinations and the jump sequence consist of two (2) jumps. In the jump sequence the second jump must be an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump into the take-off curve of the Axel jump. One full revolution on the ice between the jumps (free foot can touch the ice, but without weight transfer) keeps the element in the frame of the definition of a jump sequence. Jumps executed in a jump sequence receive their full value.
  - 2A and triple (3x) jumps are not allowed.
  - all double (2x) jumps are allowed.
- maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature:
  - one (1) spin combination with a change of foot or without a change of foot (minimum of ten (10) revolutions in total).
  - one (1) spin with flying entrance in one position with a change of foot or without a change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions).
  - one (1) spin is optional (minimum of six (6) revolutions).
- one (1) Choreographic Sequence consisting of at least two (2) different skating movements.

### Additional information:

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills**. The factor for components is 2.40 for Men and 2.13 for Women.



- In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No.2701 (or any update).
- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- Warm-up time is 5 minutes and there can be up to 8 skaters in a warm-up group.

## SENIOR B Girls/Boys (age same as Senior A)

Free Skating only

Duration: 3:30 min  $\pm$  10 sec

- maximum of six (6) jump elements:
  - one of which must be an Axel-type jump
  - maximum of two (2) jump combinations or one (1) jump combination and one (1) jump sequence. Jump combinations and the jump sequence consist of two (2) jumps. In the jump sequence the second jump must be an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump into the take-off curve of the Axel jump. One full revolution on the ice between the jumps (free foot can touch the ice, but without weight transfer) keeps the element in the frame of the definition of a jump sequence. Jumps executed in a jump sequence receive their full value.
  - 2A and triple (3x) jumps are not allowed.
  - all double (2x) jumps are allowed.
- maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature:
  - one (1) spin combination with a change of foot or without a change of foot (minimum of ten (10) revolutions in total).
  - one (1) spin with flying entrance in one position with a change of foot or without a change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions).
  - one (1) spin is optional (minimum of six (6) revolutions).
- one (1) Choreographic Sequence consisting of at least two (2) different skating movements.

### Additional information:

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills**. The factor for components is 2.40 for Men and 2.13 for Women.

- In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No.2701 (or any update).
- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- Warm-up time is 5 minutes and there can be up to 8 skaters in a warm-up group.