

Hope Cup 2026

Interclub Figure Skating Competition

for

single skaters

organized by

Tartu Uisukool

Tartu, Estonia

April 10-12, 2026

1. General regulations

The **Hope Cup 2026** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Hope Cup 2026** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3 a) and they meet the participation requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

The OC can have a final design about over quota for any club/country/federation or refuse to accept the entry (fully or partially).

2. Technical data

Venue

Main rink: Astri Arena, Lääneringtee 39, Tartu, Estonia (Lõunakeskus shopping mall). It is an indoor ice rink with an ice surface of 58 x 28 m, air-conditioned and heated.

Single skating A class

Pre-Chicks A	Born 2019 and younger Free program: Boys, Girls 2 min (+/- 10s)
Chicks A	Born 2017/2018 Free program: Boys, Girls 2 min (+/- 10s)
Cubs A	Born 2015/2016 Free Program: Boys, Girls 2.30 min (+/-10 s)
Basic Novice	According to latest ISU rules and communications
Intermediate Novice	According to latest ISU rules and communications
Advanced Novice	According to latest ISU rules and communications

Junior According to latest ISU rules and communications

Senior According to latest ISU rules and communications

Single skating B class

Pre-Chicks B Born 2019 and younger
Free Program: Boys, Girls 2.00 min (+/-10 sek)

Chicks B Born 2017/2018
Free Program: Boys, Girls 2.00 min (+/-10 sek)

Cubs B Born 2015/2016
Free Program: Boys, Girls 2.30 min (+/-10 sek)

Springs Born 2013/2014
Free program: Boys, Girls 2.30 min (+/-10 sek)

Novice B Not older than 16 years before 1st of July
Free Program: Boys, Girls 3 min (+/-10 sek)

Junior B Free program only
Free Program: Boys, Girls 3 min (+/-10 sek)

Senior B Free program only
Free Program: Boys, Girls 3.30 min (+/-10 sek)

Single skating C class

Pre-Chicks C Born 2019 and younger
Free Program: Boys, Girls 2.00 min (+/-10 sek)

Chicks C Born 2017/2018
Free Program: Boys, Girls 2.00 min (+/-10 sek)

Single skating beginners

Artistic Kids Born 2015 and younger
Free program: Boys, Girls 1.30 min (+/-10sek)
No judging. All skaters get 1st place.

Pre-Young Born 2015 and younger

	Free Program: Boys, Girls 2 min (+/-10sek)
Pre-Young	Born 2013/2014 Free program: Boys, Girls 2 min (+/-10sek)
Young	Born 2011/2012 Free Program: Boys, Girls 2.30 min (+/-10sek)
Young	Born 2005-2010 Free program: Boys, Girls 2.30 min (+/-10sek)

Single skating for adult amateur skaters

Young adult skaters born between July 1st, 1994 and June 30th, 2004, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters

Class I skaters born between July 1st, 1987 and June 30th, 1997, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters

Class II skaters born between July 1st, 1977 and June 30th, 1987, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters

Class III skaters born between July 1st, 1967 and June 30th, 1977, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters

Class IV skaters born between July 1st, 1957 and June 30th, 1967, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters

Class V skaters born before June 30th, 1957, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Master

[Technical Requirements for ISU Supported Adult Figure Skating Competitions for season 2025/2026](#)

3. Entries

General

All Entries to Hope Cup 2026 must be done through **Sportity Online Registration System**: <https://fs.sportity.com>. The deadline for entries is **Monday, March 16st, 2026 23:00 (local time Tartu)**.

Entries of Competitors

It is possible to enter an unlimited number of skaters in each category. However, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit or refuse participation in the competition.

Important: Changes to a skater's category are not permitted after the entry deadline. Please note that any replacements in the entry form must be made within the same class and category, and must be submitted no later than **April 3, 2026**.

Entry Fee

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows **before March 16th, 2026**:

- 65€ Artistic Kids category
- 85€ per skater with one program
- 100€ per skater with two programs

The entry fee must be paid by bank transfer **no later than March 16th, 2026**. Any payments received after this date will be subject to a late entry fee of **10€** per skater. However, this late fee does not apply if the club substitutes a skater, provided the original skater's entry fee was paid by the deadline.

Please note that the entry fee is non-refundable after the deadline, regardless of the reason for withdrawal. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to withdraw entries for skaters who have not paid the entry fee by the deadline.

Additionally, a skater may be replaced by another skater in the same category if the full entry fee has already been paid. If any participant's fees remain unpaid, the entire club will be excluded from the draw.

The entry fee for all participants from each country or member federation must be paid in a single transaction and transferred to the following bank account:

MTÜ Iluuisutamisklubi Tartu

IBAN: EE842200221051518634

SWIFT/BIC: HABAE2X

4. Music and Planned Program Content

Each **Music** and **Planned Program Content** must be submitted to **Sportity Online Registration System**: <https://fs.sportity.com> by latest **March 30th, 2026**.

- The music files must be uploaded as WAV or MP3 file formats. Any other format is not acceptable. Please note: Files in MP3 format may have a significant difference in the music quality when reproduced. The Organizing Committee in this case is not responsible if the music quality would be insufficient.
- Each competitor must have their own back-up drive (USB Stick) for each program in the format of a WAV or MP3 file.

5. Judges

Each participating Club may nominate one, at least international level judge. The organizer will cover the accommodation, transportation and meals. The Entries of Judges must be made via the email to the OC (entry@iktartu.ee) no later than **March 16th, 2026**.

6. Results

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used. Intermediate and final results will be published on the competition website and in Sportity App event channel.

There will be no hard-copy distribution of any printed media on this event. All required information will be available on the Information Board at the ice rink and on Digital Info Board (Sportity App).

7. Awarding

The three best-placed competitors in each event will be awarded with a medal. All competitors will receive a diploma.

8. Expenses

All participants and teams must pay the accommodation and transportation themselves.

9. Competition Schedule

A detailed competition schedule will be announced after the deadline of entries. Time Schedule will be published on the competition website (www.iktartu.ee).

10. Draw

An electronic draw will take place on **April 9th, 2026**, starting orders will be published on our website: www.iktartu.ee. There will not be a draw after short programs. Starting order for free programs will be according to the inverse of the results of short programs.

11. The code of ethics

All the skaters, coaches, judges, chaperons should follow the ISU Communication 2478, (or any update of this Communication). Action against this rule conducts by itself the disqualification of the skater.

12. Responsibility

In accordance with ISU Constitution, rule 119, all participants act at their own responsibility.

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in this competition, 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 to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person. The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the event mentioned above.

13. Live stream and photos

Please note: live stream video is provided during all the competition. A professional photographer will be working at the ice rink and organizers have a right to use any photo for commercial purposes.

14. Additional Information

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

Iluisutamisklubi Tartu

Astri Arena ice rink

Lääneringtee 39, Tartu, Estonia

Email: entry@iktartu.ee

Website: www.iktartu.ee

To stay up to date with information, possible restrictions and latest updates please follow competition on Sportity app (iOS/Apple and Android) using code: **HOPECUP2026**



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