

StarClassNewsletter



StarClass 2010-2011 season completed with the final event in Munich which brought together the best junior skaters selected from the Danubia series and the Starclass series. A total of 128 skaters representing 17 member Countries came together at the Olympia Stadium, guests of the SLIC Munich club, for three packed days of high quality skating and exciting competitions. The instant video replay system, for the first time in an international competition, gave the referees an added tool to verify their calls; but this was not the only added value of the competition. A local wi-fi network allowed coaches and spectators alike to have results and new races immediately available on their smartphones or tablets; yet another step ahead in technology thanks to the PB events team who has been working at all the StarClass competitions this season. As always, the real protagonists of the event have been the skaters; all determined to take home the 'crown' of European Champion for their category. Fair racing and honest sporting have characterised the event which saw Hungarian skaters grab half of the podiums, and Czech, Lithuanian, Slovak and Italian share the remaining four.



Men Relay podium

The men's relay race was fought to the last millimetre by the Polish and Dutch skaters,

with Poland winning by the tip of a blade, only 8 thousandths of a second!



Ladies Relay Podium

The ladies' relay final was dominated by the Italian girls who had the best over the Hungarian and German teams finishing second and third respectively.

Full results as well as many great pictures (courtesy of Hank Prinsen and Piet Broekhuizen) and some videos are on the www.shorttrackonline.info website.

As skaters and coaches prepare for a well deserved rest, the Starclass co-ordination group is looking ahead, getting ready for the challenges of a new season, confident that its efforts are being rewarded by the growth of many young European skaters who are moving on to World Cups and Championships a step ahead in experience.

All Clubs who would like to host a Starclass event during the next season should forward their candidature to any member of the Starclass co-ordination group with an indication of the proposed plan for the event, the categories of interest and useful information on the rink such as distance from airport/train station/ motorways, hotel availability in the area and any other detail they should deem useful.

All candidatures will be evaluated and the final decision will be announced during the International Calendar Meeting to be held in Basel (Switzerland) in the coming month of May.