

44th edition

# EASTER CUP



4 & 5 april 2026  
Zaterdag: 9u00 - 19u30  
Zondag: 8u00 - 14u00



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Dates and Venue

Short Track club Kristallijn Gent has the honour of inviting you:

### **44<sup>th</sup> International EASTER CUP Short Track**

#### **For Juniors, Seniors & Masters**

Date: 4 April – 5 April 2026

Venue: IJsbaan Kristallijn, Warmoezeniersweg 20, 9000 Gent - Belgium

The competition will be held in accordance with the ISU regulations.

## Entries

The entries are open to all clubs and skaters affiliated with an ISU member, and can be done via the following platform: [shorttrackonline.info](http://shorttrackonline.info)

A **maximum of 160 skaters** can take part in the competition, this is to ensure sufficient quality. Final entries must reach the organizing committee by **Wednesday 25 March 2026**.

An entry fee of **€ 60,00** must be **paid by the club** to the organizers for every participating athlete.

After the entry for the competition has closed, an invoice will be sent to the email address which is registered in the entry system. The invoice will contain a BOOKING-number, the amount to be paid and the information of the STKG bank account to transfer the payment to. We request that you use the booking-number as the reference and do the payment immediately after receiving the invoice, so that the entry fee is in our bank account no later than **Wednesday 1 April 2026**.

Reach out to the organizing committee if you have any issues ([info@stkg.be](mailto:info@stkg.be)).

## Dinner Event

The entry fee of € 60,00 for athletes **includes a hot meal voucher + drink voucher** that can be used only on Saturday evening during the dinner event. Friends and family will also get a chance to buy extra tickets for this event at the price of € 15,00 via our web store <https://stkg.sumupstore.com/>. Practical information about this will also be sent to the clubs later on.

## Accreditation

Helmet caps and goody bags will be given at the entrance of the cafeteria (registration/help desk), between 7.00 and 9.30 on Saturday morning. A deposit of € 10,00 per helm cap has to be made **in cash** and will be returned upon recollection of the helmet caps (max € 50,00 per club).

## Competition Times

Saturday 4 April 2026:	7.30: Team leader meeting 8.00 - 13.00: Warming Up (*) + Competition 14.00 - 19.30: Competition 18.00 - 21.00: Dinner Event
Sunday 5 April 2026:	8.00 - 14.00: Warming Up (*) + Competition

(\*) Warming-up on ice not guaranteed, depending on competition schedule.

## Age Groups

The competition is open to all Juniors, Seniors & Masters. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories per gender:

Junior F:	born after 30/06/2016
Junior E:	born from 1/07/2014 to 30/06/2016 (*)
Junior D:	born from 1/07/2012 to 30/06/2014
Junior C:	born from 1/07/20010 to 30/06/2012
Junior B:	born from 1/07/2008 to 30/06/20010
Junior A + Senior:	born from 1/07/1995 to 30/06/2008 (**)
Master:	born before 1/07/1995

The equipment of the skaters must be in accordance with the ISU regulations. Different age groups and genders may skate together depending on the number of participants in each group. Junior E and F are foreseen to form such a combined group.

(\*) Junior E skaters who have the limit time below can participate in the junior D category upon request.

- Women Junior D: 57.00 sec (500m)
- Men Junior D: 55.00 sec (500m)

(\*\*) Junior A and Senior skaters are allowed to skate with the Master categories upon request. Their application will be considered based on their best times in the current and past seasons while guaranteeing safety for all participants.

## Program

The individual competition will follow an All Final Qualifying System. Seeding in the first round is done by the best time for that distance in the past and current seasons. The starting positions in the first round of a distance (with multiple rounds) is based on the same list where the fastest skater will be in position 1, the second fastest in position 2 etc. In the Super Final distance, the starting position will be based on the overall classification.

According to the number of entries, there will be a competition over a minimum of two distances and a Super Final A+B. The total number of points from all distance finals + Super Finals will determine the competition's overall winner in each category.

Relay races will be held with club mixed gender teams in 3 categories A/B/S/M (3000m), C/D (3000m) and E/F (2000m). Depending on the number of club teams, extra mixed club teams may be allowed as well, if time permits it. The races of the Relay teams shall happen as if they were finals by assigning a virtual rank based on the sum of the best 500m times for Junior C upwards and 333m for the Junior E/F of the skaters of each team. Hence the last Relay race of each category shall consist of the (virtually) fastest teams. However, the distance classification of the Relay shall follow the finish times of each team. In such a way, we can provide challenging and safe Relays.

	1 <sup>st</sup> distance	2 <sup>nd</sup> distance	Super Final A + B
<b>Junior E &amp; F</b>	333 m	222 m	500 m (2 x 6)
<b>Junior D</b>	777 m	500 m	A: 1000m (6) - B: 777 m (6)
<b>Junior C</b>	777 m	500 m	1000 m (2 x 6)
<b>Junior B</b>	1000 m	500 m	1500 m (2 x 7)
<b>Junior A &amp; Senior</b>	1000 m	500 m	1500 m (2 x 7)
<b>Masters</b>	1000 m	500 m	A:1500 m (7) - B: 1000m (6)

*The organizing committee may alter the program should it be deemed necessary.*

## Track and padding

The track is an artificial indoor ice surface of 30 m x 60 m. The competition will be held on a 111,12 m oval track with a measuring curve of 8,50 m. Six (6) other tracks will be laid out according to ISU rules. The starting line will be moved accordingly. For all tracks, one finishing line with a photo finish will be used.

STKG finds safety very important, so we provide protective padding of 60 cm in the primary and secondary crash zone and 40 cm of padding in the safe zone per ISU communication number 2365 for International Competitions (Seniors and Junior A+B).

## Condition of contest

Points for each Distance Classification will be awarded in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 6. The Overall Classification will be calculated in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 8. Skaters who did not start in the first round of any of the distances with a valid reason, e.g. a medical reason, will get a ranking on that distance equal to the number of participants plus 1.

## Awards

**Individual classification:** Awards will be given to the first, second and third in the final classification of each category.

**Club classification:** Awards will be given to the first, second and third in the final club classification (best 5 skaters per club + best Relay result). Individual skaters may gain the following points 25, 23, 22, 21 ... for a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th ... place according to the categories defined in the announcement (section Age Groups). For the Relay, 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10 points are granted for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place respectively in one of the categories in which the Relay was skated. Only the points of teams of which all members belong to the same club, count towards the club classification. In case of a tie, the clubs will be ranked equally. In the case that Relays are not held for all categories, no Relay results will count towards the club classification.

## Competition Series: Golden Sun Awards

The Easter Cup is part of a series of 4 competitions, including the Hanse Cup in Rostock, GER (10-12 October 2025), the Lara Van Ruijven Memorial in The Hague, NLD (18-19 October 2025), the Speculaas Cup in Hasselt, BEL (28 February – 1 March 2026) for Juniors and Seniors. A combined ranking will be created over all competitions. The awards will be handed out after the award ceremony of the Easter Cup.

## Miscellaneous

By entering, all participants accept and agree that they might be subject to recording (audio, video and pictures), and might appear in the media content created about the competition during this competition or in future competitions organized by STKG.

By entering all participants accept that personal data are collected by the Organizing Committee (OC) and such data are stored and used by the OC, and when necessary, third parties, for the purposes only of, and to the extent necessary only in relation to facilitating their participation in the competition; personal data may include but will not be limited to full legal name as per national identity documents, address, date of birth, nationality, sex.

### **Liability and Medical Insurance**

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Royal Belgian Speed Skating Federation and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance (medical and accident) coverage for their athletes.

### **Anti-doping**

Anti-doping tests might be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 2213 & 2243 or any further update of these Communications). <https://www.isu.org/clean-sport/anti-doping>

### **Food & drinks**

Only food and drinks that are bought in the cafeteria can be consumed there. In the dressing rooms, you are allowed to consume your own food and drinks.

For practical reasons, we ask everyone to order food in advance (pasta meals, sandwiches, soup, etc.). This can be done via our web store <https://stkg.sumupstore.com/>. Vouchers can then be collected at the help desk in the cafeteria and redeemed later. Reserved meals are given priority over on-site orders.

Additional information about catering will be sent to the entered clubs later on.

### **Technology**

Time recording will happen by photo finish at 0.001 seconds accuracy. Video replay will be available from different angles to help the referees assess infringements. Transponders will also be used. If technically possible, we will also have a livestream.

### **Ice-training**

For availability and rates please email [penningmeester@stkg.be](mailto:penningmeester@stkg.be).

### **Information**

Should you have any questions for the organizing committee, do not hesitate to contact us:

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## **Low Emission Zone Ghent**

Please be aware of the newly installed low emission zone (LEZ) in the centre of Ghent (inside the inner ring R40). To access the ice rink, no extra effort is required if you reach the ice rink from the highway, but if you would like to visit the city centre, you need to register your car if it has a non-Belgian license plate. More information can be found here:

<https://stad.gent/en/mobility-ghent/low-emission-zone-ghent>

Also be aware of the mobility plan that is still operational in Ghent centre. Be sure not to cross any of the restricted access roads. More information can be found here:

<https://stad.gent/en/mobility-ghent/mobility-plan>

## **Accommodation**

All participating clubs are responsible for their own accommodation. Book your hotel in advance: many hotels in Ghent are often sold out during Easter weekend!

More information can be found at: [www.visitgent.be](http://www.visitgent.be)