



Announcement of / Invitation for the

HANSE CUP OPEN-MASTERS 2026

International Competition in Short Track Speed Skating – Open-Masters

Friday and Saturday, October 9th–10th 2026 · EISHALLE ROSTOCK

part of the 31st Hanse Cup weekend

Announcement

On Friday and Saturday, October 9th and 10th 2026, the "Energiesportverein Turbine Rostock" (ETR) and the "Deutsche Eisschnelllauf- und Shorttrack-Gemeinschaft" (DESG) will organize at the "Eishalle Rostock", Schillingallee 51, 18057 Rostock, the Open-Masters competition of the 31st HANSE CUP. The Open-Masters races are held within the Hanse Cup program with their own entry and classification.

The competition is sponsored by STADTWERKE ROSTOCK, WOHNUNGSGENOSSENSCHAFT SCHIFFFAHRT-HAFEN, VR BANK MECKLENBURG, PARKEN & MEER and GÖLLNITZ Umwelttechnik.

1. Location, Track and Date

Eishalle Rostock, Schillingallee 51, 18057 Rostock, Germany – artificial refrigerated indoor ice surface (30x60 m), standard track of 111,12 m with 7 measured tracks and a traditional, fixed padding system.

Friday, October 9th and Saturday, October 10th 2026. The Open-Masters races are integrated into the Hanse Cup program of these days; the exact starting times will be published with the detailed program on www.shorttrackonline.info in the week before the competition.

2. Rules and Regulations

The competition will be organized in accordance with the ISU Regulations and Rules in their current version, the current DWA/DWO of the DESG and the conditions included in this announcement. The start procedure is conducted according to the traditional system (One-False-Start, Rule 294, paragraph 14 through 23).

3. Category and Participation

Category	Definition (age before July 1st preceding the competition)
Open-Masters	mixed (women and men) · 20 years and older · born before July 1st 2006

– only registered competitors of ISU Members and affiliated clubs are allowed to participate; no minimum time is required

– skaters entered in the 31st Hanse Cup (main announcement) cannot additionally enter the Open-Masters competition

– only those competitors who have submitted their entries and paid the entry fee by the given deadline are allowed to participate

The total number of participants for the entire 31st Hanse Cup – main competition and Open-Masters together – is limited to 200. This limit is set for organizational reasons: our

volunteers and the technical personnel (ice preparation, timekeeping, etc.) also need adequate rest during the long competition days. Entries are accepted in the order of their arrival ("first come first served"). When the limit of 200 participants is reached, the entries for both announcements are closed at the same time. A waiting list will be kept; in case of withdrawals, the free places will be offered to the skaters on the waiting list in the order of their registration.

4. Program and Conditions of Contest

Day	Distances (in this order: 1000 m, 500 m, 500 m (2))
Friday	1000 m · 1000 m (mixed)
Saturday	500 m · 500 m · 500 m (2) · 500 m (2) (mixed)

The Organizer reserves the right to change the time schedule and the program at any time.

The Open-Masters skate three distances in the following order: 1000 m, 500 m and 500 m (2). Each distance is skated in two races per skater: depending on the number of entries either a qualifying round and finals based on an "All Final System" (a minimum number of races is guaranteed for all participants) or two direct races. The first round of a distance is seeded on the basis of the entry time for this distance; the other rounds will be seeded according to the seeding list based on Rule 293, paragraph 3.c). The starting positions are allocated according to the seeding list (no draw). Points and the Overall Classification will be awarded in accordance with Rule 297. For all other items of the Conditions of Contest see the ISU Regulations.

5. Entry, Entry Fee and Withdrawals

Entries shall be made via www.shorttrackonline.info not later than September 29th 2026.

Entries can be made by clubs; it is the responsibility of the clubs to have the necessary permission from their ISU Member. Please state the best available time per distance (unofficial reference times are accepted).

The entry fee is EUR 70,00 per accredited person – identical for all categories of the 31st Hanse Cup – and includes the all-day buffet at the rink on the competition days. An invoice with a BOOKING number will be sent after the close of entries; accreditation and start number handout take place at the ice rink (Thursday 17:00–19:00 or on the competition days from 07:00).

Withdrawals must be made as early as possible. Withdrawals received by the Organizing Committee will be forwarded immediately to the Competition Coordinator and the Referee. The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawal after the close of entries.

6. Awards

High-quality medals, specially created for the Hanse Cup, will be awarded to the first, second and third skater in the final of each distance and in the overall classification of the Open-Masters (mixed).

7. Medical, Insurance and Liability

Doctor and paramedical personnel will be present at the competition days. It is the sole responsibility of each Member, on behalf of its participating clubs, to ensure or provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes (see ISU CER 17.3). In accordance with ISU CER 17.3, the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility with respect to medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage sustained or caused in connection with this competition.

8. Contact and Accommodation

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Accommodation and transfer are to be arranged by the skaters themselves. Recommended hotels: B&B Hotel Rostock City-West (Lübecker Str. 31) and B&B Hotel Rostock-Hafen (Gaffelschonerweg 1).