



Announcement of / Invitation for the

31st HANSE CUP

International Competition in Short Track Speed Skating
Senior, U-19, U-17, U-15, U-13, U-11, U-9

October 9th to 11th 2026

EISHALLE ROSTOCK

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Announcement

From October 9th until October 11th 2026, the "Energiesportverein Turbine Rostock" (ETR) and the "Deutsche Eisschnelllauf- und Shorttrack-Gemeinschaft" (DESG) will organize at the "Eishalle Rostock" in Schillingallee 51, 18057 Rostock the 31st HANSE CUP competition in Short Track Speed Skating.

The competition is organized to support the activities in speed skating in the province of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and is sponsored by STADTWERKE ROSTOCK, WOHNUNGSGENOSSENSCHAFT SCHIFFFAHRT-HAFEN, VR BANK MECKLENBURG and PARKEN & MEER.

For the Open-Masters category a separate announcement will be published.

1. Location and Track

Eishalle Rostock, Schillingallee 51, 18057 Rostock, Germany

The track is an artificial refrigerated indoor ice surface with the measures of 30x60 meters. The standard track is 111,12 meters to the lap with measured curves of 8,50 meters and there will be 7 markers used to establish each curve. The length of the straight is 28,85 meters. In addition to the original track, 6 additional tracks will be built (a total of 7 tracks) to maintain good ice conditions. For all tracks one finish line will be used. The padding system is a traditional, fixed padding system.

2. Date

October 9th – 11th, 2026

3. 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.

4. Participation

- only registered competitors of ISU Members and affiliated clubs are allowed to participate
- if necessary, the person registering must decide at the time of registration (see below) in which group the skater will start.
- only those competitors who have submitted their entries and paid the entry fee by the given deadline (see "Entry and Registration") are allowed to participate.

The total number of participants is limited to 200 (see "Entry and Registration").

Please indicate your intention of participation as soon as possible in order to enable us to prepare the competition as well as possible. The organizing committee reserves the right to close the registration prior to the deadline, depending on the number of entries.

5. Categories and Groups

Age before July 1st preceding the competition (season 2026/27). As this is the first season under the new ISU age classifications, the former category names are stated in parentheses:

Category	Age	Date of birth
Senior	19 and older	born before July 1st 2007
U-19 (Junior A)	17 and 18	born between July 1st 2007 and June 30th 2009

Category	Age	Date of birth
U-17 (Junior B)	15 and 16	born between July 1st 2009 and June 30th 2011
U-15 (Junior C)	13 and 14	born between July 1st 2011 and June 30th 2013
U-13 (Junior D)	11 and 12	born between July 1st 2013 and June 30th 2015
U-11 (Junior E)	9 and 10	born between July 1st 2015 and June 30th 2017
U-9 (Junior F)	7 and 8	born between July 1st 2017 and June 30th 2019

5.1 Group S-U15 (formerly SABC)

The group S-U15 comprises the categories Senior, U-19, U-17 and U-15 (see 5.1.1). To participate in this group, a minimum time over 500 meters, skated in an official competition in the current or previous season, is required, which is defined as follows:

Men 47,00 sec. Women 49,00 sec.

Exceptions require the approval of the Organizers and are subject to feasibility within the competition program.

Even if the minimum time is reached, category U-15 has the option of starting in group S-U15 (5.1) or in category U-15 (5.2).

The start procedure for this group will be conducted according to the zero false start system (Rule 294, paragraph 4 through 13).

The group S-U15 skates in the preliminary round (2 races over 500 m) and in the main round (8 races over three distances).

5.1.1 Preliminary Round (500 m Ranking Races)

	Men	Women
Friday	500 m	500 m
	500 m	500 m

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

On Friday, a preliminary round takes place for this group only, in which each skater in this group competes twice in the 500 m distance.

The races of the preliminary round are conducted as individual 500 m races with photo finish timing. All results including the times skated will be published in the official protocol of the competition on www.shorttrackonline.info.

Within each category, the first race of the preliminary round will be seeded on the basis of the entry times over 500 m; the second race will be seeded according to the ranking final system by the classification of the first race. All athletes will run a second race regardless of the result of the first race. The starting positions are allocated according to the seeding list (The order of the races of the preliminary round will not be drawn).

The best time over 500 m from these two races of the preliminary round forms the basis for one common ranking list of all skaters of the group S-U15. This ranking list is used for the seeding of the three performance groups (PG), each for women and men, for the main round. In the case of a tie, the time from the second-fastest run is used to break the tie. Every performance group consists of a maximum of 20 skaters.

5.1.2 Main Round

	Men (PG1 – PG3)	Women (PG1 – PG3)
Friday	1500 m	1500 m
	1500 m	1500 m
Saturday	500 m	500 m
	500 m	500 m
	500 m	500 m
Sunday	1000 m	1000 m
	1000 m	1000 m
	1000 m	1000 m

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

The main round is skated in three performance groups (PG1 – PG3) each for men and for women, seeded on the basis of the preliminary round (see 5.1.1). All races of the main round are conducted separated by gender.

The Qualifying Schedule for each distance shall be based on an "All Final System". The All Final System is used to guarantee a minimum number of races for all participants.

For the 500 m distance, the first round will be seeded on the basis of the best times skated in the preliminary round (ranking list, see 5.1.1). For the 1500 m and 1000 m distances, the first round will be seeded on the basis of the entry times. The other rounds of a distance will be seeded according to the seeding list based on Rule 293, paragraph 3.c). When the first qualifying round of a distance is seeded, a club separation will be made if possible.

The starting positions in the first race of each distance will be allocated according to the seeding list (no draw). The order of the races within a round follows the seeding.

For all other items of the Conditions of Contest see the ISU Regulations.

Points for each Distance Classification will be awarded in accordance with Rule 297. The Overall Classification will be calculated in accordance with Rule 297. 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.

5.2 Category U-15* (formerly C)

** Even if the minimum time is reached, category U-15 has the option of starting in group S-U15 (5.1) or in category U-15 (5.2).*

The start procedure for this group is conducted according to the traditional system (One-False-Start, Rule 294, paragraph 14 through 23).

	Men	Women
Friday	1000 m	1000 m
	1000 m	1000 m
	1000 m	1000 m
	500 m	500 m
Saturday	500 m	500 m
	500 m	500 m
	777 m	777 m
Sunday	777 m	777 m
	777 m	777 m

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

The Qualifying Schedule for each distance shall be based on an "All Final System". The All Final System is used to guarantee a minimum number of races for all participants.

The first round of a distance is seeded on the basis of the entry time for this distance. The other rounds of a distance will be seeded according to the seeding list based on Rule 293, paragraph 3.c). When the first qualifying round of a distance is seeded, a club separation will be made if possible.

The starting positions in the first race of each distance will be allocated according to the seeding list (no draw). The order of the races within a round follows the seeding.

For all other items of the Conditions of Contest see the ISU Regulations.

Points for each Distance Classification will be awarded in accordance with Rule 297. The Overall Classification will be calculated in accordance with Rule 297. 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.

5.3 Category U-13 (formerly D)

The start procedure for this group is conducted according to the traditional system (One-False-Start, Rule 294, paragraph 14 through 23).

	Men	Women
Friday	1000 m	1000 m
	1000 m	1000 m
	1000 m	1000 m
	500 m	500 m
Saturday	500 m	500 m
	500 m	500 m
	777 m	777 m
Sunday	777 m	777 m
	777 m	777 m

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

The Qualifying Schedule for each distance shall be based on an "All Final System". The All Final System is used to guarantee a minimum number of races for all participants.

The first round of a distance is seeded on the basis of the entry time for this distance. The other rounds of a distance will be seeded according to the seeding list based on Rule 293, paragraph 3.c). When the first qualifying round of a distance is seeded, a club separation will be made if possible.

The starting positions in the first race of each distance will be allocated according to the seeding list (no draw). The order of the races within a round follows the seeding.

For all other items of the Conditions of Contest see the ISU Regulations.

Points for each Distance Classification will be awarded in accordance with Rule 297. The Overall Classification will be calculated in accordance with Rule 297. 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.

5.4 Category U-11 (formerly E)

The start procedure for this group is conducted according to the traditional system (One-False-Start, Rule 294, paragraph 14 through 23).

	Men	Women
Friday	500 m	500 m

	Men	Women
	500 m	500 m
	500 m	500 m
Saturday	333 m	333 m
	333 m	333 m
	333 m	333 m
	500 m	500 m
	500 m	500 m
	500 m	500 m

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

The Qualifying Schedule for each distance shall be based on an "All Final System". The All Final System is used to guarantee a minimum number of races for all participants.

The first round of a distance is seeded on the basis of the entry time for this distance. The other rounds of a distance will be seeded according to the seeding list based on Rule 293, paragraph 3.c). When the first qualifying round of a distance is seeded, a club separation will be made if possible.

The starting positions in the first race of each distance will be allocated according to the seeding list (no draw). The order of the races within a round follows the seeding.

For all other items of the Conditions of Contest see the ISU Regulations.

Points for each Distance Classification will be awarded in accordance with Rule 297. The Overall Classification will be calculated in accordance with Rule 297. 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.

5.5 Category U-9 (formerly F, mixed)

The start procedure for this group is conducted according to the traditional system (One-False-Start, Rule 294, paragraph 14 through 23).

	Mixed
Friday	500 m
	500 m
Saturday	222 m
	222 m
	333 m
	333 m

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

The Qualifying Schedule for each distance shall be based on an "All Final System". The All Final System is used to guarantee a minimum number of races for all participants.

The first round of a distance is seeded on the basis of the entry time for this distance. The other rounds of a distance will be seeded according to the seeding list based on Rule 293, paragraph 3.c). When the first qualifying round of a distance is seeded, a club separation will be made if possible.

The starting positions in the first race of each distance will be allocated according to the seeding list (no draw). The order of the races within a round follows the seeding.

For all other items of the Conditions of Contest see the ISU Regulations.

Points for each Distance Classification will be awarded in accordance with Rule 297. The Overall Classification will be calculated in accordance with Rule 297. 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.

6. Preliminary Program

Day	Time	Program
Friday, October 9th 2026	07:30	Teamleaders Meeting U-9, U-11, U-13 and U-15*
	tba	Teamleaders Meeting S-U15 (approx. 45 minutes before the begin of the competition of this group)
	08:00 – 21:00	Races for U-9, U-11, U-13 and U-15* · Preliminary Round for S-U15 (category races: Senior/U-19, U-17, U-15 – women and men separately) · Break · Races for S-U15
Saturday, October 10th 2026	08:00 – 21:00	Races for U-9, U-11, U-13 and U-15* · Break · Races for S-U15
Sunday, October 11th 2026	07:00 – ca. 13:00	Races for S-U15, U-15* and U-13 · Award ceremonies immediately afterwards

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

The program is tentative. A detailed program will be published on www.shorttrackonline.info in the week before the competition.

7. Entry and Registration

For all categories the entries close 10 days before the competition. Entries can be made by clubs but it is the responsibility of the clubs to have the necessary permission from their ISU Member.

The total number of participants is limited to 200. Entries are accepted in the order of their arrival ("first come first served"). The group S-U15 is additionally limited by its format to a maximum of 60 women and 60 men (three performance groups of max. 20 skaters per gender). In case of an unmanageable number of entries in one or more categories the organizers may close the entries for the respective categories.

The FINAL ENTRY specifying/confirming:

- surname, first name and gender of the competitors
- date of birth of the competitors
- best time of all distances of the category in the current or 2025/2026 season
- name of the accompanying Officials

The final entry form must be submitted not later than September 29th 2026 and shall be made via www.shorttrackonline.info.

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.

8. Entry Fee, Accreditation and Meals

8.1 Entry Fee

An entry fee of EUR 70,00 must be paid to the Organizers for each accredited person, e.g. for every athlete and for every coach/team leader. Per club two coaches or two team leaders do not have to pay the entry fee. For safety reasons the access to the track will be allowed only to athletes and accredited persons.

After the entry for the competition has closed an invoice will be sent to the e-mail address which is registered in the entry system. The invoice will contain a BOOKING number, the amount to pay and the information of the bank account to transfer the payment to. We request to use the BOOKING number as reference and do the payment immediately after receiving the invoice.

8.2 Accreditation

Competition accreditation and start number handout will be open on Thursday, October 8th 2026, from 17:00 to 19:00 and on Friday, October 9th 2026, from 07:00, directly at the ice rink. We distribute stickers with start numbers. No deposit will be charged.

8.3 Meals at Ice Rink

On the competition days (Friday to Sunday), we offer an all-day buffet with a selection of cold dishes (fruit, vegetables, cakes, rolls) and drinks (coffee, tea and water); this buffet is included in the entry fee for registered athletes and coaches.

In addition, we offer a warm lunch (pasta) – also as a vegetarian option – for everyone. The cost for this is EUR 10 per meal/per day/per person. The amount will be collected at the accreditation on Thursday and Friday and we ask you to book meals via www.shorttrackonline.info.

9. Officiating

The Officials for the competition are appointed by the Organizers.

To determine the order of finish and the times skated in each race, photo finish equipment will be used. To support the observation of racing rules infringements the RDC Video Replay System will be used.

10. Award of Prizes

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, as well as to the first, second and third skater in the overall classification for each performance group (PG1 – PG3, women and men), category U-15*, U-13 and U-11 (women and men) and category U-9 (mixed). During award ceremonies, the skaters should be in club or national track suits.

11. Medical Assistance

Doctor and paramedical personnel will be present at the competition days. An ambulance will be on standby in case of need.

12. Medical Insurance

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. Proof of such may be requested by the Organizing Committee. See ISU CER 17.3 (Competition & Event Regulations).

13. Liability

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.

14. Address Organizing Committee

For information about the "Hanse Cup" you can contact:

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E-Mail: info@shorttrack-rostock.de (contact preferred by e-mail)

15. Hotel Accommodation

Accommodation, meals outside the venue and transfer are to be arranged by the teams/skaters themselves. Recommended hotels:

B&B Hotel Rostock City-West (1,5 km walk to the ice rink) – Lübecker Str. 31, 18057 Rostock, +49 (381) 45824820

B&B Hotel Rostock-Hafen (5 km by car to the ice rink) – Gaffelschonerweg 1, 18055 Rostock, +49 (381) 3777880

16. Exemplary General Overview

Races per skater over the three competition days (preliminary round + main round for group S-U15):

Group	Distances	Total
S-U15 PG1–PG3 (m/w)	500, 500 (preliminary) · 1500, 1500 · 500, 500, 500 · 1000, 1000, 1000	10 races
U-15* (m/w)	1000, 1000, 1000 · 500, 500, 500 · 777, 777, 777	9 races
U-13 (m/w)	1000, 1000, 1000 · 500, 500, 500 · 777, 777, 777	9 races
U-11 (m/w)	500, 500, 500 · 333, 333, 333 · 500, 500, 500	9 races
U-9 (mixed)	500, 500 · 222, 222 · 333, 333	6 races

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

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