



ISU European Figure Skating Championships

Moscow, Russia

January 15-21, 2018

Media Information



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The Figure Skating Federation of Russia looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU European Figure Skating Championships in Moscow, Russia. The event will be held at the Sports Palace «Megasport» from January 15-21, 2018.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Moscow and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The press centre and press tribune will be open and operational for the first practice/training session on Monday, January 15 at 06:00 a.m.

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Media Accreditation Information

All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU online media accreditation system on the International Skating Union (ISU) website under «[Media Accreditation](#)». Alternatively click [here](#) to get direct access.

Only professional journalists, editors and photographers operating for editorial purpose, or producing an item containing informative content, will be accredited. Editorial use implies use by a media organization, including: agencies, newspapers, magazines, TV, radio, Internet, and/or an extension within an existing multimedia company (newspaper, magazine, TV, agency), as well as representatives from ISU Member federations acting as media for their press and communication activities. Informative content implies editing of original information.

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is December 29, 2017. All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information could be requested:

1. Copy of current professional media or journalist card
2. ID photo in .jpg.
3. *If not in possession of a professional media card, a comment must be added to the note box provided and a letter from your editor confirming your assignment must be uploaded to your application.*

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only.

Writing Press (newspaper, magazine, internet, agencies and ISU Member Federations): maximum two professionals per organization

Photographer: maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)

Television non-right holder: maximum three professionals per organization

Radio non-right holder: maximum one professional per organization

Freelancer: A freelance journalist or photographer is a full time professional editor or photographer, who is not employed by an agency or newspaper – a self-employed professional. A freelance editor or photographer must provide written evidence that he/she operates on behalf of a clearly identified media. A freelance editor or photographer operating under his/her own account will not be accepted.

The total number of accredited media representatives will be subject to space available. The Organizing Committee (OC) and ISU reserve the right to refuse accreditation should the number of applications exceed given space or if any requested information / documentation has not been provided in due time.

Rights holding TV and radio must also apply for accreditation via the ISU online media accreditation system. Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team media@isu.ch in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster:

Match TV - Mikhail Kaltashkin - mikhail.kaltashkin@matchtv.ru

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Accreditation Confirmation

If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic email of confirmation will be issued. You may be asked to present a copy of the email of confirmation to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.

Media Accommodation

The OC has designated one official media hotels. Shuttle transportation will be arranged from the official media hotel to the main venue and the practice arena. Shuttle schedules you can find below in the section **Transportation**. Please be advised that the transportation service will only be available for the designated official media hotel.

It is the responsibility of the individual media persons to book their own accommodation and to take on any cancellation fees.

Official Travel Agency or Tour Operator

Please send all room requests to the Organizing committee email: oc2017hotel@gmail.com

Or to the official travel agency: booking@sputnic-sbt.ru

Media hotel

“Aerostar” is a 3-star-hotel, located in the walking distance to the “Megasport” arena. The hotel offers comfortable rooms of different categories. In every room you will find Air-conditioning, Satellite/pay TV, Dial-up Internet access; Minibar, Safety box; Electronic lock; Bathroom with a bathtub, hair-dryer, cosmetics kit. You can order meals in a restaurant, lobby bar or via room service.

Distance to Megasport – 1,2 km.

Distance to airports:

24 km to Sheremetyevo

54 km to Domodedovo

Distance to the nearest metro station “Dynamo” – 800m.

Distance to “Aviapark” shopping mall – 1,5 km

Room rates: from 12-23 January

Standard Single room = 3860 roubles (including breakfast and VAT)

Standard Double/Twin room = 4560 roubles (including 2 breakfasts and VAT)

Deadline for room reservation = 25 November 2017

After the deadline you will be invoiced for the prepayment of 100% which should be paid before 10th December.

In case the invoice for accommodation is not paid before 10th December, the reservation is cancelled.

Any cancellation (room, day, etc.):

Made before 10th December = no penalty

Made after 10th December = 100% penalty

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Transportation & Telecommunications

Transportation

Shuttle transportation will be arranged from the official media hotel (Aerostar Hotel) to the venue.

The Shuttle bus schedule:

From Aerostar Hotel	From the "MEGASPORT"
January, 15-16	
05.30	
07.30	
	08.00
09.30	
	10.00
11.30	
	12.00
13.30	
	14.00
15.30	
	16.00
17.30	
	18.00
19.30	
	20.00
21.30	
	22.00
	23.30

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From Aerostar Hotel	From the "MEGASPORT"
January, 17-19	
06.30	
08.30	
	09.00
10.30	
	11.00
12.30	
	13.00
14.30	
	15.00
16.30	
	17.00
18.30	
	19.00
20.30	
	23.00
	00:00
	01.00

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From Aerostar Hotel	From the "MEGASPORT"
January, 20	
07.00	
09.00	
	09.30
11.00	
	11.30
13.00	
	13.30
15.00	
	15.30
17.00	
	17.30
19.00	
	19.30
21.00	
	23.30
	00:30
	01.00

From Aerostar Hotel	From the "MEGASPORT"
January, 21	
08.30	
	11.30
13.30	
15.30	
	13.30
	17.30
	18.00

Public Transportation

- Moscow offers a comprehensive public transportation network including metro (subway), buses, trolleybuses and trams.
- Metro and ground transportation options use the same two types of tickets: universal (valid for any type of transportation, 1 ride – **55 RUR** or combined (any number of transfers between different transportation means within 90 minutes, 1 ticket – **65 RUR**. Information and prices for different ticket

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options can be found at the metro website available in English: <http://troika.mos.ru/en/tariffs/table/>, along with the metro system map.

- Sport Palace “Megasport” can be reached by bus number 818 from metro station “Dynamo” fourth stop – “Sports Palace “Megasport”
- All Moscow airports can be reached from the center of the city by Aeroexpress train. Trains for Sheremetyevo Airport leave every 30 minutes from Belorussky Train Station (located at “Belorusskaya” green-line and brown-line metro stations), travel time is 30 minutes. Trains for Domodedovo airport leave every 30 minutes from Paveletsky Train Station (located at “Paveletskaya” green-line and brown-line metro stations), travel time is 45 minutes. Trains for Vnukovo airport leave every 60 minutes from Kievsky Train Station (located at “Kievskaya” blue-line, light blue-line and brown-line stations), travel time is 35 minutes. One-way Aeroexpress ticket costs **500 RUR**, service is not available during the night time (12.30 am – 6 am). Further information can be found on the website <http://aeroexpress.ru/en/> (available in English and Russian).
- There is no unified Taxi carrier in Moscow. Taxi services are effected by different companies, their vehicles may have different color and appearance and different rates. If you need to use a taxi, we strongly advise you to ask the hotel reception to order a car for you.

Telecommunications

Facilities offered to the media at the Media Center and Media Tribune:

- Tables equipped with power supply (two power 220V sockets for each work place)
- Free cable internet connectivity (2 048 kbit/s)
- Free Wi-Fi internet access (802.11g, 2,4GHz, WPA password protection)
- Phone lines (if ordered)
- CATV monitors (at the Media Tribune one per two table)
- Statistical monitors (provided by Swiss Timing company)

Telecommunication services at the European Figure Skating Championships are provided by the IT-Vega company.

Faster internet connections and private phone lines can be ordered directly through IT-Vega by e-mail egorkina@it-vega.pro or fedorov@it-vega.pro

Journalists that request a paid phone/internet connection will be contacted for payment. Paid phone/internet service can be ordered ahead of the start of the tournament by **15th December**, otherwise it can be supplied on site after payment through invoice or credit card (MasterCard or Visa).

Useful Information

Electricity:

The electric current is 220 Volts (50 Hz) and the plugs used are two round pins.

Country Code:

Telephone Country Code is: +7

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Mobile Phone Network:

There are three major mobile network providers in Russia: MTS, Beeline, and Megafon. The primary mobile phone standard is GSM-900 and GSM – 1800. Prices, coverage, and services offered by the operators are quite similar.

MTS: www.mts.ru

Beeline: www.beeline.ru

Megafon: www.megafon.ru

International calls:

8 – pause until you hear a new dial tone – country code – city/town code – telephone number

Currency:

The exchange rate of Ruble to US Dollar is approximately **60** Rubles for **1** Dollar and **70** Rubles for **1** Euro. The rate is set by the Central Bank of Russia and usually varies little every day. Money can be changed at any bank and at most hotel reception desks.

The following coins and banknotes are in use in Russia today:

5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, and 10 Rubles notes

10, 5, 2, and 1 Ruble coins

50, 10, 5, and 1 Kopeck coins

Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

If you need assistance to obtain a Russian entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee Press Officer. It is therefore strictly recommended to submit to Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than **December 25, 2017** the attached visa application form with readable passport copy of good quality for each person.

[Visa application form](#)

Please fill in with type or write in capital letters!

Please send this form in EXCEL format!

Please mail or fax:

e-mail: press@dszm.ru

fax: +7 (495) 695-88-64

Event Schedule

data	event
Monday, January 15	All day Official Practice
Tuesday, January 16	All day Official Practice
Wednesday, January 17	11:45 MEN – Short Program 18:00 Opening Ceremony on Ice 19:00 PAIRS – Short Program
Thursday, January 18	12:30 LADIES – Short Program 18:55 PAIRS – Free Skating
Friday, January 19	12:15 ICE DANCE – Short Dance 17:45 MEN – Free Skating
Saturday, January 20	13:40 ICE DANCE – Free Dance 18:30 LADIES – Free Skating
Sunday, January 21	14:00 EXHIBITION

Please note: This schedule is subject to change

For any additional questions or information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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