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Minsk, Belarus

 **European Figure Skating Championships® 2019**

January 21 – 27, 2019

Media Information



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The Skating Union of Belarus looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2019 in Minsk, the Republic of Belarus. The event will be held at the Minsk-Arena multifunctional cultural and sport complex on January 21-27, 2019.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Minsk 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 center and press tribune will be open:

Wednesday, January 23: 10.30 – 23.50

Thursday, January 24: 11.30 – 25.50

Friday, January 25: 11.00 – 23.55

Saturday, January 26: 10.30 – 21.45

Sunday, January 27: 14.00 – 19.30

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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 (www.isu.org) under «Media Accreditation». Alternatively click <https://isu.org/media-accreditation> to get direct access.

Writing press, photographers, non-right holding media and freelancers

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 **Thursday, January 3, 2018**. 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.*
4. Further information could be requested.

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

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Rights holding TV and radio

All right holding media must also apply for accreditation via the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS). Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISUMedia, media@isu.ch, in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities, please contact the host Broadcaster:

Mr. Arseniy Yakovenko
the Broadcast Manager of the Belteleradiocompany (BTRC)
Phone: +375-17-389-62-21 & +375-29-763-73-11
E-mail: yakovenko.btrc@tut.by

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. The accreditation center will be located at the **Minsk-Arena VIP 3 entrance** upon arrival.

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.

Work Accreditation

All foreign media must apply for a special accreditation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus to work in Belarus (you need Temporary accreditation). This allows media to work in the country but is not an accreditation for the event.

For more information please follow the link: <http://mfa.gov.by/en/press/accreditation/>

Procedure for all ISU World Cup foreign media is:

1. You need to apply for media accreditation by sending an application form to figure-skating@tut.by
2. You need to send information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (MFA) as required for the Temporary accreditation.
3. Upon completion of the temporary accreditation procedures by a foreign mass medium's representative, the MFA Consular Department shall send a written confirmation to Belarus' foreign representation on issuing a business visa.
4. Representatives of foreign mass media temporary accredited at the MFA shall receive an appropriate accreditation certificate (accreditation cards).
5. Finally, you will receive your accreditation for the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2019 from the organizing committee.

Visa Application

Foreign citizens of **74 countries** can enter Belarus without any visa for **up to 30 days** and exit from the territory of Belarus only **through the State border checkpoint of the Republic of Belarus "Minsk National Airport"**. The term of visa-free stay is calculated in calendar days; the first day corresponds to the date of arrival, the last day coincides with

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the date of departure (regardless of the time of arrival and/or departure). The list of the countries is available here: <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/>.

The given order of visa-free movement through the airport **does not extend to persons coming to Belarus by plane from the Russian Federation, as well as to those who intend to fly to the airports of the Russian Federation** (such flights are considered as internal ones and do not have border control).

To enter the Republic of Belarus in the visa-free regime via the checkpoint "Minsk National Airport", foreign nationals must have the following documents:

- 1) a valid ordinary **passport** or another substituting document for traveling abroad, which must be valid at least 90 days beyond intended date of departure from the Republic of Belarus;;
- 2) **financial means**: at least 25 Euro (or equal amount in dollars or Belarusian rubles) for each day of stay;
- 3) **medical insurance** with coverage for at least 10,000 Euros that covers the territory of Belarus.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the Press Officer.

Media Accommodation

Media Hotel

The Official media hotel is the **Sport TimeHotel**.

The address is **Minsk, Myastrovskayast, 2**

Reception: +375 29 370 33 29 / +375 25 979 39 60 / +375 17 279 39 61 (round the clock)

booking@sporttime-hotel.by

Reservation Payment Conditions

The following schedule will apply in regards to reservation and pre-payment:

-Pre-booking of hotel rooms deadline: **October 01, 2018**

-Final 100 % payment deadline: **November 16, 2018**

Cancellation policy is as follows:

-Full deposit refund: up to **December 10, 2018**

-50% of deposit refunded: from **December 11 to January 01, 2019**

-No refund: after **January 01, 2019**

The OC may require a reimbursement of up to 80% of the costs of the room(s) if the cancellation of previously confirmed rooms does not meet the deadline.

In order to book the accommodation, please contact:

**Authorized ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2019 - Skating Club Ltd
Travel Agent:**

Cell phone,Viber, WhatsApp:+375-29-206 05 88

E-mail: office@proskating.by

All media representatives may also book their accommodation by themselves.

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Distance to the Minsk-arena: 900 meters.



“Sport Time” is an ideal accommodation for those who save their time and money. This is new and modern hotel which belongs to the hotels chain “Time”. The category of our hotel is two stars by Belarusian classification. We offer new, clean, comfortable rooms for a reasonable price with all conditions for a comfortable stay. The hotel provides free Wi-Fi on the whole territory. In our café we offer the following dining options: buffet breakfast, complex meals, a la carte menu. The hotel has single, superior single, triple, and quadruple rooms, also a few suites and two special rooms for disabled people. Our guests can reach the sports complex Minsk-arena in 5-10 minutes. It takes 15 minutes to get to the center by bus. Our comfortable and budget hotel is suitable for families, sportsmen, active young people, etc. Our motto is “Excellent quality for reasonable prices!”.

<http://sporttime-hotel.by/>

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Rooms

Single

35 EUR per person (including breakfast)
Comfortable room for single accommodation.
There is one single bed, nightlight, wardrobe, TV and phone in the room.



Superior single

45 EUR per person (including breakfast)
Comfortable room for accommodation of one or two persons.
There is a double bed, cupboard, bedside tables and other home furnishings, TV and telephone.



Double

60 EUR per person (including breakfast)
A room for accommodation of two persons or family. It has two rooms with one bed (double and single) in every room. The room also provide standard amenities: nightlight, wardrobes, TV and phone.



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Triple

Comfortable room for accommodation of three persons. Two single beds in one room and single bed in the other room.



Additional services at the hotel

- 24-Hour Reception
- Baby Bed
- Breakfast
- Buffet breakfast
- Conversation Room
- Credit card facilities
- Facilities for Disabled Guests
- Flat-screen TV
- Hotel's own parking space
- Ironing Service
- Lift/Elevator
- Luggage Storage
- No pets allowed
- Non Smoking Rooms
- Restaurant
- Room Service
- Wi-Fi Internet Connection

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Transportation & Telecommunications

Transportation

Considering that the hotel is located very close to the Skating Rink, no shuttle buses will be provided.

HOW TO GET TO MINSK



ACCESS BY AIR

Minsk National Airport is the main air gateway of Belarus. It is situated 42 km away from the center of Minsk and 33 km away from the city Ring Road. You can easily and quickly get to Minsk from the airport by:

- **PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** regular-route busses No3009, 1739.
- **SHUTTLE BUSES:** No. 1400-TK and 1430-TK
- **TAXI:** call 7788; 135; 152; 7778; 7565; 7220.
- **PERSONAL VEHICLES:** route M2 (Moscow highway) (there is a possibility to rent a car on site - call 7373).

ACCESS BY TRAIN

One of the most convenient ways to get to Minsk is travelling by train. The Minsk railway station is located in the city center. Its address is Privokzalnaya Square, 3 and you can easily get to your hotel from there by public transport or by taxi. To get to the Speed Skating Stadium (the "Minsk-Arena" public transport stop) you should:

- take the **Bus** No.1, 119c;
- take the **shuttle buses** No. 1109; 1073; 1056.



ACCESS BY CAR

It is possible to travel to Belarus by car. The long-distance highway E30 connects Minsk with Europe. It is a toll road with a 1 USD charge for passenger vehicles. There are several Belarus border crossings and an extensive road network running across the country.

Telecommunications

For information regarding Internet connections and booking additional services, please contact:

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Useful Information

General Information

Currency	Belarusian ruble
Currency rates	1 US Dollar – 2 Belarusian rubles 1 Euro – 2,4 Belarusian rubles
Time	GMT +3
Climate in Minsk	Average temperature in Minsk in January: -5°C
Bank cards	VISA and MasterCard
Taxi	Phone: 107, 135, 152, 155, 157, 7788, 7565, 7220
Car rental	International driver license will be required when renting.
Electricity	The electric system in Belarus is 220V. Please, notice that a two-pin plug system is used.
Smoking	Smoking is not permitted indoors in public buildings, transport and other places open to the public, restaurants and bars, except special smoking zones.

The Venue

MINSK-ARENA MULTIFUNCTIONAL COMPLEX

The Minsk-Arena is the most prestigious sports and cultural complex in the country that includes three main objects:

- the main arena for more than 15,000 spectators
- a speed skating stadium for up to 3,000 spectators
- a velodrome for 2,000 spectators



The ultra-modern complex equipment of the Arena meets the highest professional standards and allows hosting any sports, cultural and entertainment events.

The main arena has already hosted the 2011 Rhythmic Gymnastics European Championships, the 2012 World Junior Figure Skating Championships, the 2014 Ice Hockey World Championship, the 2015 AMF Futsal World Cup, the 2015 Rhythmic Gymnastics European Championships etc.

Moreover, a lot of cultural events such as the Rammstein, Scorpions, Limp Bizkit, Depeche Mode, 30 Seconds To Mars concerts etc.



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SPEED SKATING STADIUM



The speed skating stadium in Minsk is the first indoor skating area in Belarus with a 400-meter track. Its capacity is about 3000 people. The internal radius of its turn is 26 m, the width of the double track is more than 9 m. The inner perimeter of the track is provided with ice bar 7 m at width for training. Outer perimeter has a 3-meter rumble strip. There are also two tracks for curling and two hockey pitches. The total area of ice at the stadium is about 10 thousand square meters. A half of it is occupied with a high-speed skating track.



The skating stadium is also equipped with unique facilities – rooms of mountain air where sportsmen can train under conditions of low atmospheric pressure and oxygen deficiency thus imitating the conditions of areas high above sea levels. There rooms have no analogues in the Republic of Belarus and they are unique and valuable due to their therapeutic properties.



The major international competitions held on the speed skating stadium ice are the International Short Track Competition – Evo Cup (October 2012), the Junior Grand Prix Figure Skating Championships (September 2013), the Junior World Cup Speed Skating Championships (November 2012, December 2014, November 2016), the European Speed Skating Championships (January 2016), the World Cup Short Track Championships (February 2017) etc.

Minsk

Minsk is the capital of Belarus and the biggest city of the country with more than 2 million inhabitants. The first mention of the town of Minsk was in 1067, consequently it is older than many European cities like Moscow and Stockholm. The city was practically fully destroyed in the II World War and was rebuilt during the Soviet time. Nowadays Minsk is the cultural, educational, sports, political, scientific center of the country. Its main sights and attractions include:

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THE HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL

The history of the Cathedral dates back to 1633-1642. It is a valuable monument of late Baroque style of Old Minsk. Six columns divide the inner room into three naves. The iconostasis has a number of marvelous icons including the Our Lady miracle-working icon that miraculously appeared on the Svisloch bank in 1500.

Address: Kirilla and Mefodiya Street, 3 (Nemiga)

THE NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOLSHOI OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE

It was opened in 1933. Nowadays there are more than 30 titles of dramatic works on the poster of the theatre; the most popular of them are Carmen, Eugene Onegin, Swan Lake, Rigoletto. All of them are well staged with rich decorations and costumes.

Address: Parizhszkaya Kommuna Square, 1



THE TROITSKOE SUBURB

This historical and cultural part of Minsk survived after the destroying II World War. Here you may admire the Svisloch River, walk down the cobbled streets and enjoy a cup of hot tea or coffee in one of the little cafes. It is a great and lovely place to walk and relax in any season of the year.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

It is the most significant tourist attraction and the main information and cultural centre of the country, as well as one of the most important and controversial projects in the modern Belarus. A 72-meter high, 23-storey building in the shape of a diamond symbolizes material and spiritual values gathered by the humanity during thousands of years.

Address: Nezalezhnasti Avenue, 116



THE LEBYAZHY WATER PARK

It is one of the largest water parks in the CIS-countries and the fifth in size in Europe. **There are a** SPA center, park of water entertainments, water zone with pools, amusement center for children with a lot of labyrinths, 5D cinema, game campus, merry-go-rounds, electronic musicians attraction, fitness-center, gym, bars and fast food restaurants etc.

Address: Pobeditelei Avenue, 120

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THE MUSEUM OF THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR

The museum in conjunction with the Minsk-Hero City obelisk is a single architectural ensemble. The main facade of the museum building is designed as symbolic victory salute rays. The museum consists of 4 blocks – the number of war years – and has 10 exhibition halls and the Victory Hall (located under a glass dome).

Address: Pobeditelei Avenue, 8



THE VICTORY SQUARE

The Victory Square opened in 1954 is one of the main monuments dedicated to the Great Patriotic War. The Victory monument stands out in its size rising to the sky at more than 35 meters height, and at the top of it one can observe a 3-meter replica of the Order of Victory. There is also the eternal fire that burns in any weather, and on holidays there is a guard of honor near it.

THE RED CHURCH

The Red Church is a temple-memorial of the beginning of the XX century that nowadays is one of the Minsk symbols. The official name of the church is the Sts. Simon and Helena Church. It is because the cathedral was built to commemorate the premature death of two young children, Simon and Helena Wojnilowicz, of a Belarusian aristocratic family. It is known as the Red Church because of its red brick walls.



MINSK CITY GATES

The symbolical "City's Gates" are two identical 11-storeyed towers erected on the corners of five-floor apartment houses. On one of the towers there is the biggest clock in the republic – the diameter of the clock-face is more than 3.5 m. Thus the building is called "The time of Minsk". The other is named "Coat of arms of Belarus". Eight sculptures symbolizing a worker, a collective farmer, an engineer and a soldier have been put back for 30-meter height – four sculptures per each tower.

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Preliminary Event Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Monday, January 21	All day	Official Practice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting 1
	11:30	LADIES - Technical Panel Meeting
	11:30	Medical Meeting
	17:45	PAIRS - Technical Panel Meeting
Tuesday, January 22	All day	Official Practice
	09:00	Referee & Technical Controllers Meeting
	10:00	PAIRS - Initial Judges Meeting
	11:00	MEN - Technical Panel Meeting
	16:30	ICE DANCE - Technical Panel Meeting
	17:15	LADIES - Initial Judges Meeting
Wednesday, January 23	08:30	MEN - Initial Judges Meeting
	11:00	LADIES - Short Program
	18:00	Opening Ceremony on Ice
	18:45	PAIRS - Short Program
Thursday, January 24	09:00	ICE DANCE - Initial Judges Meeting
	09:30	Team Leaders Meeting 2
	12:00	MEN - Short Program
	19:00	PAIRS - Free Skating
	22:20	PAIRS - Technical Panel Review Meeting
Friday, January 25	09:00	PAIRS - Judges Round Table Discussion
	11:30	ICE DANCE - Rhythm Dance
	18:00	LADIES - Free Skating
	22:20	LADIES - Technical Panel Review Meeting
Saturday, January 26	09:00	LADIES - Judges Round Table Discussion
	11:15	MEN - Free Skating
	16:25	ICE DANCE - Free Dance
	16:30	MEN - Technical Panel Review Meeting
	20:20	ICE DANCE - Technical Panel Review Meeting
Sunday, January 27	08:00	MEN - Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:15	ICE DANCE - Judges Round Table Discussion
	15:00	EXHIBITION
	20:00	Closing Banquet

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