

ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating



JUNIOR GRAND PRIX | KOŠICE
OF FIGURE SKATING | **2021**

Košice, Slovakia
September 1-4, 2021

FIRST INFORMATION

Welcome to Košice



The metropolis of the East, the second largest city in Slovakia, the city of rich history and promising future welcomes thousands of visitors annually. Košice has always been a natural centre of business, culture and education. The business routes leading from the Baltic Sea to the Mediterranean have been crossing here ever since the Middle Ages. There are numerous rich archaeological localities that have been preserved in the surroundings of the city and prove the settlement of the Košice Basin even in the Stone Age. "Villa Cassa" gradually transformed into a city thanks to its favorable location, royal privileges, immigrants, and flourishing crafts.

May 7th 1369 has become a very significant date for the city. King Louis the Great issued a royal armorial warrant granting Košice, as the first city in Europe, its coat of arms. We have been celebrating this event as "Days of Košice" on the very day since 1995. Growing strategic, economic, cultural, and social significance of Košice in the Middle Ages reinforced the city's prominent position in the entire Hungarian empire. Thanks to the favor and attention of many kings, who generously supported the city, we can admire the architectural uniqueness of Košice. It can be specially observed in the lens-shaped Hlavná Street that is lined with remarkable historical and cultural monuments. Each of them has its individual story. For centuries one of them guarded a real treasure that consisted of 2920 coins made of fine gold, 3 gold medals and a 2-meter long chain - the Gold Treasure of Košice, which contains altogether 11 kgs of gold.

The dominant feature of Hlavná Street is Europe's easternmost gothic cathedral - St. Elizabeth's Cathedral, interior of which contains some unique pieces of European art. The most beautiful of them is undoubtedly the wooden altar dedicated to the patron of Košice - St. Elizabeth. In 2007 we celebrated 800th anniversary of her birthday. The crypt of Ferenc II Rákóczi, a person of high importance to the city, is situated in the basement of the cathedral. Among other notable monuments we can find St. Michael's Chapel, Urban's Tower, the State Theatre and other palaces

and church buildings. Košice had preserved the status of the second most important city in the Hungarian empire until the beginning of 18th century. The industrial revolution came to Košice with the Modern Age and the face of the city changed at this point in history. Medieval fortifications were removed and new suburbs with residential and industrial quarters were established. Also, the nationality structure changed and Košice became a city of 3 languages - Slovak, German and Hungarian. The changes all over Europe influenced the Košice citizens, as well. Over the years, Košice has been part of different state formations. After the Slovak Republic gained its independence in 1993, the city has become the metropolis of the East.

For additional information, please visit: <https://www.kosice.sk/en>

Possibilities for trips and attractions from Košice as well as from the region can be found here:

<https://www.visitkosice.org/en>

Travelling to Košice

There are different ways how to get to Košice, but the most convenient transport is airplane.



Košice International Airport - Medzinárodné letisko Košice is an international airport serving Košice, Slovakia. It is the second largest international airport in Slovakia. It is located 6 km to the south of city center. It serves both scheduled and charter, domestic and international flights. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.airportkosice.sk/en>

For your information - Organizing Committee provides shuttles from Airport to the official places of accommodation.

Note: The OC recommends travelling directly to Kosice International Airport from which the shuttle service to hotels will be ensured. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the number of flights to Kosice is currently very limited. The OC is in discussion to have additional flights offered from Vienna Int. Airport to Kosice for the event days. Further information will be available in due time. Please contact the OC slovakskating@kraso.sk for further information regarding flights to Kosice.

A transportation fee of 15,-€person will be charged for the pick-up from the Airport Kosice which should be paid upon arrival in the OC office by cash or card.

Accommodation

For competitors, Coaches, Team leaders, Team medical staff



Hotel Yasmin Košice ****

Address:

Tyršovo nábrežie 1675/1

040 01 Košice

Slovakia

<https://www.hotel-yasmin.sk/en>

Phone: +421/55/795 11 00

Price per day:

Standard single with buffet

breakfast: 90 EUR

Standard double with buffet

breakfast: 100 EUR

Meal voucher: 20 EUR / per food

For Team Officials, ISU Officials, Referees, Judges



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

Address:

Hlavná 1

040 01 Košice

[https://www.doubletree-](https://www.doubletree-kosice.com/)

[kosice.com/](https://www.doubletree-kosice.com/)

Phone: + 421 55 3251 100 – 300

Price per day:

Standard single with buffet

breakfast: 91 EUR

Standard double with buffet

breakfast: 107 EUR

Meal voucher: 20 EUR / per food

Important - All bookings for both hotels will be held only through the Organizing Committee.

Arena

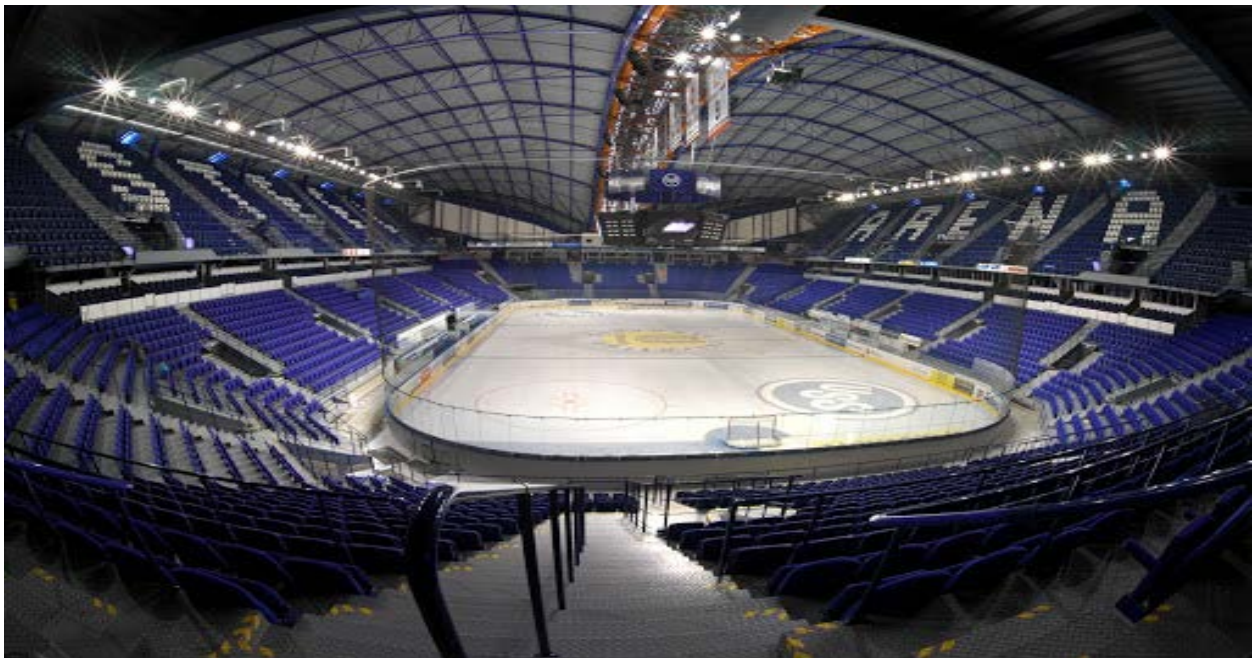


Steel Aréna Košice – is an indoor sports arena. The venue has two ice rinks (heated main rink and practice rink). The arena was opened on February 24, 2006 and is located in the city center. Through its capacity of 8373 seats, well-built background with restaurant, bars, buffet network, VIP lounges and VIP zones, STEEL ARÉNA will offer respectful conditions and allows organization of sport, cultural and social events – mainly exhibitions, concerts, masterships and tournaments, various meetings and congresses.

Address: Nerudova 12, 040 01 Košice

For additional information, please visit: <https://www.steelarena.sk/en>

All competitions and practice will be held at the Steel Arena Košice.



Accreditation

Accreditation for all delegations, participating in the Event, will be held at the Accreditation office at the Hotel Jasmin (Tue) and Steel arena Košice (Wed - Sat) where the antigen rapid testing point will be arranged as well.

Accreditation office operating times are as follows:

Tuesday 31/08/2021 – 9:00 – last arrival – hotel Yasmin

Wednesday 01/09/2021 – 9:00 – 20:00

Thursday 02/09/2021 – 9:00 – 20:00

Friday 03/09/2021 – 9:00 – 17:00

Saturday 04/09/2021 – 9:00 – 17:00

Chaperons will not be accredited. Only Chaperons officially entered through the ISU Member Federation concerned will receive a bus-permit.

Passport copies: Skaters must present their passport to be verified and copied by the OC before they receive an accreditation.

Meals

Accredited Competitors, ISU Event Officials and Judges entitled to complimentary meal service provided by the Organizing Committee will receive their accreditation card including a QR-code which allows them to access the hotel restaurant (instead of using meal vouchers). Drink vouchers for Judges and ISU Event Officials will be given to the respective person upon accreditation.

Dining-Room Location for teams: Meals will be served at the hotel restaurant in Hotel Yasmin Košice.

Dining-Room Location for judges and ISU Event Officials: Meals will be served at the hotel restaurant in DoubleTree by Hilton Košice Hotel. According to the time schedule we will be able to serve a lunch at the venue as well (in case that some of the event officials will be not able to go for a lunch in the hotel).

A limited number of meals and drinks will be available for purchase onsite (OC Office; main rink) for accredited persons.

Dining times: will be announced in due time.

Payment and cancellation policy

The deadline for hotel reservation is July 30th, 2021 for all participants. Each federation must pay the hotel and transportation fees to the Organizing Committee via bank transfer upon receipt of the invoice, but no later than August 15th, 2021. Without payment, it will not be possible to realize accreditation and stay in hotels.

Any cancellation fees and cancellations of participation in the competition are subject to agreements with hotels and other service providers.

In case that rooms reservations are to be cancelled after August 15th, full cancellation fees will be invoice to the Member Federation.

Visa

Slovakia is part of the Schengen Area, which agreed on the abolition of border controls between member countries and on common visa regulations. By applying for an Slovakian Visa a foreigner applies for so-called Schengen Visa which allows him/her to travel inside of the Schengen Area without any restrictions. Schengen Visa holders do not need additional special visa for Slovakia. If you need an invitation letter, please return the completed visa form and return it to slovaskating@kraso.sk no later than August 15th, 2021. Please note that only visa invitations for members of the official delegation as entered in the ORS will be issued.

Climate

Košice has a humid continental climate as the city lies in the north temperate zone. The city has four distinct seasons with long, warm summers with cool nights and long, cold, and snowy winters. Precipitation varies little throughout the year with abundance precipitation that falls during summer and only few during winter. The coldest month is January, with an average temperature of -2.6°C (27.3°F), and the hottest month is July, with an average temperature of 19.3°C (66.7°F).

Public transport and event shuttle

Local public transport is provided by trams and busses, operated by Transport company of city of Košice. All major taxi app services – Uber, Bolt – are represented. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.dpmk.sk/cestovanie/fares-excerpt-foreign-visitors>

Event Shuttle: Shuttle busses will be connecting the hotels and the ice rink. Transportation is available to all accredited persons and official registered chaperones holding a bus permit.

Useful information

Currency: The Slovak currency unit is Euro (EUR) divided in 100 cents. The exchange rate is 1€= 1,18\$ (as of July 19th, 2021).

Electricity: The electrical current in Slovakia is 220 Volt. A two pin plug system is used.

Banks: Banks are opened Monday to Friday from about 9:00-17:00 and in the shopping malls Monday to Sunday about 10:00-21:00. ATMs are located at nearly every bank and in public places.

Credit cards: All major credit cards are accepted in Slovakia. Most hotels, shops, restaurants and taxis accept VISA and Master Card. American Express and Diners Club may not be accepted in all places.

Tipping: While tipping is not mandatory in Slovakia, approx. 5% it is customary in many cases for good service, especially in sit down restaurants, which offer table service.

COVID-19 Regulations & Safety measures

Covid-19 measures and a testing policy for the JGP Event will be in place. Details will follow in due time.

We recommend to secure a pandemic travel insurance which covers all the unexpected costs in case of positive COVID-19 test result and possible quarantine.

The ISU JGP Košice 2021 competition received an exemption from quarantine by arrival for participating members as ISU representatives, judges, competitors, coaches and team's members approved by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports. This exception bag can only be applied to those officially registered through the ISU registration system within the official application deadline.

Preliminary event schedule

Tuesday, August 31, 2021	All day	Arrival of teams
Wednesday, September 1, 2021	All day	Official practice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	TBA	Individual Technical Panel Meetings per Discipline
	17:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	18:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
Thursday, September 2, 2021	10:30	MEN – Short Program PAIRS – Short Program WOMEN – Short Program
Friday, September 3, 2021	11:30	ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance MEN – Free Skating MEN Technical Panel Review PAIRS – Free Skating Victory Ceremonies – PAIRS and MEN PAIRS – Technical Panel Review
Saturday, September 4, 2021	08:00	MEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	09:00	PAIRS – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	10:30	ICE DANCE – Free Dance ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review WOMEN – Free Skating Victory Ceremonies WOMEN and ICE DANCE WOMEN – Technical Panel Review
	20:30	ICE DANCE - Round Table Discussion for Judges
	21:30	WOMEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges
Sunday, September 5, 2021	All day	Departure of Teams

Please note: This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.