



Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2007/2008

**42. POKAL
DER
BLAUEN
SCHWERTER
2007
CHEMNITZ
10.-14.10.07**



INFORMATION

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**To all
participating ISU Members**

Dear Madam / Sir
Dear Friends,

The Pokal der Blauen Schwerter in his 42nd anniversary is one of the oldest international figure skating competitions in the ISU history and is this year again part of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

The Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V. (DEU), the Sächsischer Eissport-Verband e.V. (SEV) and the Organizing Committee are looking very much forward to welcome your team in Chemnitz during the 42nd Pokal der Blauen Schwerter.

We have enclosed various pieces of information which might be useful for you and for your preparation to attend this prestigious event.

Please note that there will be no exhibition held.

Your

Organizing Committee

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THE AREA – THE CITY

1125 the German Zar Lothar founded a monastery at the place of the present city, named in these days *Kamenitz*. Situating on the crossing of two highly important routes, the *salt route* and the *silver route* the settlement grows rapidly and 1165 Kamenitz obtained from Zar Barbarossa the right to be called a city.

The roots of industrial development of the city can be traced back to the 14th century with the later world famous taylor, the trade, the mining and the wooden artwork of the nearby mountain, the *Erzgebirge*. About 1800 the first cotton spinning mills were erected, followed by the construction of textile machines and, resulting from that, the construction of machine tools and vehicles. Midth of the 19th century Chemnitz was one of the largest and most important engineering industry areas in Europe. As an example in 1848 the first steam locomotive produced by *Hartmann mechanical enterprise* started from here to the world.

Today such famous large-scale investors as *Siemens* and *Volkswagen* returned to their traditional locations.

1883 the population in Chemnitz reached 100.000. Today we count about 280.000. 1953 Chemnitz was named *Karl-Marx-Stadt* and 1990 again renamed to Chemnitz.

Chemnitz is a metropolis reputed to be the Saxon Centre of Innovation. Chemnitz is also the touristic starting point to discover the countryside and culture of the neighbouring *Erzgebirge* mountain region with its world famous wooden crafts.

Chemnitz offers a large variety of cultural opportunities and activities commensurate with its metropolitan status. The *Opera-house*, reopened in 1992, with one of the most modern stages in Europe, the *Robert Schumann Philharmonic Orchestra* and the *Puppet Theatre*. The Chemnitz museums landscape is widely known. The *City Art Gallery* with a large collection of art works by Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, the *Museum of Industry*, the *Schlossberg Museum* of local history, the *New Saxon Gallery* and the *German Games Museum*, the *Railway Museum* or the *Museum of Saxon Vehicles*.

A visit to the *Rabenstein Castle*, the smallest preserved castle in Saxonia or the *Mine Museum Felsendome* with an exhibition about limestone mining and processing are some of numerous touristic attractions nearby.

Chemnitz is also the home of world famous athletes who won nearly 500 medals in Olympic Games, World and European Championships with Figure Skaters on top of this list.

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THE COMPETITION AND ITS NAME

1961 was the foundation year of the international *senior* competition. In its first year announced for Ladies, Men and Pairs, the Dance event was added the year after, but already cancelled after 1969. The main change from a senior to a junior competition was made in 1985 and again, due to logical reasons, the Dance competition was added again in 1991.

1997 the *Pokal der Blauen Schwerter* was added into the new ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and again organized as such in 1998 and 2000. Due to the decision to rotate with the events of the Grand Prix, Chemnitz was not included and therefore the event was not organized in 1999 and 2001.

Pokal der Blauen Schwerter means *Cup of the Blue Swords* and the *Blue Swords* are the famous signs and trademark of the porcelain manufactory of Meissen (located near Dresden), who sponsors the event since 1961.

In 1707/08 the specialists of King Augustus the Strong discovered the European hard porcelain. The advantage of the newly found fine ceramic material was that all objects could always be produced again on demand, as long as the negative plaster of Paris moulds – and the know-how – were available.

Since the 18th century, the in-house education and training facility assures succession in the crafts. The image and reputation of Meissen porcelain is worldwide unique.

A special commemorative coin, made from origin Meissen porcelain, will be given to all participating Team Members on the occasion of the *40th Pokal der Blauen Schwerter* in Chemnitz.

THE VENUE

The *Skating Centre* in Chemnitz is a huge ice-sport-complex including the main arena for about 5.500 spectators seats and an ice surface of 30m by 60m, unfortunately not heated, a practice rink next door, heated with an ice surface of 30m by 60m, a 400 m speed skating track, the *House of Athletes* with possibilities of permanent residence or short term seminar stays, a kindergarten, a medical centre and a large gymnastic hall.

Chemnitz was the centre of live for many Olympic medal winners. Jan Hoffmann, Gabriele Seyffert, Anett Poetsch, Mandy Wötzel / Ingo Steuer and above all Katarina Witt. Home also for the world most successful coach, Jutta Müller.

Most popular of today are pair skaters Aljona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy, European Champions 2007 and winners of the bronze medal at the World Figure Skating Championships 2007.

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THE OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Official Hotel for all Teams and Officials will be the:

Hotel Renaissance

address: Salzstraße 56
D-09113 Chemnitz
phone: ++49 371 3341 0
fax: ++49 371 3341 777

rate: **single room € 80,00**
twin room € 50,00 per person

All rates are per person and night, including breakfast and all local taxes.

All rooms are equipped with TV, bath/shower, toilet, mini-bar, etc.

The hotel facilities include swimming-pool, meeting-rooms, banquet-facilities, fitness.-studio, bar, etc.

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee.

The Hotel Renaissance is located app. 15 walking minutes from town-centre, app. 5 min. by bus to the ice-rink / 15 min. walking distance.

Electricity 220 V; please mind the special plug-in in Germany.

The hotel accepts all kinds of credit-cards (VISA, EUROCARD/MASTER CARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS CLUB).

Please note:

Due to the limited number of rooms available, we cannot guarantee to accommodate accompanying persons of the skating family like chaperons, journalists etc. in the official hotel. The OC however is prepared to help finding accommodation for these persons in other hotels in Chemnitz.

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MEALS

ISU Event Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators), Judges and Competitors will receive meal-vouchers for the period, covered through the Organizing Committee, beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 2007 with dinner until Sunday, Oct. 14th, 2007 including breakfast. All meals are served in the official hotel.

Meal vouchers can only be used in designated dining room at the Hotel Renaissance. Meal vouchers are not transferable.

All other persons may purchase meal-vouchers for:

€ 19,00	Lunch
€ 19,00	Dinner
€ 170,00	booklet for the whole event

Each meal includes a non-alcoholic drink.

TRAVELLING TO CHEMNITZ

LUFTHANSA is the partner-airline to the Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V. LUFTHANSA offers many daily flights to **DRESDEN** or **LEIPZIG-HALLE** from all over the world.

1. Airports

The nearest airports to Chemnitz are **DRESDEN** or **LEIPZIG-HALLE** (distance each app. 70 to 80 km).

The Organizing Committee is delighted to meet the Teams at the respective airports, but please understand that we must charge the Teams for transportation-costs as follows:

DRESDEN	€ 30,00 per person - one-way
LEIPZIG-HALLE	€ 30,00 per person - one-way

2. Train

Chemnitz is connected to the main railway lines from all over Germany.

3. Motorway

Chemnitz is also easy to reach by car. The motorways

A 4 - Frankfurt-Erfurt-Chemnitz-Dresden,
A 9/A 14 - Berlin-Leipzig-Chemnitz-Dresden,
A 72 - Nürnberg-Hof-Chemnitz-Dresden

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TRANSPORTATION DURING THE EVENT

A shuttle-bus-service on 30 min. basis connects the Hotel Renaissance with the ice-rink and return.

DISTANCES

	Hotel Renaissance	Main arena	Practice arena	Airport Dresden	Airport Leipzig
Hotel Renaissance		1,2 km	1,2 km	69 km	80 km
Main Arena	1,2 km		40 m	68 km	79 km
Practice arena	1,2 km	40 m		68 km	79 km
Airport Dresden	69 km	68 km	68 km		128 km
Airport Leipzig	80 km	79 km	79 km	128 km	

ACCREDITATION / half-prize all-event-ticket

The accreditation for all persons will be held at the **Hotel Renaissance**.

Officially entered chaperons (one per skater) will not be accredited, but receive a special permit to join the shuttle bus system. These chaperons may purchase a Half-prize all-event-ticket. Bus permit and ticket can be obtained only in the Hotel Renaissance.

Passports of the skaters have to be presented at the accreditation for verification!

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ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

Anti-Doping tests will be conducted. The tests will be taken from each first placed skater/couple. One skater from the remainder of the skaters shall be selected by random draw in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dance. In case of a couple it will be determined by draw whether the Lady or the Man will be tested.

The anti-doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Code as published in ISU Communication 1447 and 1448 or any further updates.

Skaters drawn for Anti-Doping control must identify themselves through passport.

EXHIBITION

Please note: There will no Exhibition held!

CLOSING BANQUET

All Competitors, Judges, ISU Officials and ISU Event Officials, one Team Leader per team and Guests of Honour are invited. The invitation will be given in connection with the accreditation.

Only a few additional banquet tickets are available at the price of € 35,00 per person to be purchased at the accreditation desk in the Hotel Renaissance.

VARIOUS

Weather

The weather in Chemnitz during the days of October might vary between +5°C and + 10°C with often rain showers. Please mind that the main ice-rink is not heated.

Additional practice before the start of the competition

Practice-time before the start of the official schedule is possible. Please contact the Organizing Committee as early as possible.

Tickets

All-event tickets will be available at the prize of € 26,00. Chaperons may purchase a Half-prize all-event ticket at the rate of € 13,00.

Day tickets will be available at the ice-rink.

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PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007	All day	Arrival of Teams
Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007	All day	Official Practice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
		Draws of Starting Orders in accordance with the practice schedule.
	17:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	18:00	Judges Meeting and Draw
	20:00	Opening Ceremony and Reception
	21:00	ISU and Judges Dinner
Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007		Official Practice
		ICE DANCING – Compulsory DANCE
		MEN – Short Program
		LADIES – Short Program
Friday, Oct. 12, 2007		Official Practice
		PAIRS – Short Program
		ICE DANCING – Original Dance
		LADIES – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony - LADIES
Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007		Official Practice
		LADIES – Round Table Discussion
		ICE DANCING – Free Dance
		PAIRS – Free Skating
		MEN – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremonies – ICE DANCING, PAIRS, MEN
	21:00	Closing Banquet
Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007	07:00	ICE DANCING – Round Table Discussion
	08:00	PAIRS – Round Table Discussion
	09:00	MEN – Round Table Discussion

This schedule is subject to change!

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Please inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible about

- visa confirmations in case of needed;
- arrival time (when and where) and transfer;
- hotel requirements including chaperons or any other group;
- additional practice-time, when needed;

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