

Announcement

Masters International Short Track Games

Bialystok, Poland

March 27th – 29th 2026



<https://www.bialystok.pl/>

Conditions of Contest

Location

The competition will be held in Poland, **Bialystok**, Lodowisko BOSiR, 11 Listopada 28, 15-320 from **Friday, 27th of March to Sunday, 29th of March 2026**.

Times and schedule for the competition to be announced closer to the event. Changing rooms will be allocated by country and maybe mixed.

Competition Rules

The competition will be ran in accordance with the ISU Racing rules and adhere to the IMSSC Constitution and rules relating specifically to Masters Short Track.

Entry

Entry is open to all skaters who are members of a club affiliated to their country and that the country is affiliated to the International Skating Union. Entry will only be accepted with a fully completed and corrected entry form. The deadline for entries is 5th of March, 2026 (23.59 GMT+1).

If the status of a skater does not comply with the IMSSC / ISU eligibility rules is not clear, then it may be necessary to receive a statement from the skater prior to the start of the competition.

Entry form and all relevant information will be on the competition website.

The entry fee is EUR 180 (including the Closing Banquet Fee). Payment details and entry form will be available at the competition website (in October).

Racing and Age Categories

The age categories are in line with the IMSSC & ISU regulations and are divided into 5-year age groups.

Racing categories Women and Men will race separately in all individual distances and relays. There will be a mixed gender international relay.

For individual races you will be entered in the category that is determined by ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, Rule 108. Age categories may be mixed by the organiser to give balanced individual racing. The relay event will be separate event and will not be restricted by age.

Maximum Time Limits

To comply with IMSSC rules maximum times limits have been set. All times have to be declared on entry and it is the responsibility of the IMSSC member to accept this time for entry. If the participant does not meet the maximum time limit the participant cannot take part unless the IMSSC member decides otherwise in a written consent to the organisers of the MIST Games and the Board of the IMSSC.

We encourage all skaters to enter as the entry level is high and we would accommodate as many skaters as possible to the competition. There will be no maximum entry time for international relay teams.

| Age Group | 500m | Age Group | 500m |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Women 30 | 0.57.000 | Men 30 | 0.54.000 |
| Women 35 | 0.58.500 | Men 35 | 0.55.500 |
| Women 40 | 1.00.000 | Men 40 | 0.57.000 |
| Women 45 | 1.01.500 | Men 45 | 0.58.500 |
| Women 50 | 1.03.000 | Men 50 | 1.00.000 |
| Women 55 | 1.04.500 | Men 55 | 1.01.500 |
| Women 60 | 1.06.000 | Men 60 | 1.03.000 |
| Women 65 | 1.07.500 | Men 65 | 1.04.500 |
| Women 70 | 1.09.000 | Men 70 | 1.06.000 |
| Women 75 | 1.12.000 | Men 75 | 1.09.000 |
| Women 80 | 1.15.000 | Men 80 | 1.12.000 |
| Women 85 | 1.20.000 | Men 85 | 1.17.000 |
| Women 90+ | 1.25.000 | Men 90+ | 1.22.000 |

Competition Rankings

Skaters will be ranked in round 1 on the 500m time received on entry and continually ranked during the progression of the competition. The time entered must have been recorded within the last 2 years.

Racing Distances

The individual competition will consist of 3 individual distances and a 4th distance as a Super- Final. The qualifying schedule on the first 3 distances will be on an all-finals system in all categories. This is used to guarantee a minimum number of races to all participants. The relay event will be decided on the number of entries.

| Distances | 1st | 2nd | 3 rd | Superfinal | Relay |
|--------------|-------|------|-----------------|------------|-------|
| Women | 1000m | 500m | 777m | 1500m | |
| Men | 1000m | 500m | 777m | 1500m | |
| Women | | | | | 3000m |
| Men | | | | | 3000m |
| Mixed Gender | | | | | 2000m |

Records and Awards

Awards will be given to the each distance and overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each age category and 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Each Relay.

All records set will be established as World age records.

Training Session

Official training session will be available on Wednesday, 25th and Thursday, 26th of March. Detailed schedule - TBC.

Officials

The competition referee and starter will be ISU accredited.

Track Conditions

The track is an artificial indoor ice surface measuring 60m x 30m. The standard track will measure 111.12m with a measured curve of 8m and straight length of 28.85m. There will be a minimum of 5 tracks to preserve good ice condition. For all tracks there will be only one finish line.

Barrier Padding

The protective barrier padding used will be in accordance with ISU Communication 2626.

Skaters Equipment

All skaters must comply with ISU communication 2721 for entry. Checks will be made on skaters equipment prior to the start of the competition and any skater not complying with the guidelines will be excluded from competition.

Electronic Timing and photo finish

A calibrated electronic timing system will be used to record times to 100th of a second so that official records can be established.

Medical Assistance

Medical paramedics will be present at all times during the running of the competition and an adequate response time for ambulance to be on site if required.

Medical Insurance

It is the sole responsibility of the individual skater to ensure they have adequate medical cover for the duration of the competition.

Liability

In accordance with ISU ruling 119, the organisers will accept no liability or assumes no responsibility with respect to medical, bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage sustained in connection with this competition.

Accommodation

Accommodation is not included with the entry. Information on hotels will be presented on the event website. If you are having difficulty with accommodation the organisers will be happy to help wherever possible.

Closing Banquet

There will be a Closing Banquet after the event. Skaters, officials and volunteers will be included. All others are welcome to attend at a cost of EUR 45.00.

Final Condition

By entering the competition, you agree compete in a fair manner and be respectful to officials and all other skaters. You also enter to have fun and compete in the ethos of Masters Short Track.