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are honored to invite you to join the

33rd GOLDEN BEAR

to be held in Zagreb – CROATIA

on October 21 – 25, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT

Interclub Competition for Single Skating

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE
BASIC NOVICE
PRE-NOVICE (CUBS)
JUVENILE (CHICKS

Place and date

The 33rd Golden Bear will be held in Zagreb – Croatia, on October 21 – 25, 2026 in the Zagreb Fair Ice Rink, Jozefa Antala bb, Zagreb.

The Ice Rink (30x60m) is indoor and heated.

Sportity App

The Sportity-app can be downloaded via Google Play store or Apple app store. All relevant competition information will be published on the App (incl. Entries & Results). There will be no information boards on site and all participants are kindly asked to use the app instead.

Password: goldenbear26

General Regulations

The 33rd Golden Bear will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2026, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Figure Skating as well as all pertinent ISU Communications for the categories Intermediate Novice, Basic Novice. Pre-Novice (Cubs) and Juvenile (Chicks) will be held in accordance with European Criterium Memorandum.

Categories

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE GIRLS & BOYS	**In accordance with ISU Communication 2770** An Intermediate Novice skater is a skater who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) before July 1st preceding the competition. **Duration of the program:** 2:30, +/-10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE GIRLS & BOYS	**In accordance with ISU Communication 2770** A Basic Novice skater is a skater who has not reached the age of fourteen (14) before July 1st preceding the competition. **Duration of the program:** 2:30, +/-10 sec.
PRE-NOVICE GIRLS & BOYS (Cubs)	**In accordance with European Criterium www.europeancriterium.eu** A Pre- Novice skater is a skater who has not reached the age of ten (10) before July 1st preceding the competition. **Duration of the program:** 2:00, +/-10 sec.
JUVENILE GIRLS & BOYS (Chicks)	**In accordance with European Criterium www.europeancriterium.eu** A Juvenile skater is a skater who has not reached the age of eight (8) before July 1st preceding the competition. **Duration of the Programs:** 2:00, +/-10 sec.

General requirements for Cubs & Chicks

Duration of the programs: Free Skating: 2 min, +/- 10 sec
Warm up time:4 minutes.
Warm up groups: maximum up to eight (8) Skaters.

In the Free Skating skaters can earn bonus points when performing all types of jumps (6 different types of jumps) independent of revolutions based on the well-balanced program requirements. To be eligible for bonus points, all different type of jumps must be valid, e.g. not be identified by the Technical Panel as invalid element (*). The bonus points will be two (2) points. The computer automatically identifies the different abbreviations in the list of elements, and the Technical Panel confirms the bonus with the Authorization of elements.

Technical Requirements

A well-balanced Free Skating program for Cubs & Chicks must contain:

a) Maximum of four (4) jump elements one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or one (1) jump combination without using the Euler (half-loop) and one (1) jump sequence. Jump combinations and the jump sequence consist of two (2) jumps. In the jump sequence the second jump must be an Axel type jump with a direct step from

the landing curve of the first jump into the take-off curve of the Axel jump.
One full revolution on the ice between the jumps (free foot can touch the ice, but without weight transfer) keeps the element in the frame of the definition of a jump sequence. Jumps executed in a jump sequence receive their full value.
An Euler (half-loop) when used in a jump combination or sequence between two listed jumps will be called but not considered as a listed jump and will not be counted in the number of the jumps of the concerned jump combination or sequence. After the Euler (half-loop) no change of foot is allowed. An Euler (half-loop) can only be executed once in the Free Skating.
No triple or quadruple jumps are allowed.
Only one single jump and one double jump (including Double Axel) can be repeated once.

b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination, and one must be a spin with no change of position and no change of foot.

The spin combination with a change of foot must have a minimum of eight (8) revolutions and without a change of foot with a minimum of six (6) revolutions. Flying entry is allowed. If with change of foot, only one level feature per foot will count. Difficult variation of a non-basic position is not counted as a feature in any spin, this will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
The spin in one position without change of foot must have a minimum of six (6) revolutions, must be done in a basic position (camel, sit, layback or upright) and will be called maximum level basic. No level features are allowed in this spin. 8 revolutions can be done but will not count as an attempted feature. Flying entry is not allowed.

c) There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface and including at least one skating movement such as a spiral, spread eagle, Ina Bauer, hydroblading etc. If the skating movement is missing, no Level will be given. At least 2 difficult turns and steps must be executed on clean edges for Level basic. The twizzle needs to have at least two (2) revolutions to be counted. The Technical Panel will not award Feature 3) Use of body movements for at least 1/3 of the pattern and Feature 4) Two combinations of 3 difficult turns on different feet, and Feature 5) Body movements included in a combination of 3 difficult turns feature.
Levels explanations:

For Chicks and Cubs, in all elements that are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

The following Program Components are judged:
- Composition
- Presentation
- Skating Skills

The factor for the Program Components is 1.67.

All other General rules and Technical Requirements are the same as ISU rules for Single Skating

Basic Novice - Girls and Boys written in Communication No. 2770.

The same ISU Rules regarding judging, refereeing and the work of the Technical Panel apply as in Junior and Senior International Competitions.

Entries

Entry forms must be sent by **October 10, 2026** to: **goldenbear@croskate.hr**

The local organizing committee has the right and obligation to check the personal identification documents of the athletes. Without valid documents, the athlete will not be allowed to compete.

Each Club may enter up to four (4) skaters per category. The organizer reserves the right to limit the number of entries per club or / and enter more than four skaters. Entries of skaters may be made only by the club concerned on the designated official forms.

Entry lists, competition schedules, competition results will be published at the Sportity-app. The organizing committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries due to limited ice availability. If the limit is reached we will close the entry list and offer further skaters to be put on the waiting list.
Entries will be on first come first serve principle. Those skaters who have not paid their entry fees till the entry fee deadline will be replaced by skaters next on the waiting list.

Entry fee

€ 75, - per participant to be paid by October 10, 2026, at the latest to the following bank account:

Bank name: ERSTE&STEIERMÄRKISCHE BANK D.D.
Account owner: KK MEDVEŠČAK
IBAN: HR4824020061100048228
SWIFT: ESBCHR22

Entries will only be confirmed if the entry fee is paid via bank transfer by October 5, 2026. Reimbursement of entry fees can only be offered for cancellations done by October 5, 2026, at the latest.

Attention: Please send all entry fees as one payment for the whole club.

Music

The music playback will be exclusively digital (via computer).
Skaters/clubs must send their music by E-Mail or via a file transfer service to:
goldenbear@croskate.hr

The uploaded/sent music files must show competitor's name, nationality, category, program (short/free skating). Mandatory music format is .mp3.
We highly recommend to send the music files very soon after confirmation of participation. This will give us time to check compatibility of the music and to contact participating clubs, if problems should arise.

Planned Program Content Sheet

Clubs/Skaters must send the **Program Content Sheet** along with the **Entry Forms** to the Organizing Committee till **October 15,2026,** by email to: goldenbear@croskate.hr

Draw

Draws for the starting order will be done electronically. The organizing committee will publish them via the Sportity-App latest 24 hours before the respective starting time.

Award ceremony & Prizes

Interclub victory ceremonies (Juvenile, Pre-Novice, Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice) will be held off ice 15 minutes after the free programs of each category ends for all participants.

Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating at the **33rd Golden Bear** 2026 to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials, and all other members of the Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.
The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection by Competitors, Officials, or other participating persons.

Preliminary Competition Schedule

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Approx. 17:00	Referees' and Technical Panel meetings
Approx. 18:00	Initial Judges Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Juvenile FS (Interclub)
Pre-Novice FS (Interclub)
Basic Novice FS (Interclub)

Friday, October 23, 2026

Intermediate Novice FS (Interclub)

Interclub victory ceremonies (Juvenile, Pre-Novice, Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice) will be held off ice 15 minutes after the free programs of each category ends for all participants.

All time indications are approximate and subject to change. The final program and entry list will be published as soon as the entries are completed. Furthermore, all relevant information will be published at www.croskate.hr and on the Sportity-App.

The Preliminary Schedule is subject to change.

We look forward to welcome you in Zagreb!

Organizing Committee