



Announcement

**FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION FOR RECREATIONAL,
YOUNG ADULT AND ADULT SKATERS**

SWAN CHALLENGE

Bled, Slovenia

Event time: **November 2– 5, 2017**
Organized by: **Skating club Labod Bled (Slovenia)**
Venue of competition: Športna dvorana Bled (Ice Rink Bled)
Address: Ljubljanska cesta 5, Bled, Slovenia
<http://www.ledena-dvorana.si/Predstavitev/Opis-dvorane>

Event includes:

Swan challenge 2017 competition
Seminars on ice and off ice
Other activities and optional trips

Swan challenge 2017 competition

SWAN CHALLENGE 2017 competition will include the following disciplines and age groups:

a.) disciplines:

- Ladies and Men Free Skating (Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite)
- Ladies and Men Artistic Free Skating (Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite)
- Pairs Free Skating (Adult, Intermediate, Masters/Elite)
- Pairs Artistic Free Skating (Adult, Intermediate, Masters/Elite)
- Ice Dance — Pattern Dance, Free Dance (Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite) and Short Dance (Adult, Masters/Elite)
- Solo dance – Pattern Dance, Free Dance (Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold)

b.) age categories:

b1 for ladies and men free skating, artistic events and solo dance:

-Recreational skaters born **after July 1st, 1999**, Bronze, Silver, Gold (skaters who didn't compete at the national or/and international competitions and does not have any records to compete at any national or/and international competitions).

-Young adults skaters born between July 1st, 1989 and June 30th, 1999, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite.

-Adults:

- **Class I** skaters born between **July 1st, 1979 and June 30th, 1989**
- **Class II** skaters born between **July 1st, 1969 and June 30th, 1979**
- **Class III** skaters born between **July 1st, 1959 and June 30th, 1969**
- **Class IV** skaters born between **July 1st, 1949 and June 30th, 1959**
- **Class V** skaters born between **July 1st, 1939 and June 30th, 1949**
- **Class VI** skaters born **before June 30th, 1939**

b2 for pair skating and ice dance:

For **Pairs Free Skating and Ice Dance** events both partners must have reached the age of 18 by July 1st, preceding the event. Neither partner must reach 79 before July 1, preceding the event.

-Young Adult: 18 years – 28 years

-Adult: 28 years – 79 years

The competition will be run with [Swan challenge 2017 regulation](#).

The Organizers have the right to combine categories. The judging shall be done in the new system (according to ISU regulations - IJS).

REGISTRATION:

Entries must be registered via [registration form](#) no later than **20th of September 2017** sent by e-mail on the following address: labodbled@gmail.com

A Entry fee for competition:

First Single or/and Solo dance event — 60 € per person
Second Single or/and Solo dance event —30 € per person
Third (and more) Single or/and Solo dance event —25 € per person
First Pair/Ice Dance event — 70 € per pair
Second Pair/Ice Dance event —35 € per pair
Third Ice Dance event —30 € per pair

Entries received after 20th of September 2017 will be charged extra 10 € per person and 20 € per pair. Payment must be made via bank transfer after receiving registration

confirmation, no later than 20th of October 2017. In case of withdrawals, the entry fee will be refunded only with official medical excuse.

Payments must be made to

LABOD BLED Ljubljanska 5, 4260 Bled, Slovenia	Bank account: IBAN SI56 0313 9100 0428 350 SWIFT: SKBASI2X Bank: SKB d.d. Bank Address: Ajdovscina 4, 1000 Ljubljana, SI
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B Accreditation:

All event officials, competitors, coaches etc. are requested to register at the Information and Registration desk“ at the Ice Rink upon arrival.

C Planned Program Content sheet:

Program Content Sheets must be turned no later than October 20 by e-mail on the following address: labodbled@gmail.com. They will not be accepted during the competition.

D Music:

Music (equipped with the full name of the competitor, club and category) on CD or USB must be delivered to the Info Desk no later than 2 hours before the official start of the event and picked up from the same place after the event. We encourage you to send the music in advance to e-mail address: labodbled@gmail.com or hand it over to the organisers during practice times before the competition at the Ice Rink Bled.

E Practice:

Practice will take place at the Bled Ice Rink and will be available from Wednesday November 2 on. Practice fee is 10 € per person (15 € per pair) per practice (60 min) and should be announced with entry and paid in advance via bank transfer or on the spot in cash. There is no guarantee to join the practice without the registration.

If you arrive earlier than November 2, practice is also possible with local skating club or on public ice hours.

F Expenses:

The organizer does not pay any expenses of the competitors. Travel expenses and accommodation should be covered by the participants.

Expenses of Invited Officials are covered by the Organizer.

Teams of 15 or more competitors are welcome to invite judges from their country. The organizer will cover the Accommodation costs for these judges.

G Protocol:

Protocol shall be available at the Labod Bled Skating Club www.labod-bled.si. The Organizers shall not provide print-outs or CD-s.

H Liability:

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, the Organizer accepts no liability for injury or for property loss or damage incurred by Competitors or Officials. Each participant is expected to provide its own insurance protection.

I Accommodation, food and airport transfers:

Recommended hotels with special price for SWAN CHALLENGE participants and guests are:

	single room	double room-price for 2 pax
Hotel Park****	73 EUR BB (79 EUR HB)	90 EUR BB (102 EUR HB)
Hotel Savica***	64 EUR BB (70 EUR HB)	82 EUR BB (94 EUR HB)

Both hotels are within 5 minutes walk from the ice rink and Bled lake shore, triple rooms are available as well. Both hotels offer free parking and Wi-Fi, free entrance to the Pool and reduced rates for Wellness facilities. Online booking is available. Limited number of rooms available, we recommend early bookings.

PARK HOTEL BB:

<https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?hotelId=77251&rateplanid=2449525&identifier=SWC17&LanguageID=1&datein=11/02/2017&dateout=11/05/2017&adults=1>

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SAVICA HOTEL BB:

<https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?hotelId=77255&rateplanid=2449541&identifier=SWC17&LanguageID=1&datein=11/02/2017&dateout=11/05/2017&adults=1>

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We also have a [list of apartments](#) (walking distance to the Ice hall), different sizes, different prices – please send us an e-mail if you would like to receive detailed apartment offer.

Bled has many restaurants very close to the Ice Hall, therefore we suggest to leave the lunch/dinner options open to individual choices (expected cost 10-15 EUR per meal).

Transfer from/to Ljubljana airport:

Price: 45 EUR for a private car (up to 3 persons)
 15 EUR per person for more than 3 people on the same flight (van/mini bus)

Other transfers can be arranged according to the agreement. Please send us your requests.

Seminars on ice and off ice

On Ice: Skating seminar with Marie Therese Kreiselmeier and David & Patricia Arnold

How to improve your speed and flow over the ice

Correct take off and landing positions

How to raise your levels in spins and step sequences

PRICE: 20 EUR for 1 hour, 40 EUR for 2 hours, 60 for 3 hours; max 25 participants

Off Ice: John and Živa Bonač; Ballet for Figure Skaters

Posture, Balance and Coordination for Figure Skaters and Ice Dancers.

With a combination of Classical Ballet Barre, Yoga, Floor Barre, Pilates and Acrobatics we will discover and improve the secrets of the movement.

PRICE: 6 EUR per single visit (1 hour), 15 EUR package price for 3 ballet sessions (3 hours)

Other activities

Meet and mingle:

The dinner party for participants and their guests will be held after the competition on Saturday, November 4, starting at around 19h. Free for all competitors, sponsored by SIXT.



Disco on Ice:

Join us for Disco party on Ice on Friday, November 3 from 21:30 to 23:00. Public entrance fee (5 EUR).

Gala Performance:

On the last day of competition (Sunday, November 5) all winners are welcome to perform once again to the open public.

Sightseeing of Bled and further:

A trip to Bled island with traditional Pletna boats and sightseeing of Bled Castle will be organised. We will also offer a trip to Postojna caves, Slovenian Coast and Ljubljana.

Please contact the organisers if you wish to receive additional tips.

Event schedule (provisional-updated July 10):

	morning	afternoon	evening
Wednesday, November 2	Skating seminar with Marie Therese Kreiselmeier and David & Patricia Arnold	Sightseeing Ballet for skaters with Ziva and John Skating seminar with Marie Therese Kreiselmeier and David & Patricia Arnold	
Thursday, November 3	Practice Skating seminar with Marie Therese Kreiselmeier and David & Patricia Arnold	Sightseeing Ballet for skaters with Ziva and John Skating seminar with Marie Therese Kreiselmeier and David & Patricia Arnold	
Friday, November 4	Practice Sightseeing Skating seminar with Marie Therese Kreiselmeier and David & Patricia Arnold	Practice Ballet for skaters with Ziva and John SOLO DANCE- PATTERN DANCE ICE DANCE- PATTERN DANCE	Disco on Ice 21:30-23:00
Saturday, November 4	Practice SOLO DANCE- FREE DANCE PAIRS – FREE SKATING SINGLE – FREE SKATING ICE DANCE – SHORT DANCE		Meet & Mingle at Špica Restaurant
Sunday, November 5	Practice PAIRS – ARTISTIC SKATING SINGLE – ARTISTIC SKATING ICE DANCE – FREE SKATING Gala Performance		

A detailed time schedule will be available 10 days before the competition at the organiser's website www.labod-bled.si

Final timetable and starting order shall be announced one day before the competition.

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