



# Announcement

FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION FOR  
RECREATIONAL, YOUNG ADULT AND ADULT SKATERS

## 5<sup>th</sup> SWAN CHALLENGE

Bled, **Sloven**ia

<b>Event time:</b>	<b>October 14– October 17, 2021</b>
Organized by:	Skating club Labod Bled (Slovenia)
Venue of competition:	Športna dvorana Bled (Ice Rink Bled)
Address:	Ljubljanska cesta 5, Bled, Slovenia <a href="http://www.ledena-dvorana.si/Predstavitev/Opis-dvorane">http://www.ledena-dvorana.si/Predstavitev/Opis-dvorane</a>

### Event includes:

Swan challenge 2021 competition  
Practice times  
Optional sightseeing of Bled  
Gala on ice



## Swan challenge 2021 competition

SWAN CHALLENGE 2021 competition will include the following disciplines and age groups:

a.) disciplines:

- Single Ladies and Men
  - Free Skating (Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite)
  - Artistic Free Skating (Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite)
- Pair Skating
  - Free Skating (Adult, Intermediate, Masters/Elite)
  - Artistic Free Skating (Adult, Intermediate, Masters/Elite)
- Solo Dance
  - Pattern Dance (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
  - Free Dance (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
- Ice Dance
  - Pattern Dance (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite)
  - Free Dance (Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite)
  - Rhythm Dance (Adult, Masters/Elite)

b.) age categories:

*b1 for ladies and men Single Skating and Solo Dance:*

**-Recreational** skaters born **after July 1st, 2003**; Pre-Bronze, 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, 1993 and June 30th, 2003**; Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite.

**-Adults:**

- **Class I** skaters born between **July 1st, 1983 and June 30th, 1993**
- **Class II** skaters born between **July 1st, 1973 and June 30th, 1983**
- **Class III** skaters born between **July 1st, 1963 and June 30th, 1973**
- **Class IV** skaters born between **July 1st, 1953 and June 30th, 1963**
- **Class V** skaters born **on or before June 30th, 1953**

*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 2021 technical requirements](#)

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

### **REGISTRATION:**

Preliminary entries: until September 20, 2021.

Final entries: must be registered via online [registration form](#) no later than **1<sup>st</sup> of October 2021**.

### **A Entry fee for competition:**

<b>First Single event</b>	60 € per person
Second, third and fourth Single event	40 € per person
<b>First Pair/Ice Dance event</b>	80 € per pair
Second and third Pair/Ice Dance event	50 € per pair

Payment must be made via bank transfer or Paypal after receiving registration confirmation, no later than 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2021. All the bank transfer charges and Paypal money transfers fee are on the side of the competitor.

In case of withdrawals, the entry fee will be refunded only with official medical excuse.

### **Payments must be made to**

#### **LABOD BLEĐ**

Ljubljanska 5, 4260 Bled, Slovenia

#### **Bank account:**

IBAN SI56 0313 9100 0428 350

SWIFT: SKBAS12X

Bank: SKB d.d.

Bank Address: Ajdovscina 4, 1000 Ljubljana, SI

### **B Accreditation:**

All event officials, competitors and coaches should register at OC Office upon arrival.

### **C Planned Program Content sheet:**

Program Content Sheets must be sent no later than October 10 by e-mail to [swanchallenge2021@gmail.com](mailto:swanchallenge2021@gmail.com) or uploaded to site together with the registration form. They will not be accepted during the competition.

### **D Music:**

In order to minimize close contacts at the event area, music (addressed with the full name of the competitor, discipline and category) must be send in advance to e-mail address: [swanchallenge2021@gmail.com](mailto:swanchallenge2021@gmail.com).

### **E Practice:**

Practice on ice will take place at the Bled Ice Rink and will be available from Wednesday, October 13 on. Practice fee is 10 € per person (15 € per pair) per practice (45 min) and should be announced with entry and paid in advance via bank transfer/PayPal or on the spot in cash. There is no guarantee to join the practice without the registration.

If you arrive earlier than October 13 or stay after October 17, practice time can be arranged, please contact the organisers: [swanchallenge2021@gmail.com](mailto:swanchallenge2021@gmail.com).

**F Expenses:**

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

The organizer will cover the accommodation and travel costs for invited officials. Interested officials, please contact the organisers as soon as possible.

**G Protocol:**

Protocol shall be available at the Labod Bled Skating Club [www.labod-bled.si](http://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 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.

## **J Accommodation**

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

	<b>single room BB</b>	<b>double room BB</b>
Hotel Astoria***	95 EUR BB	110 EUR BB
Hotel Park****	113 EUR BB	126 EUR BB

### **Obligatory supplements:**

Tourist tax Adults	3,13 EUR per person per day
Tourist tax Children 7-18 years	1,56 EUR per person per day
Administration fee	1,00 EUR per person per stay

All three hotels are within 5 minutes walk from the ice rink and Bled lake shore, triple rooms are available on request. All hotels offer free parking and Wi-Fi and free or reduced entrance to the Pool/Wellness facilities.

### **RESERVATION PROCESS:**

**ASTORIA:** send an e-mail to [astoria@vgs-bled.si](mailto:astoria@vgs-bled.si) and use the code SWAN CHALLENGE.

**PARK & RIKLI BALANCE HOTEL:** reservation link will be available soon

In Bled there are various types of private accommodation that can be booked directly or through different online booking channels.

Bled has many restaurants very close to the Ice Hall, we suggest to leave the lunch/dinner options open to individual choices (expected cost 10-20 EUR per meal).

## **Other activities**

### **Gala Performance:**

On the last day of competition (Sunday, October 17 at 17:00 in the afternoon) winners, Master categories and other attractive performances skate once again.

### **Sightseeing of Bled and further:**

A trip to Bled island with traditional Pletna boats and sightseeing of Bled Castle will be organised. Please contact the organisers if you wish to receive additional tips. Slovenia is full of surprises and has many options for half day or day trips, we are happy to suggest activities that would suit your travel and skate schedule.

## Event schedule (provisional-updated September 5, 2021):

	morning	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Wednesday, October 13</b>	Practice		
<b>Thursday, October 14</b>	Practice	Sightseeing Bled Practice	
<b>Friday, October 15</b>	Practice Sightseeing Bled	Short Practice <b>SOLO DANCE- PATTERN DANCE</b> <b>ICE DANCE- PATTERN DANCE</b>	Practice
<b>Saturday, October 16</b>	Short Practice <b>SOLO DANCE - FREE DANCE</b> <b>ICE DANCE – RHYTHM DANCE</b> <b>PAIR - FREE SKATING</b> <b>SINGLE SKATING - FREE SKATING</b> <i>Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Masters Elite</i>		Practice
<b>Sunday, October 17</b>	Short Practice <b>ICE DANCE – FREE DANCE</b> <b>PAIR – ARTISTIC FREE SKATING</b> <b>SINGLE – ARTISTIC FREE SKATING</b>		<b>Swan Challenge Gala on Ice</b>  <b>at 17:00</b>

More precise time schedule will be available 10 days before the competition at the organiser's website [www.labod-bled.si](http://www.labod-bled.si)

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

### **Additional Information and Contact Persons:**

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