



Announcement

FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION FOR
RECREATIONAL, YOUNG ADULT AND ADULT SKATERS

10th SWAN CHALLENGE

Bled, Slovenia

Event time:	October 23 – October 25, 2026
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 2026 competition
Practice times
Skating Seminars
Pre-competition figure skating camp
Optional sightseeing
Meet&Greet Party
Final Closing Event



Swan challenge 2026 competition

SWAN CHALLENGE 2026 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 (Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite)
 - Free Dance (Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite)
- Ice Dance
 - Pattern Dance (Pre-Bronze, 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:

-Young adults skaters born **between July 1st, 1998 and June 30th, 2008**; Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters/Elite.

-Adults:

- **Class I** skaters born between **July 1st, 1988 and June 30th, 1998**
- **Class II** skaters born between **July 1st, 1978 and June 30th, 1988**
- **Class III** skaters born between **July 1st, 1968 and June 30th, 1978**
- **Class IV** skaters born between **July 1st, 1958 and June 30th, 1968**
- **Class V** skaters born **on or before June 30th, 1958**

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 run according to [Technical Regulations SWAN CHALLENGE 2026](#) and current Adult Skating Criteria.

The Organizers have the right to combine categories in case of small number of competitors in the group. The judging shall be done in the new system (according to ISU regulations - IJS).

REGISTRATION:

Entries: must be registered [via online registration form](#) no later than **4th of September 2026**. **In case the competition will be full before this date, we will have to close registration process earlier.** In total, we can host maximum 300 competition slots. Entry forms will be accepted on first come – first serve basis.

A Entry fee for competition:

First Single event	70 € per person
Second, third and fourth Single event	50 € per person
First Pair/Ice Dance event	100 € per couple
Second and third Pair/Ice Dance event	80 € per couple

Payment for the competition fee (only) must be made via bank transfer, after receiving registration confirmation, no later than 10th of September 2026. All the bank transfer charges are on the side of the competitor. Please make sure you use correct name for the bank transfer: **DRSALNI KLUB LABOD BLED**

<u>Practice, seminar, camp and other optional fees will be collected at the ice rink during registration.</u> In case of withdrawals, the entry fee will be refunded only with official medical excuse.
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Payments for the competition fee must be made to:

DRSALNI KLUB LABOD BLED
Ljubljanska 5, 4260 Bled, Slovenia

Bank account information:
IBAN SI56 0400 0027 8989 595
SWIFT: KBMASI2X
Bank: OTP BANKA
Bank Address: Slovenska cesta 58, 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 1, 2026 by e-mail to swanchallengebled@gmail.com or uploaded to site together with the registration form. They will not be accepted during the competition.

D Music:

Music (file should be named with the full name of the competitor, discipline and category) must be [UPLOADED TO THIS LINK](#) or send in advance to e-mail address: swanchallengebled@gmail.com .
Deadline: October 1, 2026.

E Practice:

Practice on ice will take place at the Bled Ice Rink and will be available from Monday, October 19 on. Practice fee is 20 € per person (30 € per couple) per practice (45 min) and should be announced on registration form and paid on the spot with cash. There is no guarantee to join the practice without the registration.

If you arrive earlier than October 19 or stay after October 25, practice time can be arranged, please contact the organisers: swanchallengebled@gmail.com

F Expenses:

Travel expenses and accommodation for competitors 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 The Organizers shall not provide print-outs.

H Sportity App Info:

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I 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.

J Transfer from/to Ljubljana airport:

Price: 60 EUR for a private car (up to 3 persons)
 20 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.

We also recommend taking the bus from/to the airport, if the bus schedule fits your flight times. You can [check the bus schedule HERE](#) .

K Accommodation

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

	single room BB	double room BB
Hotel Astoria***	From 110 EUR	From 126 EUR TBC
Hotel Park**** (Sava Group)	From 181 EUR	From 181 EUR
Hotel Rikli Balance**** (Sava Group)	From 200 EUR	From 200 EUR

Obligatory supplements at the hotels:

Tourist tax Adults	3,13 EUR per person per day
Tourist tax Children 7-18 years	1,56 EUR per person per day
Registration fee	2,50 EUR per person per stay (one-time fee)

All 3 hotels are within 5 minutes walk from the ice rink and Bled lake shore. All hotels offer parking, Wi-Fi and Pool/Wellness facilities.

RESERVATION PROCESS:

[BOOK HOTEL ASTORIA BLEED](#)

[SAVA HOTEL BOOKING LINK](#)

For further options, please look directly on Booking.com or Airbnb.com or Bled.si or contact organizers for recommendations.

Bled has many restaurants very close to the Ice Hall, we suggest to leave the lunch/dinner options open to individual choices..

Other activities

Meet and Greet: on Friday evening (October 23).

Entry fee: 20 EUR for 1 drink and some finger food.

Closing event: on Sunday evening (October 25)

Disco on Ice, free of charge OR Gala on Ice with most attractive performances. TBD after the final number of entries. Free of charge.

Sightseeing of Bled and further:

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. Guided tours of Bled and surroundings will be organised.

Event schedule (provisional-updated July 31, 2026):

	morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday,, October 19 – Wednesday, October 21	Seminar Practice	Seminar Practice	
Thursday, October 22	Sightseeing Seminar Practice	Sightseeing Seminar Practice	Practice
Friday, October 23	Practice Technical Seminar Sightseeing	Short Practice COMPETITION: SOLO DANCE- PATTERN DANCE ICE DANCE- PATTERN DANCE	Practice Meet & Greet
Saturday, October 24	Short Practice COMPETITION: ICE DANCE – RHYTHM DANCE ICE DANCE – FREE DANCE PAIR - FREE SKATING SINGLE SKATING - FREE SKATING		Practice
Sunday, October 25	Short Practice COMPETITION: SOLO DANCE - FREE DANCE PAIR – ARTISTIC FREE SKATING SINGLE – ARTISTIC FREE SKATING		Swan Challenge Closing event

More precise time schedule will be available 3-4 weeks before the competition at the organiser's website www.labod-bled.si. The organizers have a right to move some of the smaller categories on another competition day. Final timetable and starting order shall be announced one day before the competition.

Additional Information and Contact:

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