



Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2009/2010

**43. POKAL  
DER  
BLAUEN  
SCHWERTER  
2009  
DRESDEN**  
30.9.-3.10.09



**INFORMATION**



## **WELCOME**

The Pokal der Blauen Schwerter in his 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary is one of the oldest international figure skating competitions in the ISU history and we are very proud that this year again this prestigious event is part of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

The Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V. (DEU), the Sächsischer Eissport-Verband e.V. (SEV) and the Local Organizing Committee are looking very much forward to welcome the skating family in Dresden during the 43<sup>rd</sup> Pokal der Blauen Schwerter.

We have enclosed various pieces of information which might be useful for you and for your preparation to attend this important event of the ISU calendar in the Olympic skating season.

## **THE LOCATION**

Dresden is located on both banks of the river Elbe, mostly in the Dresden Elbe Valley Basin at an altitude of about 113 meters. The highest point of Dresden is about 384 meters above sea level.

The incorporation of neighboring rural communities over the past 60 years has made Dresden the fourth largest urban district by area in Germany after Berlin, Hamburg, and Cologne.

Greater Dresden, which includes the neighboring districts of Kamenz, Meißen, Riesa-Großenhain, Sächsische Schweiz, Weißeritzkreis and part of the district of Bautzen, has a population of around 1,250,000.

## **THE CITY**

Dresden became the city rights in 1206 and celebrated its 800th birthday in 2006 and is the capital of the German federal state of Saxony (Freistaat Sachsen).

The city has a long history as the capital and royal residence for the Electors and Kings of Saxony, who gave the Dresden most of the cultural and artistic flair. Dresden was totally destroyed at the very end of World War II. Since German reunification in 1990, Dresden has re-emerged as a cultural, political and economic centre in the eastern part of Germany.

With a pleasant location and a mild climate on the Elbe, as well as Baroque-style architecture and numerous world-renowned museums and art collections, Dresden has been called "Elbflorenz" (Florence of the Elbe).

The historic city center offers the "Dresden Zwinger", the "Frauenkirche" Church, "Semper" Opera House and Royal Palace as well as many other historical monuments and ensembles.

Worldwide known are also the various art collections of Dresden such as the gallery "Old Masters" with the saucy angels from Raphael's "The Sistine Madonna" as well as the "Green Vault" on the Brühl Terrace featuring the collection of the former royal jewels.

For car freaks the "Gläserne Manufaktur" is a must to see. The transparent factory is the site where Volkswagen builds its luxury sedan Phaeton.



### **THE COMPETITION AND ITS NAME**

1961 was the foundation year of the international senior competition. In its first year announced for Ladies, Men and Pairs, the Ice Dance event was added the year after, but already cancelled after 1969. The main change from a senior to a junior competition was made in 1985 and again, due to logical reasons, the Dance competition was added again in 1991.

1997 the Pokal der Blauen Schwerter was added into the new ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and again organized as such in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004 and 2007. Due to the decision to rotate with the events of the ISU Junior Grand Prix, this competition was not held every year lately.

“Pokal der Blauen Schwerter” means “Cup of the Blue Swords” and the Blue Swords are the famous signs and trademark of the porcelain manufactory of Meissen (located near Dresden), who sponsors the event since 1961.

In 1707/08 the specialists of King Augustus the Strong discovered the European hard porcelain. The advantage of the newly found fine ceramic material was that all objects could always be produced again on demand, as long as the negative plaster of Paris moulds – and the know-how – were available.

Since the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the in-house education and training facility assures succession in the crafts. The image and reputation of Meissen porcelain is worldwide unique.

A special commemorative coin, made from origin Meissen porcelain, will be given to all competitors and officials attending the 43<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Pokal der Blauen Schwerter.

The event will have its debut in Dresden this year. Usually the event was held in Chemnitz with some exceptions where the competition was organized in Berlin.

### **THE VENUE – FREIBERGER ARENA**

The newly build Freiburger Arena was only opened in August 2007. The multifunctional facility is equipped at the highest standard and conveniently located close to the old city centre of Dresden.

The modern ice and ball sports centre in the Ostragehege Sports Park features ice skating during the season on 5.000 m<sup>2</sup> in the main arena, the practice rink and on the outside speed-skating track, which is linked to the main building via a tunnel.

During skating events the main arena hosts up to 4000 spectators while the practice rink offers places for a bit more than 100 persons.

Both rinks are heated and air-conditioned. The ice surface at the main rink is 30 m x 60 m at the practice rink the ice surface is 29 m x 58 m.





## THE OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Official Hotel for all members of the Skating Family will be:

**IBIS Hotel Lilienstein Dresden**  
**Prager Strasse**  
**D-01069 Dresden**

**Tel : +49 (0) 351 48562000**

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**<http://www.ibis-dresden.de>**

The room rates of the Organizing Committee are as following:

<b>Single room</b>	<b>€ 77.00</b>
<b>Twin room</b>	<b>€ 48.00 (per person)</b>

All rates are per person and night, including breakfast and all local taxes.

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee.

The hotel is located in the city centre of Dresden - just a few minutes' walk from the main railway station, right next to the shopping district "Prager Strasse" and just steps away from the historic city centre of Dresden.

All rooms have full air conditioning and are equipped with a shower and WC, cable TV, direct dial telephone, radio and wifi internet access (for a fee).

The hotel facilities include several meeting-facilities, a restaurant, bar, etc.

Electricity 220 V; please mind the special plug-in in Germany.

The hotel accepts all kinds of credit-cards (VISA, EUROCARD/MASTER CARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS CLUB).

## MEALS

ISU Event Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators), Judges and Competitors will receive meal-vouchers for the period, covered through the Organizing Committee, beginning on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 with dinner until Sunday, October 4, 2009 including breakfast. All meals are served in the official hotel.

Meal vouchers can only be used in designated dining room at the Ibis Hotel. Meal vouchers are not transferable.

All other persons may purchase meal-vouchers for:

<b>Lunch</b>	<b>€ 20.00</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>€ 20.00</b>
<b>9 Vouchers</b>	<b>€ 175.00 (booklet for the whole event)</b>

Each meal includes a non-alcoholic drink.





## TRAVELLING TO DRESDEN

### By Plane

LUFTHANSA the partner-airline to the Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V. offers many daily flight connections to **DRESDEN (DRS)** from all over the world.

Dresden Airport is situated about 9 km north-east of the city centre. **S-Bahn line S2** links the airport and the city centre the airport terminal can easily be reached via a pedestrian tunnel to the S-Bahn station Dresden Flughafen.

The Organizing Committee provides a pick-up service at Dresden Airport. Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

The fee for the pick-up service at Dresden Airport is € 10.00 per person (€ 20.00 for round trip) and need to be paid upon arrival at registration.

Please note that the Organizing Committee will not provide pick-up service from any other airport than **International Airport Dresden (DRS)**.

### By Train

Dresden is connected to the main railway lines from all over Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland.

The two big train stations are: Dresden Neustadt, one on the northern side of the Elbe and Dresden Hauptbahnhof or main train station one on the southern side of the Elbe.

If you plan to arrive by train, make sure you will arrive at **"Dresden Hauptbahnhof"** (main station) which is located in walking distance to the official hotel.

Please note, that the Organizing Committee will not provide a pick-up service from the train station.

### By Car

Dresden can also be reached by car. It is well connected to the German highway system (Autobahn) and a new Autobahn to Prague (Czech Republic) has recently be opened.

- A 4 Frankfurt (Main)-Erfurt-Chemnitz-Dresden
- A 13 Berlin-Dresden
- A 17 Prague (CZE)-Dresden

There are public parking spots for a fee available next to the hotel. The hotel does not offer a parking garage.

## EVENT SHUTTLE

A shuttle-bus-service on 30 minutes interval connects the Ibis Hotel with the Freiburger Arena (main and practice rink) and return starting on the first practice day (Wednesday, September 30, 2009).

The shuttle will run in accordance with the final time and practice schedule and distributed at the time of registration.





## REGISTRATION

The registration for all teams will be held at the **Ibis Hotel Lilienstein** upon arrival.

The registration office / organizing committee office is located in the 1st floor.

Operating hours:	Tuesday, Sep. 29	10:00 – late night
	Wednesday, Sep. 30	08:00 – 22:00
	Thursday, Oct. 01	09:00 – 22:00
	Friday, Oct. 02	09:00 – 22:00
	Saturday, Oct. 03	09:00 – 00:00
	Sunday, Oct. 04	07:00 – 12:00

## Accreditation

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team-Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association. The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.

Accreditation will be given to appointed ISU Event Officials, ISU Office Holders and Guests of Honour

**Passports of the skaters have to be presented at the accreditation for verification!**

## Chaperones

Officially entered chaperones (one per skater) will not be accredited, but may purchase a special ticket to have access to all practice sessions, competitions and to join the shuttle bus system.

This special ticket is available upon arrival at the registration office at the Ibis Hotel for a price of € 20.00.

## ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

Anti-Doping tests will be conducted. The tests will be taken from each first placed skater/couple. One skater from the remainder of the skaters shall be selected by random draw in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dance. In case of a couple it will be determined by draw whether the Lady or the Man will be tested.

The anti-doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Code as published in ISU Communication 1546 and 1547 or any further updates.

Skaters drawn for Anti-Doping control must identify themselves through passport.



**PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, September 29, 2009	All day	Arrival of Teams and Accreditation
Wednesday, September 30, 2009	All day	Official Practice
	10:00-11:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	16:00-16:45	Referee and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:00-18:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
	20:30	ISU and Judges Dinner
Thursday, October 1, 2009	10:00	ICE DANCE – Compulsory Dance MEN – Short Program LADIES – Short Program
Friday, October 2, 2009	10:00	PAIRS – Short Program ICE DANCE – Original Dance LADIES – Free Skating Victory Ceremony LADIES
Saturday, October 3, 2009	07:30-08:30	Round Table Discussion – LADIES
	09:00	ICE DANCE – Free Dance PAIRS – Free Skating MEN – Free Skating Victory Ceremonies ICE DANCE, PAIRS, MEN
	21:30-22:30	Round Table Discussion – ICE DANCE
	22:30	Skaters Disco
Sunday, October 4, 2009	07:00-08:00	Round Table Discussion – PAIRS
	09:00-10:00	Round Table Discussion – MEN

**Please note:**

**This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.**







## **SOCIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

### **Team Leaders Meeting**

Wednesday, September 30, 2009 – 10:00

Freiberger Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

### **Initial Starting Order Draws**

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Freiberger Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

The exact times will be published in the final time and practice schedule which will be handed out at time of registration.

### **Intermediate Draws**

Will be held approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the respective Short Programs, Compulsory Dance and Original Dance at the Freiberger Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room.

### **Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting**

Wednesday, September 30, 2009 – 16:00

Freiberger Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

### **Judges Draw and Meeting**

Wednesday, September 30, 2009 – 17:00

Freiberger Arena (main rink) – 3rd floor, Draw and Press Conference Room

### **ISU and Judges Dinner**

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite all Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Data Operators, Replay Operator and Judges to a welcome dinner on **Wednesday, September 20, 2009 – 20:30** (place to be announced).

### **Round Table Discussions**

All Round Table Discussions will be held at the Ibis Hotel Lilienstein, meeting room – top floor. Exact times as to the event schedule above.

### **Skaters Party**

All Competitors are invited to join the skater's party on **Saturday, October 3rd, 2009 – 22:30** at the Ibis Hotel Lilienstein.

No special invitation will be given for this function. The skaters need to identify themselves with their accreditation to access the party. Only non-alcoholic drinks will be offered and are allowed at the party. This policy will be strictly observed.





## VARIOUS

### **Additional practice before the start of the competition**

Practice-time before the start of the official practice on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 is possible on request.

It is understood, that additional practice will **not be free of charge**. Furthermore the Organizing Committee will not offer any transportation as well as medical service during such unofficial practice sessions. Please contact the Organizing Committee as early as possible for such arrangements.

### **Tickets**

Tickets will be available at the ticket office of the Freiburger Arena.

**All-event tickets € 20.00                      Day tickets € 8.00**

### **Weather**

The weather in Dresden during the days of early October might vary between +5°C and + 10°C with often rain showers.

### **Banks**

Regular banking hours in Dresden are Monday to Friday 9.00 h to 12.00 h and 14.30 h to 17.00 h.

### **Money Exchange**

Each bank has a "money changing counter". ATM cash machines are available throughout the city.

### **Shopping**

Regular shopping hours in Dresden are:

Shops	Monday – Friday	10:00 h – 18:00 h
	Saturday	09:00 h – 13:00 h
Department-Stores	Monday – Friday	10:00 h – 20:00 h
	Saturday	10:00 h – 16:00 h

On Sunday and Public Holidays shops are closed.

### **Tourist-Office**

#### **DRESDEN TOURIST GMBH**

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E-Mail: [info@dresden.travel](mailto:info@dresden.travel)

Homepage: [www.dresden.travel](http://www.dresden.travel)

### **Taxi**

Phone: +49 351 211 211

### **Rent a Car**

AVIS: Friedrichstr. 24, 01067 Dresden Phone: +49 351 4969613

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#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible about

- visa confirmations in case of needed
- arrival time (when and where) and transfer
- hotel requirements including chaperons or any other group
- additional practice-time, if needed

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