

Vienna, 14 September 2022

Invitation

Open Austrian Championships for Special Olympics 2022

Dear National and Sports Director,

We would like to invite your SO Program again to the 2nd Open Austrian Championships for Special Olympics that will take place in St. Pölten, Austria on 14-15 December 2022.

This sports event will be organized by the Special Olympics Austria in cooperation with the Austrian Figure Skating Federation Skate Austria as part of the Austrian Figure Skating Championships. With the cancellation of the Special Olympics World Games in Kazan it will give your athletes a perfect opportunity to prepare for the upcoming Special Olympics World Games in 2026.

Quota

Quota for each delegation:

- up to 4 athletes
- 1 coach
- 1 head of delegation

Quota will be given on a first come first serve policy according to receipt of the pre-registration form. Maximum number of 50 athletes in total.

Costs

The following costs will be covered:

- Entry fee
- Participants from Europe:
 - Food from lunch on 14 December to breakfast on 16 December 2022
 - Accommodation from 14 December to 16 December 2022
- Participants from outside Europe:
 - Food from dinner on 13 December to breakfast on 16 December 2022
 - Accommodation from 13 December to 16 December 2022

Official Hotel

Landessportheim Niederösterreich

<https://www.sportzentrum-noe.at/en/>

The hotel is located within 5min walking distance from the ice rink.

Transport

The closest airport to St. Pölten is Vienna. There is a direct train connection from the airport to St. Pölten Hauptbahnhof every 30 minutes. The ticket price is EUR 15,90 one way – reduced tickets are available and can be purchased online via <https://www.oebb.at/en/>.

Pick-up from the train station St. Pölten Hauptbahnhof will be provided, please inform us by 31 October 2022 if you need transportation.

Registration deadlines

7 October 2022	Teams Pre-registration
9 November 2022	Registration Deadline

Preliminary Schedule

13 December 2022	Arrival of teams from outside Europe
14 December 2022	Arrival of teams from Europe
	Accreditation at ice rink
	Afternoon/ Evening: Official Practice
15 December 2022	Short and Free Skating
	Award ceremony
16 December 2022	Departure of teams

Please complete the attached Pre-registration form to secure a place for your delegation.

Covid-19

Currently there are no Covid-19 measures in place in Austria, an update on the situation will be given after the registration deadline.

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With kind regards,

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