

## Club championships IJCE 2025-2026

### Information for parents of pupils/ new participants youth

Dear parents and/or participants of the club championships,

This will be a first look into the world of competitive skating. The competitions are quite different from training and as a parent, sometimes it's hard to see what this will entail for you and your child(ren). In this letter, you'll find everything you need to know to be well prepared for the Club championships.

#### When are the club championships?

The club championships for youth are on Saturday evening January 10th. The competition starts at 6:15 pm. We start with the youngest pupils. We ask you to be present at 5.55 pm. latest. Ask your coach/trainer at what time he or she expects the children to be at the rink.

#### Which distances does my kid skate?

The distance your kid skates depends on his/her category and thus the age of your child.

Category	Distance
Pupil F	100, 100
Pupil E	100, 300
Pupil C, D	300, 500
Pupil A, B	500, 700
Junioren A, B, C	500, 1000

#### At what time does my kid skate?

The exact time of the ride will only be available shortly before the competition. When your child skates in pupils E or F, he or she will most likely skate directly at the start of the competition, this is because we start with the 100 meters. **Be aware your child needs to be ready to skate at 6:10 pm.**

The schedule of the competition will be posted on the windows at the judges' tower. The coaches will have this schedule as well. Parents often take a picture of the schedule, so they have the schedule at hand. The schedule will also be published in the Sportity app ([www.sportity.com/app](http://www.sportity.com/app), logincode for Eindhoven: BAAN-EVN)

Explanation: A skating competition is prepared in the hours leading up to the competition, this because the organization can take potential last-minute changes into account and make sure as many skaters as possible skate against an equal opponent. The exact time depends on the number of participants per distance, so this will not be known up front. There is also the resurfacing of the ice, which due to different weather conditions, might happen more often or less often. Because of all this, we ask the skaters to be present long before the competitions start.

### **How do my child and I know how the competition works?**

At this competition, one of the coaches will be present to explain to the kids at what time they need to get on the ice, where they have to stand to start etc. You can ask the trainer who will be the coach of your child during the competition. Don't hesitate to ask the coach if there are any questions or uncertainties!

During the competitions, the coach is present on the ice to give instructions to the kids that are skating at that time, for example the start.

When your kid participated in the super sprint earlier this season, he/she has already done up some previous experience. Is this your child's first competition? Please, tell the coach or trainer up front, they will guide your child.

### **At what time and where will the award ceremony take place?**

The award ceremony on Saturday evening will take place as soon as possible after all pupils have finished. This will probably be around halfway into the competition. The exact time is not yet known because it depends on the competition schedule. The ceremony will take place in a room behind the judges' tower (enter via "Doorloper") or next to the judge's tower.

### **Layout of ages and categories 2025-2026**

For the long distance-, marathon- and short track competitions, the category is based on the child's age. Ask yourself; What age was the skater at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025?

<b>Age</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Born between</b>	
tm 7	Pupillen F	1-7-2017	and later
8	Pupillen E	1-7-2016	30-6-2017
9	Pupillen D	1-7-2015	30-6-2016
10	Pupillen C	1-7-2014	30-6-2015
11	Pupillen B	1-7-2013	30-6-2014
12	Pupillen A	1-7-2012	30-6-2013
13 tm 14	Junioren C	1-7-2010	30-6-2012
15 tm 16	Junioren B	1-7-2008	30-6-2010
17 tm 18	Junioren A	1-7-2006	30-6-2008

Source: <https://knsb.nl/sporten/lange-en-kortebaanschaatsen/wedstrijdschaatsen/wedstrijdschaatsen/>

## **Information and registration club championships 2025-2026**

Information about the club championships can also be found on the website of IJCE  
<https://www.ijce.nl/nl/evenement/clubkampioenschappen-langebaan-2026> (in Dutch)

You can also subscribe via this website, the registration is open until Thursday January 9th, 8 PM.

### **Sign out**

Are you unable to participate after you have subscribed? Then unsubscribe via the same website. Cancellations will be processed until Saturday 12:00 (noon). When you sign out, you don't let your fellow skaters skate 'alone'. In addition, it is important for a proper organization of the race to know which skaters are not present.