



ANNOUNCEMENT

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ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2008
Scandinavium, Göteborg

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

The ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2008 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2006, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pairs Skating and Ice Dancing 2006, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2008 is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 130, paragraph 1 and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5, and Communication No. 1420 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1420, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. An exception with regards to nationality and residency requirements is stated for Pairs and Ice Dance couples in Rule 109, paragraph 2. c).

1. Technical Data

All Championship events as well as some official practices will take place in the Scandinavium Main Arena with the ice surface of 30m x 60m. The remainder of the official practices will take place at the Scandinavium Practice Arena with the ice surface 30m x 60m. Both are indoor, heated artificial ice surfaces. The two arenas are within the complex of the Scandinavium, next to each other.

1.1. Single Skating – Ladies and Men

Short Program	Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less. The required elements to be skated are listed in Rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 2.												
Free Skating	Duration: Men: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds Ladies: 4 minutes, +/- seconds In accordance with Rule 520.												
Factors	In accordance with Rule 353, paragraph 1, l) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are: <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">a) for Men</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Short Program</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Free Skating</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">a) for Ladies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Short Program</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0,8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Free Skating</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,6</td> </tr> </table>	a) for Men		Short Program	1,0	Free Skating	2,0	a) for Ladies		Short Program	0,8	Free Skating	1,6
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2. Entries

2.1 Entries of Competitors

In accordance with Rule 378, ISU Members must enter Competitors and their substitutes on the official entry forms. Entry forms listing Competitors and substitutes must be sent simultaneously by registered mail or fax to:

ISU Sport Director Figure Skating

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Dankovskeho 11
811 03 Bratislava, Slovak Republic
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Entries must reach the ISU Sport Director Figure Skating, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee not later than **February 25th, 2008** (see Rule 378, § 1). Entries must be made by the Member concerned and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail. **Entries by e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously.**



2.2. Entry of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Coaches, the partner or relative of a Judge and Chaperones (one per competitor) will be accepted. Meals and lodging will be provided for only one Team Leader for each participating Member (see Rule 137).

Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Officials of each Member, including the Member President, will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. A partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted for restricted accreditation. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditations of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team.

Team Chaperones (one per competitor) must be announced on the official entry form, titled "Composition of Delegation" but will NOT receive an accreditation. Officially registered chaperones may purchase a half-price all-event ticket, which will include access to practices. Chaperones will not stay in the Official Skating Family Hotel.

The names of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Coaches and Chaperones must be listed on the General Entry Form "Composition of Delegation". Judges and Judges' partner or relative are to be listed on a separate form.

All Forms must be returned to the Organizer by registered mail or fax not later than **February 25th, 2008**.

Skaters, pairs, Dance couples must turn in to the Organizing Committee together with the entry forms the "Program Content Sheet". It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.



3. Judges

3.1. Nomination of Judges

According to ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pairs Skating and Ice Dancing 2006, Rules 582 and 660, the official entry form for Judges by number must reach the ISU Director General by October 1st, 2007, indicating with the entry, in which discipline of the World Figure Skating Championships 2008 the Member intends to participate in the respective draw ceremony, to be held between October 1st and November 15th, 2007. The Member must also indicate with the entry, which Judge will be available to judge the Pair discipline.

In accordance with the draw results the official entry form for Judges by name must reach the ISU Sport Director Figure Skating, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizer not later than **February 1st, 2008** (See ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2006 and ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006).

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3.2. Judges' Meeting, Draw and Round Table Discussions

The individual Judges Meetings and – if applicable – an additional Judges draw will be held one (1) day prior to each first segment of each individual discipline. The draw for the seating order of the panels of Judges will be made 45 min. prior to each segment. Subsequent draws, as required, will be made at Scandinavium in the intermediate draw room.

A detailed draw schedule will be published on site.

Judges' Round Table Discussions are scheduled the day following the conclusion of the respective event.



4. Meals, lodging, prepayment and travel expenses

In accordance with Rule 137, paragraph 15 c), the Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Competitors participating, the Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and for one Team Leader of each participating ISU Member. The Organizing Committee will cover the above mentioned expenses beginning with dinner on Saturday, March 15th, through lunch on Monday, March 24th, 2008.

In accordance with Rule 137, paragraph 15 b), the Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for Referees, Data/Replay Operators and Judges, including any Judge present but not drawn. The Organizing Committee will cover the above mentioned expenses beginning with lunch on Sunday, March 16th, 2008, through lunch on Monday, March 24th, 2008.

Should any Competitor or Official arrive at the Hotel before or stay later than the period described above, room and meal costs will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival. Availability in the official hotels cannot be guaranteed beyond the period described above.

All extra expenses, including hotel incidentals, incurred by any Competitor or any kind of Official will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid prior to departure.

The Organizing Committee requests for all Team Members whose accommodation expenses are not covered by the Organizing Committee, as outlined above, to make a pre-payment to guarantee the availability of required rooms. Please use the official forms received with the first Information Letter for booking and calculation. The pre-payment (50% of the total amount) must be made by December 15th, 2007.

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, OAC Members and Judges, Data and Replay Operator will be paid in accordance with the Memorandum for Guidance in Holding ISU Figure Skating Championships. Payments will be provided at the registration. No expenses will be reimbursed for any other accompanying persons (i.e. Interpreters, Assistant Team Leaders, Coaches, Chaperones, Medical Personnel, Federation Officials, etc.).

5. Practice

Official practices for Competitors begin on Sunday, March 16th, 2008. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. Rule 540, paragraph 4 and Rule 634, paragraph 4 must be observed.

6. Music

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on cassette magnetic tape either analogue (conventional) or DAT (Digital Audio Tape) format, or disk either MD (Mini Disk) or CD (Compact Disk) format. The tapes must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the competitor and by the coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short/free/interpretive free) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disk or cassette. Competitors must provide a back-up drive or cassette for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Singles and Pairs, for the Original and Free Dance Program



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for Ice Dancing and for the Exhibition, must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors, according to Rule 378, paragraph 4 (sent by registered mail or fax).

In accordance with Rule 343, § 1, all cassettes and disks must show the Competition event, Competitors name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music - not skating time - including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration.

If music information is not complete and cassettes, or disks not provided, accreditation will not be given.

7. Arrival of participants

All Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders and Team Officials taking part in the Championships are requested to announce as soon as possible but not later than February 25th, 2008, to the Organizing Committee, on the enclosed forms, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at the Göteborg International Airport. Those officials arriving by train will be greeted by a member of the 2008 Worlds Organizing Committee, provided they are notified in advance of an exact arrival time. Coaches, Team Medical Staff and Chaperones will be met only if they travel with the team.

8. Registration

All ISU Office Holders, Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Coaches, Team Medical Staff taking part in the Championships are requested to register at the "ISU World Figure Skating Championships Göteborg 2008" Accreditation room, located in the Hotel Gothia Towers, second level. Other Accreditation Rooms will be located in the Main Arena, the Scandinavium.

All skaters and judges will be required to present their passport (and Clearance Certificate if passport is not the same as the Member entering the skater) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport.

9. Official hotels

The official hotel for ISU Office Holders, Event Officials, Team Officials, IMG, Skaters, Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Medical Staff, Coaches, Judges is the:

Hotel Gothia Towers

Mässans gata 24

SE-402 26 Göteborg

www.gothiatowers.com

10. Opening ceremony on ice

The Opening Ceremony on Ice will take place on Tuesday, March 18th, 2008 at 18:15 in the Main Arena Scandinavium.

11. Draws - order of skating

The draws for the order of skating will be held individually per discipline in the Scandinavium - Interview and Draw room. The dates, places and time will be provided at Registration.



12. Exhibition

All medalists and other Competitors will be selected to give an exhibition on Sunday afternoon, March 23rd, 2008 in accordance with Rule 104, paragraph 17 a) and b).

13. Insurance/liability

In accordance with Rule 119, It is the sole obligation of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events, as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the ISU Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The ISU assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

14. Anti-doping

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1447 and 1448 or any further update of this Communication).

The tests will be carried out on the four (4) best placed skater/s in Singles (after the final Free Skating), Pair Skating (after the Free Skating) and Ice Dancing (after the Free Dance). One skater from the remainder of the skaters shall be selected by random draw in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dancing. In Pair Skating and Ice Dancing, either the man or the lady, but not both, shall be tested and shall be selected by random draw.

15. Titles and medals

The winners will bear the title according to Rule 133:

World Figure Skating Champion for 2008

Lady World Figure Skating Champion for 2008

World Pair Champions for 2008

World Ice Dance Champions for 2008

ISU gold medals will be awarded to the Champions and ISU silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed Competitors at the end of the finals in each discipline.

In accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3 g), a small ISU gold medal will be awarded to the winner of each event (Short Program and Free Skating for Ladies, Men and Pairs and Compulsory Dance/Original Dance combined and Free Dance for Ice Dancing) and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third in each category, but no anthem will be played or flags raised. The distribution will be made according to Rule 134, § 3 f).

16. National anthem

The Organizing Committee asks all Members to bring a copy of their National Anthem on MD, DAT, CD or audio cassette.



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17. Information

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18. Schedule of events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sunday, March 16		1st Official Practice Day	
	10.00	Team Leaders Meeting	Hotel Gothia Towers
Monday, March 17	16.00	Referees & Technical Controllers Meeting	Hotel Gothia Towers
	17.00	Judges Meeting	Hotel Gothia Towers
	20.30	ISU and Judges Dinner	"Börsen"
Tuesday, March 18	13.00	Ice Dancing Compulsory Dance	Scandinavium
	18.15	Opening On Ice	Scandinavium
	19.00	Pairs Short Program	Scandinavium
Wednesday, March 19	09.15	Ladies Short Program	Scandinavium
	18.30	Pairs Free Skating	Scandinavium
		Victory Ceremony - Pairs -	Scandinavium
Thursday, March 20	13.00	Ice Dancing Original Dance	Scandinavium
	18.30	Ladies Free Skating	Scandinavium
		Victory Ceremony - Ladies -	Scandinavium
Friday, March 21	10.00	Men Short Program	Scandinavium
	18.30	Ice Dancing Free Dance	Scandinavium
		Victory Ceremony - Ice Dancing -	Scandinavium
Saturday, March 22	13.00	Men Free Skating	Scandinavium
		Victory Ceremony - Men -	Scandinavium
	20.30	Medal Winners Ceremony & Banquet	Kajskjul 8
Sunday, March 23	15.30	Exhibition Gala	Scandinavium





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