



**Autumn Classic
International**

**Internationaux
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Montréal 2023

2023 Autumn Classic International
Montreal, Canada
September 14-16, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENT



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An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Women, Pair Skating and Ice Dance

organized by

Skate Canada

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A competition as part of the



Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **2023 Autumn Classic International** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2022, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2022, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **2023 Autumn Classic International** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3 a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2526 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. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All competitors must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation.

2. ISU CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING

The **2023 Autumn Classic International** is part of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24 and will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as specified in the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24 as well as ISU Communication 2539.

If the requirements specified in the above-mentioned documents are fulfilled the event will count towards ISU World Standing Points, Minimum Total Technical Score, Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking and Prize Money.

There is a limitation for the Skaters/Couples to three (3) participations in the events of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating. Participation in any of an ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events or an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events does not limit the participation in events of the Challenger Series.

CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING RANKING AND PRIZE MONEY

At the end of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating, after the last event of the season has been concluded, the two highest final scores in the up to three different Challenger Series in Figure Skating events of each competitor/couple will be added and taken into consideration to form a Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking which will be published on the ISU website.

The top three placed Skaters/Couples of the annual Challenger Series Ranking in Figure Skating after the last event of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating will receive ISU Prize Money as outlined in the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24 as well as ISU Communication 2539.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE **Main arena:** Sportplexe Pierrefonds
14700 boulevard Pierrefonds, Pierrefonds, Quebec, Canada, H9H 4Y6
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Practice arena: Sportplexe Pierrefonds
14700 boulevard Pierrefonds, Pierrefonds, Quebec, Canada, H9H 4Y6
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 26 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex / building.

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
WOMEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
PAIR SKATING	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2023/24. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2022, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2560 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2560 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.



ENTRIES

4.1 General

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24.

All entries for the **2023 Autumn Classic International**, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

4.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: **Friday July 21, 2023** by entering the information through ORS.

4.3 Entries by Name

4.3.1 Entries of Competitors

Each ISU Member has the right to nominate up to three (3) competitors/couples for each event in the 2023 Autumn Classic International. In case of too many entries, the Organizer may limit (reduce) the final entries.

The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS):

<https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

Skate Canada

Box 15, 261-1200 St Laurent Blvd.

Ottawa, Ontario, K1K 3B8, Canada

Email: 2023aci@skatecanada.ca

and to:

ISU Secretariat

e-mail: entries@isu.ch

not later than: **Friday, August 11, 2023 – 20:00 h (EST)**.

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one judge per discipline who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions".

In case of too many nominated judges the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the closing date for the entries. The result of such draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than: **Friday, August 11, 2023 – 20:00 h (EST)**.

Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 7 Judges. In exceptional cases and if there is no possibility to compose a panel of judges with at least 7 Judges, the ISU Vice-President Figure Skating may exceptionally authorize the panel in question to have a minimum of 6 Judges.

In case that at the time of the competition more Judges will be available and entered as required to compose the panels of Judges in one or more disciplines, the Organizing Member in consultation with the ISU will



conduct on site, a draw for the panel of judges in the discipline in question for the first segment. The Judges, not drawn for the first segment will be seated for the second segment.

The panel for the second segment (Free Skating / Free Dance) will in this case be completed by an open draw amongst the Judges serving in the first segment of the discipline in question.

4.1.4 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. 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 Team Officials of each Member, including the Member President provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation, 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. An accompanying person to a Judge will only be accepted for accreditation if this person is a partner in life or a relative of the Judge. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and must reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than: **Friday, August 11 2023 – 20:00 h (EST)**.

4.1.5 Entry Fee

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

\$105.00 CAD per single skater
\$150.00 CAD per ice dance couple

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

To pay entry fees by credit card, please use the following link:

<https://skatecanada.wufoo.com/forms/r1p03pu00t6fa5o/>

To pay entry fees by wire transfer:

Beneficiary name: Skate Canada

Beneficiary Address: 261-1200, boul. St Laurent Blvd. (Box 15) Ottawa, Ontario K1K 3B8

Bank Institution: Bank of Montreal

Bank Address 269 Laurier Avenue West Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J9

Transit # 00056

Swift # BOFMCAM2

Account # 1121 021

Entry Fee Deadline is Friday, August 11, 2023 – 20:00 h (EST).

4. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

This Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24 as well as ISU Communication 2539 and principles of Rule 420, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2022 for appointing the Event Officials.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member. At least two Technical Panel members will have the qualification "ISU", however one of the three members may have the qualification "International".



The Referee will have at least the qualification “International” and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification “International”.

5. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Wednesday September 13** until breakfast on **Sunday September 17**.

Should any of the above-mentioned persons arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators.

In accordance with the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24 as well as ISU Communication 2539, all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges officiating in the “senior” competitions of a Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will, at the expense of the organizing ISU Member, receive pocket money of CHF 200.00 or the equivalent in the local currency. Any Official officiating besides in the “senior” category also in another category (for example junior), will at the expense of the organizing ISU Member receive an additional amount of CHF 100 (or equivalent in another currency) of pocket money per additional day of service.

6. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Wednesday September 13**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

7. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

In accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, the following method to submit the Competitor’s music to the Organizing Committee must be followed:

- the ISU Member is responsible for submitting their Competitor’s music as direct attachment to an email to the Organizing Committee (2023aci@skatecanada.ca) with a reference 2023 Autumn Classic International until September 8, 2023.
- Please note: some music files might exceed the size of a regular email. In this case, an email-based transfer service which allows to send large files could be used to send the file to the OC.
- each submission shall be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment and the name(s) of the competitor(s):
- Example:
- GER_Men_SP_MUSTERMANN-Max GER_Men_FS_MUSTERMANN-Max
- SUI_Pairs_SP_MUSTERMANN-Erika_MUSTERMANN-Max
- the music files must be sent as WAV or MP3 file formats. Any other format is not acceptable.
- Please note: Files in MP3 format may have a significant difference in the music quality when reproduced. The Organizing Committee in this case is not responsible if the music quality would be insufficient.
- Each Competitor must have an own back-up drive (USB Stick) for each program in the format of a WAV or MP3 file.
- The exact running time of the music (not skating time) must be communicated to the Organizing Committee when submitting the music and shall be certified by the Competitor/Coach/Team Leader at the time of registration.



- During the 1st Official Practice, the music will be played as indicated in the Practice Schedule and will allow to verify the correctness of the submitted music. If there is an issue with the music, the Team Leader/Coach may be allowed to change the music by presenting an acceptable reproduction to the Organizing Committee's Music Team (USB Stick with file format of WAV or MP3 file).
- If the music files have been submitted within the above-mentioned deadline to the Organizing Committee, then the music team of the Organizing Committee is entirely responsible for the correct execution of the music. In case of issues with submitted music files the Organizing Committee may request at the time of registration a secondary copy of the music files. In case the music files have not been submitted in time to the Organizing Committee, the skater(s) must present their music latest at the time of registration on the above defined mean and in the defined format.

Please note: CDs will not be accepted by the Organizing Committee.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single, for the Rhythm and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition must all be entered, in detail, by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform.

If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

The Planned Program Content must also be entered by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform. It is mandatory that the Program Content information be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

8. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to **Montreal, Quebec, Canada** is **Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL)** with a distance of **11km** to the official hotel.

The competitors, coaches and additional team officials are responsible for their own arrangements concerning ground transportation to and from the official hotel and the Montreal-Pierre Elliot Trudeau International Airport. The official hotel has a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel. Participants/team are requested to contact the hotel directly to confirm the departure location and frequency of the shuttle in advance of arriving in Montreal.

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) and Judges are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Friday August 11, 2023** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information need to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

9. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

DoubleTree by Hilton Pointe Claire Montreal Airport West

6700 Autoroute Transcanadienne
Pointe-Claire, Québec H9R 1C2, Canada
Telephone: 1.514.697.7110

[Website](#)

The hotel room rates are \$199 CAD plus applicable taxes.

Embassy Suites by Hilton Montreal Airport (Overflow)

6300 Autoroute Transcanadienne
Pointe-Claire, Québec H9R 1B9, Canada
Telephone: 1.514.426.5060

[Website](#)

The hotel room rates are \$229 CAD plus applicable taxes.

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee. Booking requests have to be sent to the organizer by latest **Friday, August, 11, 2023**. The organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are received after that date. All payments shall be made upon arrival at the hotel.



The Hudson Travel Group (HTG) will provide further instructions regarding reservation confirmation and payment information.

Transportation will only operate between the Official Hotel(s) and the arena.

10. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Sportplexe Pierrefonds** upon arrival.

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 ISU Member. **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 Event Officials and Guests.

Chaperones will not receive accreditation.

11. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

12. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

13. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in ISU Events, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the 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 and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

14. EXHIBITION

There is no exhibition planned.

15. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 18.



16. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

Skate Canada

Box 15, 261-1200 St Laurent Blvd.

Ottawa, Ontario, K1K 3B8, Canada

Phone: 1.888.747.2372

Email: 2023aci@skatecanada.ca

**17. EVENT SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, September 13, 2023	All Day	Arrival of teams
	14:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	15:30	PAIR – Technical Panel Meeting
	16:30	PAIR – Official Practice
	17:35	WOMEN – Technical Panel Meeting
	18:35	WOMEN – Official Practice
	21:30	Judges Draw and Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2023	All Day	Official Practice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	11:10	MEN – Technical Panel Meeting
	13:30	DANCE – Technical Panel Meeting
	16:45	PAIR – Short Program
	19:05	WOMEN – Short Program
Friday, September 15, 2023	All Day	Official Practice
	10:45	MEN – Short Program
	13:40	DANCE – Rhythm Dance
	16:15	PAIR – Free Skating
	18:20	Victory Ceremony PAIR
	18:30	PAIR -Technical Panel Review
	19:50	WOMEN – Free Skating
	21:50	Victory Ceremony WOMEN
	22:00	WOMEN -Technical Panel Review
Saturday, September 16, 2023	All Day	Official Practice
	07:30	PAIR – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	08:30	WOMEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	12:05	MEN – Free Skating
	14:55	Victory Ceremony MEN
	15:00	MEN – Technical Panel Review
	15:35	DANCE – Free Dance
	16:30	MEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	18:00	Victory Ceremony ICE DANCE
	18:00	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review
	19:30	ICE DANCE – Round Table Discussion for Judges

Please note:

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

**FORMS AND DEADLINES**

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Preliminary Entry Form	ORS	July 21, 2023
N/A	Composition of Delegation	ORS	August 11, 2023
N/A	Entry Form for Competitors	ORS	August 11, 2023
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	ORS	August 11, 2023
N/A	Hotel reservation request	ORS	August 11, 2023
N/A	Team Travel Form	ORS	August 11, 2023
Form 01	Visa request form	Form	Submit ASAP
N/A	Press Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24
N/A	Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24
N/A	Ice Dance Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24
N/A	Program Content Form	ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24