



Spring Cup 2024

28th edition

**Sesto San Giovanni, Milan - Italy
February 16-18, 2024**

International Synchronized Skating Competition

for Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior categories under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

organized by



ANNOUNCEMENT



INVITED MEMBERS

All the Members of the International Skating Union listed on ISU Constitution are invited to enter Teams at Spring Cup 2024.

DATE: February 16-18, 2024

PLACE Arena: PalaSesto
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 56 m, heated)

ISU – CATEGORIES

Senior: Short Program and Free Skating

Junior: Short Program and Free Skating

Advanced Novice: Free Skating

1. GENERAL RULES

The **Spring Cup 2024** will be conducted in accordance with the current 2023 ISU Constitution and General Regulations, the 2023 Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating and the relevant ISU Communications.

The teams must belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 7), and the ages must fall within the limits specified in Rule 108. All skaters must qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, and participation and citizenship requirements according to Rule 109.

2. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS ISU - CATEGORIES

The following Categories are included:

ISU Senior: shall consist of 16 skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. All skaters must have reached at least the age of 16 before July 1, 2023. If an injury/illness should occur during official practice or during competition, the team will be permitted to skate with not less than 14 skaters.

Short Program: 2.50 min (but may be less) Program Components Factor is 1.33

Free Skating: 4.00 min (+ / - 10 sec) Program Components Factor is 2.67

ISU Junior: shall consist of 12-16 skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. All skaters must have reached at least the age of 13, but not have reached the age of 19 before July 1, 2023. If an injury/illness should occur during official practice or during competition, the team will be permitted to skate with not less than 11 skaters.

Short Program: 2.50 min (but may be less), Program Components Factor is 1.33

Free Skating: 3.30 min (+ / - 10 sec) Program Components Factor is 2.67

Advanced Novice: shall consist of 12-16 skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. Novice: All skaters must have reached at least the age of 10, but not have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2023. If an injury/illness should occur during official practice or during competition, the team will be permitted to skate with not less than 11 skaters.

Free Skating: 3.00 min (+ / - 10 sec) Program Components Factor is 2.67



3. ENTRY FEE

The fixed Entry fee for Spring Cup 2024 will be:

<u>SENIOR and JUNIOR TEAMS</u>	€ 600,00
<u>ADVANCED NOVICE TEAMS</u>	€ 500,00

Please note: Entry fee payment does not include any extra practice ice.

Be sure to book your extra practice ice as soon as possible to be better served (see **Form 6**)

EXPIRY DATE OF ENTRY FEE PAYMENT IS JANUARY 5th 2024

EXPIRY DATE OF EXTRA ICE PAYMENT IS JANUARY 12th 2024

All payments are to be made through BANK TRANSFER only, to the following account:

Account Holder:	ASD PRECISION SKATING MILANO
Name of Bank:	UNICREDIT
Address of the Bank:	Viale Casiraghi n. 54 – SESTO SAN GIOVANNI (MI)
ACCOUNT NUMBER:	000103527922PRECISION SKATING MILANO
IBAN:	IT-06-N-02008-20702-0001-0352-7922
SWIFT CODE:	UNCRITM101N

Clearly point out: "SPRING CUP 2024 / NAME of the TEAM / COUNTRY" on all payments.

Commissions and any bank transaction fee will be at your charge and have to be paid directly to the bank. **Organizing Committee must receive the net amount of entry fees.**

A copy of the effected payments has to be sent as soon as possible to the following e-mail address: oc@springcup.it

The Team registration will be valid only after Entry fee payment.

No refund will be made in case of withdraw from the Event after January 3rd 2024.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Bring copy of bank currency transfer in order to facilitate registration procedure at PALASESTO ARENA.**
- **Credit cards or bank checks will be accepted.**
- **Cash payment (in Euro) will be allowed.**

4. ENTRIES AND NOMINATION/REGISTRATION

All entries for the **Spring Cup 2024** must be submitted through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) by the indicated deadline. 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.

If you have any problems concerning the registration via the ORS please contact the Organizing Committee (OC) of the Spring Cup 2024 via e-mail: oc@springcup.it



The OC reserves the right to limit the number of teams per country per ISU Member or to refuse participation if the maximum number of teams that can take part in the competition is reached based on the date of the entries.

Maximum **2** (two) teams per ISU Member in each category, (limitations not applicable for the host ISU Member) and maximum:

- **10** Advance Novice Teams
- **15** Junior Teams
- **15** Senior Teams

Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entry form must be submitted no later than Thursday, **November 30, 2023** by entering the information through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

If the OC has to limit the number of entries, priority will be given to those teams that have submitted the preliminary entries.

Team entries by names not preceded by the respective preliminary entries will not be accepted.

Final Entries

All final entries and nominations must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) no later than **Friday, December 22, 2023**:

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

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

SPRING CUP 2024

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OFFICE

Via Mazzini, 18

20061 Carugate (MI), Italy

e-mail: oc@springcup.it

5. OFFICIALS

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) Judge, listed on the ISU List of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating. The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and reach the Organizing Committee, no later than **Friday, December 22, 2023**

◇ The host ISU Member may nominate a **second Judge** listed in the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2022-2023.

Travel expenses of the Judges are borne by their respective ISU Member or by themselves.

The Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators will be invited by the Organizing Committee.



The Organizing Committee will cover travel expenses at APEX (advance purchase excursion) airfare economy rates for all invited Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators.

The rooms at **HOTEL ABACUS****** in Sesto San Giovanni for invited Referees/Technical Controllers/Technical Specialists/Data-Replay Operators and nominated Judges will be reserved by the Organizing Committee upon receipt of the entries.

The Organizing Committee will provide food and accommodation (in the Official Hotel (**HOTEL ABACUS******)) from dinner on Friday 16 February 2024 to breakfast on Monday 19 February 2024.

All other expenses will be the responsibility of each individual Official. Should any Official arrive at the hotel before or stay after the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be their responsibility and must be paid upon arrival.

The Organizing Committee does not cover travel, accommodation and meal expenses for wives, husbands, relatives, etc.

The Official Hotel for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data/Replay Operators is:

HOTEL ABACUS**** Sesto San Giovanni (Milan)

Referees, Technical Panel and Judges, are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but **no later than December 22th, 2023**, dates, times and place of arrival or any other information concerning their trips to Spring Cup.

6. INITIAL JUDGES MEETING/ DRAW /REFEREES-TECHNICAL PANEL MEETING/ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The **Initial Judges Meeting** for Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice events will be held on Friday, February 16th 2024, at 17:00 in **HOTEL ABACUS******- Sesto San Giovanni.

The **Official Draw** will be held on Friday, February 16th 2024 at 18:30 in the **HOTEL ABACUS******.

Each participating ISU Member Federation is required to report to the organizer the name of the Team Leader designated for the nation/ISU member.

The **Meeting for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators** will be held on Friday, February 16th 2024 at 19:15 in **HOTEL ABACUS******- Sesto San Giovanni.

The **Technical Panel Review Meeting** for Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators) will be held on Sunday February 16th 2024 at 20:15 at the ICE RINK (Technical Panel Room).

The **Round Table Discussion** for Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice events will be held on Sunday, February 18th 2023 at 22:15 in **HOTEL ABACUS****** – Sesto San Giovanni

Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists are kindly requested to carefully plan well in advance their travel arrangements in order to attend the mandatory meetings.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS TIME SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



7. MUSIC AND PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT SHEETS

In accordance with Rule 823 in the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating, the team music has to be submitted to the OC as follows:

All teams have to provide their competition music of excellent quality as MP3 file format via e-mail to:

media@springcup.it

The respective e-mail should only contain one music file. The subject of the e-mail and the file must be clearly identified and should be labeled in the format:

Category, Country Code, Team Name, Competition Program

Example:

Senior_ITA_Team Example_SP

Senior_ITA_Team Example_FS

Junior_ITA_Team Example_SP

Junior_ITA_Team Example_FS

AdNov_ITA_Team Example_FS

Music files are requested to be uploaded no later than January 15, 2024.

Additionally, each team will need to bring their competition music on a clearly labeled USB drive as a backup. One USB drive for each program.

The music must be submitted by the Team Manager or Team Leader at the time of registration. All music must be clearly identified with the name of the team and must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time).

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating must be entered by the ISU Member or by the teams on the dedicated ISU Portal.

The Planned Program Content must be entered by the ISU Member or the teams on the dedicated ISU Portal. It is mandatory that the Program Content information be filled in precisely by each team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication. The Planned Program Content must be entered with the final entry date.

8. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Saturday February 17th in Palasesto Arena**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

Short Program Free

Senior ISU 10 minutes

Junior ISU 10 minutes

Skating

Senior ISU 12 minutes

Junior ISU 11 minutes

Advanced Novices 10 minutes

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE

Unofficial Practice Ice for all Teams will take place from **Wednesday February 14th to Friday February 16th**.

A minimum of one block (15 min) of Unofficial Practice Ice will be assured (on request) to all Teams in Palasesto Arena, in order to let each participating Team practice ice at the main ice rink.



Any further reservation requested by Teams will be allocated either in Palasesto Arena or in alternative rink according on availability, and **will be arranged on "first come, first served" basis.**

9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest Airport to Milano Sesto San Giovanni are:

- **Milano Linate Airport** with a distance of **13 km** to the official hotel.
- **Orio al Serio Airport - Bergamo** with a distance of **43 km** to the official hotel.
- **Malpensa Airport** with a distance of **53 km** to the official hotel.

Free transfer from/to Airport, from/to Palasesto Arena and from/to Hotel will be granted to the nominated Judges, invited Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators.

Teams wishing to arrange transfer from/to Airport, from/to the Ice rink or any other transfer requirement necessity are kindly requested to contact the following bus company:

AUTOSERVIZI PEREGO S.N.C.

ref. Ms. Maria Grazia Tonghini

Phone: +39 3489017185

Email: autoserviziperego@tin.it

10. ACCREDITATION

The registration for Teams, Coaches, Team Leaders and Team Managers will take place at the designated registration office in the PALASESTO Arena on Thursday, February 15, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, February 16, 2024, from 7.00 a.m. to 17 p.m.

All team members will need to identify themselves by a passport or an identity card when registering at the event. Copies have to be collected for the Referee of the competition.

The Registration for Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators will take place at:

Friday February 18th from 15:00 to 17:00 to HOTEL ABACUS****

11. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

Accommodation for participating Teams is at their own expense.

HOTEL ABACUS** in Sesto San Giovanni (Milan) is the Official HOTEL of Spring Cup 2024.**

HOTEL ABACUS****

Via Monte Grappa, 39, 20099 Sesto San Giovanni (MI), at 10 minutes' walk from Palasesto.

Phone: +39 02 2622 5858 Fax +39 02-2622 5860

Email: info@abacushotel.it Ref. Mrs. **CRISTINA BRAVIN**

WebSite: www.abacushotel.it

Organizing Committee will take charge of Hotel ABACUS reservation for: Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators.

Booking requests have to be sent by latest Friday, January 3rd, 2024.



12. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Synchronized Skating 2022, Rule 842 and Rule 843 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

The Starting Order of the Free Skating will follow the reverse order of places in the Short program.

13. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Teams in each event will be announced and honored. The national anthem of the winners will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

14. 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.

15. PUBLICITY WAIVER

Members, officials, teams, and competitors hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that team photos, team information and results will be published, as well as that the Spring Cup 2024, may be televised or live streamed either in whole or in part, for showing on a worldwide basis. According to the current ISU Constitution, both members and competitors (in this particular case, teams) hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the competitors have been fully cleared and authorized for public use.

16. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

**O.C. SPRING CUP c/o
Precision Skating Milano**
Street: Via Mazzini n.18
City: 20061 Carugate (MI)
fax: +39 039 9716 559
e-mail: oc@springcup.it

17. MEALS

During the competition the restaurant Fresco Bar, located within the PALASESTO Arena, will provide a buffet for the teams upon request. An extra fee will be charged per meal and per team member.

Please, notify the restaurant (iceplanet.sesto@gmail.com) and OC (oc@springcup.it) until January 15, 2024 if you wish to book lunch and/or dinner at the restaurant.

For Officials, lunches and dinners will be served at the restaurant Fresco Bar, located within the PALASESTO Arena.



18. EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 15th 2024

h. 14:00÷20:00 Official Registration at PALASESTO Arena in Sesto San Giovanni

Friday, February 16th 2024

h. 08:00÷14:00 Official Registration at PALASESTO Arena in Sesto San Giovanni

h. 15:00÷17:00 Registration for Officials in **HOTEL ABACUS****** Sesto San Giovanni

h. 17:00÷18:15 Initial Judges Meeting (Referees and Judges) at **HOTEL ABACUS******

h. 18:30÷19:00 Official Draw at **HOTEL ABACUS****** Sesto San Giovanni

h. 19:15÷19:45 Meeting for Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators at **HOTEL ABACUS******

h. 20:30 Officials' Dinner for Judges/Referees/Technical Controller/Technical Specialists/Data-Replay Operators at **HOTEL ABACUS******

Saturday, February 17th 2024

h. 08:00÷09:30 Official Practice Junior Short Program

h. 09:40÷12:30 Official Practice Senior Short Program

h. 14:00÷14:30 Opening Ceremony (Palasesto Arena)

h. 14:30÷16:40 Junior Short Program Event

h. 17:00÷19:00 Senior Short Program Event

Sunday, February 18th 2024

h. 07:00÷08:00 Official Practice Advanced Novice Free Skating (*)

h. 08:10÷09:00 Official Practice Junior Free Skating

h. 10:00÷12:30 Official Practice Senior Free Skating

h. 14:00÷15:00 **Advanced Novice Free Skating Event**

h. 15:20÷17:00 **Junior Free Skating Event**

h. 17:20÷20:00 **Senior Free Skating Event**

h. 20:15÷20:45 Award Ceremony for Advanced Novice/Junior/Senior

h. 20:15÷20:45 Technical Panel Review Meeting for Advanced Novice/Junior/Senior (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators) at the ICE RINK (Technical Panel Room)

h. 22:15÷24:00 Round Table Discussion for Advanced Novice/Junior/Senior (Referees and Judges) at **HOTEL ABACUS****** in Sesto San Giovanni

Please note: This is a tentative schedule of events. It's subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of participating teams.

(*) For the Advanced Novice category: the Official Free Skating Practice could be held on SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19. The final communication will be given immediately after the deadline for registration (December 22th 2023).



FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Preliminary Entry Form	ORS	30/11/2023
N/A	Composition of Delegation	ORS	22/12/2023
N/A	Entry Form for Teams	ORS	22/12/2023
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	ORS	22/12/2023
N/A	Team Travel Form	ORS	03/01/2024
N/A	Entry Fee	Bank transfer	03/01/2024
-	Extra Practice Ice	Form via e-mail	10/01/2024
-	Meals Lunch and Dinner	Form via e-mail	15/01/2024
-	Music Files	via e-mail	15/01/2024
N/A	Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	15/01/2024
N/A	Planned Program Content Form	ISU Portal	15/01/2024