

ANNOUNCEMENT



Challenge Cup

February 23-26, 2023

Tilburg, The Netherlands

An International Competition and Dutch Championship for

Senior	Women	Men	Pairs	Ice Dance
Junior	Women	Men	Pairs	Ice Dance
Advanced Novice	Girls	Boys		
Basic Novice A	Girls	Boys		



Please note: At the moment of writing this announcement, the world is still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.. We will continue to keep you informed about important news and any changes.

In the event of a competition cancelation or alteration, (due to COVID-19 or another pandemic or calamity) the host organizer will NOT be responsible and liable for costs (travel, hotel etc.) made by an invited member.

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Challenge Cup will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2022, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2022 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the Challenge Cup is for skaters who belong to an invited ISU Member, as per Rule 109, 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 ISU Communication 2030 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2030, 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 present an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation.

All competitors must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Venue address

Venue: IJssportcentrum Tilburg

Stappegoorweg 3, 5022 DA Tilburg

<https://www.sportintilburg.nl/>

(an indoor heated ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m);

(practice rink covered rink non-heated 60 x 30 m)

Warming-up area heated (near practice rink, high enough for lifting (pairs/ice dance couples).

2.1 TECHNICAL DETAILS

CATEGORIES

SENIOR WOMEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR WOMEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.

	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2489. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2489. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A GIRLS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2489 for Basic Novice. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.
SENIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2489. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2489. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A BOYS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2489 for Basic Novice. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.

SENIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 Rule 620. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec
JUNIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 Rule 620. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec
SENIOR ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2468, 2484 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2468, 2484 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 sec
JUNIOR ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2468, 2484 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2468, 2484 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 sec

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entries of Competitors

Each ISU Member can enter **up to three (3)** skaters/couples in each category. For the Senior events, preference will be given to skaters in accordance with their placement on the ISU World Standings ranking list, as per closing date of the entries by name. For the other categories, preference will be given to those ISU Members which sent entries by number, in order of receipt of such entries. A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis. In case of too many entries, the Organizer may reduce the final entries.

a) Limitation of number of entries

Basic Novice A Girls:	16
Basic Novice A Boys:	8
Adv. Novice Girls:	24
Adv. Novice Boys:	8
Junior Women:	24
Junior Men:	12
Junior Pairs:	4
Junior Ice Dance:	10
Senior Women:	24
Senior Men:	18
Senior Pairs:	12
Senior Ice Dance:	10

The organizing committee reserves the option in the competition to allow late entries, reserved for competitors preparing for the (Junior) World Figure Skating championships, and/or needing the competition to obtain the minimum technical score as written in ISU Communication 2488 and/or any updates.

A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis.

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for ISU in Figure Skating 2022/23. All entries for the Challenge Cup, must be done through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) by the deadline indicated. Travel information should also be entered:

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

b) Entries by Number

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: **December 31, 2022** by entering the information through the ORS.

c) Entries by Name

The Entries by names must be done through the ORS not later than **January 23, 2023**.

d) Entry fee

An entry fee of € 100,- per single skater (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior), € 75,- per Basic Novice skater and € 170,- per pair/ice dance couple (Junior/Senior) will be asked and has to be paid after confirmation of the official entry by name.

Invoices will be sent to the federations in advance.

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

When we receive entries after the entry deadline of January 23, 2023, the entry fee will be increased to:

€ 85,- per Basic Novice skater

€ 110,- per single skater (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior)

€ 180,- per pair/ice dance couple

e) Transportation

Unlike previous years we will NOT provide transportation between the airports and the official hotels.

We advise you to travel by train from the airport to Tilburg Central Train Station. Check the Travel Planner on NS.nl before departure <https://www.ns.nl/en/journeyplanner/#/>

The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival at Tilburg Central Train Station. It takes about 15 min from the train station to the official hotels. Please accept that we have to ask for a transportation fee of € 30,- (return way) from all persons, including Judges (except invited Officials) participating in this shuttle service. Please fill in the Team Travel Form on the dedicated ISU platform (ORS).

We will also provide a shuttle service from Thursday February 23 till Sunday February 26 between the official hotels and the ice rink for € 70,- per person. This shuttle will run at 30 minutes intervals and the transfer will take about 10 minutes.

Separate invoices will be send to the federations in advance.

As soon as the transportation fee has been paid, no refund is possible.

3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one ISU or International Judge and one substitute Judge.

The Entries of Judges must be done through the ORS not later than **January 23, 2023**.

Each panel of Judges will consist of 5 judges. In case of a too high number of entered Judges, the Organizing Committee will make a draw and inform ISU Members before **February 10, 2023** whether Judges have been drawn or not drawn. For the Ice Dance panel, first priority will be given to Judges who are qualified as International- or ISU Judge in both Singles & Pairs and in Ice Dance.

3.3 Team Leaders meeting

The Team Leaders meeting will be held online on **Thursday 16 February, 19.30 hrs (CET)**.

Each participating team must enter a Team Leader and send his/her **email address** and **mobile phone number** to the OC by email: challengecup@knsb.nl. Team Leaders will receive an invitation by email and they will add in the groups app. By sending this information you agreed with the privacy regulations.

3.4 Draw for starting order

The draw will be held online (online is approved by the ISU) on **Wednesday February 22, at 17.00 (CET)** in presence of one of the Referees, in accordance with Rule 512 and 513 of the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2022.

The starting order for the Free Skating shall be based on the reverse order of the result of the Short Program.

4. TEST EVENT FOR 'SPLIT JUDGING PANEL'

We have applied with the ISU that this event will serve as official Test Event for 'Split Panel Judging' (separate Judges for GOE and for PCS) in some of the categories. Further details about this will be published in an update of this announcement or in a separate communication.

5. EXPENSES, MEALS, LODGING

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for Judges and invited Officials participating, beginning with dinner on **February 22, 2023** and ending with lunch on **February 26, 2023**, in accordance with their travel plan and scheduled activities.

Officials hotel (only for Judges and invited Officials): Auberge du Bonheur, Bredaseweg 441, 5036 NA Tilburg, www.bonheurrecagroep.nl/auberge-du-bonheur/

The expenses for rooms and meals for the Team Leader, Coaches, Competitors and other team officials will not be covered by the organizer and are on the account of the team.

Should any Judge or invited Official 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.

All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior to departure.

6. PRACTICE

The official practices for competitors start on **February 23, 2023 / appr. 08:00 hrs**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

7. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT / PRESS FORMS

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on MP3 format, in accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Program for Single and Pairs, for the Exhibition must be entered on the ISU Portal.

This MP3 file must be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment and Competitor`s name and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration.

The competition music, **only MP3 format**, must be uploaded in the google doc form via <https://forms.gle/LL1esNJYw8S8oRK7> before the entry deadline of **January 23, 2023**. Competitors must provide a backup drive (USB stick) for each program. This USB stick must also be labelled with your data.

If music information is not complete and MP3 not provided, accreditation will not be given.

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.

The Planned Program Content, Music and Press forms must also be entered by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform before the entry deadline of **January 23, 2023**. 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 AND DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS AND TRANSPORTATION

All invited Officials, Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches and Chaperones taking part in the competition are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **23 January 2023** the date and time of arrival at Tilburg Central Train Station or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information need to be submitted on the dedicated ISU platform (ORS). Updates about travel information after the deadline, please mail to challengecup@knsb.nl.

9. OFFICIAL HOTELS for Teams (competitors, coaches, team leaders, chaperones)

1. Bastion Hotel Tilburg ****

Kempenbaan 2, 5018 TK Tilburg

Phone: +31 13 544 1999

Email: Tilburg@bastionhotels.com

Hotel reservations for this hotel must be booked by yourself directly at the hotel by submitting the needed information **through the given link**. The earlier you book the lower the price will be.

<https://www.bastionhotels.com/en-gb/challenge-cup-2023>

When you book via this link you receive a 10% discount on the best available rates. The prices are per person per night and including breakfast. This is also 10% below Booking.com prices.

When you book this flexdeal, you can cancel/change your reservation free of charge until 12:00 on the day of your arrival. If you have a date change or your travel schedule is not sure yet, then chose this flexdeal with flexible conditions.

A flex deal can be paid at a later time, for example upon arrival at the hotel. In case of a 'no show' or late cancellation, the cost of 1 night will be charged.

The rates are excl. city tax of 3,5% per room per night.

Cancellation policy:

Until 12.00 noon on the day of arrival you can change your reservation free of charge. In case of a cancellation after 12.00 noon on the day of arrival, as well as in case of 'No-Show', you will be charged for one night. Please contact the hotel directly for more information.

2. IBIS TILBURG hotel***

Dr. Hub van Doorneweg 105, 5026 RB Tilburg

Phone: +31 13 463 6465

Email: groups@heuvelpoort.nl

Rates for standard room, single use € 102,-, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for standard room, double use € 117,-, including breakfast, internet.

Above rates are excl. city tax of 3,5% per room per night.

Hotel reservations for this hotel must be booked by yourself directly at the hotel by sending an email to groups@heuvelpoort.nl and use the **booking code Challenge Cup, latest by January 23, 2023**.

All hotel payments are made personally at the hotel. Only from these 2 hotels there is a shuttle bus from and to the ice rink.

You can book also other hotels on availability but these will not be served by the shuttle bus.

10. ACCREDITATION

The accreditation office is located at the ice rink upon arrival. Accreditation will be given to each official, skater, 1 coach per skater, 1 team leader per ISU member plus 1 chaperone per skater **only** for basic novice and advanced novice.

11. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Figure Skating Manager) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022, Rule 352 will be in place.

12. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The three best placed skaters/couples in each category will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists.

The best placed team will be announced and honored with the International Challenge Cup. In case of a draw the highest number of first and/or second and/or third places will be taken into account.

For the National Championship, the three best placed Dutch skaters/couples in each category will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists.

13. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility 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 to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person. The KNSB is not responsible and/or liable for and with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by competitors and officials. The KNSB will take all the necessary precautions also with regard to the COVID-19 safety and health measures, you will understand that participation is at your own risk. We will follow our national Covid-19 protocols.

In the event that current or changed COVID-19 restrictions are enforced and the KNSB is forced to cancel the event, we will inform you immediately. The KNSB will not be liable for any cost incurred (flights/hotel etc) should the competition be canceled due to current or newly imposed restrictions related to COVID-19 (or any other pandemic or calamity).

14. MEDIA ACCREDITATION

For media accreditation and other media information, please contact the OC press officer Carl Mureau or Hans Nieuwenburg: persaccreditatie@knsb.nl

15. FOOTAGE PURCHASE INFORMATION

For footage purchase information, please contact Mrs. Anouk Kuiper, a.kuiper@knsb.nl.

16. COMMUNICATION | SPORTITY APP

For all communication concerning the competition we use the "Sportity" app. You can download the "Sportity" app in your app store on your mobile device. After downloading you will have the option to add a channel. Submit the following password to gain access to the channel regarding the information for this event:

PASSWORD: CC2023

Please allow push notifications of the app to keep informed of all communication regarding the Challenge Cup.

17. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

For additional information (entries, visa invitation letter request), please contact the Organizing Committee:

E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

Website: Dutch version: <https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2023/2/challenge-cup-nk-kunstriiden/>

Address: Mississippidreef 153, 3565 CE Utrecht, The Netherlands

Phone: +31 88 489 2000

Fax: +31 88 489 2099

18. DRAFT EVENT SCHEDULE*

February 16, Thursday	19:30	Team Leaders meeting (online)
February 22, Wednesday	17.00	Draw (online), chaired by one of the Referees
February 23, Thursday	08:00	Official Practice
	TBD	Referees' and Technical Panel meetings
	TBD	Initial Judges' meeting
	12.45	Opening Ceremony Challenge Cup
	13.00	Adv. Novice Girls SP
	16.15	Junior Men SP
	18.00	Junior Ice Dance RD
	19.30	Senior Ice Dance RD
	21.00	End of competition day
February 24, Friday	08:00	Official Practice
	08.00	Basic Novice Boys FP
	08.40	Basic Novice Girls FP
	10.30	Adv. Novice Boys SP
	11.30	Adv. Novice Girls FP
	15.15	Junior Men FP
	16.50	Victory Ceremony
	17.30	Senior Men SP
	20.10	Junior Ice Dance FD
	21.45	Senior Ice Dance FD
	23.00	Victory Ceremony
	23.30	End of competition day
February 25, Saturday	08:00	Official Practice
	08.00	Adv. Novice Boys FP
	09.15	Junior Women SP
	12.30	Senior Men FP
	15.15	Victory Ceremony
	16.00	Senior Women SP
	19.15	Junior Pairs SP
	19.45	Senior Pairs SP
	21.30	End of competition day
February 26, Sunday	08:00	Official Practice
	08.00	Junior Women FP
	11.45	Senior Women FP
	15.15	Side event Ice Challenge (Join the Ice Dance)
	15.45	Junior Pairs FP
	16.15	Senior Pairs FP
	18.00	Victory Ceremony
		Award Challenge Cup 2023
		End of Competition

* Draft; subject to change.

19. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

Form	Deadline	To be submitted via
Preliminary Entry Form	31.12.2022	ISU Portal, ORS
Entry for Judges	23.01.2023	ISU Portal, ORS
Entry for Competitors	23.01.2023	ISU Portal, ORS
Composition of Delegation	23.01.2023	ISU Portal, ORS
Travel Form	23.01.2023	ISU Portal, ORS
Press Information	23.01.2023	ISU Portal, ORS
Competition Music Information	23.01.2023	ISU Portal, ORS
Ice Dance Music Information	23.01.2023	ISU Portal, ORS
Planned Program Content	23.01.2023	ISU Portal, ORS
Visa Request Form	23.01.2023	Form C6
Hotel Reservations	23.01.2023	By reservation link or email
Payment invoices for entry fee, transport fee	22.02.2023	Bank transfer, invoices will be sent in due time