



Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2011/12

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2011 Hilton HHonors Skate America, Ontario, California, USA, Oct. 20-23, 2011

2011 Hilton HHonors Skate America

An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance

organized by



Ontario, California, USA

On the dates of:

October 20-23, 2011

A competition as part of the



Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2011/12

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. General Regulations

The 2011 Hilton HHonors Skate America will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2010, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2010, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the 2011 Hilton HHonors Skate America 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 2 b) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of this Communication.

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

Entries can only be made through the ISU Members. With reference to the Announcement of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2011/12 the event is only open to invited competitors.

2. Technical Data

Place: **Competition and Practice Arena:**

Citizens Business Bank Arena
4000 E. Ontario Center Parkway
Ontario, California 91764 USA
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60mx26m (200' x 85' feet), air-conditioned and heated);

Men:	Short Program	The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rule Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, para 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
Ladies:	Short Program	The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, para 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.



Pairs:	Short Program	The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 520, para 1 and 2, group for 2010/11 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less;
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 521 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
Ice Dance:	Short Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications. Rhythms: One to three of the following Latin American Rhythms: Cha Cha, Rhumba, Samba, Mambo, Merengue. Required Elements: 2 Pattern Dance Elements: Two (2) Sequences of Rhumba, either skated one after the other or not skated one after the other. One (1) Short Lift, One (1) Not Touching Circular Step Sequence, One (1) Set of Sequential Twizzles. The Pattern Dance Elements can be skated to any of the above mentioned Rhythms (both elements to the same Rhythm or one element to one Rhythm and the second element to a different Rhythm), in the style of this (these) Rhythm(s), with the following range of tempo: 43 to 45 measures of four beats per minute (172-180 beats per minute). The tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance Elements must be constant. Latin American Rhythms are described in the ISU Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet 1995, pages 13 to 20 (Note: Tango and Paso Doble, which are not included in the description, are not allowed). Music for the entire Short Dance (including music for specified Pattern Dance) is provided by the couple and may be vocal. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rule Ice Dance 2010, Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communication. For the value of the required elements and components see the respective ISU Communication. ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (required elements) and the respective ISU Communication must be observed. Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.



3.1 Confirmation of Entries

In accordance with the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2011/12 announcement entries can only be made for skaters/couples who are qualified and/or selected for invitation. The confirmation of the entries must be submitted by **August 15, 2011** latest to:

U.S. Figure Skating
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with a copy to

ISU Secretariat
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Peter Krick
Chair Sports Directorate
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Changes or substitutions require the approval of the ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group.

3.2 Entries by Name

3.2.1 General

Entries by fax or e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously to the Organizers (Rule 115, paragraph 5).

Each Entry Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4). For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, 378 and ISU Communication No. 1523 or any update of this Communication.

3.2.2 Entries of Competitors

Entries by names must be made simultaneously to

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not later than **Friday, September 2, 2011.**

The replacement of Competitors in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be made in accordance with Paragraphs 3.5 and 7.6 of the Announcement for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2011/12.



3.2.3 Entries of Judges

An entry of competitor(s) is not automatically followed by an entry of a Judge. Participating ISU Members may be invited by the hosting Federation to nominate one or more Judges for one event. Any substitution or changes for any of the invited judges need the approval of the hosting Federation.

Please observe the restrictions concerning the selection of Judges within the events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2011/12 that no Judge may serve in more than two ISU Grand Prix.

Each panel of Judges will consist of a maximum of 9 Judges but with a minimum of 7 Judges, if possible.

4. MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES

4.1 Meals and Lodging

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Competitors and Judges participating, beginning with dinner from **Wednesday, October 19, 2011** until breakfast of **Monday, October 24, 2011**.

Should any Competitor or Judge 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, except if an arrangement has been made with the organizer.

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals also for the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the ISU Grand Prix Coordinator for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating, the Chair of Sports Directorate, the ISU Event Coordinator, the Data and Replay Operators, the Cameraman, the Technical staff of ST SPORTSERVICE and the Anti-Doping Control Team during the same period as indicated for the competitors. If any longer period is agreed upon with the Organizing Committee, the period of coverage will be prolonged as agreed.

4.2 Travel Expenses

The Organizing Member will pay travel expenses based on economy airfare rate for all Competitors invited to its ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event, for all Judges invited as well as the Anti-Doping Control Team, from their domicile to Ontario, California Airport (ONT) and return. The travel expenses of the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators are covered by the ISU.

Skaters/Judges, who wish to purchase their air tickets directly or made other individual travel arrangements must first receive confirmation from the Organizing Committee concerning the acceptance of the travel costs. For the Technical Panel, these should have the confirmation of the ISU before purchasing their tickets.

U.S. Figure Skating is the only authorizing body of airline tickets. All participants must agree to the acceptance of the provided tickets when the invitation is accepted. No reimbursement will be made on any airline ticket issued by any other agency or any other airline unless written permission is received from U.S. Figure Skating prior to its ticketing.

4.3 Miscellaneous

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

The Judges, the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists and the Data and Replay Operators will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1631 (or any update of this Communication). The honorarium will be provided in hard currency. The remuneration will be paid upon accreditation.

If a skater/couple (seeded or non-seeded) does not finish an event, that skater/couple's Member Federation is obligated to cover the expenses for travel, accommodation and meals for the skater/couple and for the Judge, if the Judge is not working in another panel.



5. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Thursday, October 20, 2011**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. According to ISU Regulations 540 paragraph 4 and 629 paragraph 7 no competitor/couple may practice in a rink other than the official rink or rinks after having been accredited through the Organizing Committee.

6. MUSIC/PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD or MP3 format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single and Pairs, for the Original and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance 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.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all discs must show the Competition event, Competitor's 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. Each program (short program, free skating, original dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

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

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must return to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet must be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The participating Teams and all respective team-members as well as all Event Officials are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Friday, September 2, 2011**, the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at the **Ontario, California Airport (ONT)** or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official "travel form" should be used.

The nearest airport to **Ontario, California** is **Ontario Airport (ONT)** with a distance of 10 minutes (approx. 5 km) to the official hotel. The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival. Please be informed that chaperons and all other non-guaranteed person will be requested to pay the ground transportation fee only if they arrive with their guaranteed team delegation.

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

Hilton Ontario Airport Hotel

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Ontario, California 91764
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9. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation is planned at the **Official Hotel (room TBA)** upon arrival.

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials, ISU Office Holders and Guests.

Accreditation as a Team Member will furthermore given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team-Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Officials of ISU Members, 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, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document)



presented before accreditation. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association.

The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.

Chaperones will not receive accreditation. The Team Leader may request "bus permits" for the official registered Chaperones to join the official shuttle bus system of the Organizing Committee.

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2010, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The three best placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

12. POINTS FOR "ISU GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING"

Points will be awarded as follows:

Men and Ladies	Pairs and Ice Dance
1 st place – 15 points	1 st place – 15 points
2 nd place – 13 points	2 nd place – 13 points
3 rd place – 11 points	3 rd place – 11 points
4 th place – 9 points	4 th place – 9 points
5 th place – 7 points	5 th place – 7 points
6 th place – 5 points	6 th place – 5 points
7 th place – 4 points	
8 th place – 3 points	

The points received are of value for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and the qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

If a seeded skater/couple skates a third event, only the two best placements will count for the overall Grand Prix ranking, for details please refer to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating general announcement.

If a skater/couple does not complete an event due to illness or injury, this event will be treated as "not skated", i.e. the result(s) of initial round(s) completed will not count for the Grand Prix ranking order. However, such an event will count as one participation but without receiving credit in the ranking order.

Skaters/couples will only receive points according to their actual placement, independent whether there is a skater/couple included for a third, not scoring event.



13. PRIZE MONEY

The Global Prize Money per individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be:

U.S. \$180,000.00

Awarded to winners and placed skaters/couples as follows:

Placement	Men and Ladies	Pairs and Ice Dance (per couple)
1 st place	USD \$18,000.00	USD \$18,000.00
2 nd place	USD \$13,000.00	USD \$13,000.00
3 rd place	USD \$9,000.00	USD \$9,000.00
4 th place	USD \$3,000.00	USD \$3,000.00
5 th place	USD \$2,000.00	USD \$2,000.00

The individual prize money will be transferred to the ISU Members concerned immediately after the conclusion of the **2011 Hilton HHonors Skate America**.

Skaters/couples qualified for the exhibition must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so, will result in a reduction of USD \$ 3,000.00 from the awarded prize money.

Skaters/couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or the event's Organizer. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce prize money will be made by the assigned ISU Delegate attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

The withholding tax will be deducted according to the actual government's law.

Exhibition Fee

An exhibition fee will only be paid to skates/couples who are not awarded prize money. The exhibition fee is set at USD\$200.00 for single skaters (Men and Ladies) and USD\$300.00 for Pairs and Dance couples.

14. ISU WORLD STANDINGS

World Standing points will also be awarded according to the "World Standings Procedure", that can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org) under Single & Pairs/Ice Dance – World Standings."

15. ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

Anti-Doping tests will be conducted at each of the six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating as well as at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1650 and 1651 or any further update of this Communication).

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



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

17. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

All Round Table Discussions are scheduled after the respective final Free Skating / Free Dance event (see event schedule). Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective Round Table Discussions.

18. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact

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Ms. Rita Zonnekeyn, Member S&PTC

Ms. Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair IDTC

Secretary:

Ms. Patricia Mayor, ISU Sports Coordinator Figure Skating



20. EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011

Arrival of delegations

Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011

10:00-16:00 Official Practice sessions

TBA Team Leaders Meeting

TBA Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting

TBA Judges Draw and Meeting

19:30 Officials Dinner

Friday, Oct. 21, 2011

Official Practice Sessions

18:30 Ice Dance Short Dance

Men Short Program

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011

Official Practice Sessions

11:45 Men Free Skating

Ice Dance Free Dance

Victory Ceremony Men

Victory Ceremony Ice Dance

19:00 Pairs Short Program

Ladies Short Program

Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011

TBA MEN – Judges Panel Round Table Discussion

TBA ICE DANCE – Judges Panel Round Table Discussion

13:00 Pairs Free Skating

Ladies Free Skating

Victory Ceremony – Ladies

Victory Ceremony Pairs

19:00 Skating Spectacular (Exhibition)

TBA PAIRS – Judges Panel Round Table Discussion

TBA LADIES – Judges Panel Round Table Discussion

Monday, Oct. 24, 2011

Departure of delegations

Please note:

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