

ANNOUNCEMENT



**THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
MARCH 08 – 11, 2012**

An International Competition

for

Ladies and Men Senior, Junior, Novice & Debs

and

Junior Pairs

organized by the



KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE SCHAATSENRIJDERS BOND

under the authorization of the



INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The CHALLENGE CUP will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2010, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010 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 2 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of this Communication.

The number of entries will be limited to approximately 100 in total, which means approximately 12 per each singles category and 4 for the Junior Pair event. In case the number of entries exceeds the limit, the organizing committee reserves the right to give priority to federations entering in at least 6 categories and to put additional entries on a waiting list.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations 2010 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 hand in an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of each individual event and the Final for verification.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place: **Venue: Schaatscentrum “De Uithof”**
Jaap Edenweg 10, The Hague, The Netherlands
(an indoor heated ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m);
(practice rink covered rink non-heated 60 x 30 m)

CATEGORIES

SENIOR LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010 Rule 511. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:50 maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010 Rule 511, paragraph 3, group B for 2011/2012 and paragraph 4. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:50 maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and

		Pair Skating 2010, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS	Short Program	In accordance with ISU Guidelines for Novice competitions, see ISU Communication 1649. The Short Program for Advanced Novice Girls' Single Skating shall consist of the following elements: a) Axel Paulsen or double Axel Paulsen b) Double or triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps, may not repeat jump in a) c) One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump, both jumps may not repeat jump in a) or b) d) Layback or sideways leaning spin (minimum of six (6) revolutions) e) Spin combination with only one change of foot and at least one change of position (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot) f) One step sequence with full utilization of the ice surface (straight line / circular / serpentine) Duration: 2:30 maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Guidelines for Novice competitions, see ISU Communication 1649. A well balanced Free Skating program for Advanced Novice Girls must contain: a) Maximum 6 jump elements one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Only two (2) jumps with two and a half (2 1/2) revolutions or more can be repeated either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence. b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination (minimum of ten (10) revolutions) and one a flying spin or a spin with a flying entrance (minimum of six (6) revolutions). c) There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence Levels explanations: For Advanced Novice Singles, in all elements that are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 3 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel. The Program Components are only judged in: ▪ Skating Skills ▪ Transitions ▪ Performance/Execution ▪ Interpretation

		Duration: 3 min., 00 sec., +/- 10 sec.
DEBS GIRLS	Short Program	Skaters who have not reached the age of thirteen (13) before July 1st preceding the competition a) Axel Paulsen or double Axel Paulsen b) One double jump immediately preceded by connecting steps. c) One jump combination consisting two double jumps, or one double and a single jump, the jumps must be different than the jumps in sub. b d) Sit spin or Camel spin with at least six (6) rotations in position (flying entrance not permitted, change of foot permitted) e) Spin combination with at least one change of position and one change of foot with at least four (4) rotations on each foot. All three basic positions must be shown in the spin. f) Step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) with maximum use of the ice surface. Duration: 2:30 maximum, but may be less
	Free skating	In accordance with ISU Guidelines for Novice competitions, for Basic Novice B, see ISU Communication 1649. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. a) Maximum of 5 jump elements of which one must be an Axel type jump and there may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Only two (2) jumps with two and a half (2 1/2) revolutions or more can be repeated either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence. b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination with at least one change of position and only one change of foot (minimum of ten (10) revolutions) and the other must be a flying spin with at least six (6) revolutions in total. c) There must be a maximum of one step or spiral sequence that fully utilizes the ice surface. This sequence must fulfil the criteria of "Choreographed Steps" or "Choreographed Spirals". Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec. Levels explanations: For Debs Singles, in all elements that are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel. The Program Components are only judged in: ▪ Skating Skills ▪ Performance/Execution ▪ Interpretation

SENIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010 Rule 511. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:50 maximum, but may be less
	Free skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4:30 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010 Rule 511, paragraph 3, group A for 2011/2012 and paragraph 4. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication.
	Free skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS	Short Program	In accordance with ISU Guidelines for Novice competitions, see ISU Communication 1649. The Short Program for Advanced Novice Boys' Single Skating shall consist of the following elements: a) Axel Paulsen or double Axel Paulsen b) Double or triple jump immediately proceeded by connecting steps, may not repeat jump in a) c) One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump, both jumps may not repeat jump in a) or b) d) Camel or sit spin (minimum of six (6) revolutions) with change of foot and no flying entrance e) Spin combination with only one change of foot and at least one change of position (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot) f) One step sequence with full utilization of the ice surface (straight line, serpentine/ circular) Duration: 2:30 maximum, but may be less
	Free skating	In accordance with ISU Guidelines for Novice competitions, see ISU Communication 1649. A well balanced Free Skating program for Advanced Novice Boys must contain:

		a) Maximum 7 jump elements one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Only two (2) jumps with two and a half (2 1/2) revolutions or more can be repeated either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence. b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination (minimum of ten (10) revolutions) and one a flying spin or a spin with a flying entrance (minimum of six (6) revolutions). c) There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence Levels explanations: For Advanced Novice Singles, in all elements that are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 3 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel. The Program Components are only judged in: ▪ Skating Skills ▪ Transitions ▪ Performance/Execution ▪ Interpretation Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
DEBS BOYS	Short Program	Skaters who have not reached the age of thirteen (13) before July 1st preceding the competition a) Axel Paulsen b) One double jump immediately preceded by connecting steps. c) One jump combination consisting two double jumps, or one double and a solo jump, the jumps must be different than the jumps in sub. b) d) Sit spin with at least six (6) rotations in position e) Spin combination with at least one change of position and one change of foot with at least four (4) rotations on each foot. All three basic position must be shown in the spin f) Step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) with maximum use of the ice surface. Duration: 2:30 maximum, but may be less
	Free skating	In accordance with ISU Guidelines for Novice competitions, for Basic Novice B, see ISU Communication 1649. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. a) Maximum of 6 (six) jump elements of which one must be an Axel type jump and there may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will

		be counted. Only two (2) jumps with two and a half (2 1/2) revolutions or more can be repeated either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination with at least one change of position and only one change of foot (minimum of ten (10) revolutions) and the other must be a flying spin with at least six (6) revolutions in total. c) There must be a maximum of one step sequence that fully utilizes the ice surface. This sequence must fulfil the criteria of "Choreographed Steps". Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec Levels explanations: For Debs Singles, in all elements that are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel. The Program Components are only judged in: ▪ Skating Skills ▪ Performance/Execution ▪ Interpretation
JUNIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010 Rule 520. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:50, maximum, but may be less
	Free skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010 Rule 521. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec

3. **ENTRIES**

3.1 **Entries of Competitors**

Each ISU Member can enter one (1) skater/couple in each category. In the event of total entries exceeding the limit in any category, skaters from countries with entries in all categories will be given priority.
The organizing member can enter a maximum of 3 skaters per category.

a) **Entries by Number**

The entries by number indicating the number of skaters/couples in the disciplines concerned must be submitted by e-mail not later than **January 15th 2012** to:

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup

E-mail: challengecup2012@gmail.com

In case no entry is received by **January 15th 2012** it will be assumed that your federation will not participate.

b) Entries by Name

Entries by names must be made not later than **February 10th, 2012** to:

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup

E-mail: challengecup2012@gmail.com

c) Entry fee

An entry fee of € 45 per single skater and € 90 per pair will be asked and has to be paid with the official entry by name. The entry fee has to be paid together with the official entry by name, not later than **February 10th, 2012** to the following account:

Account owner:	Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB)
Bank Name:	ABN AMRO
Bank address:	P.O. Box 30 3800 AA Amersfoort
Account No.:	54.94.30.644
BIC Code:	ABNANL2A
IBAN Nr.	NL88ABNA0549430644

Please indicate as reference "Challenge Cup 2012".

3.2 Entries of Judges

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

The official entry form for Judges must reach the Organizing Committee not later than **January 15th, 2012**.

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 10th whether judges have been drawn or not drawn.

4. EXPENSES, MEALS, LODGING

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for Judges and invited officials participating, beginning with dinner **March 8th, 2012** and ending with lunch on **March 11th, 2012**.

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

Should any 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.

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for travel, rooms and meals also for the invited Referees, Technical Controllers, Data and Replay Operators.

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

5. PRACTICE

The official practices for Competitors start on **March 08th, 2012 / 07:00am**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. According to ISU Regulations 340 and 534 no competitor may practice in a rink other than the official rink or rinks after been accredited through the Organizing Committee.

6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD, 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 Program for Single and Pairs, 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 and Rule 533, paragraph 1, all CDs 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) must be recorded on one track and on a separate CD. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up CD for each program.

If music information is not complete and cd's are 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.

7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS AND TRANSPORTATION

All invited officials, Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials and Coaches taking part in the competition are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **February 10th, 2012**, the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at **Schiphol International Airport (AMS)** - www.schiphol.nl - or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official "travel form" should be used. From Schiphol airport, you are requested to take a direct train to Den Haag Central Station (35 minutes traveltime).

Alternative Airports could be:

1. **Rotterdam The Hague Airport (RTM)** - www.rotterdamthehagueairport.nl - From Rotterdam The Hague Airport you are requested to take bus/metro combination to Den Haag Central Station (1 hour traveltime);
2. **Eindhoven Airport (EIN)** - www.eindhovenairport.nl - From Eindhoven Airport you are requested to take a bus/train combination to Den Haag Central Station (2 hour traveltime);

Further information about these connections will be given in the First Information, which will be issued separately.

The Organizing Committee provides transportation free of charge from Den Haag Central Station to the official hotels and ice rinks.

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

More information about the official hotels will be given in the First Information which will be issued separately. We plan to have one 3* accommodation and one or two 4* accommodations as our official hotels. Transportation from the hotel to the Ice rink will be provided free of charge. You can book also other hotels but these will not be served by our transportation.

9. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation is planned at the skating rink upon arrival:

Schaatscentrum "De Uithof"

Jaap Edenweg 10, The Hague, The Netherlands

Accreditation will be given to each official, skater, 1 coach per skater, 1 team leader, plus 1 chaperone per skater.

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 352 will be in place.

For the Challenge Cup, the overall ranking results per category will be awarded as follows: The first place 10 points, the second place 7 points, the third place 5 points, the fourth place 4 points, the fifth place 3 points, the sixth place 2 points and the seventh place 1 point. In case of more than two (2) competitors of one ISU Member in one category only the two best placed competitors can score points for the overall classification.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND THE CHALLENGE CUP

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

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.

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

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For any further information, please contact:

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup

E-mail: challengecup2012@gmail.com

14. PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE*

March 08 (THU)

	Arrival
07:00	Official Practice
16:00	Team Leaders Meeting
18:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
19:00	Judges Meeting
20:00	Officials Dinner

March 09 (FRI)	06.00	Official Practice
	08.00	Debs Girls Short Program
		Debs Boys Short Program
		Advanced Novice Girls Short Program
		Advanced Novice Boys Short Program
		Junior Ladies Short Program
		Junior Men Short Program
		Junior Pairs Short Program
		Senior Ladies Short Program
		Senior Men Short Program
March 10 (SAT)	08.00	Official Practice
	13:00	Junior Ladies Free Skating
		Junior Men Free Skating
		Junior Pairs Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony Juniors
		Senior Ladies Free Skating
		Senior Men Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony Seniors
March 11 (SUN)		Round Table Discussions Juniors, Seniors
	08:00	Debs Girls Free Skating
		Debs Boys Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony Debs
		Advanced Novice Girls Free Skating
		Advanced Novice Boys Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony Advanced Novice
		Round Table Discussions Advanced Novice
		Departure

* Draft; subject to change.