

ANNOUNCEMENT



 **WORLD**
SYNCHRONIZED
SKATING
CHAMPIONSHIPS®
2014
COURMAYEUR
M O N T B L A N C

April 3-5, 2014 Courmayeur - Italy



1. General Regulations

The ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2014 is an event of the International Skating Union (ISU) and will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012, ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2012, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2014 is open to all Teams who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 130, paragraph 7) and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided the ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3 a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements according to Rule 109, paragraphs 1 and 2 d) and ISU Communication No. 1420 (or any update of this Communication).

Each participating team must consist of sixteen (16) skaters and may have up to a maximum of four (4) alternates listed on the Team Entry Form (Rule 701, paragraph 3 c) and 3 d).

2. Technical Data

The ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2014 will take place at the "Skating Arena" at Courmayeur with the ice surface of 30m x 60m. Official practices will also take place at the "Aosta Skating Rink", which is 30m x 60m. Both rinks are indoor, heated, air conditioned and artificial ice rinks. The distance between the main arena and the practice arena is 30 km on a Highway road and will take by bus about 30 min.

Short Program Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, but may be less, Rule 904, paragraph 1. a) and Criteria, Rule 905, paragraph 3.

The General Short Program Elements and requirements are listed in Rule 905, paragraphs 1 and 2, the Short Program Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2013 / 2014 are listed in ISU Communication no. 1786, appendix A

Free Skating Duration: 4 minutes, 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds

The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 911, paragraphs 1 and 2, Program Composition in accordance with Rule 911, paragraph 3, the Free Skating Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2013 / 2014 are listed in ISU Communication no. 1786, appendix A

As per Rule 969, paragraph 3. and according to the result after the Short program, the teams will be divided into two (2) groups with the teams placed in Short Program among the first sixteen (16) teams being drawn in the second part for Free Skating (called group A "skating later") and teams placed in the second half of the Short Program (starting with the teams placed as seventeen (17) being drawn in the first part for Free Skating (called Group B "skating earlier").

The draw for Free Skating will be according to placements of the Short Program for Group A and B separately.

In case of a tie on the 16th place, Rule 969, paragraph 3 c) applies.

3. Entries

3.1 Entries of Teams

In accordance with Rule 768, paragraph 1 and 6, ISU Members must enter teams and their substitutes by name on the official entry forms. Entries and substitutes must be sent simultaneously to:

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Entries must reach the Chair of the ISU Sport Directorate, the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat no later than March 13, 2014 – 20:00 local time Courmayeur (see Rule 768, paragraph 1 and 6). Receipt of entries will be confirmed in writing by the Organizers to the Members (Rule 115, paragraph 5).

Preliminary entries (by number) must reach the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee no later than October 1, 2013.

3.2 Entries of the Official Team Delegations

The names of the Team Leaders, Team Managers, Coaches, the Official Team Service Personnel, and Team Medical Personnel must be listed on the ISU Member Entry Form.

Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizing Committee.

Please be advised that accreditation will be given to:

- Official Team Delegations composed of Skaters, Team Leaders (one per country), Team Managers (1 per Team), Official Coaches (2 per Team), Team Service Personnel (2 per Team), Team Medical Personnel (1 per Team – OC might request a document upon accreditation)
- Federation / Association Representatives (2 per country including the President).

The names of all requested Team Members must be listed on the official Entry Form “Composition of Delegation”. All forms must also be returned by March 13, 2014.

Each Team must submit to the Organizing Committee together with the entry forms the “Program Content Sheet”. It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

4. Judges

4.1 Nomination of Judges for the annual Judges Draw for ISU Figure Skating Championships 2014 to be held on October 9, 2013 in Zurich/SUI

According to ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2012, Rule 972, the official Entry Form for Judges by number (that had been sent to Members on July 19, 2013), must reach the ISU Director General by October 1st, 2013.

In accordance with the draw results that will be published in an ISU Communication subsequent to the Judges Draw, Members having been drawn to send Judges to the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2014 must send the official entry form for Judges by name. The form must reach the Chair of the ISU Sports Directorate, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizer not later than February 17, 2014 – 20:00 h local time Courmayeur.

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Please note that the procedures in regard to the declaration forms as outlined in ISU Communication 1628 need to be strictly observed.

4.2 Judges Meetings

The first Judges' Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 16:30 h at the “Courmayeur Ice Rink”.

The Judges' Round Table Discussion will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 08:00 h at the “Grand Hotel Royal”.



5. Meals, Lodging and Travel Expenses

In accordance with ISU General Regulations 2012, Rule 137, the Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for the Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data&Replay Operators beginning with dinner on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 and ending with breakfast on Monday, April 7, 2014.

The Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for the Referees and Judges beginning with lunch on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 and ending with breakfast on Monday, April 7, 2014.

The Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for the OAC Members beginning with lunch on Thursday, April 3, 2014 and ending with breakfast on Monday, April 7, 2014.

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with ISU General Regulations 2012, Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for the Referee, Assistant Referee Ice, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operator, OAC Members and the Judges will be paid in accordance with ISU Communication 1794 or any update. These expenses will be provided at the time of accreditation.

All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person. 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.

6. Official Practice

Official Practice for Teams will begin on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. Rule 766, paragraph 5 must be observed.

7. Music

All Teams shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on either MP3 or CD format. The disks must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the Team and by the Coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Each program (Short/Free) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disk. Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program (see Rule 724, paragraph 1)

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short and Free Skating programs must be listed for each team on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Forms as per Rule 768, paragraph 7.

In accordance with Rule 724, paragraph 1, all disks must:

- be properly inserted in their original container
- be clearly identified with the name of the team
- indicate the type of program (Short Program/Free Skating)
- show the exact running time of the music (not skating time)

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

8. Arrival of Participants

All the Referees, Judges, Members of the Official Team Delegation taking part in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2014 are requested to inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than March 13, 2014, on the enclosed forms, about the names of the airline company, flight numbers, dates and time of arrival in Torino International Airport "Caselle" (TRN).

Transportation will be provided between the Torino International Airport "Caselle" (TRN) and the Official Hotel(s) for Teams, ISU Office Holders, Referees and Judges, the Technical Panel and OAC Members. The accredited Members of the Official Team Delegation (Coaches, Team Service and Medical Personnel) will only have transportation provided they travel with the Team.

9. Accreditation

Accreditation will be provided for official registered Team members and Officials, Media Representatives and others as per paragraph 3. starting at the "Courmayeur Ice Rink" on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.



For accreditation/ID purposes, all the mentioned persons, except the ISU Office Holders, Officials and Guests, must submit, no later than March 13, 2014, a passport type color photograph together with the Entry Forms (please print the name on the back of the photo or photograph in digital format not bigger than 200 KB). The Team Leaders/Managers are requested to bring copies of passports of all the skaters (a Team-folder, sorted in the alphabetical order) and present all the passports at the time of registration. These will be checked before the Opening Draw.

10. Official Hotels

The Official Hotel for ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Judges is:
*Grand Hotel Royal e Golf******

The Official Hotels for Teams are:

4 Star Hotels:

Hotel Gran Baita
Hotel Pavillon
Hotel Villa Novecento
Hotel Les Jumeaux
Hotel Cresta et Duc

3 Star Hotels:

Hotel Bouton D'Or
Hotel Stella del Nord
Hotel Crampon
Hotel Del Viale
Hotel Berthod
Hotel Ottoz
Hotel Croux
Hotel Walser
Hotel Dolonne
Hotel Des Glaciers
Hotel Courmayeur

The Teams must make all requests for reservations of rooms at the Official Hotel only and directly to the Organizing Committee by October 1, 2013. The request shall include a preferred rooming list (by number – not by names).

The Official Hotel will not reserve rooms without the authorization of the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee will authorize the Official Hotel to reserve rooms, in accordance with the rooming list for the Teams once the request is received. Hotel will be reserved on the first come – first serve basis.

After authorization from the Organizing Committee, the hotel will confirm each request with the designated Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation.

As soon as the Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation receives the reservation confirmation from the Hotel, the Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation must transfer the advance deposits of 50% for all reservations to the Hotel directly by November 14, 2013 at the latest.

The remaining 50 % are to be paid latest upon arrival.

11. Transportation

There will be an event shuttle for accredited persons between the official hotels and the “Courmayeur Ice Rink” (main rink), the official hotels and the “Aosta Practice Rink” and “Courmayeur Ice Rink” and “Aosta Practice Rink” on Wednesday, April 2 and Thursday, April 3, 2014.

12. Liability & Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 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 ISU and the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the Championships by Competitors and Officials.

13. Anti-Doping Controls

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1765 and 1800 or any further update of this Communication).

In ISU Synchronized Skating Championship, two Skaters randomly selected from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams and two Skaters from one randomly selected team shall be tested.



14. Title and Medals

The winner will bear the title:

World Synchronized Skating Champion for 2014 (see ISU Regulations, Rule 133).

The Synchronized Skating Championships gold medals will be awarded to the Champion Team and silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed Teams at the end of the Championships.

In accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3f), a small ISU gold medal will be awarded to the winner of each event (Short Program and Free Skating) and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third Teams, but no anthem will be played or flags raised.

The small medals for Short Program will be awarded on the occasion of the Draw for the starting order for Free Skating, and the small medals in Free Skating will be awarded at the Press Conference directly after the conclusion of the Victory Ceremony on Saturday, April 5, 2014 in the Press Conference room.

15. National Anthem

The Organizing Committee asks all Members to bring a copy of their national Anthem on CD.

16. Information

For further information, please contact:

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17. Preliminary Event Schedule - (Subject to change)

DATE		TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	01.04.2014	All day	Arrivals and Accreditation
		20:00	Team Leaders Meeting
		20:00	Coaches & Skaters Meeting
Wednesday	02.04.2014	All day	Accreditation
		All day	Official Practice
		08:00	Technical Panel Mini Seminar
Thursday	03.04.2014	All day	Official Practice
		15:45	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
		16:30	Judges Meeting
		19:30	Opening & Draw Ceremony
		20:45	ISU and Judges Dinner
Friday	04.04.2014	10:00	Official Practice - Short Program
		17:30	Opening Ceremony
		18:00	Competition - Short Program
Saturday	05.04.2014	07:15	Official Practice - Free Skating
		15:00	Competition - Free Skating Group B
		17:00	Competition - Free Skating Group A
		20:35	Victory Ceremony
		22:00 - 01:00	Closing Party (Skaters)
		22:00	Farewell Dinner Officials
Saturday	06.04.2014	08:00	Judges Round Table Discussion
		All day	Departures

18. Summary of Deadlines

FORM		DEADLINE	TO BE RETURNED TO
A 01	Preliminary Entry	01.10.2013	Organizing Committee Chair ISU Sports Directorate ISU Secretariat
A 02	Accommodation Request	01.10.2013	Organizing Committee
B 01	Entry Form Judges	17.02.2014	Organizing Committee Chair ISU Sports Directorate ISU Secretariat
C 01	Composition of Delegation	13.03.2014	Organizing Committee Chair ISU Sports Directorate ISU Secretariat
C 02	Entry Form Teams	13.03.2014	Organizing Committee Chair ISU Sports Directorate ISU Secretariat
C 03	Travel	13.03.2014	Organizing Committee
C 04	Press Information	13.03.2014	Organizing Committee ISU Secretariat
C 05	Competition Music Information	13.03.2014	Organizing Committee ISU Secretariat
C 06	Planned Program Content	13.03.2014	Organizing Committee ISU Secretariat
C 07	Skaters Health Care Form	13.03.2014	Organizing Committee
D 01A	Team Meal Plan	13.03.2014	Organizing Committee
D 01B	Team Meal Plan	13.03.2014	Organizing Committee
D 02	Closing Party Request	13.03.2014	Organizing Committee