

ANNOUNCEMENT



**THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
FEBRUARY 21-24, 2013**

An International Competition

for

Seniors: Ladies, Men, Pairs

Novice: Girls & Boys

Debs: Girls & Boys

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 2012, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2012 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the CHALLENGE CUP is for skaters that 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 strictly limited, please read paragraph 3.1 carefully!

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations 2012 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 to 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
(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 2012 Rule 511. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: Maximum 2:50 min.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4:00 min. +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS	Short Program	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 Duration: Maximum 2:30 min.
	Free Skating	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 Duration: 3:00 min. +/- 10 sec.
	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	
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, may not repeat the jump in 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. f) Step sequence with maximum use of the ice surface. Duration: Maximum 2:30 min.

	Free skating	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 Choreographic Sequence that fully utilizes the ice surface. Duration: 3:00 min. +/- 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 2012 Rule 511. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: Maximum 2:50 min.
	Free skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4:30 min. +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS	Short Program	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 Duration: Maximum 2:30 min.
	Free skating	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 Duration: 3:30 min. +/- 10 sec.
	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	
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, may not repeat the jump in 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. f) Step sequence with maximum use of the ice surface. Duration: Maximum 2:30 min.
	Free skating	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 Choreographic Sequence. Duration: 3:00 min. +/- 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 PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2012 Rule 520. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: Maximum 2:50 min.
	Free skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2012 Rule 521. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4:30 min. +/- 10 sec

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entries of Competitors

Each ISU Member can enter **one** (1) skater/couple 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.

The organizing member can enter a maximum of 3 skaters per category.

a) Limitation of number of entries

Debs Girls:	18
Debs Boys:	12
Adv. Novice Girls:	12
Adv. Novice Boys:	12
Senior Ladies:	20
Senior Men:	20
Senior Pairs:	6

The organizing committee reserves the option in the Senior competition to allow 4 late entries in Senior Ladies and Men, and 2 late entries in Pairs, reserved for competitors preparing for the World Figure Skating championships, and/or needing the competition to obtain the minimum technical score as written in ISU Communication No. 1751. A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis.

b) 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 1st, 2013** to:

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup
E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

In case no entry is received by **January 1st, 2013**, it will be assumed that your federation will not participate.

c) Entries by Name

Entries by names must be made not later than **February 1st, 2013** to:

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup
E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

c) Entry fee

An entry fee of € 75 per single skater and € 125 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 1st, 2013**, 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 2013".

For late payment a surcharge of € 5 extra per skater applies.

Entry fees for cancellations made after February 1th 2013 will not be reimbursed.

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 1st, 2013**.

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 1st, 2013** whether judges have been drawn or not drawn.

4. EXPENSES, MEALS, LODGING

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for travel, rooms and meals for the invited Referees, Technical Controllers, (Assistant) Technical Specialists and Data- and Replay Operators, beginning with dinner **February 20th, 2013** and ending with lunch on **February 24th, 2013**.

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for drawn Judges, beginning with dinner **February 20th, 2013** and ending with lunch on **February 24th, 2013**.

Should any 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.

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.

5. PRACTICE

The official practices for Competitors start on **February 21st, 2013 / 07:30am**. 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 CDs 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 1st, 2013**, the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at **Schiphol International Airport** or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official "travel form" should be used. On Wednesday and Sunday there will be a bus shuttle from the airport to the official hotel and De Uithof. During the competition transportation between the hotel and De Uithof is provided to those who signed up and paid for the transportation package.

From Schiphol airport, if you are not signing up for the transfer package, you are requested to take a direct train to Den Haag Central Station. From Den Haag Central station you need to take the metro line 5 to De Uithof on your own account. If you didn't sign up for the transportation package you need to take care of your own transportation during the venue.

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 two official hotels, which will be served by the shuttle bus service. You can book also other hotels, but these will not be served by the shuttle bus.

9. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation is planned at the skating rink, **De Uithof**, upon arrival.

Accreditation will be given to each official, skater, 1 coach per skater, 1 teamleader, plus 1 chaperone per skater

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 352 will be in place.

For the Challenge Cup, the overall ranking results per category will be calculated as follows: Depending on the number of competitors in a category, points will be awarded to each competitor according to the final ranking. Per category only the highest ranked skater will be considered into the final result. The ISU member with the best overall score based on points will win the Challenge Cup 2013.

For example:

Debs Girls:	18 competitors → number one 18 points, number 18 one point
Debs Boys:	12 competitors → number one 12 points, number 12 one point
Adv. Novice Girls:	12 competitors → number one 12 points, number 12 one point
Adv. Novice Boys:	12 competitors → number one 12 points, number 12 one point
Senior Ladies:	24 competitors → number one 24 points, number 24 one point
Senior Men:	24 competitors → number one 24 points, number 24 one point
Senior Pairs:	8 competitors → number one 8 points, number 8 one point

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND THE CHALLENGE CUP

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

The best placed team will be announced and honoured 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: challengecup@knsb.nl

14. PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE*

February 21, Thursday	07:30	Official Practice Debs M, Debs L, Sen. L
	09:00	Teamleaders' meeting
	09:30	Referees' and Technical Panel meetings
	10:30	Initial Judges' meeting
	12:00	Welcome reception
	13:00	Debs Boys Short Program
		Debs Girls Short Program
February 22, Friday		Senior Ladies Short Program
		Official Practice Senior Men
	06:00	Official Practice
	11:30	Debs Boys Free Skating
		Debs Girls Free Skating
		Senior Ladies Free Skating
		Senior Men Short Program
February 23, Saturday		Victory Ceremony Debs M, Debs L, Sen. L
	07:00	Official Practice
		RTD Debs M, Debs L, Sen. L
	13:30	Advanced Novice Girls Short Program
		Advanced Novice Boys Short Program
		Senior Pairs Short Program
		Senior Men Free Skating
February 24, Sunday		Victory Ceremony Senior Men
	07:00	Official Practice
	08:00	RTD Senior Men
	10:30	Advanced Novice Girls Free Skating
		Advanced Novice Boys Free Skating
		Senior Pairs Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony Adv.Nov.L, Adv.Nov.M, Sen. Pairs
		Award Challenge Cup
	15:30	RTD Adv. Nov. L, Adv. Nov. M, Senior Pairs
		Departure

* Draft; subject to change.