



2013 U.S. INTERNATIONAL FIGURE SKATING CLASSIC
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA
SEPTEMBER 11-15, 2013

OVERVIEW

Following its successful launch in 2012, U.S. Figure Skating will again host the U.S. Senior International Figure Skating Classic in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 11-15, 2013. U.S. Figure Skating will serve as the organizer of this annual international competition that will feature top senior level athletes and top ISU level officials. In addition to the senior events, U.S. Figure Skating will also be conducting the “U.S. Challenge Skate”, a developmental competition that will be held at the same time featuring U.S. only athletes in the Junior and Novice divisions.

GENERAL

The U.S. International Figure Skating Classic will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012*, the Special Regulations for Single & Pair Skating 2012*, the Special Regulations for Ice Dance 2012*, the Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012* and the Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012* as well as all pertinent ISU Communications. Participation in the competition is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member, 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. b) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420. Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation.

COMPETITION VENUE

All practice and competition will take place at the Salt Lake City Sports Complex in Salt Lake City, Utah. The complex served as the official figure skating training venue for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. This complex features two indoor ice-rinks, air conditioned and heated with the ice surface of each 60m x 30m; the rinks are next to each other.

Salt Lake City Sports Complex
645 South Guardsman Way (1580 East)
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108
T: 801 583-9713

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Men and Ladies

Short Program: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 511, paragraph 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules 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 values.

Duration: Men 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

Ladies 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

Factors: In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 353, paragraph 1, m) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

Discipline	Event	Factor
Men	Short Program	1,0
Men	Free Skate	2,0
Ladies	Short Program	0,8
	Free Skate	1,6

Pairs

Short Program: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 520, paragraph 1 and 2, group for 2012/2013 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 521 and the relevant ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well-balanced program” and the element values.

Duration: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

Factors: In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 353, paragraph 1, m) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

Discipline	Event	Factor
Pairs	Short Program	0,8
	Free Skate	1,6

Ice Dance

Short Dance: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 609, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1738 and subsequent updates.

The Rhythm:

Quickstep or Quickstep plus one or two of the following rhythms

Foxtrot, Charleston, Swing

The Pattern Dance Element must be skated on the Quickstep rhythm, in style of Quickstep. The tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance Elements must be constant and in accordance with the required tempo of the Pattern Dance Finnstep, i.e. 52 measures of two beats or 104 beats per minute, plus or minus 2 beats per minute.

Vocal music is permitted.

Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec.

Free Dance: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2012, Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communications. For the value of the required elements and components see ISU Communications 1721 and all subsequent updates.

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2012, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (well balanced program and required elements) and the respective ISU Communication must be observed.

EVENT STRUCTURE

The competition will include one day of official practice and a :20 minute warm-up on each day of competition. The event will feature the following disciplines:

- Senior ladies - singles (max. of entries 18)
- Senior men - singles (max. of entries 18)
- Senior Pairs (max of 8 entered teams)
- Senior Ice Dance (max of 10 entered teams)

ENTRY FEE

The entry fees for all entries are as follows:

Singles - \$250.00 USD/entry

Pairs - \$300.00USD/team

Ice Dance - \$300.00USD/team

Entry fees are required at time of final entries. U.S. Figure Skating will use an online payment for all registrations. If requested in advance, member federations will be allowed to wire registration funds directly.

ENTRIES

Citizen / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure: Skaters must meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements of ISU Rule 109, paragraphs 1 thru 5 and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of this Communication. Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation for verification. The Organizer will preferably accept skaters and couples having taken part in the finals of the Senior or Junior ISU Championships of the last two (2) seasons. As the host organizer, U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to enter a maximum of four (4) entries in each discipline. Additionally Canada will be invited to enter a maximum of two (2) entries in each discipline with all other member nations invited to enter one (1) entry with alternate entries listed in case of openings. The Organizer reserves the right to limit the number of entries as required. The Organizer will confirm the accepted skater(s) after the closing date for entries. A maximum of 18 Ladies and Men, 8 Pairs teams and 10 Ice Dance teams will be accepted.

All competitors must be entered and all judges nominated only through their respective Member Association/Federation.

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by **Friday, July 12, 2013** and all final entries no later than **Friday, August 2, 2013** at the latest. ***Entries and nominations must be made on the official form(s) and sent to:***

U.S. Figure Skating

Attn: Bob Dunlop, Sr. Director, Events
20 First Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80906
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E-mail: Bdunlop@usfigureskating.org

The Announcement and the entry forms will also available at our website: www.usfigureskatingclassic.com

PANELS OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) International Judge or ISU Judge per discipline educated in the ISU Judging System, double duty Judges (Figure Skating/Ice Dance qualification) are preferred. The Panels of Judges will consist of a minimum of five (5) Judges in all disciplines. The panels will be drawn immediately after the closing of entries. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result of the draw.

ACCOMMODATION

The official hotel for the U.S. International Figure Skating Classic is:

Hilton Salt Lake City Center
255 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah, 84101
T: 1-801-328-2000 FAX: 1-801-238-4888

The hotel room rates are projected to be \$109/room/night plus taxes. The rate will be confirmed and communicated in July, 2013 to all ISU Members that have sent the preliminary entry form.

JUDGES, REFEREES AND TECHNICAL PANEL

The Organizer will provide ground transportation, accommodation and meals for all drawn Judges, the invited Referees and the Technical Panel officials at the above mentioned hotel beginning with dinner on **Tuesday, September 10** through lunch on Monday, **September 16, 2013**. The organizer will additionally cover economy roundtrip airfare for Technical Panel officials (Referee, TC, TS, ATS, Data/Video)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

For other team members (Team Leaders, Coaches and chaperones), rooms can be booked at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center Hotel. All bookings are to be made through the Organizer by **August 2, 2013**. If the Team Leader, Coach or chaperone wishes to share a double room with the Competitor, half of the double room rate will be charged. The Organizer cannot guarantee availability of rooms for bookings which are received after that date.

REGISTRATION

Accreditation will take place at the official hotel. The accreditation desk will open at TBD on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013. All persons to be accredited are kindly asked to accredit upon arrival. Accreditation will be given to Officials and ISU Office Holders. Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all drawn Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members, provided that they are Board Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Association/Federation, and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association. Chaperones (only one per skater) will receive a permit for joining the shuttle bus from the hotel to the ice rink and back.

DRAW AND JUDGES' MEETINGS

The draw for the starting order of the Short Program(s)/Short Dance will take place after the practice session for each discipline on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the Main rink. The first Judges' Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at TBD the Main rink. The Round Table Discussions will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2013 for Pairs and Men and on Sunday, September 15, 2013 for the ladies and Ice Dance events .

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

Shuttle buses between the Official Hotel and the Ice Rink will be provided free of charge by the Organizer from Wednesday - Sunday for all delegation members and officials.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

The competitors and additional officials are responsible for their own arrangements concerning ground transportation to and from the official hotel to the airport.

RESULTS and ISU WORLD STANDINGS

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2012, Rules 352 and 353. ISU 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. Any changes in this concern will be published immediately.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 2013 U.S. International Figure Skating Classic, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the Member's team. Such insurance must be assure full medical attendance and also the return to home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

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

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

The final schedule of all the events, with practice sessions and practice groups, will be given upon arrival. Official practice sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 11.

Wednesday, September 11

Official practice sessions
Referees & Technical Controllers Meeting
Initial Judges' Meeting

Thursday, September 12

Pairs Short Program
Men's Short Program

Friday, September 13

Ladies Short Program
Short Dance
Pairs Free Skate
Men's Free Skate Men's Awards
Pairs Awards
Judges' Round Table Discussion – Men & Ice Dance

Saturday, September 14

Ladies Free Skate
Free Dance
Dance Awards
Ladies Awards
Judges' Round Table Discussion – Pairs & Men

Sunday, September 15

Judges' Round Table Discussion – Ladies & Dance
Departures