



Announcement / Invitation
The Nordics Open 2014

International competition for
Senior Ladies and Men

February 26 – March 2, 2014
Uppsala, Sweden

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Nordics Open will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Figure Skating and Ice Dance, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in The Nordics Open is open to competitors as follows:

Senior Men and Ladies Open to all members of ISU

and who qualify with regard to eligibility according to ISU Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2b), c) & d) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in ISU Rule 109 paragraph 1 through 5, and ISU Communication No. 1420 or any update of the Communication. Passports/EU ID cards of all skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

Please note that The Nordics for Junior and Novice open only to the Nordic members will take place at the same time. Details are stated in a separate announcement.

TECHNICAL DATA

Place: Gränby ishallar, Uppsala, Sweden
Råbyleden, 754 60 Uppsala
The venue is situated in the northern part of Uppsala, just 37 km from Arlanda Airport or 25 minutes by car. The train from Arlanda Airport to Uppsala central station takes 18 minutes.

All competition events will take place in the Main rink A, indoor and heated, size 30x60 m, holds 3050 spectators. The Practice rink C, is also indoor and heated but feels a bit cooler, size 30x60 m, holds 300 spectators.

Senior Men

Short Program Duration max 2 min 50 sec, but may be less
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule, 511, paragraphs 1 and 2, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Free Skating Duration 4 min 30 sec $\pm$ 10 sec
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Senior Ladies

Short Program Duration max 2 min 50 sec, but may be less
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule, 511, paragraphs 1 and 2, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Free Skating Duration 4 min $\pm$ 10 sec
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512, and all pertinent ISU Communications.



ENTRIES

Citizen / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure: In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of it, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member which they have been entered or who although having such nationality, have in the past representing another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

Each invited Member has the right to enter competitors as follows:

All ISU Members: 1 Senior Man
 1 Senior Lady

The Nordic Countries: 3 Senior Men
 3 Senior Ladies

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

Officials

The host Nordic country member is responsible for appointing Referees and Technical panels for all categories, following initial suggestions from the Nordic country members as well as for the appointment of the Judges panels, which should include two (2) neutral judges from a country outside the Nordic countries.

Each Nordic country member is responsible for providing at least one (1) international or ISU level judge, and at least one (1) technical panel member.

The Host country completes the panels of Officials according to the ISU Rules and relevant Communications regarding world standing points and officials activity (ISU Rules Referee 410, Judges 425, Controllers 415, Specialists 416, and Data/Replay 417).

Final Entry Forms by names must reach the organizer latest by **January 27th 2014**.
The age of each competitor must be stated on the Entry Form and be clearly documented.

The official Entry Forms must be used and sent to

Swedish Figure Skating Association/Svenska Konståkningsförbundet
Idrottens Hus, 114 73 Stockholm, SWEDEN
or;
E-mail thenordics2014@gmail.com

Entry Fee:

The entry fee is EUR 75 per skater. The full amount is due for payment by **January 27th 2014** to:

Swedish Figure Skating Association/Svenska Konståkningsförbundet
IBAN: SE08 3000 0000 0156 6240 7215
Account nb: 1566 24 07215
BIC: NDEASESS
Bank: Nordea
Bank Address: Nordea, Box 10118, S-122 28 Stockholm, SWEDEN



Please specify in your payment what portions and amounts the sum includes (Entry Fee, hotel, meals, etc).

EXPENSES

Each participating Member must bear all expenses for their Competitors, Judges, Technicals (TC/TS/DO/VR), Team Leaders and Coaches. The meals (lunch and dinner) and pocket money for the Technical Panel members are borne by the Organizer.

Travel and accommodation expenses will be paid only for the invited Referees, invited Technical Panel members and invited Judges from outside Nordic countries.

Hotel rooms must be booked through the Organizer **only**.

MUSIC/PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on either CD or MD format, in accordance with ISU Rule 343, paragraph 1.

Each programme (short/free) must be recorded on one track respectively on a separate disc. Discs must show the competition event, competitors name, 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.

The "Program Content Sheet" must be returned with the entry forms to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet must be filled in precisely by each skater 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.

REGISTRATION

Accreditation will be given to all Referees, Judges, Technical Panels, Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches and Representatives from each Member Federation. Accreditation will be given at the official hotel upon arrival.

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 in the Senior Men's and Ladies' category according to the "World Standings Procedure", that can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org) under Single & Pairs/Ice Dance – World Standings.

AWARDS

The three best-placed Competitors/Couples in each category will be announced and honored at the official Victory Ceremony. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flag of the medal winners hoisted.



LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each member participation in The Nordics Open 2014, 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 means.

The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred by competitors and officials.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests may be carried out in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures (ISU Communication No 1800 or any further update of this Communication).

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The official hotel is

Scandic Uppsala Nord

Gamla Uppsalagatan 50

754 25 Uppsala, SWEDEN

tel. +46 18 495 23 00

fax +46 18 495 23 11

email: uppsala@scandichotels.com

For information about the hotel: www.scandichotels.com

Hotel accommodation, February 26 to March 2, 2014, must be booked and paid through the Organizer. The Hotel Form must be used and sent in **December 15, 2013** at the latest.

Prices:	Single room	700:- SEK/night/room
	Double room	800:- SEK/night/room
	Triple room	900:- SEK/night/room
	Room rates include breakfast and VAT.	

Please note that the Organizer must receive 50% of the payment for the accommodation by **December 15, 2013** at the latest. The rest of the payment shall be made on site at the registration desk by the Team Leader.

The Official Dinner will take place on Friday, February 28, 2014 from 18.00 to 21.00 at the official hotel Scandic Uppsala Nord. The price for the Official Dinner is 375 SEK per person. The Draw for the Senior Men and Ladies, will take place at the Official Dinner.

Teams can order lunch on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. The price for lunch is 100 SEK and for dinner 150 SEK. Meal tickets will be distributed to the Team Leaders at the time of registration according to bookings. All meals will be served at the official hotel.

Meals and the Official Dinner must be booked by each Member on the official form, and paid by **January 27, 2014**.

Please specify with your payment the sum pertaining to the Official Dinner and the meals, respectively.



TRANSPORTATION

The official hotel Scandic Uppsala Nord is located 25 minutes drive from Arlanda Airport (37 km) and 2 km from Uppsala Central station. There is a 15 minutes walk between the hotel and the arena. There is a 5 minutes drive between the hotel and the arena.

The Organizer will provide transportation from Stockholm Arlanda Airport to the official hotel Scandic Uppsala Nord. A fee will be charged for this service. The transport fee is 100 SEK per person. Please indicate your arrival time at Stockholm Arlanda Airport on the Team travel form and if transport to the hotel is wanted. Also, please specify in your payment what portion is denoted for the transport.

A Shuttle bus service will operate between the official hotel and the arena, starting Thursday February 27, 2014.

INFORMATION

For further information please contact

Swedish Figure Skating Association
E-mail thenordics2014@gmail.com
Fax **+46-(0)8-699 64 29**

Payment of all costs to

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When paying, please specify for what each portion of the amount is denoted.

The website for The Nordics 2014 is:
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FORMS AND RETURN DATE

Form	Form Content	Return date (latest)
Form 01	Composition of Delegation	January 27, 2014
Form 02	Entry Form for Competitors	January 27, 2014
Form 03	Entry Form for Judges and Technical Panels	January 27, 2014
Form 04	Hotel Form	December 15, 2013
Form 05	Team Travel Form	January 27, 2014
Form 06	Competition Music Information	January 27, 2014
Form 07	Planned Program Content	January 27, 2014
Form 08	Meals and Official Dinner	January 27, 2014



PRELIMINARY TIME SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Thursday, February 27, 2014

07.30-14.30	Official practice
09.00-10.00	Technical Panels Meeting, Hotel Scandic Nord
10.00-11.30	Judges Meeting, Hotel Scandic Nord

Friday, February 28, 2014

07.00-17.30	Official practice
18.00	Official Dinner, Hotel Scandic Nord
	Draw Senior Men SP
	Draw Senior Ladies SP

Saturday, March 1, 2014

07.00-13.30	Official practice
18.00	Competition Senior Ladies and Men, SP

Sunday, March 2, 2014

07.00-11.00	Official practice
11.30	Competition Senior Men and Ladies, FS
16.30	Victory Ceremony Senior Men and Ladies
17.30	RTD Senior Men and Ladies, Main rink