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Trophy D'ECOSSE 2014

ISU International Synchronized Skating Competition

Incorporating

Club International & Sk8scotland Scottish Synchronized Skating Championships 2014

Dumfries Ice Bowl Leisure Complex,
Dumfries
Scotland

Preliminary Closing Date for Entries 6th January 2014

Final Closing Date for Entries 31st January 2014

Registration open from 12th March 2014

Draw 13th March 2014

Events 14-15-16 March 2014

Official Website

<http://www.iceskating.org.uk/trophydecosse2014>



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Sk8scotland, on behalf of The National Ice Skating Association of GB and NI, is delighted to invite ISU Members to the Trophy D'Ecosse 2014 ISU International Skating Competition & Club International. The ISU International Trophy D'Ecosse 2014 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution, the ISU General Regulations 2012, ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2012, as well as all subsequent pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU International Trophy D'Ecosse 2014 is open to all Teams that belong to an ISU Member, Rule 109, paragraph 2, and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3b, and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109 paragraphs 1 and 2d. The composition of teams is determined by the Special Regulations Synchronized Skating 2012

<u>DATES</u>	Preliminary Entry Form	6 th January 2014
	Closing Date	31 st January 2014
	Registration	from 12 th March 2014
	Draw	13 th March 2014
	Competitions	14-15-16 th March 2014

VENUE

Dumfries Ice Bowl

King Street,
Dumfries,
DG2 9AN
(0)1387 251 300



Dumfries Ice Bowl has a seating capacity for 500+
The size is 29 metres x 56 metres.
The facility is heated.

INVITED MEMBERS

All members of the International Skating Union listed on ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012 are invited to enter Teams at Trophy D'Ecosse 2014. Individual Clubs of Members may enter Teams into the Club International Events.

CATEGORIES

The competition will include the following categories: (for full details please see **TECHNICAL DATA** below)

ISU INTERNATIONAL

SENIOR/JUNIOR	Short Programme and Free Skating Programme
ADVANCED NOVICE	Free Skating Programme
BASIC NOVICE A	Free Skating Programme
BASIC NOVICE B	Free Skating Programme

CLUB INTERNATIONAL – These categories programmes as for Advanced Novice

MIXED AGE	Free Skating Programme
PRELIMINARY	Free Skating Programme
ELEMENTARY	Free Skating Programme
JUVENILE	Free Skating Programme

ADULT

Free Skating Programme

Element Requirements ISU Communication 1786

**As per Rule 905, Para 2 (Short Prog) and Rule 911, Para 2 (Free Skating) Programme content
6 elements – Block, Circle, Creative, Intersection, Line, Wheel.**

The composition of Teams for ISU Categories is determined by ISU Rule 701, paragraph 3. (**SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SYNCHRONIZED SKATING 2012**)

Teams of a Member may enter more than one category using different music and different programmes, with a minimum change of 50% of the skaters.

Only those skaters whose names are listed on the registration forms will be allowed to skate.

ENTRIES

Entry Dates – ISU International Events: Entries of Teams to the ISU International, nominated Judges, Team Leaders and Team Managers may only be made by the respective members on the enclosed Official Forms and must reach the Organising Committee by:

Preliminary Entry Form	6 th January 2014
Full set of Entry Forms & Fee by Closing Date	31 st January 2014

Entry Dates – Club International Events: Entry to the Club International events may be made by individual Team Managers/Coaches but must meet the same deadlines please.

Documentation: All documents that require signatures may be scanned and e-mailed to entries@iceskating.org.uk ensuring that all email correspondence clearly shows team and country or a hard copy can be sent to:

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**National Ice Skating Association of UK Ltd,
Grains Building,
High Cross Street,
Nottingham, NG1 3AX**

Entry Fees* are:

Senior and Junior Teams	£350
All other categories	£300

**Entry Fees do not include charges for Unofficial Practice Ice*

All payments should be made by Direct Bank Transfer to the following account:

Bank:	Bank of Scotland, 8 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh EH12 9DJ
Account Name:	NISA Scotland
Sort Code:	12-24-81
Account Number:	06199357

International Entries should additionally quote:

BIC Code:	BOFSGBS1BBL
IBAN No:	GB34 BOFS 1224 8106 1993 57

Clearly indicate reference: Trophy D'Ecosse 2014/name of Team/Country

Commissions and any bank transaction fees will be at the cost of the Entrant and should be paid directly to the bank. Surcharge may apply at the event where this is not covered.

All Entries Forms and Fees must be received by 31st January 2014.

If a Team withdraws after the closing date the entry fee will not be refunded.

Sk8scotland reserves the right to accept late entries, and to limit the number of participating teams.

In the event of any queries please contact: entries@iceskating.org.uk

OFFICIAL PRACTICE

The official practices will begin on the Friday morning of 14th March 2014, unless numbers dictate that practices need to commence the evening before.

There will be a 10 minutes Official Practices for Junior and Senior Short Programme and 12 minutes for Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior Free Skating Programmes.

All other categories will have 10 minute Official Practices.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE – Applications for ice to be received on the Preliminary Entry Form by 31st January in order to confirm final bookings enabling Team Management to submit the correct funds when completing the Payment Summary Form

Unofficial Practice Ice for all Teams entered into the ISU International Categories, Novice, Junior and Senior will be available for booking at the Dumfries Ice Bowl throughout the day on Wednesday 12th to Thursday 13th March. The bookings will be in blocks of 15 minutes.

No extra practice ice will be permitted after the Official Draw. Rule 722 5 (**SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SYNCHRONIZED SKATING 2012**)

TECHNICAL DATA

Senior	Age	14 yrs before July 1 st 2013
	Composition	16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Programme	• Short Programme : 2 min 50 secs (Maximum) • Long Programme : 4 min 30 sec ($\pm$ 10 secs)
Junior	Age	12 yrs but not 19 yrs before 1 st July 2013
	Composition	16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Programme	• Short Programme : 2 mins 50 secs (Maximum) • Long Programme : 4 mins ($\pm$ 10 secs)
Advanced Novice	Age	10 yrs but not 15 yrs before July 1 st 2013
	Composition	16 Skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Programme	Free Programme : 3 mins 30 secs ($\pm$ 10 secs)
Basic Novice A	Age	10 yrs but not 15 yrs before July 1 st 2013
	Composition	12 Skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Programme	Free Programme : 3 mins ($\pm$ 10 secs)
Basic Novice B	Age	10 yrs but not 15 yrs before July 1 st 2013
	Composition	16 Skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Programme	Free Programme : 3 mins ($\pm$ 10 secs)
Juvenile	Age	Must not have reached 13 on July 1 st 2013
	Composition	9-16 Skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Programme	Free Programme : 3 mins 30 secs ($\pm$ 10 secs) (Advanced Novice Prog.)
Mixed Age	Age	Must have reached 10yrs or over before July 1 st 2013
	Composition	12-16 Skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Programme	Free Programme : 3 mins 30 secs ($\pm$ 10 secs) (Advanced Novice Prog.)
Adult	Age	Must have reached 18 yrs with 50% over 25 by 1 st July 2013
	Composition	8-16 Skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Programme	Free Programme : Max 3:40 mins
Preliminary	Age	Under 21 yrs on July 1 st 2013
	Composition	9-16 Skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Programme	Free Programme : 3 mins 30 secs ($\pm$ 10 secs)
Elementary	Age	Under 16yrs by July 1 st 2013
	Composition	9-16 Skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Programme	Free Programme : 3 mins 30 secs ($\pm$ 10 secs)

For information on Factors please refer to ISU Communications.

The results will be determined according to the ISU Rule 737-741 as Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2012.

UK ENTRIES ONLY

NISA licensed coaches entering skaters for these events must have attended a discipline specific IJS seminar within the last two years of the event together with the NISA Field Moves Seminar

All UK teams must hold the required entry field moves standard per team per category and be a paid up NISA member at the closing date. See NISA Synchro Rules and Regs season 2013-14.

MUSIC

Rule 724 paragraph 1 shall apply.

CD (Compact Discs) format must be handed in at the time of Registration.

Each CD must be properly inserted into a case or CD envelope and clearly show the name of the Team and Category.

In the case of Junior and Senior Teams the CD should clearly show "Short" and "Free" programmes and should be submitted on separate discs.

The disc should also show the running time of the music (not the skating time),

PROGRAMME CONTENT SHEETS

Along with entries, Teams should attach Planned Programme Content Sheets covering Short and Free Programmes. Planned Programme Content Sheets should be signed by a Coach or Team Representative. However, programme content may be changed at the time of the Competition.

JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

The ISU International and Club International Competitions will be judged under the IJS system.

The Panel of Judges for each competition will consist of:

1 Referee	5 Judges
1 Technical Controller	2 Technical Specialists

Each invited ISU Member, sending at least one (1) Team participating in the competition, may nominate only one (1) Judge listed on the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2013 and subsequent Pertinent ISU Communications.

Each invited ISU Member may nominate a second Judge listed in above ISU List, if the Member will enter Teams for all the three (3) ISU Categories (Senior, Junior, and Novice Categories)

The **Referees** will be invited by the Organising Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2013 (as above), for the ISU International events

The **Technical Controllers** will be invited by the Organising Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Technical Controllers for Synchronized Skating 2013 (as above) for ISU International events

The **Technical Specialists** will be invited by the Organising Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Technical Specialists for Synchronized Skating 2013 (as above) for the ISU International events

The **Data/Replay Operators** will be invited by the Organising Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Data/Video Replay Operators for Synchronized Skating 2012 (as above) for the ISU International events

The Organising Committee will pay travel expenses for the invited Referees, Technical Controllers (2), Technical Specialists (4), and the Data/Replay Operators only and will provide ground transportation, accommodation and meals throughout the event (from Lunch on Thursday 13th March till breakfast on the morning of departure) for the invited Referees/Technical Controllers/Technical Specialists/ Data-Replay Operators and nominated Judges.

Accommodation will be reserved for all judges and officials at the Aston Hotel, Dumfries.

<http://www.astonhotels.co.uk/dumfries/>

Initial Judges Meeting / Referees – Technical Panel Meeting / Round Table Discussion (All timings are subject to possible change once the final timetable is released)

Initial Judges Meeting for Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice events will be held on Thursday 13th March at 16:00 hrs at the Aston Hotel.

Meeting for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators will be held on Thursday 13th March 18:45 at the Aston Hotel, Dumfries.

Initial Judges Meeting for all other categories will be held on Thursday 13th March at 20:45 or immediately following dinner at the Aston Hotel, Dumfries.

Round Table Discussion for Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice will be held on Saturday evening at the Aston Hotel, Dumfries.

Round Table Discussion for all other categories will be held on Sunday following the Presentations at the Dumfries Ice Bowl.

Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists are kindly requested to carefully plan well in advance their travel arrangements in order to attend the mandatory meetings as above. Any adjustments to these timings will be made with Judges and Officials travel in mind and new schedules will be circulated if changes are made.

REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

Registration and Accreditation for Referees, Judges, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators, Teams, Accredited Coaches, Team Leaders, Team managers and chaperones will take place at the Dumfries Ice Bowl Reception and will be open from midday from Wednesday 12th March 2014 and throughout the event.

A maximum of three chaperones per team will be accepted for the accreditation.

The National Passport for each skater of the Teams taking part in the ISU International will be checked during the Registration. Any skater who is not a National of the Country for which they are competing must have a release certificate.

OFFICIAL DRAW

The Official Draw will take place on Thursday 14th March at 17:30 at the Dumfries Ice Bowl

All those teams who have arrived in time to attend the draw are invited, Captains and Vice Captains will be asked to be seated near to the stage and take part in the draw on behalf of their teams. The Organising Committee would like to welcome as many as are able to attend as there is plenty of seating in the Theatre.

The Intermediate Draws will take place immediately after the end of the Short Programme for each category, at the Dumfries Ice Bowl in a room to be confirmed at the competition.

For each category, the starting order will be determined by draw, on team names in alphabetical order. The draw will be made by the Referee/s in accordance with ISU regulations.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony will take place at the Dumfries Ice Bowl 45 minutes before the beginning of the competition. Three skaters from each team are invited to take part in the ceremony.

MEDALS AND TROPHIES

Trophy D'Ecosse Trophies will be awarded to the winners of all the categories. Medals will be presented to all teams in first, second and third places. Highest placed Scottish Teams will receive Trophies and medals in recognition of the Sk8scotland Scottish Championships.

ORGANISATION

The organisation of the competition is the responsibility of Sk8scotland on behalf of NISA and it reserves the right to take any measures, in agreement with the Referee, necessary to ensure that the competitions run smoothly.

LIABILITY

According to the ISU Rule 119, NISA, and the Sk8scotland Organising Committee accepts no liability or responsibility with respect to bodily or personal injury or for property loss or damage incurred by Competitors or Officials in connection with the Trophy D'Ecosse 2014 International Synchronized Skating Competition or any other part of the non-ISU events taking place at this event.

A medical service will be on duty at the ice rink during all the time of the competition and at the Official Practices.

DOPING

An anti-doping control may be carried out during the competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications NO. 1603-1604) and for the non ISU events according to the regulations of UK Sport.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

Full details on accommodation and travel may be found at:

<http://www.iceskating.org.uk/trophydecosse2014>

CATERING FOR TEAMS

Teams may order meals at the Dumfries Ice Bowl on the Order Forms which will be available on the Event website **as above**

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Please send a Team photograph together with your entry or at your earliest convenience, ideally digital images in good resolution and by email to Judy at entries@iceskating.org.uk – Clearly stating Team Names where more than one from a squad is being sent.

not later than the closing date of 31st January 2014 – There will be full colour programmes so the earlier you can send your photos the better – thank you.

PUBLICITY WAVER

Members, Teams and Competitors hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that Team Photos, Team info and results will be published, as well as parts of Trophy D'Ecosse 2014 may be televised for showing on a worldwide basis. According to the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012 both Members and Competitors (in this particular case Teams) hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the Competitors have been fully cleared and authorised for public use and consent to use of his or her name, biography and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio programme broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicising of such programme, without further clearance or payments of any kind on the side of the ISU, the Organising Member NISA and the Sk8scotland Organising Committee and the relevant television network or broadcasters being required. At the time of registration at the Trophy D'Ecosse 2014 all Team Leaders, or other representatives of the Member entering, must present a compliance signed by the Team Manager and/or Team Leader.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

NISA Event Co-ordinator – Esme Hamilton – esme.hamilton@iceskating.org.uk

Event Director – Judy Clinton – judy.clinton@outlook.com

Supporting Organising Committee details will be available in due course on the event website.

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Preliminary (Provisional) Official Practice and Competition Schedule

This schedule may be changed dependent on the number of entries

Thursday 13th March

16:00	Initial Judges Meeting – ISU International	Aston Hotel, Dumfries
17:30	Official Draw	Dumfries Ice Bowl
18:45	Technical Meeting	Aston Hotel
From 19:30	Dinner for Officials	Aston Hotel
20:45	Initial Judges Meeting – Club International	Aston Hotel

PLEASE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL PRACTICES TAKING PLACE THE EVENING BEFORE YOUR EVENT IF TIME CONSTRAINTS DEMAND.

Friday 14th March

07:00 onwards	Official Practice	Elementary Juvenile Junior Short Senior Short	Dumfries Ice Bowl
	Competition	In order as above	
20:30		Official Dinner	Aston Hotel

Saturday 15th March

07:00 onwards	Official Practice	Mixed Age Basic Novice B Basic Novice A Advanced Novice Junior Free Programme Senior Free Programme	Dumfries Ice Bowl
	Competition	In order as above	
From 20:45		Dinner for Officials	
21:30		Round Table Meeting for ISU International	

Sunday 16th March

07:00 onwards	Official Practice	Adult Preliminary	
	Competition	In order as above	

The award Ceremony will be followed by Round Table Meeting for the Club International – to be held at the Dumfries Ice Bowl