



ANNOUNCEMENT
Taipei Open 2013
Figure Skating Tournament
(America, Europe, Oceania, Africa, Asia)

August 15-18, 2013
Taipei City, Chinese Taipei

An International Competition
For Junior – Men & Ladies,
Advanced Novice and Basic Novice – Boys & Girls

Recognized by
International Skating Union
Organized By
Chinese Taipei Skating Union

Taipei Open 2013 Figure Skating Tournament

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Taipei Open 2013 Figure Skating Tournament will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pairs Skating and Ice Dance 2012, and the pertinent ISU Communications.

Taipei Open 2013 Figure Skating Tournament is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, provided their ages fall within the limits, and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1420. In accordance with such Rule and Communication, any Competitor who does not have the nationality of the Member that he/she represents, or who, although having such nationality, has represented another member in the past, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

All events as well as the official practices will take place at the “**Taipei Arena Annex Ice Rink**”, (30m x 60m, with total 1,000 spectator seats), Taipei City, Chinese Taipei. The facility is indoor, heated artificial ice surfaces.

Ice Rink address: No. 2, Sec. 4, Nanjing E. Road, Songshan District, Taipei City 10553, Chinese Taipei.

2.1 Junior Men and Ladies

AGE LIMITS:

In accordance with the ISU Rule 108, paragraph 2 c), the participants must have reached at least the age of thirteen (13) and have not reached the age of nineteen (19) before July 1 preceding the competition (born between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 2000)

SHORT PROGRAM:

The required elements to be performed are listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012, Rule 511, paragraph 3, the required elements for 2013-2014, and the respective ISU Communications.

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

FREE SKATING:

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communications; special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program”.

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

Ladies: 3 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

2.2 Advanced Novice Boys and Girls

AGE LIMITS:

In accordance with the ISU Rule 108, paragraph 2 d), the participants must have reached at least the age of ten (10) and have not reached the age of fifteen (15) before July 1 preceding the competition (born between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 2003)

SHORT PROGRAM:

The required elements to be performed are listed in the ISU Communications No. 1760, as follows:

Advanced Novice Boys:

- 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) 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 (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot). Flying entry is allowed.
- f) One step sequence with full utilization of the ice surface.

Advanced Novice Girls:

- 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 (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot). Flying entry is allowed.
- f) One step sequence with full utilization of the ice surface.

Duration: 2 minutes and 30 seconds maximum, but may be less.

FREE SKATING:

The explanation for a "well balanced program" has been listed in the ISU Communication No. 1760, as follows:

Advanced Novice Boys and Girls

- a) Maximum 6 jump elements for Girls and 7 jump elements for Boys, 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: Boys: 3 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds
Girls: 3 minutes, +/-10 seconds

LEVEL EXPLANATIONS:

For Advanced Novice Singles, in all elements which 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.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

The Program Components are only judged in:

- Skating Skills
- Transitions
- Performance/Execution
- Interpretation

FACTORS:

The factors for the Program Components are

- a) Short Program for boys 0.9 for girls 0.8
- b) Free Skating for boys 1.8 for girls 1.6

2.3 Basic Novice B Boys and Girls

AGE LIMITS:

In accordance with the ISU Rule 108, paragraph 2 d) and ISU Communication No. 1760, the participants must have reached at least the age of thirteen (13) and have not reached the age of fifteen (15) before July 1 preceding the competition (born between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 2000)

FREE SKATING:

The explanation for a “well balanced program” has been listed in the ISU Communication No. 1760, as follows:

Basic Novice B Boys and Girls

- a) Maximum of 5 jump elements for Girls and 6 jump elements for Boys, 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) or more revolutions 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 in total) and one a flying spin or a spin with a flying entrance (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total).
- c) There must be for Girls and Boys one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface. The sequence will receive Level features and will also be evaluated in GOE.

Duration: 3 minutes, +/-10 seconds

LEVELS EXPLANATIONS:

For Basic Novice B Singles, in all elements which 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.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

The Program Components are only judged in:

- Skating Skills
- Performance/Execution
- Interpretation

FACTORS:

The factors for the Program Components are for boys 2.0 for girls 1.7

2.4 Basic Novice A Boys and Girls

AGE LIMITS:

In accordance with the ISU Rule 108, paragraph 2 d) and ISU Communication No. 1760, the participants must have reached at least the age of ten (10) and have not reached the age of thirteen (13) before July 1 preceding the competition (born between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2003)

FREE SKATING:

The explanation for a “well balanced program” has been listed in the ISU Communication No. 1760, as follows:

Basic Novice A Boys and Girls

- a) Maximum of 4 jump elements for Girls and Boys one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. Jump combinations can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Triple jumps are not permitted.
- b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination with or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total) and one spin with no change of position and with or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total). Flying entry is allowed.
- c) There must be maximum:
 - (i) for Girls one (1) choreographic sequence which includes at least one (1) spiral position at least (3) seconds long. The sequence will have a fixed Base value and evaluated in GOE only.
 - (ii) for Boys maximum of one (1) step sequence without Level value. The sequence will have a fixed Base value and evaluated in GOE only.

Duration: 2 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

LEVELS EXPLANATIONS:

For Basic Novice A Singles, in all elements which 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.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

The Program Components are only judged in:

- Skating Skills
- Performance/Execution

FACTOR: The Factor of the Program Components is 2.5

3. ENTRIES

Each ISU member has the right to enter *up to 3 competitors for each category* in the Taipei Open 2013 Figure Skating Tournament.

The invited judges and officials who must be an international or ISU judge listed in the relevant ISU Communications.

Entries must be submitted by the ISU Member concerned to the Organizing Committee, no later than **August 1st 2013**, by letter, fax or electronic email to:

Chinese Taipei Skating Union

Room 610, 20, Chu-Lun Str., Taipei 10489, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Phone: +886 2 8771 1451 Fax: +886 2778 2778

E-mail: tpefsstssskating@gmail.com

Entry Fee is USD\$100 for each participating ISU Member.

The entry fee must be paid before August 1st 2013.

Competitors and Officials must submit, together with the entry forms and "Program Content Sheet" (for competitors only). It is not allowed to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting officials.

4. MEALS, LODGING, PREPAYMENT AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for the Judges and Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators once the nomination has been officially accepted. The Organizing Committee will cover the above-mentioned expenses beginning from **lunch, August 15, 2013** until **breakfast, August 19, 2013**.

The Organizing Committee will cover the travel expenses (economy class) for the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators. All expenses incurred by any competitor or any kind of official of each participating ISU member will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid prior to departure.

All participating members are responsible for their own travel expenses.

The Organizing Committee will cover the expenses for room and meals for **1 Team Leader or 1 Coach and 1 skater of each participating teams, beginning from lunch, August 15, 2013 until breakfast, August 19, 2013**.

5. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Judges, the Technical Specialists, all other Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials are requested to announce as soon as possible, and not later than **August 1st, 2013** to the Organizing Committee, by the enclosed forms, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at ***Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (IATA Code: TPE)*** or ***Taipei SongShan Airport (IATA: TSA)***

Delegations and guests will be met at ***Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport*** or ***Taipei SongShan Airport*** as from **August 14, 2013**. The Teams (Competitors, Team Leaders and Federation Officials) will have priority to the transportation. Coaches, Medical Staff and Team Chaperones will be allowed

to use the transportation if space is available.

6. VISA

For visa issue or visa application, please refer to the below link:

<http://www.boca.gov.tw/np.asp?ctNode=529&mp=2>

The countries are eligible for the visa exemption are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.K., U.S.A., and Vatican City State.

For the members who may need to apply an entry visa, please kindly contact with the Organizing Committee for further assistance.

7. OFFICIAL HOTEL

The official hotels for this Competition are:

Sunworld Dynasty Hotel (Team)

Address: No. 100 Dun Hua North Road, Taipei 10549, Taiwan

Tel: +886 2 2719 7199

Fax: +886 2 2545 9288

<http://www.sunworlddynasty.com.tw/html/2009/Eng/index.html>

Donghwa Waikoloa Hotel (Event Judges & Officials)

Address: No. 156 Section 4, Nanjing East Road, Taipei 10553, Taiwan

Tel: +886 2 2579 6162

Fax: +886 2 2577 9463

<http://www.donghwa.com.tw/english/about.htm>

8. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation center will be located at the lobby of the official hotel Sunworld Dynasty Hotel. All the competitors, officials, judges, coaches and chaperons will be required to present their passports (and the clearance certificate if the presented passport is not the same as the ISU Member entering the competitor) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport..

9. PRACTICE

Official practice for competitors begins on Thursday, August 15th, 2013. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of accreditation. According to ISU Regulations, no competitor may practice in a rink other than the official rink or after having been accredited through the Organizing Committee.

10. DRAWS

The draws for the starting order of the first segment will be held individually and per discipline at the Opening Draws on **August 15, 2013**. The time will be provided at the accreditation. There will be no draw for the starting order of the second segment (not applicable to Basic Novice); the starting order of the second segment will be in reverse order of the first segment.

11. MUSIC

The competition music of excellent quality must be submitted on CD (Compact Disc) format. The CD must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the competitor and the coach at the time of the accreditation. Each program (short/free) must be recorded on one track and on a separate CD. Competitors must provide a back-up CD for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music, for the Short Program and Free Skating, must be listed for each competitor on the official Music Form and attached to the official Entry Form. If music information is not complete or CD is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

12. LIABILITY

It is the sole obligation of each Member participating in this event, to provide medical and accident insurance for themselves. 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 mean of transport. The Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the event.

13. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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14. PROVISIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Thursday, August 15, 2013

08:00~21:00 Official Practice

19:00 Team Leaders' Meeting

19:45 Opening Draws

20:30 Judges Draw and Meeting

21:00 Referee and Technical Controllers Meeting

21:30 Technical Panel's Meeting

Friday, August 16, 2013

08:00~15:00 Official Practice

15:10 Onwards ~ COMPETITIONS

Advanced Novice Boys – Short Program

Advanced Novice Girls – Short Program

Basic Novice A Boys – Free Skating

Basic Novice A Girls – Free Skating

Basic Novice B Boys – Free Skating

Basic Novice B Girls – Free Skating

Saturday, August 17, 2013

09:00~14:00 Official Practice

14:10 Onwards ~ COMPETITIONS

Advanced Novice Boys – Free Skating

Advanced Novice Girls – Free Skating

Junior Men – Short Program

Junior Ladies – Short Program

Sunday, August 18, 2013

09:00~13:00 Official Practice

13:10 Onwards ~ COMPETITIONS

Junior Men – Free Skating

Junior Ladies – Free Skating

Victory Ceremony