

ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

FINLANDIA TROPHY

**An International Senior Competition for
Men, Ladies and Ice Dance**

**organized by the
*Finnish Figure Skating Association***

**October, 9th - 12th, 2014
in Espoo, Finland**

**The event is part of the
ISU Challenger Series 2014/2015**





1. GENERAL

The Finlandia Trophy will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014, the Special Regulations and Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2014 as well as all pertinent ISU Communications and valid decisions of the ISU Congress 2014.

Participation in the Finlandia Trophy 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 3. a) 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.

RESULTS, PRIZES and ISU WORLD STANDINGS

The event is part of the "ISU Challenger Series 2014/2015". Points and Prize money has been settled within ISU Communication No. 1858.

The Organizer will award 3 000 € to the skaters placed 1st in Men's and Ladies' categories and 4 000 € for the Ice Dance couple placed 1st. Payments will be made through the respective National Associations as per ISU Rule 102. The withholding tax will be deducted according to Finnish law.

ISU World Standing points will also be awarded according to the "World Standings Procedure" for the "ISU Challenger Series 2014/2015" / ISU Communication 1858.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

ISU Member: Finnish Figure Skating Association

Place: The Finlandia Trophy 2014 will be held in Espoo, at Barona Areena, from October 9 to October 12, 2014. The ice rink is situated 25 km from the Helsinki Airport and about 40 minutes by car.

Barona Areena is indoor and heated. **The size of the rink is 30 m x 60 m.**

Men:	Short Program	The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rule Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule <u>6</u> 11, para 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule <u>6</u> 12 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.



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Ladies:	Short Program	The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule <u>611</u> , para 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule <u>612</u> and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
Ice Dance:	Short Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule <u>709</u> . Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule <u>710</u> . The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.

3. ENTRIES of COMPETITORS

ISU Members must enter their competitors/couples and their substitutes on the official forms:

Entry Form B 02: for competitors

Participation is open for all skaters/couples of ISU Members according to ISU Communication 1858 paragraph 4.

The entry form for Competitors must be sent to the Organizing Member (trophy.finlandia@gmail.com), the Sports Manager Figure Skating, Mr. Peter Krick (peter.krick@eventint.com) and the ISU Secretariat (entries@isu.ch).

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the proper terminology.

It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.



4. ENTRIES of JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) Judge with the qualification "Judge for International competitions" or "ISU Judge" per discipline, double duty Judges are welcome.

The entry form for Judges must be sent to the Organizing Member (trophy.finlandia@gmail.com), the Sports Manager Figure Skating, Mr. Peter Krick (peter.krick@eventint.com) and the ISU Secretariat (entries@isu.ch).

The Panels of Judges will consist of seven (7) Judges in all panels.

The Referees and the Technical Panel members will be invited by the Organizing Committee who will also cover their travel expenses.

The panels will be drawn immediately after the closing of entries. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result of the draw.

The Organizer reserves the right to draw for the composition of panels beforehand and inform those Judges who are not drawn for service.

5. ENTRIES of TEAM OFFICIALS

Official entries of Team Leaders, Team Officials, Coaches/Choreographers, Team Medical staff etc. must be made together with the entries for Competitors and Judges. The names of such Team Officials must be listed on the official Form "Composition of Delegation". Judges and Judges' partners are to be listed on the separate Form "Judges Entry".

The Composition of Delegation form must be sent to the Organizing Member (trophy.finlandia@gmail.com) and the ISU Secretariat (entries@isu.ch).

6. ENTRY DEADLINE

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by Thursday, August 7, 2014 and all final entries not later than Monday, August 25, 2014.

The Forms *Preliminary Entry* (Form A), *Composition of Delegation* (Form B 01), *Competitor Entry* (Form B 02), *Judges Entry* (B 03) and *Hotel Sheet* (B 04) have to be used and must be sent to:

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as well as other recipients as mentioned under point 3, 4 and 5 above.

All other forms must reach the Organizing Committee also by **August 25th, 2014**.

The Announcement and all Forms in electronic version are also available at our website:
<http://www.finlandiatrophy.com>



7. MUSIC

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on either CD (Compact Disc) format or any other electronic means. The discs must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the competitor and by the coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Each program must be recorded on a separate disc. Competitors must provide a back-up drive for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Singles, for the Short Dance and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance, must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

If music information is not complete and music not provided, accreditation will not be given.

8. EXPENSES PROVIDED

Judges, Referees and Technical Panel

The Organizer will provide accommodation and meals for all Referees, Judges drawn for the panel, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators

*from October 8th, 2014 starting with dinner
to October 13, 2014 ending with breakfast*

Competitors

Competitors and all other Team Members are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and meal expenses.

All bookings are to be made with the Organizer by August 25, 2014. The Organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms for bookings which are received after that date. All payments shall be made upon arrival at the hotel. The number of three-bed rooms is limited.

Official Hotel

Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden
Tapiolankatu 3
02100 Espoo, Finland

Rate:

Single room: 88.00 €
Double room: 98.00 €
Triple room: 110.00 €

9. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations Single and Ice Dance 2014, Rule 352 and 353 *)

10. LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the FINLANDIA TROPHY 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 to the 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 with the event mentioned above.



11. VICTORY CEREMONY

The three best-placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced and honoured at the official Victory Ceremony.

12. ACCREDITATION / REGISTRATION

Accreditation will take place at the official hotel, Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden. The accreditation desk will open on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 18.00.

Accreditation will be given to all Finlandia Trophy Event Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Video Operators, ISU Office Holders and Guests, all accepted Judges, Competitors, one Team Leader, Team Medical staff (max. one medical doctor and one physiotherapist) - and one Coach per skater.

Not more than 2 Officials of each ISU Member will also receive an accreditation provided they are Council Members of their National Federation (including Presidents) or the General Secretary of the Head Office of their Federation. Each Member confirms the function of each Team Member with the official entry form "Composition of Delegation".

Chaperons (only one per skater) will receive a permit for joining the shuttle bus from the hotel to the ice rink and back. Chaperones will not receive any special price tickets to the competition events.

13. VARIOUS

DRAW AND JUDGES' MEETINGS

The draw for the starting order of the Short Program/Short Dance will take place on Thursday, **October 9, 2014 at 20.00** (place to be announced).

The first **Judges' Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 18.00** at the Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden. The Round Table Discussions will take place on Sunday morning (Ladies) October 12, 2014 and on Sunday, October 12, 2014, after the conclusion of the concerning discipline (Ice Dance and Men). The venue for the meetings will be informed to the Judges at the first Judges' meeting.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

The Official Hotel is located approximately 3 km from the Ice Rink. Shuttle bus between the Official Hotel and the Ice Rink will be provided by the Organizer from Thursday to Sunday.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Upon request, the organizer will arrange **transportation from/to Helsinki Airport to the Official hotel. A fee of 15 EUR/per person/one way** will be charged for this service except invited officials. Please contact the organizers if needed.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests may be carried out as per ISU Communication No. 1765 and 1800 or any later update of the Communications.



PHOTO OF THE COMPETITOR(S)

For the Official Program, we would like you to send us a “headshot” of your competitor(s) in digital form, resolution 300 dpi, max width 10 cm, by Monday, August 25 at the latest.

14. CHALLENGER SERIES

The “FINLANDIA TROPHY 2014” is part of the *ISU Challenger Series*.

As a consequence of this it will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as outlined in ISU Communication 1858 in terms of ISU World Standing Points, Minimum Total Technical Score, ISU Challenger Series Ranking, Prize Money for the final Challenger Series Ranking and officials remuneration.

15. INFORMATION

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**16. 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 Friday, October 10 at 7.45.

Thursday, October 9	Unofficial practice (Ladies/ Men/ Ice Dance)	10.00 -19.15
	Judges' Meeting, Technical Panel Meeting	18.00
	Opening Draw	20.00
Friday, October 10	Practice (Men/ Ladies/ Ice Dance)	07.45 - 16.00
	Opening on Ice	17.30
	Short Program, Ladies	18.15 – 20.45
	Short Program Synchro (invitation only)	21.00 – 21.40
Saturday, October 11	Practice (Ice Dance/ Men/ Ladies)	07.00 - 12.30
	Short Dance, Ice Dance	13.00 - 15.45
	Short Program, Men	16.00 - 19.00
	Free Program, Ladies	19.15 - 22.30
	Victory Ceremony Ladies	22.35
Sunday, October 12	Judges' Round Table Discussion/Ladies	08.00
	Practice (Ice Dance/ Men)	06.45 - 12.30
	Free Dance, Ice Dance	13.00 - 16.15
	Free Skating, Men	16.30 - 20.20
	Victory Ceremony Ice Dance and Men	20.25
	Judges' Round Table Discussion/Ice Dance, Men	

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17. Competition Entry Forms Overview

Form		Deadline
Form 00	Preliminary Entry Form	August 7 th , 2014
Form 01	Composition of Delegation	August 25 th , 2014
Form 02	Entry Form for Competitors	August 25 th , 2014
Form 03	Entry Form for Judges	August 25 th , 2014
Form 04	Hotel Request Form	August 25 th , 2014
Form 05	Team Travel Form	August 25 th , 2014
Form 06	Inquiry of bank account	August 25 th , 2014
Form 07	Press Information	August 25 th , 2014
Form 08	Competition Music Information	August 25 th , 2014
Form 09	Ice Dance Music Information	August 25 th , 2014
Form 10	Program Content Form	August 25 th , 2014