



21st edition

**International Synchronized Skating Competition
Milano – Sesto San Giovanni, ITALY
February 13 ÷ 15, 2015**

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Milan (Sesto S.Giovanni) February 13 ÷ 15, 2015

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA SPORT del GHIACCIO
is proud to announce

spring cup 2015

Milano (Sesto San Giovanni) – Italy
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INTERNATIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMPETITION

conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating 2014 as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Hosted by FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA SPORT GHIACCIO
Organized by PRECISION SKATING MILANO

Events	Senior	Short Program Free Skating Program
	Junior	Short Program Free Skating Program
	Advanced Novice	Free Skating Program

Competition will be held in PALASESTO ARENA, Milano – Sesto San Giovanni, Italy

Please notify your intention to participate in the Competition **not later than December 15th, 2014** in order to let the Organizing Committee finalizing the relevant scheduling.

Please direct your application to:

SPRING CUP 2015
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OFFICE
Via Pasubio, 12
20066 MELZO (MI), Italy
Phone +39 340.785.416

Please send on all documents preferably by e-mail to the following address:

e-mail: springcup@precisionskating.it (official e-mail)

Info Website: www.springcup.it

If necessary, you can also fax your documents to the following number: +39 039 97 16 559

INVITED MEMBERS

All the Members of the International Skating Union listed on ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014 are invited to enter Teams at Spring Cup 2015.

GENERAL RULES

Spring Cup 2015 is an International Skating Union (ISU) Event and will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014 and Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2014, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation to Spring Cup 2015 is open to all Teams belonging to ISU Members, as per Rule 109, paragraph 2d) and qualified with regard to eligibility, according to ISU Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in ISU Rule 108, paragraph 2 and they meet participation, citizenship and residency requirements, according to the ISU Rule 109.

The composition of Teams is determined by ISU Rule 701, paragraph 3.

The results will be determined according to ISU Rule 737 and 738 Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2014.

CATEGORIES

The following Categories are included:

Senior:	Short Program and Free Skating Program
Junior:	Short Program and Free Skating Program
Advanced Novice:	Free Skating Program

The final results will be determined as a combined result according to ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2014.

ENTRIES OF TEAMS AND JUDGES AND NOMINATION/REGISTRATION

Each ISU Member **may enter up to three (3) teams per category.**

The organizer reserves the right to limit the number of entries per Member.

Entries of Teams, nominated Judges, Team Leaders and Team Managers must be made only by the respective Members on the enclosed Official Forms and must reach the Organizing Committee

not later than December 15th, 2014. Late entries will not be accepted.

Deadline for Preliminary Entry Form: November, 20th 2014

The registration for Referees, Judges, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators, Teams, Accredited Coaches, Team Leaders and Team Managers will take place at **GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ** in Sesto San Giovanni (Milan):

- **Thursday February 12th from 14:00 to 20:00**
- **Friday February 13th from 08:00 to 14:00**

ENTRY FEE

The fixed Entry fee for Spring Cup 2015 will be:

<u>SENIOR and JUNIOR TEAMS</u>	€ 450,00
<u>ADVANCED NOVICE TEAMS</u>	€ 400,00

Please note: Entry fee payment does not include any extra practice ice.

Be sure to book your extra practice ice as soon as possible to be better served (see **Form 6**)

EXPIRY DATE OF ENTRY FEE PAYMENT IS JANUARY 2nd 2015.

All payments are to be made through BANK TRANSFER only, to the following account:

Account Holder:	ASD PRECISION SKATING MILANO
Name of Bank:	BANCA INTESA SAN PAOLO
Address of the Bank:	Via F.BIANCHI n° 7 – 2006 MELZO - MILANO – ITALY
ACCOUNT NUMBER:	1000/00013265 PRECISION SKATING MILANO
IBAN:	IT07 C 0306933 4001 0000 0013 265
SWIFT CODE:	BC IT IT MM

Clearly point out: "SPRING CUP 2015 / name of the TEAM/ COUNTRY" on all payments.

Commissions and any bank transaction fee will be at your charge and have to be paid directly to the bank.

Organizing Committee must receive the net amount of entry fees.

A copy of the effected payments has to be sent as soon as possible to the following e.mail address:

springcup@precisionskating.it

**Only if not possible, please fax all your payment documents to the following number:
+39 039 97 16 559**

The Team registration will be valid only after Entry fee payment.

No refund will be made in case of withdraw from the Event after January 2nd 2015.

Extra practice ice must also be paid in advance, not later than January 2nd 2015 (see Form 6)

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Bring copy of bank currency transfer in order to facilitate registration procedure at GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSI.**
- **NO credit cards or bank checks will be accepted.**
- **Cash payment (in Euro) or travel checks will be allowed.**

JUDGES/REFEREES/TECHNICAL CONTROLLER **TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS/DATA-REPLAY OPERATORS**

♦ 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 2014-2015.

♦ The host ISU Member may nominate a **second Judge** listed in the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2014-2015.

The **Referees** will be invited by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2014-2015.

The **Technical Controller** will be invited by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Technical Controllers for Synchronized Skating 2014-2015.

The **Technical Specialists** will be invited by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Technical Specialists for Synchronized Skating 2014-2015.

The **Data/Replay Operators** will be invited by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Data/Video Operators 2014-2015.

The Organizing Committee will pay travel expenses at APEX airfare economy rates for the invited Referees, Technical Controller, the Technical Specialists and the Data/Replay Operators only and will provide ground transportation, accommodation and meals, from February 14th lunch to February 17th breakfast for the invited Referees/Technical Controller/Technical Specialists/Data-Replay Operators and nominated Judges.

Please note: *wives, husbands, relatives, physician staff and doctors are not included.*

The rooms at GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ in Sesto San Giovanni for invited Referees/Technical Controller/Technical Specialists/Data-Replay Operators and nominated Judges will be reserved by the Organizing Committee upon receipt of the entries.

INITIAL JUDGES MEETING/ **REFEREES-TECHNICAL PANEL MEETING/** **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION / TECHNICAL PANEL FINAL MEETING**

The **Initial Judges Meeting** for Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice events will be held on Friday, February 13th 2015, at 17:00 in GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ – Sesto San Giovanni .

The **Meeting for Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators** will be held on Friday, February 13th 2015 at 19:00 in GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ – Sesto San Giovanni.

The **Technical Panel Final Meeting** for Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators) will be held on Sunday February 15 th 2015 at 22:00 at the ICE RINK (Technical Panel Room)

The **Round Table Discussion** for Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice events will be held on Sunday, February 15th 2015 at 23:00 in GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ – Sesto San Giovanni

Referees, Judges, Technical Controller and Technical Specialists are kindly requested to carefully plan well in advance their travel arrangements in order to attend the mandatory meetings.

TECHNICAL RULES

ISU Rules shall be in effect according to 2014 ISU Congress and ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014 and Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2014, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

The following has to be noted: each participating Team may enter up to a maximum of four (4) alternates on the official Entry Form; Teams of a Member may enter more than one category using different music and different programs, 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.

a) **Senior Teams:** shall consist of sixteen (16) skaters; all of them must have reached at least the age of 15 before July 1st 2014.

Short Program	Maximum 2 min. 50 sec.	Program Component Factor: 0.8
Free Skating Program	4 min. 30 sec. ± 10 sec.	Program Component Factor: 1.6

The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2014 and pertinent ISU Communications.

b) **Junior Teams:** shall consist of sixteen (16) skaters; all of them must have reached at least the age of 13 but not have reached the age of 19 before July 1st 2014.

Short Program	Maximum 2 min. 50 sec.	Program Component Factor: 0.8
Free Skating Program	4 min. 10 sec.	Program Component Factor: 1.6

The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2014 and pertinent ISU Communications.

c) **Advance Novice Teams:** shall consist of sixteen (16) skaters; all of them must have reached at least the age of 10 but not have reached the age of 15 before July 1st 2014.

Free Skating Program	3 min. 30 sec. ± 10 sec.	Program Component Factor: 1.0
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The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in the pertinent ISU Communication.

PROGRAM CONTENT SHEETS

Along with entries, Teams should attach Planned Program Content Sheets (**Form 8 and 9**), one for the Short Program and one for the Free Skating Program. Planned Program Content Sheets must be signed by a Coach or Team Representative. However programs content may be changed at Competition time.

Form 8 and 9 deadline is January 10th, 2015.

MUSIC

Upon accreditation, all Teams shall furnish their competition music of excellent quality on CD (Compact disc) format. **Two (2) copies for each program (Short/Free) must be submitted by the Team Leader/Manager at the time of registration.** Each one CD must be properly inserted in its original case, must clearly show the name of the Team, the category (Senior/Junior/Advanced Novice), the type of program (Short/Free) as well as the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by Team Leader/Manager when submitted at the time of registration.

Each program (Short/Free) must be recorded on one track and on a separate C.D. (**Form 4**).

HOTEL INFORMATION

GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ in Sesto San Giovanni (Milan) is the **Official HOTEL** of **Spring Cup 2015**.

The hotel is located at fifteen minutes walk from Palasesto Arena

GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ *****

Via Padovani n. 38 – 20099 Sesto San Giovanni (Milan)

Phone: +39 02 24114.01 Fax: +39 02 24114000

e-mail: reservations@baronedisassj.com **Mr. ANDREA Coppolino**

For more details see Hotel web site:

<http://www.caltahotel.it>

Organizing Committee will take charge of Grand Hotel Barone di Sassj reservation for: Referees, Judges, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators.

FOR TEAMS and PARENTS

The First suggested Hotel is GRAND HOTEL DUCA DI MANTOVA, located in Sesto San Giovanni, at 15 minutes walk from Palasesto Arena

GRAND HOTEL DUCA DI MANTOVA*****

Piazza Francesco Caltagirone n. 40-48 situated above Centro Commerciale Vulcano

20099 Sesto San Giovanni (Mi)

Phone: +39 02 24989701 Fax +39 02 22477776

Email: reservations@ducadimantova.com

WebSite: www.caltahotel.it – **Mrs. VESELA Milisavljevic or Mrs. LARA Torraca**

The alternative suggested Hotel is Hotel St.John, located in Sesto San Giovanni, at 15 minutes walk from Palasesto Arena:

HOTEL ST.JOHN*****

Via Bruno Buozzi, 97 – 20099 SESTO SAN GIOVANNI MI

Phone: +39 02 24.05.641 Fax: +39 02 22.47.07.77

e-mail: info@hotelstjohn.it ref. **Mr. RIBEZZI**

For more details see Hotel website:

www.hotelstjohn.it

All HOTEL reservations for rooms, meals and payments must be made by Teams directly to the suggested HOTELS.

Please, use **"SPRING CUP 2015"** reference on your booking requests.

BUS TRANSFER

Free transfer from/to Airport, from/to Palasesto Arena and from/to Hotel will be granted to the nominated Judges, invited Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators.

Teams wishing to arrange transfer from/to Airport, from/to the Ice rink or any other transfer requirement necessity are kindly requested to contact directly:

PARMIGIANI GROUP S.a.s. & C. – Mrs. KATIA Marzolo

Phone: +39 02 87186963 or +39 02 87186880 or +39 345 2350290

e-mail: k.marzolo@autonoleggioparmigiani.it

Otherwise contact the « Parmigiani Group » as mentioned above

All reservations and payments must be arranged by Teams directly through PARMIGIANI GROUP Mrs. KATIA Marzolo

Please use **"Spring Cup 2015"** reference on your booking requests.

Please note: the Teams that will lodge to the hotels **GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ** and **GRAND HOTEL DUCA DI MANTOVA** can directly ask at the Hotel for the organization of their transfers.

All reservation and payments must be arranged by Team , in this case, directly through the hotel

ICE RINK

PALASESTO ARENA is located in Sesto San Giovanni (Milan), near the Subway Station, Rail Station and Bus Station and is easily reachable (approx. time):

- 20 minutes drive from Linate Airport (LIN)
- 60 minutes drive from Malpensa Airport (MXP)
- 45 minutes drive from Orio al Serio (Bergamo) Airport (BGY)
- 20 minutes drive from the Milan Railway Central Station
- 10 minutes drive from Grand Hotel Barone di Sassj
- 10 minutes drive from Grand Hotel Duca di Mantova
- 15 minutes walk from Hotel St.John
- Less than 5 minute walk from the Subway Station, Rail Station and Bus Station.

Palasesto Arena has a seating capacity of 3.100. Ice surface is artificial. Size: 30x56 m. During the Competition the Arena will be warmed up.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE

Unofficial Practice Ice for all Teams will take place from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th (see **Form 6**).

A minimum of **one block (15 min)** of Unofficial Practice Ice will be assured to all Teams in Palasesto Arena, in order to let each participating Team practice ice at the main ice rink. Any further reservation requested by Teams will be allocated either in Palasesto Arena according on availability, and will be arranged on "first come, first served" basis.

Please note that confirmation of bookings will only be available after January 2nd, 2015.

The payment of confirmed extra ice will be made not late than January 25th, 2015.

Please note that any bus transfer to/from the Unofficial Practice sites will be at Team expenses, to be arranged and paid directly to PARMIGIANI GROUP or Grand Hotel Barone di Sassj or Grand Hotel Duca di Mantova.

No extra ice practice will be available after the beginning of OFFICIAL DRAW.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE

Each Team will be allowed a 10 minute period of Official Practice ice for Short Program and a 12 minutes period for Free Skating Program, free of charge.

OFFICIAL DRAW

The Official Draw will take place on Friday, February 13th at 18:30 in GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ-Sesto San Giovanni. Five (5) skaters for each Team are requested to take part in the event.

The Intermediate Draws will take place immediately after the end of the Short Program for each category in Palasesto Arena, in a room to be confirmed during the Competition.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony will take place at Palasesto Arena on Saturday, February 14th , 30 minutes before the beginning of the Competition

MEDAL AND TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three Teams of each category.
Medals will be awarded to all skaters.

LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, Federazione Italiana Sport Ghiaccio and Organizing Committee of Spring Cup 2015 assumes no responsibility or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or for property loss or damage incurred by Competitors or Officials in connection with the 2015 Spring Cup International Synchronized Skating Competition.

Each Member participating in the ISU Events has the sole responsibility for providing its own medical and accident insurance protection.

The Organizing Committee will provide emergency medical services for all Competitors at the Competition and at the Official Practice sites.

DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests may be carried out during the competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications No. 1800).

PUBLICITY WAIVER

Please send a Team photo together with your entry request; digital images in good resolution sent by e-mail will be appreciated.

Members, Teams and Competitors hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that Team Photos, Team info and results will be published, as well as 2015 Spring Cup International Competition may be televised either in whole or in part, for showing on a worldwide basis. According to the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014 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 authorized for public use and consent to the use of his or her name, biography and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio program broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicizing of such program, without further clearance or payments of any kind on the side of the ISU, the Organizing Member Federazione Italiana Sport Ghiaccio, Organizing Committee and the relevant television network or broadcasters being required.

PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE ***

Thursday, February 12th 2015

h. 14:00 ÷ 20:00 **Official Registration** at GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ
Sesto San Giovanni

Friday, February 13th 2015

h. 08:00 ÷ 14:00 **Official Registration** at GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ
Sesto San Giovanni

h. 17:00 ÷ 18 00 **Initial Judges Meeting** (Referees and Judges) at
GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ Sesto San Giovanni

h. 18:30 ÷ 19:30 **Official Draw** at GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ
Sesto San Giovanni

h. 19:30 ÷ 20:00 **Meeting for Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists and
Data/Replay Operators** GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI SASSJ Sesto S. Gio-
vanni

h. 20.30 **Official Dinner** for Judges/Referees/Technical Controller/Technical
Specialists/Data-Replay Operators at GRAND HOTEL BARONE DI
SASSJ Sesto San Giovanni

Saturday, February 14th 2015

h. 06:45 ÷ 09:25 Official Practice Junior Short Program

h. 09:40 ÷ 12:25 Official Practice Senior Short Program

h. 13.30 ÷ 14:00 **Opening Ceremony** (Palasesto Arena)

h. 14:00 ÷ 16:27 **Junior Short Program Event**

h. 16:40 **Intermediate Draw Junior**

h. 17:10 ÷ 19:13 **Senior Short Program Event**

h. 19:30 **Intermediate Draw Senior**

h. 19:30 ÷ 21:33 Official Practice Advanced Novice Free Skating (**)

Sunday, February 15th 2015

h. 06:45 ÷ 09:50 Official Practice Junior Free Skating

h. 10:00 ÷ 13:00 Official Practice Senior Free Skating

h. 14:00 ÷ 15:45 **Advanced Novice Free Skating Event (**)**

h. 16:15 ÷ 18:55 **Junior Free Skating Event**

h. 19:25 ÷ 21.55 **Senior Free Skating Event**

h. 22:00 ÷ 22:30 **Award Ceremony** for Advanced Novice/Junior/Senior

h. 22.00 ÷ 23:00 **Technical Panel Final Meeting** for Advanced Novice/Junior/Senior
(Technical Controller, Technical Specialist and Data/Replay
Operators) at the ICE RINK (Technical Panel Room)

h. 23:00 ÷ 00:30 **Round Table Discussion** for Advanced Novice/Junior/Senior
(Referees, Technical Controller and Judges) at GRAND HOTEL
BARONE di SASSJ in Sesto San Giovanni

***** TIME TABLE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, depending on the number of entries**
**** Advanced Novice competition might be held on SATURDAY. Final communication
will be given within December 20th 2014.**