



Icechallenge

GRAZ, AUSTRIA

05.-10. NOVEMBER 2024

ANNOUNCEMENT



An International figure skating competition

for

Men, Women, Pairs and Ice Dance

**Basic Novice
Advanced Novice
Juniors
Seniors**

organized by

SKATE AUSTRIA

**in collaboration with
GRAZER EISLAUFVEREIN**

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1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

First and foremost, the following information is subject to a timely normalization of the coronavirus situation allowing the safe organization of the Icechallenge events this November.

The **ICECHALLENGE** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024 the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **ICECHALLENGE** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member 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 2562 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2562 all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All competitors must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE **Main arena: MERKUR Eisstadion, Zoisweg 15, 8041 Graz**
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Practice arena: MERKUR Eisstadion, Zoisweg 15, 8041 Graz
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex / building.

CATEGORIES

BASIC NOVICE BOYS & GIRLS and PAIR SKATING

In accordance with ISU Communication 2624 and or the relevant ISU Communication

Age requirements

In International Novice Competitions a Basic Novice is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the competition:

Basic Novice - has not reached the age of fourteen (14)

Duration of the Programs:

Single Skating

Basic Novice Free Skating: 2:30 min, +/-10 sec.

Pair Skating

Basic Novice Free Skating: 3:00 min, +/-10 sec.

The OC will accept 4 Basic Girls and 4 Basic Boys and 4 Pairs per ISU Member. The OC reserves the right to issue invitations and accept further entries.

ADVANCED NOVICE

In accordance with ISU Communication 2624 and or the relevant ISU Communication

Age requirements

In International Novice Competitions a Advanced Novice is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the competition:

Advanced Novice - has reached the age of ten (10) and has not reached the age of sixteen (16) for girls (Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance) and boys (Single Skating) and eighteen (18) for boys (Pair Skating/Ice Dance).

Duration of the Programs

Single Skating Advanced Novice

Short Program: 2:20 min, +/-10 sec.

Free Skating: 3:00 min, +/-10 sec.

ADVANCED NOVICE PAIR SKATING

Short Program: 2:20 min, +/-10 sec.

Free Skating: 3:00 min, +/-10 sec.

The OC will accept 4 Advanced Novice Girls and 4 Advanced Novice Boys and 4 Advanced Novice Pairs per ISU Member. The OC reserves the right to issue invitations and accept further entries.

ADVANCED NOVICE ICE DANCE

In accordance with ISU Communication 2625 and or the relevant ISU Communication

In International Novice Competitions a Advanced Novice is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the competition:

Advanced Novice - has reached the age of ten (10) and has not reached the age of sixteen (16) for girls (Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance) and boys (Single Skating) and eighteen (18) for boys (Pair Skating/Ice Dance).

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS FOR PATTERN DANCES FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Rule 707, paragraph 5 provides that, in International Competitions, the current series of ISU Ice Dance music shall be used for the Pattern Dance unless the Ice Dance Technical Committee has decided that the music for one or several Pattern Dances is to be provided by the Couple, following certain requirements. For season 2024/25, Couples shall provide their own music for all Pattern Dances. According to Rule 707 paragraph 6: After the completion of the last step of the Pattern Dance, the couple must reach their final pose within 20 seconds. If this time limit is exceeded, a "Pattern Dances Program time" deduction according to Rule 353, paragraph 1. n) shall apply. The music must be chosen in accordance with the Rhythm of the Pattern Dance and may be vocal. The Tempo throughout the required Sequences must be constant and in accordance with the required Tempo of the Pattern Dance (see ISU Handbook Ice Dancing 2003) plus or minus 2 beats per minute (for dances with 4/4 timing) and plus or minus 3 beats per minute for waltz rhythms.

The following two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated: Westminster Waltz and Tango

Duration of Free Dance Free Skating: 3:00 min, +/-10 sec

The OC will accept 4 Advanced Novice Dance Couples per ISU Member. The OC reserves the right to issue invitations and accept further entries.

JUNIOR

JUNIOR MEN

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU

Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2024/25.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating

2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value.

Duration: 3 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

JUNIOR WOMEN

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU

Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2024/25.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating

2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value.

Duration: 3 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

JUNIOR PAIR SKATING

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU

Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2024/25.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2024, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 3 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

The OC will accept 4 Junior Women and 4 Junior Men and 4 Junior Pairs per ISU Member. The OC reserves the right to issue invitations and accept further entries.

JUNIOR ICE DANCE

Rhythm Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule 709.

Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2630 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. +/- 10 sec

Free Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule

710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2630 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 3 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec

The OC will accept 4 Junior Dance Couples per ISU Member. The OC reserves the right to issue invitations and accept further entries.

SENIOR

The OC will accept 4 Competitors in each Senior Category per ISU Member. The OC reserves the right to issue invitations and accept further entries.

MEN

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

WOMEN

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

PAIR SKATING

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2024/25.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

ICE DANCE

Rhythm Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024 Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2630 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec

Free Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2630 and subsequent updates.
Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 General

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for ISU in Figure Skating 2024/25.

All entries for the ICECHALLENGE, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be sent to the OC as well.

3.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: 15. September 2024 by entering the information through the ORS.

3.3 Entries by Name

3.3.1 Entries of Competitors

The Entries by names must be done through the **ORS not later than TUESDAY, October 8th 2024- 20:00h CET.**

3.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge Singles & Pairs and one (1) judge Ice Dance who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions". In case of too many nominated judges the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the closing date for the entries. The result of such draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entries of Judges must be done through the ORS.

TUESDAY, October 8th 2024 – 20:00h CET.

Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 5 Judges. In Basic Novice and Advanced Novice the panel will consist of maximum 5 Judges.

3.3.3 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Team Officials of each Member, including the Member President provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation, will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. An accompanying person to a Judge will only be accepted for accreditation if this person is a partner in life or a relative of the Judge. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted through the ORS and must reach the Organizing Committee not later than TUESDAY, October 8th 2024 – 20:00h CET

5. Entry Fee

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

EARLY BIRD payment done until TUESDAY, October 8th 2024 – 20:00h CET

Basic Novice Singles	EUR	60
Basic Novice Couples	EUR	100

All other categories

Singles EUR 90

Couples EUR 140

If payment of entry fee is done after TUESDAY, October 8th 2024 – 20:00h CET there will be an extra fee of € 15 / skater / couple

Basic Novice Singles EUR 75

Basic Novice Couples EUR 115

All other categories

Singles EUR 105

Couples EUR 155

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

An entry fee has to be paid after confirmation of the official entry by name. The entry-payment has to be done till latest TUESDAY, October 8th 2024 – 20:00h CET via banktransfer. All bank charges must be borne by the depositor, so that the full amount of the sum of entry fee reaches the organizer.

We kindly ask to mention **Icechallenge 2024, and Invoice Number.**

IBAN will be published – on the invoice or by paylink.

6. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) in Junior and Senior will not be from the same ISU Member. The Technical Panel members will have the qualification "ISU" or "international. The Referee will have at least the qualification "International" and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "International".

For Basic Novice and Advanced Novice the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists) and the Data and Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "national".

7. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges beginning with dinner earliest one **day before the 1st day of use** until lunch **depending on their schedule (breakfast the day after the last event)** Should any of the above-mentioned persons arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators.

8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD in any other approved format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single and Pairs, for the Short and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition must be entered on the ISU Portal. Members can download the entered information to send to the Organizing Committee.

Music can be uploaded or send by mail to icechallenge.music@gmail.com please see the information on the website! www.icechallenge.at

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2, all covers/discs must show the Competition event, Competitor's name, the 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. Each program (short program, free skating, short dance,

free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition, competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

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

The Planned Program Content must also be entered by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform. It is mandatory that the Program Content information be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to **Graz** is **Graz Airport (GRZ)** or the **Graz Hauptbahnhof** with a distance of **9 km** to the official hotel.

The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival. Please accept that we have to ask for a small transportation fee of EUR 32 from all persons participating in this shuttle service. Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **11. October 2024** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information need to be submitted via email with Form 05 TravelInformation IC 2024 and ORS.

10. OFFICIAL HOTELS

A List of Hotels will be published in the Team Information. www.icechallenge.at

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the ORS and or Organizing Committee. Booking requests have to be sent to the organizer by latest TUESDAY, October 8th 2024 – 20:00h CET. The organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are received after that date. The room reservations for all team members have to be done exclusively via ORS. After booking the Hotel will confirm the booking and sent an invoice. All extra expenses incurred by any person will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior departure.

For all hotels the official cancellation rules apply!

11. STARTING ORDER – DRAW

The draws for the starting order of all segments are made publicly by the Referee.

Draw schedule for: Novices, Juniors, Seniors - Will be published after final entry.

STARTING ORDER FREE SKATING

In all categories in Free Skating the starting order will be reversed to the results after the Short Program.

Draws will be published on the same day at Sportity, by email and posted in the venue.

12. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **ICERINK** upon arrival.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their ISU Member. **The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the OC.**

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.
Chaperons will not receive accreditation.

13. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

14. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists.

15. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in ISU Events, 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. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The ISU and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

16. MEETINGS FOR EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 18.

17. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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18. EVENT SCHEDULE

Please note:

This schedule is subject to change and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.

TUESDAY Nov. 5 th 2024	ARRIVAL of TEAMS PRACTICE I DRAWS
WEDNESDAY Nov. 6 th 2024	Short Programs Advanced Novice Girls, Boys, Junior Women, Men
THURSDAY Nov. 7 th 2024	Free Programs, Short Programs Pairs Advanced Novice Girls, Boys, Junior Women, Men
FRIDAY Nov. 8 th 2024	Short Programs Women, Men, Free Programs Pairs
SATURDAY Nov. 9 th 2024	Rhythm Dance, Short Programs, Free Programs Women, Men
SUNDAY Nov. 10 th 2024	Free Dance, Free Programs Basic Novice

FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
01	Preliminary Entry Form	ORS	15.09.2024
02	Entry Competitors	ORS	08.10.2024
03	Entry for Judges	ORS	08.10.2024
04	Composition of Delegation	ORS	08.10.2024
05	Travel Form	ORS	08.10.2024
06	Hotel booking	ORS	08.10.2024
	Visa request form	FORM	15.09.2024
	Press Information	ISU Portal	
	Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	
	Ice Dance Music Information	ISU Portal	
	Program Content Form	ISU Portal	