



Announcement

Nordics Open 2016

International Competition for
Senior Ladies and Senior Men

Feb 24-28, 2016
Aalborg, Denmark

www.thenordics2016.dk



Introduction

The Nordics Open for Senior Ladies and Men is a part of 'The Nordics' which includes Advanced Novice and Juniors.

General Regulations

The Nordics Open will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Figure Skating and Ice Dance, as well as all updated ISU Communications. Participation in The Nordics Open is open to competitors as follows:

Senior Men and Ladies Open to all members of ISU

and who qualify with regard to eligibility according to ISU Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2b), c) & d) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in ISU Rule 109 paragraph 1 through 5, and ISU Communication No. 1420 or any update of the Communication. Passports/EU ID cards of all skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification. Please note that The Nordics for Junior and Novice, open only to the Nordic members, will take place at the same time. Details are stated in a separate announcement.

Technical Data

**Place: Aalborg Gigantium,
Willy Brandts Vej 31, 9220 Aalborg, Denmark**

The venue is located 6 km from the City Center of Aalborg, and 14 km from Aalborg Airport.

All competition events and practices will take place in Aalborg Gigantium, which has two indoor and heated ice rinks, size 30x60 m. The Competition Arena holds up to 5000 spectators.

Senior Men

Short Program:

Duration max 2 min 50 sec, but may be less.

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule, 611, paragraphs 1 and 2, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Free Skating:

Duration 4 min 30 sec $\pm$ 10 sec

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 612, and all pertinent ISU Communications.



Senior Ladies

Short Program:

Duration max 2 min 50 sec, but may be less.

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule, 611, paragraphs 1 and 2, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Free Skating:

Duration 4 min $\pm$ 10 sec

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 612, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Entries

Citizen / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure: In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of it, all skaters who do not have the Nationality of the Member, which they have been entered or who although having such nationality, have

in the past representing another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. Each invited Member has the right to enter competitors as follows:

All ISU Members:	1 Senior Man
	1 Senior Lady

The Nordic Countries:	3 Senior Men
	3 Senior Ladies

All competitors must be entered and all judges nominated only through their respective Member Association/Federation.

Online Registration

Complete final entries must be made online at www.conferencemanager.dk/thenordics2016 at **January 28th 2016** the latest. Please find information on the online registration in **Appendix B**.

Entry Fee

Entry fee is **EUR 75 per skater**.

Amount due for payment by **January 28th 2016** by Bank Transfer immediately after completing the online registration.

Officials Information

The host Nordic country member is responsible for appointing Referees and Technical panels for all categories, following initial suggestions from the Nordic country members as well as for the appointment of the Judges panels, which should include two (2) invited neutral judges from a country outside the Nordic countries. Each Nordic country member is responsible for providing at least one (1) international or ISU level judge, and at least one (1) technical panel member. The



Host country completes the panels of Officials according to the ISU Rules and relevant Communications regarding world standing points and officials activity.

Expenses

Each participating Member must bear all expenses for their Competitors, Judges, Technicals (TC/TS/DO/VR), Team Leaders and Coaches. The meals (lunch and dinner) and pocket money for the Technical Panel members are borne by the Organizer.

If a Nordic country does not provide a judge and a technical panel person from their own country, the Country must cover the costs of one judge/technical panel person invited by the organizer. Travel and accommodation expenses will be paid only for the invited Referees, invited Technical Panel Members and invited Judges from outside Nordic countries.

Hotel rooms must be booked through the Organizer **only**.

Music and Planned Program Content

The Organizer would prefer to receive all competition music via upload to a shared folder on the Internet. Please see **Appendix A** for details. Note that all music should be uploaded no later than **February 10th 2015**.

All competitors shall furnish extra competition music of excellent quality on either CD or any other electronic means, in accordance with ISU Rule 343, paragraph 1. Each program (short/free) must be recorded on one track respectively on a separate disc. Discs must show the competition event, competitors name, nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal.

The "Program Content Sheet" must be returned with the entry forms to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet must be filled in precisely by each skater in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication. It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

Registration

Accreditation will be given to all Referees, Judges, Technical Panels, Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches and Representatives from each Member Federation. Accreditation will be given at the Rink upon arrival.

Results and World Standings

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2014, Rules 352 and 353.

ISU World Standing points will also be awarded in the Senior Men's and Ladies' category according to the "World Standings Procedure", that can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org) under Single & Pairs/Ice Dance – World Standings.



Awards

The three best-placed Competitors in each event will be announced and honored at the official Victory Ceremony. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flag of the medal winners hoisted.

Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each member participation in The Nordics 2016, 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 means. The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred by competitors and officials.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests may be carried out in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures (ISU Communication No 1800 or any further update of this Communication).

Accommodation and Meals

Official hotel:

Scandic Hotel Aalborg

Hadsundvej 200

9220 Aalborg

DENMARK

Mail: aalborg@scandichotels.com

Web: www.scandic.dk/aalborg

Hotel accommodation, February 24 to February 28, 2016, must be booked through the Organizer at the online registration. Hereafter please contact the office at office@danskate.dk

Prices

Single room: 695 DKK/night/room

Double room: 815 DKK/night/room

Triple room DKK/night/room (only a limited number of rooms available): 1015 DKK/night/room

Room rates include breakfast and VAT.

The rooms will be charged at the Online Registration.

Teams can order lunch on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The price for lunch is 150 DKK and for dinner 225 DKK. Meal tickets will be distributed to the Team Leaders at the time of registration according to bookings. Lunch will be served at Gigantium (Icerink), dinner at the official hotel.



Wednesday Feb 24th at 7:00 pm the Official opening and draw will take place in the Event Room at the Gigantium Rink. The municipality of Aalborg will be hosting snacks and drinks.

Skaters Party

A Skaters Party with Dinner will take place on Saturday Feb 27, 7:00 pm at a Restaurant in downtown Aalborg. Price: DKK 190 excluding drinks. More information will follow.

Technical Panel and Judges Dinner

A dinner for TC, TS, DRO, Referees and Judges will take place Saturday Feb 27, 7:00 pm at a Restaurant downtown Aalborg. Price: DKK 330 excluding drinks. More information will follow.

All meals must be booked and paid at the online registration.

Transportation

The official hotel Scandic Hotel Aalborg is located 15 minutes drive from Aalborg Lufthavn/Airport (13 km) and 4 km from the center of Aalborg. The airport bus stops just outside the hotel. The hotel is located 5 minutes' walk (850m) from the ice rinks and 2 minutes (1km) by car.

A Cab fare is approx. DKK 270 for 4 persons and DKK 360 for 6 persons.

Official transportation will be offered between the Airport and the Hotel for DKK 100/per person inclusive the return to the Airport.

Information

For further information please contact the office at the Danish Skating Union

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Official Web: www.thenordics2016.dk

The Event will be live streamed by AirWorks at www.thenordics2016.dk

Forms to be filled and sent by Email:

Form 04 Team Travel Form
Form 05 Planned Program Content

Due:

January 28, 2016
January 28, 2016

Please mail to: office@danskate.dk

The rest of the Forms are to be filled at the Online Registration:

Form 01 Composition of Delegation	January 28, 2016
Form 02 Entry Form for Competitors	January 28, 2016
Form 03 Hotel Form	January 28, 2016
Form 06 Meals and Official Dinner	January 28, 2016
Form 07 Entry Form for Judges and Technical Panels	January 28, 2016



PRELIMINARY TIME SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

- 19.00 Official opening – Draw Advanced Novice Boys and Girls, Junior Men and Ladies, Senior Men and Ladies SP – Gigantium
- 21.00 Technical Panel Meeting – Scandic Hotel

Thursday, February 25, 2016

- 07.00-14.00 Official practice
- 09.00 Team Leader Meeting –Gigantium
- 09.00 Initial Judges Meeting – Gigantium
- 12.30 Competition Advanced Novice Boys SP
- 13.55 Competition Advanced Novice Girls SP
- 14.00 Draw Advanced Novice Boys FS – Gigantium
- 16.45 Draw Advanced Novice Girls FS – Gigantium
- 16.45 Competition Junior Ladies SP
- 19.50 Draw Junior Ladies FS – Gigantium
- 19.50 Competition Junior Men SP
- 21.20 Draw Junior Men FS – Gigantium

Friday, February 26, 2016

- 08.00-15.00 Official practice
- 08.00-10.00 Nordic Meeting – Gigantium
- 11.30 Competition Advanced Novice Boys FS
- 13.10 Competition Advanced Novice Girls FS
- 16.30 Victory Ceremony Novice Boys and Girls**
- 17.15 Competition Junior Ladies FS

Saturday, February 27, 2016

- 07.00-09.25 Official practice
- 08.00 RTD Advanced Novice Boys and Girls – Gigantium
- 09.00 RTD Junior Ladies – Gigantium
- 10.30 Competition Junior Men FS
- 12.15 Competition Senior Men SP
- 13.45 Competition Senior Ladies SP
- 13.45 Draw Senior Men FS – Gigantium
- 16.10 Draw Senior Ladies FS – Gigantium
- 16.30-18.00 Seminar for judges, coaches, technical officials – Gigantium
- 19.00 Skaters' Party
- 19.00 TP and judges dinner (TC, TS, DRO, judges and referees)

Sunday, February 28, 2016

- 08.00-09.45 Official practice
- 09.00 RTD Junior Men – Gigantium
- 10.30 Competition Senior Men FS
- 12.20 Competition Senior Ladies FS
- 15.05 Victory Ceremony Junior Ladies and Men, Senior Ladies and Men**
- 15.45 RTD Senior Men and Ladies - Gigantium
- 16.45 Technical Panel Review Meetings - Gigantium