

ANNOUNCEMENT

World Figure Skating Championships[®] 2006

March 19th to 26th, 2006

Calgary, Alberta
Canada



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GENERAL REGULATIONS

The ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2006 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2004, Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2004 and Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2004, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2006 is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 130, paragraph 1 and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5, and Communication No. 1117.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1117, 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.

1. TECHNICAL DATA

All Championship events as well as some official practices will take place in the **Pengrowth Saddledome** (Main Arena – 200 x 85 feet or 61m x 26.5m). The remainder of the official practices will take place at the **Stampede Corral** arena (Practice Arena – 200 x 85 feet or 61m x 26.5m). Both are indoor, heated artificial ice surfaces. The two arenas are within approximately 50 meters distance of each other and are located at 555 Saddledome Rise SE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2G 2W1.

1.1. Single Skating – Ladies and Men

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

The required elements to be skated are listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2004, Rule 310, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Free Skating Duration: Men: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds
 Ladies: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2004, Rule 320.

Qualifying Rounds If the total number of entries at the time of the first draw for starting orders, in the single events (Men and Ladies) exceeds thirty-one (31), the procedure of Rule 379, paragraphs 2 through 9, will be observed in making the initial draws.

If there are less than thirty-two (32) entries, the provision of Rule 379, paragraph 1, shall apply.

The Organizing Committee will announce to each Member as soon as possible, after February 25th, 2006, if qualifying rounds are required as determined by the number of entries.

Factors In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating, Rule 353, paragraph 1, p) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

a) for Men
 Short Program 1,0



Free Skating 2,0

b) for Ladies
Short Program 0,8
Free Skating 1,6

c) for Qualifying Free Skating

The factor for the Total Segment Score in the Qualifying Free Skating is 0,25.

1.2. Pairs

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

The required elements to be skated are listed in the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2004, Rule 313, paragraphs 2 and 3, Group C.

Free Skating Duration: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds
In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2004, Rule 321.

Factors In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating, Rule 353, paragraph 1, p) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

Short Program 0,8
Free Skating 1,6

1.3. Ice Dancing

Compulsory Dance In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2004, Rules 508, 520 and 539, paragraph 2 the one (1) Compulsory Dance from the dances listed below shall be drawn at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2006, from the dances not drawn for the Four Continent Figure Skating Championships 2006 and European Figure Skating Championships 2006. According to ISU Communication 1318, one of the three following compulsory dances will be skated:

10 Ravensburger Waltz # 13 Yankee Polka
21 Tango Romantica

Qualifying Compulsory Dance Qualifying Rounds for Ice Dancing

If the total number of entries, at the time of the first draw for the starting order does not exceed thirty-one (31), the draw for compulsory dance will be done in accordance with Rule 535, paragraph 1.

If the total number of entries, at the time of the first draw for the starting order exceeds thirty-one (31), the procedure described in Rule 559, paragraph 4 shall apply.

Judging of the Qualifying Compulsory Dance Groups

Each of these two Qualifying Groups for the dance shall be judged separately by a different panel in accordance with Rule 559, paragraph 4 d).



Qualifying Group A skates CD and is judged by panel 1;
Qualifying Group B skates CD and is judged by panel 2.

Calculation of results of the Qualifying Compulsory Dance Groups

The results for the compulsory dance shall be decided separately for each Qualifying Group A and B under Rule 543 and the final finishing order will be published in the final protocol.

Qualification for the Original Dance

Couples placed from 1 to 15, including those tied in each Qualifying Group (A and B) shall qualify for the Original Dance. The draw for starting order for the Original Dance is conducted according to Rule 535, paragraph 4.

Original Dance

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

In accordance with Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2004, Rule 509 and all pertinent ISU Communications (i.e. 1343)

The rhythm for the Original Dance is the:

Latin Combination

Two or three different rhythms from the following:

Group 1: Cha Cha, Rhumba, Samba

Group 2: Only one (1) of Mambo, Merengue or Salsa

A rhythm from either group 1 or 2 may be repeated once.

Selection of a rhythm from group 2 is not required, but only one rhythm may be chosen from this group.

(Examples: Cha Cha, Rhumba, Samba OR Cha Cha, Rhumba, Mambo OR Cha Cha, Rhumba, Cha Cha OR Cha Cha, Rhumba OR Mambo, Rhumba OR Mambo, Rhumba, Mambo BUT NOT Cha Cha, Mambo and Merengue.)

The Rhythms are described in the "Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet and Compact Disc 1995" except for the Salsa which is described on pages 11-12 of the ISU Communication 1318. The Dances must reflect ballroom and/or social dance character and style translated to the ice by flow and use of edges. The required elements should be carefully chosen to reflect and enhance the character of the chosen rhythms and music.

For the Latin Combination, the lady is permitted to wear trousers.

Vocal music is permitted

Free Dance

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2004, Rule 510 and all pertinent ISU Communications (i.e. 1343).

Factors

For factors of the individual Program Components see ISU Communication 1318, page 5, related to Rule 543, paragraph k.



2. ENTRIES

2.1. Entries of Competitors

In accordance with Rule 378, and Rule 558, ISU Members must enter Competitors and their substitutes on the official entry forms. Entry forms listing Competitors and substitutes must be sent by registered mail, email or fax to:

ISU Vice President for Figure Skating Mr. David Dore 534 Buchanan Cres. Gloucester, Ontario Canada K1J 7V4 Fax: +1 613 747 8222 E-mail: daviddore@sympatico.ca	and: International Skating Union Chemin de Primerose 2 CH-1007 Lausanne Switzerland Phone: +41 21 612 6666 Fax: +41 21 612 6677 E-mail: info@isu.ch
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and to:
Skate Canada
865 Shefford Road
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada
K1J 1H9
Fax: + 1 613 748 5718
E-mail: worlds2006@skatecanada.ca

Entries must reach the ISU Vice President for Figure Skating, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee not later than **February 25th, 2006** (see Rule 378, paragraph 1 and Rule 558, paragraph 1).

2.2. Entry of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Coaches, the partner or relative of a Judge and Chaperones (one per competitor) will be accepted. Meals and lodging will be provided for only one Team Leader for each participating Member (see Rule 137).

Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizing Committee.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) or more Skaters. Only two (2) Officials of each Member, including the Member President, 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 that for accreditation purposes the right to have a medical certification (document) presented with the composition of delegation form. A partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted for restricted accreditation. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditations of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team.

Team Chaperones (one per competitor) must be indicated on the official entry form, titled "Composition of Delegation" but will NOT receive an accreditation. Officially registered chaperones may purchase a half-price all-event ticket, which will include access to practices. Chaperones will not stay in the Official Skating Family Hotel.

The names of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Coaches and Chaperones must be listed on the General Entry Form "Composition of Delegation". Judges and Judges' partner or relative are to be listed on a separate form.



All Forms must be returned to the Organizing Committee by registered mail, email or fax not later than **February 25th, 2006**.

All Skaters, pairs, and dance couples must send their “Program Content Sheets” into the Organizing Committee together with and by the deadline for the entry forms.

3. JUDGES

3.1. Nomination of Judges

In accordance with Rule 382 and Rule 527, ISU Members with entries for these Championships may nominate Judges and their substitutes for each event in which the Member has Competitors entered, but not more than three Judges in total. Nomination of Judges and substitutes must be sent by registered mail, email or fax to:

ISU Vice President for Figure Skating
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534 Buchanan Cres.
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E-mail: daviddore@sympatico.ca

and
International Skating Union
Chemin de Primerose 2
CH-1007 Lausanne
Switzerland
Phone: +41 21 612 6666
Fax: +41 21 612 6677
E-mail: info@isu.ch

and to:
Skate Canada
865 Shefford Road
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada
K1J 1H9
Fax: +1 613 748 5718
E-mail: worlds2006@skatecanada.ca

The official entry form for Judges must reach the ISU Vice President for Figure Skating, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee not later than **February 1st, 2006** (See Rule 382, paragraph 3 and Rule 527, paragraph 3).

3.2. Judges Meeting, Draw and Round Table Discussions

The draw for the panels of Judges for the first portion of each event (Ladies, Men and Pairs) will be made at the first Judges' Meeting which will be held on Saturday, March 18th, 2006 at 15:00 in the Palliser Fairmont Hotel – Crystal Ballroom. Subsequent draws, as required, will be made at the main arena in the Intermediate Draw room. All Judges are required to attend the first Judges' meeting.

The draw for the panels of Judges for the Compulsory Dance will be made according to Rule 527, paragraph 5 on Tuesday, March 21st, 2006 – 30 min. prior to the start of the Compulsory Dance event at the Pengrowth Saddledome in the Intermediate Draw room.

Judges' Round Table Discussions are scheduled the day following the conclusion of the respective event, but such schedule is subject to changes or amendments.



4. MEALS, LODGING, PREPAYMENT AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

In accordance with Rule 137, paragraph 15c, the Organizing Committee will provide and pay the expenses for rooms and meals for all Competitors participating and for one Team Leader of each participating ISU Member. The Organizing Committee will cover the above mentioned expenses beginning with dinner on **Thursday, March 16th, 2006**, through lunch on **Sunday, March 26th, 2006**. However, the coverage of the stay (meals and accommodation) will be extended by one day for all skaters, and one Team Leader of those Teams, who have been invited to participate in the final Exhibition Gala. Furthermore, the Organizing committee will assist and cover the additional penalty costs for changing the air-ticket(s) for such skaters and one team leader per federation when necessary.

Also according to Rule 137, paragraphs 15b), the OC must provide and cover the living expenses (accommodation and meals) of the Event Officials (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Referees), and for one Judge in each event the Member has Competitors (maximum 3 Judges per Member), including any Judge present but not drawn. The Organizing Committee will cover the above mentioned expenses beginning with lunch on **Friday, March 17th, 2006**, through lunch on **Sunday, March 26th, 2006**.

Should any Competitor or Official arrive at the Hotel before or stay later than the period described above, room and meal costs will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival. Availability in the official hotels cannot be guaranteed beyond the period described above.

All extra expenses, including hotel incidentals, incurred by any Competitor or any Official or other guest will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid prior to departure. The hotels will automatically request a recognized international credit card or a down payment in cash as a guarantee prior to registering any guest.

Member Federations with Team members whose accommodation expenses are not covered by the OC are responsible for total payment of such expenses. The Organizing Committee requests for all Team Members whose accommodation expenses are not covered by the Organizing Committee, as outlined above, to make a pre-payment to guarantee the availability of required rooms. Please use the official forms received with the first Information Letter for booking and calculation. The pre-payment (50% of the total amount) must be made in Canadian Dollars by **December 10th, 2005**.

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists (Event Officials) and Judges will be paid in accordance with ISU Communication 1327. Payments will be provided at registration.

No expenses will be reimbursed for any other accompanying persons (i.e. Interpreters, Assistant Team Leaders, Coaches, Chaperones, Medical Personnel, Federation Officials, etc.). Full payment for rooms not covered by the OC is due upon arrival at the hotel in Calgary and is payable by the guest.

5. PRACTICE

Official practices for Competitors begin on **Friday, March 17th, 2006**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. Rule 340, paragraph 4 and Rule 534, paragraph 4 must be observed.



6. MUSIC

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on cassette magnetic tape either analogue (conventional) or DAT (Digital Audio Tape) format, or disc either MD (Mini Disc) or CD (Compact Disc) format. The tapes 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 (short/free/original dance/free dance) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc or cassette. Competitors must provide a back-up disc or cassette for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Singles and Pairs, for the Original and Free Dance Program for Ice Dancing and for the Exhibition, must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Selection Form. This form must be attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors, according to Rule 378, paragraph 5 and Rule 558, paragraph 6 (sent by registered mail, email or fax).

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1 and Rule 533, paragraph 1, all cassettes and 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.

If music information is not complete and cassettes, tapes or discs not provided, accreditation will not be given.

7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders and Team Officials taking part in the Championships are requested to announce as soon as possible but not later than **February 25th, 2006**, to the Organizing Committee, on the enclosed forms, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at the **Calgary International airport**. All participants arriving by air will be greeted by a member of the 2006 Worlds Organizing Committee, provided the OC is notified in advance of an exact arrival time.

Coaches, Team Medical Staff and Chaperones will be met only if they travel with the team.

8. REGISTRATION

The Accreditation rooms have set hours of operation beginning on Wednesday, March 15.

- 8.1 All **ISU Office Holders, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Event Officials, and Team Officials**, taking part in the Championships are requested to register at the "ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2006" Accreditation room, located in the **Palliser Fairmont Hotel – Marquis Room**.
- 8.2 Accreditation for **Competitors, Coaches, Team Medical Staff and Team Leaders** will be located in the **Westin Hotel Calgary – Bonavista Room**.
- 8.3 Members of the **media** will be able to register at the **Media Centre - Stampede Agriculture Building**.
- 8.4 On **Monday, March 20, 2006**, and following, accreditation for all participants will be available at the Media Centre (Agricultural Building) on the Stampede grounds (next to the Saddledome and the Corral arenas).

All skaters and judges will be required to present their passport (and Clearance Certificate if passport is not the same as the Member entering the skater) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport.



9. OFFICIAL HOTELS

The official hotel for ISU Office Holders, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Event Officials, and Team Officials is:

The Fairmont Palliser
133 - 9th Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta
Canada
T2P 2M3
Phone: +1 403 262-1234
Fax: +1 403 260-1260
Email: palliserhotel@fairmont.com

Competitors, Coaches, Team Medical Staff and Team Leaders and Assistant Team Leaders will stay at:

The Westin Calgary
320 – 4th Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta
Canada
T2P 2S6
Phone: +1 403 266-1611
Fax: +1 403 233-7471
Email: calga.calgary@westin.com

Chaperones and members of the Media will stay at the:

Hyatt Regency Hotel
700 Centre Street SE
Calgary, AB
Canada
T2G 5P6
Phone: +1 403 717-1234
Fax: +1 403 537-4444

Additional overflow space has been secured at the:

Calgary Marriott Hotel
110 – 9th Avenue SE
Calgary, Alberta
Canada
T2G 5A6
Phone: + 1 403) 266-7331
Fax: + 1 403 262-8442

10. OPENING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

The Opening Ceremony and Reception will take place on Sunday, March 19th, 2006 at 20:30 in the Westin Hotel – Grand Ballroom.



11. DRAWS - ORDER OF SKATING

The draws for the order of skating will be held individually per discipline at the Pengrowth Saddledome - Intermediate Draw room. The dates, places and time will be provided at Registration.

12. EXHIBITION

All medalists and other Competitors will be selected to give an exhibition on **Sunday afternoon, March 26th**, 2006 at the Pengrowth Saddledome in accordance with Rule 104, paragraph 17 a) and b).

13. LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility 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 to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The ISU and the Organizing Committee (Skate Canada) assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials in connection with the Championships.

The Organizing Committee will provide emergency medical services for all invited Officials and Competitors during the Championship period.

14. ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communication No. 1280 and 1281 or any further update of this Communication).

Tests will be conducted on the four (4) best placed skaters in Singles (after the final free skating), Pair skating (after the free skating) and Ice Dancing (after the free dance). One skater from the remainder of the skaters shall be selected by random draw in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dancing. In Pair Skating and Ice Dancing, either the man or the lady, but not both, shall be tested and shall be selected by random draw.

15. TITLES AND MEDALS

The winners will bear the title according to Rule 133:

World Figure Skating Champion for 2006
Lady World Figure Skating Champion for 2006
World Pair Champions for 2006
World Ice Dance Champions for 2006

ISU gold medals will be awarded to the Champions and ISU silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed Competitors at the end of the finals in each discipline.

In accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3g), a small ISU gold medal will be awarded to the winner of each event (Short Program and Free Skating for Ladies, Men and Pairs and Compulsory Dances/Original Dance combined and



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Free Dance for Ice Dancing) and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third in each category, but no anthem will be played or flags raised. The distribution will be made according to Rule 134, paragraph 3g).

16. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Organizing Committee asks all Members to bring a copy of their National Anthem on MD, DAT, CD or audiocassette.

17. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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18. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Place
Friday, March 17		1 st Official Practice Day	Main & Practice Rink
Saturday, March 18	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting	Westin Hotel
	14:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting	Palliser Fairmont Hotel
	15:00	Judges Draw and Judges Meeting	Palliser Fairmont Hotel
	19:00	ISU and Judges Dinner	Banff Springs Fairmont Hotel
Sunday, March 19	20:30	Opening Ceremony and Reception	Westin Hotel
Monday, March 20	09:15	MEN Qualifying Free Skating A/B	Pengrowth Saddledome
	13:45	OPENING	Pengrowth Saddledome
	14:30	PAIRS Short Program	Pengrowth Saddledome
	19:00	MEN Qualifying Free Skating B/A	Pengrowth Saddledome
Tuesday, March 21	11:00	ICE DANCING Compulsory Dance	Pengrowth Saddledome
	15:30	MEN Short Program	Pengrowth Saddledome
Wednesday, March 22	09:15	LADIES Qualifying Free Skating A/B	Pengrowth Saddledome
	14:00	PAIRS Free Skating	Pengrowth Saddledome
	17:50	PAIRS Victory Ceremony	Pengrowth Saddledome
	19:00	LADIES Qualifying Free Skating B/A	Pengrowth Saddledome
Thursday, March 23	10:30	ICE DANCING Original Dance	Pengrowth Saddledome
	15:45	MEN Free Skating	Pengrowth Saddledome
	19:45	MEN Victory Ceremony	Pengrowth Saddledome
Friday, March 24	10:30	LADIES Short Program	Pengrowth Saddledome
	15:40	ICE DANCING Free Dance	Pengrowth Saddledome
	19:45	ICE DANCING Victory Ceremony	Pengrowth Saddledome



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Date	Time	Event	Place
Saturday, March 25	12:00	LADIES Free Skating	Pengrowth Saddledome
	15:45	LADIES Victory Ceremony	Pengrowth Saddledome
	19:30	Closing Banquet / Prize Award	Hyatt Regency Hotel
Sunday, March 26	14:00	Exhibition Gala	Pengrowth Saddledome

Times are listed in Mountain Standard Time (local time in Calgary) and are subject to change