



Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2006/2007

2006 Skate Canada International
Victoria, BC
Canada

November 2-5, 2006

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An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dancing

organized by

Skate Canada

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A competition as part of the



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under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2006 Skate Canada International will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2006, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006 and Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2006, the Technical Rules Single & Pairs 2006 and the Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in **2006 Skate Canada International** is open to all skaters who belong to an ISU Member, as per 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 2 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 2 through 5 and ISU Communication 1117. With reference to the Announcement of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2006/2007 the event is only open to invited competitors.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 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. Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of each individual event and the Final for verification.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place: **Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre**
1925 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8T 4J2

An indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 200' x 85' (61m x 26m), air-conditioned and heated.

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 310, para 2, and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 320 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 310, para 2, and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 320 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.



PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 313, para 3, group A and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less;
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 321 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCING	Compulsory Dance	The following Compulsory Dance will be skated: Golden Waltz The official ISU Compulsory Dance music will be used.
	Original Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 509 and all pertinent ISU Communications. The rhythm for the Original Dance is the Tango Rhythm One, two or three types of Tango may be used. If 2 types are used, one of them may be repeated. The Rhythms are described in the "Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet and Compact Disc 1995". Vocal music is permitted. Variations of tempo within one selection of music are permitted. Each selection of music may have different tempo. For the Tango, the lady is permitted to wear trousers. Duration: 2 minutes and 30 seconds (+/-10 seconds)
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 510 and all pertinent ISU Communication. For the value of the required elements and components see the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec. ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 510 paragraph 2 (required elements) and the respective ISU Communications must be observed.

NOTE:

Make-Up

High Definition Television will be used for this event. Skaters should limit facial make-up application accordingly.

3. **ENTRIES**

a) **Entries of competitors**

In accordance with the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2006/2007 announcement, entries can only be made for skaters/couples who are qualified and/or selected for invitation. The confirmation of the entries must be submitted by **August 15, 2006** latest to:

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with a copy to:

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Peter Krick
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The official forms must be used.

The replacement of Competitors in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be made in accordance with Paragraphs 3.6 and 7.6 of the Announcement for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2006/2007.

b) **Entry Forms**

Entry forms must be submitted simultaneously to:

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No later than **September 12, 2006**.

c) Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Members may be invited to nominate one or more Judges for one event. Any substitution or change for any of the invited judges needs the approval of Skate Canada. Please note that any entry of competitors is not automatically followed by the right to enter with a judge.

Only Judges, who have participated in one of the ISU Seminars for the ISU Judging System, are eligible to serve in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events.

Please observe the restrictions concerning the selection of Judges within the events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2006/2007 that no judge may serve in more than two ISU Grand Prix events (Figure Skating and Ice Dancing not separated).

Each panel of Judges will consist of a maximum of 10 judges but with a minimum of 8 judges, if possible.

Entries of judges must be sent no later than **September 12, 2006**.

4. MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Competitors and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Tuesday, October 31, 2006** until breakfast on **Monday, November 6, 2006**.

Should any Competitor or Judge 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 organizer will also provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for the Event Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the ISU Coordinator for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating, the ISU Event Coordinator, the ISU Event Coordinator Assistant, the Data Operators, the ISU Video Specialists, the Cameraman, the Technical staff of WIGE Data, the OAC Members and the Anti Doping Control Team during the same period as indicated for the competitors. If any longer period is agreed upon with the Organizing Committee, the period of coverage will be prolonged as agreed.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all invited Competitors, Judges, the Technical Controllers, the Anti-Doping Control Team and the Event Referee from their domicile to **Victoria, BC, Canada**. **Skate Canada** is the only authorizing body of airline tickets. All participants must agree to the provided tickets when the invitation is accepted. No reimbursement will be made on any airline ticket issued by any other agency or any other airline unless written permission is received from **Skate Canada** prior to ticket issuance.

All extra expenses incurred by any Team Member or any kind of Official will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior to departure.

The Judges, the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Video Replay Officials and the Officials Assessment Commission, will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1327, paragraph I (or any update of this Communication). Only hard currencies are acceptable. The remuneration should be paid upon accreditation.

5. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 12:00**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. According to ISU Regulations 340 and 534 no competitor/couple may practice in a rink other than the official rink or rinks after having been accredited through the Organizing Committee.

6. **MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT**

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on cassette, CD or MD format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1 and Rule 533, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Program for Single 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 and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

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. Each program (short program, free skating, original dance, free dance) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc or cassette. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive or cassette for each program.

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

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 terminology listed in ISU Communication 1318 and 1319 or any update. **It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.**

7. **ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS**

The Organizing Committee will book all travel for invited Competitors, Technical Controllers, Event Referees, Assistant Referees, and Judges from their domicile to Victoria and return, based on economy airfare. No refund of any air-ticket will be made for tickets purchased by individuals, unless approved in advance by the Organizing Committee. Bookings for coaches may be possible if requested. Credit card information must be provided at time of booking.

Itineraries will be provided to each invited individual for review prior to final booking. Once the Organizing Committee has booked air tickets, any changes and related expenses to the air ticket will be the responsibility of the traveller.

All other team members are requested to submit their travel no later than **October 6, 2006**, including the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at the **Victoria International Airport, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (YYJ)** or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official Travel Forms (Forms 5A, 5B, and 5C) should be used. Travel should be arranged to arrive in and depart from Victoria between the hours of 08:00 and 23:00.

The nearest airport to **Victoria** is the **Victoria International Airport, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (YYJ)** with a driving distance of 30 minutes to the official hotel. The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival.

Participants arriving at times where transportation is not available, or where times were not provided to the Organizing Committee, should visit the taxi stand situated outside the airport's main entrance, or contact the local airport transportation service AKAL Airport Shuttle at (250) 386-2525, or Empress Taxi at (250) 381-2222. The cost of a taxi to the Official Hotel is approximately \$50 CDN and is the sole responsibility of the traveller.

8. **OFFICIAL HOTEL**

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Please note: All hotel bookings can only be done through the Organizing Committee.

9. ACCREDITATION

Accreditation hours are tentatively as follows:

Tuesday October 31, 2006	16:00-22:00	Fairmont Empress
Wednesday November 1, 2006	07:30-21:00	Fairmont Empress
Thursday November 2, 2006	06:00-19:00	Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials, ISU Office Holders and Guests.

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 Officials of ISU Members, 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, for which the organizer requires a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation will be given. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association. The ISU Member guarantees with the entry the correct functions of all team members.

Chaperones (only one per skater) are invited to purchase a "half-price all-event ticket". Chaperones will receive a permit to use the official bus system of the Organizing Committee.

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2004, Rule 352 and in ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 542 will be in place.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The three best-placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

12. POINTS FOR "ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating"

Points will be awarded as follows:

Men, Ladies, Ice Dancing

1 st place	15 points
2 nd place	13 points
3 rd place	11 points
4 th place	9 points
5 th place	7 points
6 th place	5 points
7 th place	4 points
8 th place	3 point

Pairs

1 st place	15 points
2 nd place	13 points
3 rd place	11 points
4 th place	9 points
5 th place	7 points
6 th place	5 points

The points received are of value for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and the qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

If a skater/couple does not complete an event due to illness or injury, this event will be treated as "not skated", i.e. the result(s) of initial round(s) completed will not count for the Grand Prix ranking order. Such an event will however count as one participation but without receiving credit in the ranking order.

Additionally, it is understood that couples who score points at an event will only score the points according to their respective placements as stated above and that they will not “inherit” points from couples who are better placed but who have declared that the event concerned is a non-scoring event for them (e.g., a couple finishing second in a scoring event, behind a couple finishing first but who have declared this event as non-scoring, will receive 9 points and not 12).

The results of the event will participate in the “ISU World Standings”. (see paragraph 14)

13. PRIZE MONEY

The Global Prize Money per individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be:

U.S. \$180,000.00

Awarded to winners and placed skaters/couples as follows:

	Men and Ladies	Pairs and Ice Dancing (per couple)
1 st place:	USD \$18,000.00	USD \$18,000.00
2 nd place:	USD \$13,000.00	USD \$13,000.00
3 rd place:	USD \$ 9,000.00	USD \$ 9,000.00
4 th place:	USD \$ 3,000.00	USD \$ 3,000.00
5 th place:	USD \$ 2,000.00	USD \$ 2,000.00

The individual prize money will be transferred to the ISU Members concerned immediately after the conclusion of **2006 Skate Canada International**.

Skaters/couples qualified for the exhibition must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so, will result in a reduction of USD \$ 500.00 from the awarded prize money.

Skaters/couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or the event's Organizer. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce prize money will be made by the assigned ISU Delegate attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

The withholding taxes, will be deducted according to the actual government's law.

Exhibition Fee

An exhibition fee will only be paid to skates/couples who are not awarded prize money. The exhibition fee is set at USD\$200.00 for single skaters (Men and Ladies) and USD\$300.00 for Pairs and Dance couples.

14. ISU WORLD STANDINGS

Points for the ISU World Standings will be awarded to each competitor/couple placed between 1st and 10th in the final result, as follows:

1 st place	400 points	6 th place	275 points
2 nd place	375 points	7 th place	250 points
3 rd place	350 points	8 th place	225 points
4 th place	325 points		
5 th place	300 points		

The current guidelines for the “ISU World Standings” will be valid.

15. ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

Anti-Doping tests will be conducted at each of the six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating as well as at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1372 and 1373 or any further update of this Communication).

The tests will be carried out on the winning skater/s 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.

16. INSURANCE / 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 assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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19. TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE (subject to change)**Tuesday October 31, 2006**

All Day Arrival of Teams

16:00-22:00 Registration ~ Photo Accreditation - Fairmont Empress

Wednesday November 1, 2006

7:30-21:00 Registration ~ Photo Accreditation - Fairmont Empress

9:00-10:00 Team Leader Meeting - Fairmont Empress

10:30-11:30 Referees and Controllers Meeting - Fairmont Empress

12:00-13:00 Judges Meeting - Fairmont Empress

12:00 Official Practice begins

19:00-20:00 Technical Panel Meeting - Fairmont Empress

20:00-23:00 Welcome Reception - Fairmont Empress

Thursday November 2, 2006

6:00-19:00 Registration ~ Photo Accreditation - Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre

6:30 Official Practice

9:00-23:00 OAC Meeting - Fairmont Empress

13:00 Opening Ceremonies on Ice

13:20 Ice Dancing - Compulsory Dance

15:15 Pair - Short Program

17:15 Ladies - Short Program

20:00 Officials Dinner

Friday November 3, 2006

6:30 Official Practice

9:00-23:00 OAC Meeting - Fairmont Empress

13:20 Ice Dancing - Original Dance

15:10 Men - Short Program

17:00 Pair - Free

19:00 Medal Presentations



Saturday November 4, 2006

9:30	Official Practice
8:00-9:00	Round Table Discussion - Pairs
9:00-23:00	OAC Meeting - Fairmont Empress
14:30	Ladies - Free
16:45	Men - Free
17:30-18:30	Round Table Discussion - Ladies
19:00	Medal Presentations
20:30-00:30	Celebration Gala - Fairmont Empress

Sunday November 5, 2006

7:00	Official Practice
8:00-9:00	Round Table Discussion - Men
9:00-23:00	OAC Meeting - Fairmont Empress
10:45	Ice Dancing - Free Dance
13:00	Medal Presentations
14:00-15:00	Round Table Discussion - Ice Dancing
14:00-15:30	Parade of Champions
	Departure

Monday November 6, 2006

Departure