



World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2007

London, Ontario, Canada

March 28th to March 31st, 2007



organized by



ANNOUNCEMENT



World Synchronized Skating Championships[®] 2007

An ISU Championship

organized by

Skate Canada

London, Ontario, Canada

March 28th to March 31st, 2007



under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. General Regulations

The ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, 2007 is an Event of the International Skating Union (ISU) and will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2006, ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2006, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, 2007 is open to all teams who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 130, paragraph 7) and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided the ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3 a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements according to Rule 109, paragraphs 1 and 2 d.

Each participating team must consist of sixteen (16) skaters and may have up to a maximum of four (4) alternates listed on the Team Entry Form – **Form B** (Rule 701, paragraph 3 c).

2. Technical Data

The ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, 2007 will take place at the “John Labatt Centre” with the ice surface of 200 feet in length and 85 feet in width (61m x 27m). Official practices will also take place at the “Western Fair Centre”, which is 200 feet in length and 100 feet in width (61m x 30m). Both rinks are indoor, heated and artificial ice rinks. The distance between the two rinks is approximately 10 minutes by car.

SHORT PROGRAM

The required elements to be skated are listed in ISU Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating 2006, Rule 905, paragraphs 1 and 2, Group B.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less, Rule 904, paragraph 1. a).

FREE SKATING

Composition in accordance with Rule 911

Duration: 4 minutes, 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds, Rule 904, paragraph 2.a).

FACTORS

In accordance with Rule 738, paragraph 1 p) the factors for the Program Components are

Short Program	0,8
Free Skating	1,6



3. Entries

3.1 Entries of Teams:

In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Synchronized Skating 2006, Rule 768, paragraph 1, ISU Members must enter teams and their substitutes by name on the official entry form (**Form B**). Entries and substitutes must be sent simultaneously by registered mail or fax to:

ISU WORLD SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

Organizing Committee

Skate Canada

865 Shefford Road

Ottawa, Ont. K1J 1H9

Tel: +1 613 748 5635

Fax: +1 613 748 5718

worldsynchro2007@skatecanada.ca

and to:

ISU Sports Director Figure Skating

Mrs. Felicitas Babusikova

Dankovskeho 11

811 03 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Fax: +421 2 5441 4279

E-mail: babusik@slovanet.sk

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

(Secretariat)

Chemin de Primerose 2

CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland

Fax: +41 21 612 66 77

E-mail: info@isu.ch

Entries must reach the ISU Sports Director Figure Skating, the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat no later than **March 8th, 2007** (see Rule 768, paragraph 1).

Entries must be made by the Member concerned and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail. **Entries by fax or e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously.**

3.2 Entries of the Official Team Delegations

The names of the Team Leaders, Team Managers, Coaches, the official Team Service personnel, and Team Medical Personnel must be listed on the ISU Member Entry Forms (**Forms A and B**).

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

Please be advised that accreditation will be given to:

- all ISU Office Holders
- Referee and Assistant Referee Ice
- Technical Controller
- Technical Specialists



- Data and Video Operators
- Judges
- Official Team Delegations composed of Skaters, Team Leaders (one per country), Team Managers (1 per Team), Official Coaches (2 per Team), Team Service Personnel (2 per Team), Team Medical Personnel (1 per Team – OC will request a document to verify medical certification qualifications upon accreditation)
- Federation / Association Representatives (2 per country including the President).

Accreditation for the teams and officials will take place at the Hilton Hotel London starting on Tuesday, March 27th, 2007.

The names of all requested Team Members must be listed on the official Entry Form “Composition of Delegation” (**Form A**). All forms must also be returned by **March 8th, 2007**.

Each Team must turn in to the Organizing Committee together with the entry forms the “Planned Program Content Sheet” (**Form I**). It is not permitted to present the Planned Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

4. Judges

4.1 Nomination of Judges

According to Rule 972, the official entry form for Judges by number must reach the ISU Director General by October 1st, 2006.

In accordance with the draw results the official entry form for Judges by name must reach the ISU Sport Director Figure Skating, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizer not later than **February 12th, 2007** (See Rule 972, paragraph 3.e)

ISU WORLD SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

Organizing Committee
Skate Canada
865 Shefford Road
Ottawa, Ont. K1J 1H9
Tel: +1 613 748 5635
Fax: +1 613 748 5718
worldsycho2007@skatecanada.ca

and to:

ISU Sports Director Figure Skating
Mrs. Felicitas Babusikova
Dankovskeho 11
811 03 Bratislava, Slovak Republic
Fax: +421 2 5441 4279
E-mail: babusik@slovanet.sk

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



Entries must be made by the Member concerned and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail. **Entries by fax or e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously.**

4.2 Judges Meetings

The first Judges' Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29th, 2007 at 17:00 hours at the Hilton Hotel London.

The Judges' Round Table Discussion will be held on Saturday, March 31st, 2007 at 20:30 hours at the Hilton Hotel London.

5. Meals, Lodging and Travel Expenses

In accordance with ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2006, Rule 137, paragraph 15. b) the Organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for the Referee, Assistant Referee Ice, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists and for the Judges drawn. The Organizing Committee will pay the above mentioned expenses beginning with lunch on Wednesday, March 28th, 2007, through breakfast on Sunday, April 1st, 2007. The official practices will begin on Wednesday, March 28th, 2007.

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with ISU General Regulations 2006, Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for the Referee, Assistant Referee Ice, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operator, OAC Members and the Judges will be paid in accordance with the ISU Memorandum for Guidance in Hosting the ISU Synchronized Skating Championships and ISU Communication 1401. These expenses will be provided at the time of accreditation.

All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person. Should any Official arrive at the hotel before or stay after the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be their responsibility and must be paid upon arrival.

6. Official Practice

Official Practice for teams will begin on Wednesday, March 28th, 2007.

Each participating team will be given two 20-minute periods of official practice ice at the Practice Rink at the "Western Fair Centre" on Wednesday, March 28th. A 20-minute period of practice ice at "Western Fair Centre" will also be provided on Thursday, March 29th, followed by a 20-minute period of official practice ice on the Competition Rink at the "John Labatt Centre".

Each participating team will be given a 10-minute period of official practice ice for the Short Program on Friday, March 30th, 2007, and a 12-minute period for the Free Skating on Saturday, March 31st, 2007, on the competition ice surface at the "John Labatt Centre".



7. Music

The music of each Team must be furnished in excellent quality on magnetic tape, either analogue (conventional) or DAT (Digital Audio Tape) format, or disc either MD (Mini Disc) or CD (Compact Disc) format in accordance with Rule 724, paragraph 1.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short and Free Skating programs must be listed for each team on the official Music Information Form (**Form D**) and attached to the official Entry Forms, according to Rule 768, paragraph 7.

In accordance with Rule 724, paragraph 1, all tapes and cassettes must:

- be properly inserted in their original container
- be clearly identified with the name of the team
- indicate the type of program (Short Program/Free Skating)
- show the exact running time of the music (not skating time)

Each program (Short Program/Free Skating) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc or cassette.

A back-up drive or cassette for each program must be provided.

The tapes shall be certified by the team and by the coach, when submitted at the time of accreditation.

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

8. Arrival of Participants

All the Referees, Judges, and members of the Official Team Delegation taking part in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2007 are requested to inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **March 8th, 2007**, on the enclosed form (**Form E**), about the names of the airline company, flight numbers, dates and time of arrival in London, Ontario, Canada.

Transportation will be provided between the London (Ontario) International Airport and the Official Hotels for Teams, ISU Office Holders, Referees and Judges. The accredited members of the Official Team Delegation (coaches, team service and medical personnel) will only have transportation provided they travel with the Team.

9. Accreditation

Accreditation will be provided as per paragraph 3.2 with accreditation commencing:

Tuesday, March 27th - time TBD

at Hilton Hotel London for Teams, Team Delegations, ISU Office Holders, Officials, Judges and Guests, Media and

Thursday, March 29th – 08:00

at “John Labatt Centre” for media.



For accreditation/ID purposes, all the mentioned persons, except the ISU Office Holders, Officials and Guests, must submit, no later than **March 8th, 2007, an electronic colour passport photograph (.jpg format)** with the individual's name printed on the back. The Team Leaders/Managers are requested to bring copies of passports of all the skaters (a team-folder, sorted in alphabetical order is requested) and present all the passports at the time of registration. These will be checked before the Opening Draw.

10. Official Hotels

The official hotel for the ISU, ISU Officials, Judges and Teams is:

Hilton Hotel London Ontario

300 King Street
London, Ontario N6B 1S2
phone: +1 519 439-1661
fax: +1 519 439-9672
web: www.hilton.com

The official hotel for the Teams is also the:

Delta London Armouries

325 Dundas Street
London, Ontario N6B 1T9
phone: +1 800 668 9999
fax: +1 519 679 6397
web: www.deltahotels.com

The room rates per night not including applicable taxes (5% Provincial Sales Tax and 6% Goods and Services Tax) are as follows:

HOTEL	Single Room	Double Room	Triple Room	Quadruple Room
Hilton London	\$99 CAD	\$99 CAD	\$99 CAD	\$99 CAD
Delta Armouries	\$104 CAD	\$104 CAD	N/A	N/A

(Note that this rate does not include breakfast)

All Teams must make all requests for reservations of rooms at the Official Hotels directly to the Organizing Committee by **December 15th, 2006 (Form G)**. The request shall include a rooming list where possible and as soon as possible otherwise. The Official Hotel will not reserve rooms without the authorization by the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee will authorize the Official Hotel to reserve rooms, in accordance with the rooming list for the teams once the request is received. The Organizing Committee will confirm each request with the designated Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation. As soon as the Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation receives notification from the Organizing Committee, the Team



Manager/Team Leader/Federation must transfer the advance deposits for all reservations of at least 50% to the Organizing Committee **by December 15th, 2006 at the latest**. The remaining 50% is to be paid to the Organizing Committee latest by **March 1st, 2007**.

11. Team Meal Plan (optional)

An optional meal plan will be provided. The meals will be served in buffet style and are available at both hotels for a daily rate of \$60.00 per person (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner). Please refer to **Form F**. All the prices are quoted in CAD \$. Please return this form no later than **February 28th, 2007** to arrange for the meal plan. Unfortunately, the hotels will not accept late bookings for the meal plan. Payment must accompany the form.

Skaters Farewell Party

Please plan to join us for “Carnival” Skate Canada style – a station party with a new and lively twist!

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite all competitors, 1 Team Leader per country and 1 Team Manager per team to the Skaters Farewell Party.

The Skaters Farewell Party will take place at the Hilton Hotel London on Saturday, March 31st - in the Grand Ballroom.

Teams must complete **Form J** and return by **March 8th, 2007** to confirm their participation.

12. Transportation

A regular daily shuttle service will operate every 30 minutes between the two official hotels and the “John Labatt Centre” as well as the “Western Fair Centre”.

Teams wishing to arrange for private motor coach transportation during their stay in London may contact one of the local bus companies listed below for rates and availability:

Badder Bus Service Ltd
Douglas Badder
Thamesville, ON
www.badderbus.com
+1-800-666-1964

Coach Canada/Erie Coach Lines
Jim Bowden
London, ON
<http://www.coachcanada.com>
+1-800-461-7661

Great Canadian
36 Sasaga Drive
Kitchener, Ontario
N2C 2G6



+1-800-461-8687

<http://www.bigbluecoach.com>

Maxima Tours, Inc.

Mike Jovanovic

2826 King Street East

Hamilton, Ontario L8G 1J5

+1-905-561-5444

Fax: 905-561-7036

<http://www.maxima.net>

1-800-598-5474

Murphy Bus Lines

Arva, ON

<http://www.murphybuslines.ca/>

+1-519-660-8200

*****On Site Transportation for Spectators and Participants*****

During the Championships, ticket holders and all accredited persons will also be allowed to ride the London Transit buses on all London Transit routes simply by showing their event ticket or accreditation tag for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, 2007. Bus routes and schedules will be available at registration or on line at <www.londontransit.ca>.

13. Liability & Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events, as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the ISU 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 of transport of the ill or injured person. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

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

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

14. Anti-Doping Controls

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).



15. Title and Medals

The winner will bear the title:

World Synchronized Skating Champion for 2007 (see ISU Regulations, Rule 133).

The Synchronized Skating Championships gold medals will be awarded to the Champion Team and silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed teams at the end of the Championships.

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)) and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed teams, but no anthem will be played or flags raised. The small medals for the Short Program will be awarded on the occasion of the Draw for the starting order for Free Skating, and the small medals in Free Skating will be awarded at the Press Conference directly after the conclusion of the Victory Ceremony on Saturday, March 31st, 2007, in the Press Center, Interview Area.

16. National Anthem

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

17. Information

For further information, please contact:

ISU WORLD SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

Organizing Committee
Skate Canada
865 Shefford Road
Ottawa, Ont. K1J 1H9
Tel: +1 613 748 5635
Fax: +1 613 748 5718

worldsynchro2007@skatecanada.ca



18. Preliminary Event Schedule - (Subject to change)

As of November 1, 2006

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Tuesday, March 27th	All day As per schedule	Arrival of Teams Registration/Accreditation	Hotel Hilton
Wednesday, March 28th	09:00 – 20:00 08:00 – 21:00 17:00 TBD	Registration/Accreditation Official Practice Team-Leaders Meeting Coaches Seminar	Hotel Hilton Western Fair Centre Hotel Hilton Hotel Hilton
Thursday, March 29th	09:00 – 20:00 07:00 16:00 – 16:45 17:00 – 18:00 20:00 – 22:00 21.30	Registration/Accreditation Official Practice Technical Controller/Referees Meeting Judges Meeting Opening Draw & Reception ISU and Judges Dinner	Hotel Hilton Western Fair Centre John Labatt Centre Hotel Hilton Hotel Hilton Hotel Hilton
Friday, March 30th	09:30 10:00 – 20:00 17:30 18:15	Official Practice – Short Program Accreditation Opening Ceremony Competition - Short Program	John Labatt Centre John Labatt Centre John Labatt Centre John Labatt Centre
Saturday, March 31st	08:00 09:00 – 18:00 15:00 – 19:00 19:00 20:30 20:30 – 01:00 22:00	Official Practice – Free Skating Registration/Accreditation Competition – Free Skating Award Ceremony Judges Round Table Meeting Skaters Farewell Party Officials Dinner	John Labatt Centre John Labatt Centre John Labatt Centre John Labatt Centre Hotel Hilton Hotel Hilton Hotel Hilton
Sunday, April 1st		Departures	



PACKAGE SUMMARY

	To be completed and returned to	Applicable Deadline
Event Announcement	--	--
Entry Forms		
Preliminary Entry Form	Skate Canada ISU Director Figure Skating ISU Secretariat	November 1 st , 2006
Form A: ISU Member Entry Form (Composition of Delegation)	Skate Canada ISU Director Figure Skating ISU Secretariat	March 8 th , 2007
Form B: Team Entry Form (Separate Entry form for Each Competing Team is required)	Skate Canada ISU Director Figure Skating ISU Secretariat	March 8 th , 2007
Form C: Judges Entry Form	Skate Canada ISU Director Figure Skating ISU Secretariat	February 12 th , 2007
Form D: Music Information	Skate Canada	March 8 th , 2007
Form E: Team Travel Information	Skate Canada	March 8 th , 2007
Form F: Team Meal Plan (optional)	Skate Canada	February 28 th , 2007
Form G: Accommodation Information	Skate Canada	December 15 th , 2006
Form H: Press Information	Skate Canada	March 8 th , 2007
Form I: Planned Program Content	Skate Canada	March 8 th , 2007
Form J: Skaters Farewell Party (optional)	Skate Canada	March 8 th , 2007
Form K: Publicity Waiver	Skate Canada	March 8 th , 2007
Form L: Team Declaration	Skate Canada	March 8 th , 2007
Form M: Referees/Judges Declaration	Skate Canada	March 8 th , 2007
Form N: ISU Skater Health Care Form	Skate Canada	March 8 th , 2007
Form O: OC Medical Notification	Skate Canada	Info only