

FINLANDIA TROPHY

ANNOUNCEMENT

International Figure Skating Competition

for Senior Ladies, Men and Pairs

October 11 - 14, 2007

Vantaa, Finland



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The Finnish Figure Skating Association is pleased to announce the 2007 FINLANDIA TROPHY International Senior Competition in Figure Skating for Ladies, Men and Pairs

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The 12th Finlandia Trophy will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2006, the ISU Special Regulations for Figure Skating as well as all pertinent ISU Communications for Figure Skating.

All Competitors must be eligible persons in accordance with Rule 102 and members of their respective Associations in accordance with Rule 109 and ISU Communication 1420.

PLACE AND DATE

The Finlandia Trophy 2007 will be held in Vantaa, at the Valtti Areena, from October 11 to October 14, 2007. The Ice Rink is 5 km from the Helsinki-Vantaa airport and about 30 minutes by car or 20 minutes by train from Helsinki.

ENTRIES

Entries of Competitors and nominations of Judges must be made by the National Associations on the designated form to indicate:

- Name of the Association / ISU Member / making the entry
- Category of the Competitors
- Full names and dates of birth of the Competitors
- Name of the Team Leader and Coaches accompanying the Competitors
- Full name of the Judge and ISU judging category

The preliminary entries should reach the Organizer by Monday, July 30, 2007 and all final entries on **Friday, August 31, 2007 at the latest.**

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The Announcement and the entry forms are also available at our website:
<http://www.finlandiatrophy.com>

The Organizer will preferably accept skaters and pairs having taken part in the finals of the Senior or Junior ISU Championships of the last two (2) seasons. The Organizer reserves the right to limit the number of entries.

PANELS OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) International or ISU Championships Judge educated in the ISU Judging System. The Panels of Judges will consist of seven (7) Judges. The panels will be drawn immediately after the closing of entries. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result of the draw.

TECHNICAL DATA

All competition events and practice sessions will be held in Vantaa, at the Valtti Areena main and practice arena. Both rinks are indoor and heated. Both the rink measures are 28 m x 58 m.

<i>Categories</i>	<i>Programs skated</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Program Component factors</i>
Ladies	Short Program	max 2 min 50 sec	0.8
	Requirements according to ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 2 and the ISU Communications.		
	Free Skating	4 min, +/- 10 sec	1.6
	Requirements according to ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, rule 520 and the ISU Communications		
Men	Short Program	max 2 min 50 sec	1.0
	Requirements according to ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 2 and the ISU Communications.		
	Free Skating	4 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec	2.0
	Requirements according to ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, rule 520 and the ISU Communications		
Pairs	Short Program	max 2 min 50 sec	0.8
	Requirements according to ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, rule 513, paragraphs 2 and 3 Group B and the ISU Communications.		
	Free Skating	4 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec	1.6
	Requirements according to ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, rule 521 and the ISU Communications		

ACCOMMODATION and MEALS

Competitors

For the Competitors, accommodation in shared double rooms including breakfast will be provided at the Cumulus Airport Hotel, Robert Huberintie 4, FIN-01510 Vantaa from October 11 to 15. Competitors wishing to stay in a single room, are requested to pay the single room difference, € 25 / night, upon arrival at the hotel.

Judges, Referees and Technical Panel

The Organizer will provide accommodation and meals for all drawn Judges, the invited Referees and the Technical Panel at the above mentioned hotel beginning with dinner on Thursday, October 11, through breakfast on Monday, October 15, 2007.

Other Team Members

For other team members (Team Leaders or Coaches), rooms can be booked at the Cumulus Airport Hotel at the rate of € 66 / night / single room or € 74 / night / double room. The rates include breakfast and VAT. All bookings are to be made with the Organizer by August 31, 2007. If the Team Leader or Coach wishes to share the room with the Competitor, € 37 / night will be charged. The Organizer cannot guarantee availability of rooms at the above mentioned rates for bookings which are received after that date. All payments shall be made upon arrival at the hotel.

MUSIC MEDIA AND INFORMATION, PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT SHEET

In accordance with ISU Rule 343, paragraph 1. All music must be submitted to the Organizer at the time of registration.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short program and Free Skating must be listed for each Competitor/Pair on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

If the music information is not completed and discs (or cassettes, tapes) are not provided, accreditation will not be given.

With the entry forms, the Program Content Sheet must be returned to the Organizer. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be completed precisely by each skater/pair in English using the terminology listed in ISU Communication 1445 or any update. **It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.**

REGISTRATION

The Officials and Competitors are requested to register upon their arrival in Vantaa at the official hotel, the Cumulus Airport Hotel. The accreditation desk will open at 09.00 a.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2007.

OPENING DRAW AND JUDGES' MEETINGS

The Opening Draw will take place at the Cumulus Airport Hotel at 20.00 on Thursday, October 11, 2007. The first Judges' Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 18.30. The Round Table Discussions will take place on Saturday night (Pairs) October 13, 2007 and Sunday (Men and Ladies), October 14, 2007, after the competition. The venue for the meetings will be informed to the Judges at the first Judges' meeting.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

The final Schedule of all the events, with practice sessions and practice groups, will be given upon arrival. Official Practice sessions will begin on Friday, October 12 at 13.00.

Thursday, October 11	Unofficial practice (pr. rink)	12.00 - 19.00
	Judges' Meeting	18.30
	Opening Draw	20.00
Friday, October 12	Official Practice	13.00 - 17.30
	Short Program, Pairs and Men	18.30 - 21.30
Saturday, October 13	Short Program, Ladies	14.30
	Free Skating, Pairs	17.00 - 18.00
	Judges' Round Table Discussion/Pairs	
Sunday, October 14	Free Skating, Men and Ladies	12.00 - 16.00
	Judges' Round Table Discussion/Singles	

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

The Official Hotel is located approx. 2 km from the Ice Rink. Shuttle buses between the Hotel and the Ice Rink will be provided by the Organizer.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

The Officials and Competitors are kindly requested to make use of the shuttle bus service, free of charge, from the airport to the Cumulus Airport Hotel and back.

PRIZES

The Organizer will award 1 000 € to the skaters placed 1st in Men's and Ladies' categories and 1 500 € for the Pair placed 1st. Payments will be made through their respective National Associations as per ISU Rule 102.

ANTI-DOPING

Doping tests may be carried out as per ISU Communication 1352, 1447 and 1448 or any later update.

LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119 it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in the Finlandia Trophy 2007 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.

PUBLICITY WAIVER

The Finlandia Trophy 2007 may be televised either in whole or in part, for showing on a worldwide basis. The competitors hereby consent to the use of their name, biography etc. on or in connection with any television or radio program, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicising of such program as may be designed by the Organizer and waives all rights to remuneration. The foregoing is subject to assurance that the eligible status of the competitor will be fully protected by the Finnish Figure Skating Association.

ISU RECOGNIZED SINGLE & PAIRS JUDGES' SEMINAR

In conjunction with the Finlandia Trophy 2007 ISU Recognized Single & Pair Judges' Seminar will be held. Please see ISU Communication 1443 for details and note that closing date for the Judges' seminar entries is August 31st, 2007.

Welcome to Vantaa!

FINNISH FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

The Organizer reserves the right to make changes to this announcement.