



ZAGREB SNOWFLAKES TROPHY 2008
Synchronized Skating International Competition
Zagreb, Croatia, March 13-15, 2008

CROATIAN SKATING FEDERATION
is proud to announce



7th ZAGREB SNOWFLAKES TROPHY 2008
Synchronized Skating International Competition for Seniors, Juniors and Novices
Zagreb, Croatia

run under authorization of the ISU and in accordance with ISU Regulations 2006

Organized by:
CROATIAN SKATING FEDERATION and
“ZAGREB SNOWFLAKES” Synchronized Skating Club, Zagreb, Croatia

Date:
March 13-15, 2008

Events:	Seniors:	Short Program
		Free Skating
	Juniors:	Short Program
		Free Skating
	Novices:	Free Skating

Be so kind to notify your intention to participate at the Competition until **December 1, 2007**, so we may begin planning for your attendance.
Thank you for your kind reply.

Please direct all your inquiries to:

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ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

The International Skating Union, the Croatian Skating Federation and the Zagreb Snowflakes Synchronized Skating Club have a great pleasure to invite the ISU Members to participate in

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INVITED MEMBERS

The following Members of the International Skating Union have been invited to enter the Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy 2008 (ZST 2008):

Ice Skating Australia Incorporated	AUS
Osterreichischer Eiskunstlauf Verband	AUT
Federation Royale Belge de Patinage Artistique	BEL
Bulgarian Skating Federation	BUL
Canadian Figure Skating Association	CAN
Croatian Skating Federation	CRO
Czech Figure Skating Association	CZE
Dansk Skøjte Union	DEN
The Estonian Skating Union	EST
Finnish Figure Skating Association	FIN
Federation Francaise des Sports de Glace	FRA
Deutsche Eislauf-Union e. V.	GER
National Ice Skating Association of UK Limited	GRB
Hungarian National Skating Federation	HUN
Icelandic Skating Association, Figure Skating Division	ISL
Israel Ice Skating Federation	ISR
Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio	ITA
Japan Skating Federation	JPN
Federacion Mexicana de Deportes Invernales, A.C.	MEX
Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond	NED
Norges Skøyteforbund	NOR
Polish Figure Skating Association	POL
Romanian Skating Federation	ROM
The Figure Skating Federation of Russia	RUS
Association of Skating Sports of Serbia	SER
Slovene Skating Union	SLO
South African Ice skating Association	RSA
Svenska Konstakingsforbundet	SWE
Schweizer Eislauf-Verband	SUI
Turkish Ice Sports Federation	TUR
The United States Figure Skating Association	USA



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GENERAL RULES

The Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy 2008 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution, ISU General Regulations 2006 and Special Regulations for Synchronized Skating 2006 as well as all pertinent ISU Communications. The teams must belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 7), the ages must fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3. All skaters must qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102 and participation and citizenship requirements according to Rule 109.

CATEGORIES

The following categories are included:

Seniors: Short Program and Free Skating Program

Juniors: Short Program and Free Skating Program

Novices: Free Skating

The final results will be determined according to the ISU Regulations 2006.

ENTRIES AND NOMINATIONS / REGISTRATION

Each ISU Member Association **may enter two (2) teams per category**. The organizer reserves the right to limit the number of entries per Member.

Entries of Teams, nominated Judges and Team Managers/Leaders may be made only by the Member concerned (except for Novice Event where this can be done directly by the clubs) on the designated Official Forms.

All Entries have to be sent to the Organizing Committee of the Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy 2008:

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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E-mail: zagreb_snowflakes@email.htnet.hr

Web page: www.zagreb-snowflakes-trophy.org

Preliminary Entries, indicating participation of the ISU Member (or club), have to be submitted not later than **December 1, 2007** while **Final Entries**, with the name of selected Team and Judge, must be submitted **not later than February 1, 2008**. **(Please enclose team photo – no coaches included)**.

If invited Members are unable to accept the invitation to participate, they would have to notify this to the Organizing Committee by no later than December 1, 2007.



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The registration for Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controller, Judges, Teams, Accredited Coaches and Team Managers/Leaders will take place at the Four Points – Panorama Hotel (official hotel) starting from Wednesday, March 12, from 8:00 till 20:00 and on Thursday, March 13, from 8:00 till 18:00.

All registered skaters have to enclose **copy of their passport** when they sign in.

ENTRY FEES

The anticipated entry fee of EUR 350. - per team is required at the time of application, amount to be paid through Bank currency transfer.

Expiry date of entry is February 1, 2008. Should a team withdraw from the event after that date, Entry Fee will not be refunded (See Entry Fee Information).

TECHNICAL AND JUDGES PANEL

In accordance with Rule 720, each participating ISU Member may nominate only one (1) Judge for the international competitions, listed on the ISU List of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2007/2008. For Novice Event organizer will accept national judges as well. The Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controller, Data Operator and Replay Operator will be nominated by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list for Synchronized Skating 2007/2008.

The Organizer will cover the traveling expenses for invited Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controller, Data Operator and Replay Operator only. Ordered flight tickets should be based on economy airfare. The Organizer will provide ground transportation for invited Technical Panel, the Referees and nominated Judges.

The expenses (room and meals) for invited Technical Panel, the Referees and nominated Judges will be borne by the Organizer starting with lunch on Thursday, March 13 to lunch Sunday, March 16, 2008 for the European Judges, and from dinner, Wednesday, March 12 to breakfast Monday, March 17, 2008 for the non-European Judges.

Spouses and other persons accompanying teams are not included. All other expenses shall be the responsibility of each official.

The Draw for the Panel of Judges will be made on Judges Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at 17:00 at the Four Points – Panorama Hotel.

The Judges Round Table Discussion will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2008 after Award Ceremony in Dom sportova Arena.

TECHNICAL RULES

Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy 2008 will be run in accordance with appropriate ISU Rules (ISU General Regulations 2006 and ISU Special Regulations for Synchronized Skating 2006) for Seniors and Juniors, including guidelines for Novice competitions (Communication No. 1398).

The following should be noted:



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Teams may enter more than one category using different music and a different program, with a minimum 50% change in skaters. Only those skaters whose names are listed on the registration form will be allowed to skate.

a) Senior Teams: shall consist of 16 skaters, whom must have reached at least age of 14 by July 1, 2007.

Short Program:	maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds	Factor 0,8
Free Skating Program:	4 minutes 30 seconds ($\pm$ 10 seconds)	1,6

b) Junior Teams: shall consist of 16 skaters, whom must have reached at least age of 12 but not have reached the age 19, by July 1, 2007.

Short Program:	maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds	Factor 0,8
Free Skating Program:	4 minutes ($\pm$ 10 seconds)	1,6

c) Novice Teams: shall consist of 16 skaters, whom must have not reached the age 15, by July 1, 2007.

Free Skating Program:	3 minutes 30 seconds ($\pm$ 10 seconds)	Factor 1,0
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The layout of the arena with the entrance to and exit from the ice, judge's stand, etc. will be forwarded to each participant upon receipt of the team entry form.

CITIZENSHIP / RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with ISU Rule 109, 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.

MUSIC

All teams shall provide their competition music of excellent quality, on magnetic tapes (either Cassette, or CD (Compact Disk)). The team must submit two (2) copies for each program at the time of registration. All cassettes or CD's must be properly inserted in their original container and be clearly identified with the name of the team, the category (junior/senior/novice), the type of program (short program/free skating) and must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time). Please see **Form 4**.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION

The Four Points - Panorama Hotel is the official Hotel for Judges, Referees and Technical Panel (capacity of minimum 110 rooms and suites - 250 persons). There is an accommodation possibility for teams in the same hotel for about 10 teams. The Four Points - Panorama Hotel is located across the street from "Dom sportova" Arena. Transportation will not be necessary to and from the event.

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Reservations have to be made directly to the hotel on a first come first serve basis. For those who want accommodation in other hotels, there is a list of hotels offered to teams (which support Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy 2008) with special rates on **Form HI-2**.

A priority for accommodation in official hotel will be according to receiving order of entries.

Favorable conditions will be offered to the teams (see Hotel conditions attached – **Forms HI-1** and **HI-2**).

Meals will be available at the Four Points - Panorama Hotel (for teams accommodated there) with a special rate of **EUR 12,-** per meal, or in the restaurant Horok in Dom sportova Arena with a special rate of **EUR 9,- per meal** (See **Form 6**).

Accommodation and meals for participating teams is at their own expense.

TRANSPORTATION

Teams arriving in Croatia by coach will be independent (organized parking place by Four Points - Panorama Hotel or by Dom sportova Arena).

For the other teams a bus will be available at cost (See **Form 8**).

The Organizing Committee grants the transportation of the invited Technical Panel, Referees and Judges from/to Zagreb Airport or Railway Station.

ICE RINK

Arena “Dom sportova” is located at Trg Krešimira Čosića 11 (opposite from official Four Points - Panorama Hotel) almost in the center of Zagreb. Easy to be reached: 30 minutes by car from Zagreb Airport, 10 minutes by car from the Railway Station.

“Dom sportova” has a capacity of 5.000 seats. The ice surface in size 30 x 60 m is artificial and arena will be warmed up during the competition.

PRACTICE ICE

The official practice will start on Friday, March 14, 2008. Each team will be allowed a 10 minute period of official practice ice for the Short Program and 12 minute period for the Free Skating Program, free of charge.

No extra practice ice will be available after the Official Draw.

For extra practice ice (Thursday, March 13, 2008) see enclosed **Form 4**.

DRAW

The Opening Draw Ceremony will be made on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 19:30 (see PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE) at the Four Points - Panorama Hotel. The intermediate draw will take place at the Arena (close to warm up space) immediately after the end of the Short Program.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will be held at Dom sportova Arena on Friday, March 14, 2008, at 18:15. Two skaters from each team will take part in this ceremony as banner carriers.



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MEDALS AND TROPHIES

Trophies will be presented to the winning team in each category.

Medals will be presented to the top three finishing teams in each category.

COMPETITORS PARTY

The Competitors Party will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 22:30.

(See enclosed **Form 7**).

LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, Croatian Figure Skating Federation and the Organizing Committee for the competition accepts no liability for injury or damage sustained by competitors or officials. The Organizing Committee will not be providing participant insurance coverage for the event. Each Member is expected to provide its own insurance protection. The Organizing Committee will provide emergency medical services for all participants during the competition and official practice.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Each team manager should be able to give important medical information for each skater for use in case of emergency/accident. Such information should include but is not limited to the following, and will greatly help local medical and emergency personnel:

- allergies
- existing medical conditions (i.e. asthma)
- current medications
- immunizations
- blood type
- use of glasses, contact lenses, dental appliances

PUBLICITY WAIVER

Each individual and/or team, waive any and all rights to financial remuneration or other compensation for the use or reproduction of their image or likeness, or that of their synchronized skating team, and grant permission to use same, as or in publicity prior to, during or following the Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy 2008, in Zagreb, Croatia.

TICKETS

Each team participating will be provided with 6 free passes (Team Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach, Medical Person, two (2) Team Service Personnel) and one (1) for Team Leader per participated ISU Member. The Organizer will reserve extra tickets at price of **2 EUR** ticket/day.

PLANED PROGRAM CONTENT

Deadline for "Program Content Sheet" is March 13 at the registration. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet is filled in precisely by each team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the Scale of Value Table published in ISU Special Regulations for Synchronized Skating 2006 as well as in all pertinent ISU Communications. The Planed Program Content Sheet has to be signed by a coach or Team Representative.



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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE – TENTATIVE

Wednesday, March 12, 2008	08:00 - 20:00	Arrival and registration of participants
Thursday, March 13, 2008	08:00 - 19:00	Arrival and registration of participants
	07:00 - 19:00	Extra practice ice
	17:30 - 18:00	Technical Controller and Referees Meeting
	18:00	Judges Meeting and Draw
	18:30	Team Leaders / Coaches Meeting
	19:30	Draw Ceremony
	21:00	Officials Dinner
Friday, March 14, 2008	08:00 - 10:00	Official Practice – Novice Free Program
	10:00 - 12:00	Official Practice - Junior Short Program
	12:00 - 14:00	Official Practice - Senior Free Program
	14:00 - 16:00	Competition - Novice Free Program
	16:00 - 18:00	Competition - Junior Short Program
	18:15 - 18:30	Opening Ceremony (Dom sportova Arena)
	19:00 - 21:00	Competition - Senior Short Program
	21:15 - 21:30	Award Ceremony - Novice
Saturday, March 15, 2008	08:00 - 11:00	Official Practice - Junior Free Skating
	11:00 - 14:00	Official Practice - Senior Free Skating
	17:00 - 19:00	Competition - Junior Free Skating
	19:00 - 21:00	Competition - Senior Free Skating
	21:15 - 21:45	Award Ceremony - Junior, Senior
	22:30 - 01:00	Competitors Party (FP-Panorama Hotel)
	22:00 - 23:00	Round Table Discussion (FP-Panorama Hotel)



DEADLINE: February 1, 2008

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ENTRY FEE INFORMATION

The fixed fee per team is **EUR 350** (Bank commission not included).

To be kindly paid through the bank currency transfer.

Expiry date of the Entry Fee acceptance is **February 1, 2008**.

Should a team withdraw from the event after that date, the amount will not be returned.

Payment to be lodged into:

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For KSK ZAGREBAČKE PAHULJICE

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