



ANNOUNCEMENT



Synchronized Skating World Challenge Cup for Juniors 2009

March 12 to 14 2009

Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Sanctioned by the:

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Organized by:

SWISS ICE SKATING

and

CLUB DES PATINEURS DE NEUCHÂTEL-SPORTS



INVITATION and ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Skating Union, Swiss Ice Skating and the Neuchâtel Figure Skating Club have the great pleasure in inviting ISU Members to participate in the

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1. INVITED MEMBERS

All members of the International Skating Union are cordially invited to enter the World Challenge Cup for Juniors 2009.

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The World Challenge Cup for Juniors 2009 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution, the ISU General Regulations 2008 and Special Regulations Synchronized Skating 2008 as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the World Challenge Cup for Juniors 2009 is open to all teams that belong to an ISU Member, Rule 130, paragraph 7 and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3b, and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements according to Rule 109, paragraphs 1 and 2d.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

Each participating Team may enter up to a maximum of four (4) alternates on the official Entry Form.

Only those skaters whose names are listed on the registration forms will be allowed to skate.

The results will be determined according to Rules 738 - 741 as per Special Regulation for Synchronized Skating 2008.



Junior Teams (WCCJ 2009) shall consist of 16 skaters (rule 701 paragraph 3b), all of whom must have reached at least the age of twelve (12) but may not have reached the age of nineteen (19) before July 1st 2008 (Rule 108 paragraph 3b).

		Multiplying Factors for Program Components
SHORT PROGRAM	Maximum 2 minutes 50 sec, but may be less	0.8
FREE SKATING PROGRAM	4 MIN +/-10 SEC	1.6

4. ENTRIES AND NOMINATIONS

In accordance with Rule 926, paragraph 1, Special Synchronized Skating Regulations 2008, each member may enter one (1) Team. The top five (5) ISU Members (CAN, FIN, GER, SWE and USA) in the WCCJ 2008 may enter two (2) Teams for the WCCJ 2009.

Entries for Teams, nominated Judges, Coaches, Team Leaders and Team Managers must be made only on the designated Official Entry Forms and only by the respective National Association /Governing Body.

The Official Entry Forms must be sent to the Organizing Committee of the WCCJ 2009 **by February 15, 2009.**

WORLD CHALLENGE CUP FOR JUNIORS 2009
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A copy of each Entry for the WCCJ 2009 must be sent to the Sports Director Figure Skating and to the ISU Secretariat.

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Preliminary ISU Member Entries (Form 0) indicating participation of the ISU Member, must be submitted **no later than November 15 2008**, while Final Entries with the name of selected Teams, must be submitted **no later than February 15, 2009**.

Late entries will not be accepted. Each member, however, may enter one (1) substitute Team per entry. The substitute team may compete only if its member has withdrawn the name of its team entered for the competition two (2) weeks before the first draw (see Rule 726, paragraph 4, Special Regulations Synchronized Skating 2008).

Judges Entries (Form II) have to be submitted **no later than January 30, 2009**.

ISU Declaration Form

Entries must be accompanied by the official "ISU Declaration Form" as per Rule 131. Entries by fax or E-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously to the Organizers (Rule 115, paragraph 5).

The completed Declaration Form must be signed by the Team Captain for Synchronized Skating and also by all Officials (including team officials) appointed by the Member serving at an ISU Event (Judges, Team Leaders, and also those Coaches, Choreographers, Team Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Team Officials who are requesting accreditation for the Event).

In case of competitors who are not full of age (under 18), such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law.

Each Entry Form and Declaration Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4).

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, 378 and ISU Communication No. 1523 or any update of this Communication.

5. PROGRAM CONTENT SHEETS

The « Program Content Sheets » must be returned to the Organizer together with the Entry Forms **no later than February 15, 2009**. The planned Program Content Sheets must be signed by a Coach or Team Representative.

6. ENTRY FEE

An entry fee of **CHF 650.-- per Team** is required.

Payment can be made at the time of the Preliminary Entry (November 15, 2008). In any case, payment must be made **no later than the Final Entry deadline on February 15, 2009**. Payment must be made through bank currency transfer. **Commissions and/or fees for bank transactions have to be paid directly to the bank in addition to the entry fee at the time of bank transfer.**

The Organizing Committee must receive the net amount of **CHF 650.-- per team**. Should a Team withdraw from the event after **the Final Entry deadline on February 15, 2009**; the Entry fee will not be refunded.



7. EXPENSES PROVIDED (Referee, Judges, Technical Panel)

Each participating ISU member in the WCCJ 2009 may nominate one (1) Judge with the qualified «ISU Judge» on the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2008-2009. The Referees, Technical Specialists, the Technical Controller and Data & Replay Operators for the WCCJ 2009 will be appointed by the ISU.

The expenses (room and meals) for all nominated Technical Specialists, Technical Controller, Referees, Judges and Data & Replay Operators will be paid by the ISU.

The draw for the Panel of Judges will be made at the first Judges' Meeting on Thursday, March 12. All judges are required to attend the first Judges' meeting.

For all travel expenses of nominated TS, TC, Referees, Data & Replay Operators and Judges for the WCCJ 2009 only APEX (Advance Purchase Excursion) airfare economy rates will be reimbursed, subject to the submission of original ticket receipts.

The Organizer will provide ground transportation in Neuchâtel, that is from Neuchâtel train station to the hotel and to the ice rink and back for all nominated TS, TC, Referees, Data & Replay Operators and Judges. All other expenses will be the responsibility of each individual Official. Pick Up at Neuchâtel train station is to announce to the OC in advance.

The expenses for room and meals for European Judges will be covered beginning with lunch on Thursday, March 12, to lunch on Sunday, March 15, 2009. For non European Judges the period of coverage will begin with dinner on Wednesday, March 11, until breakfast on Monday, March 16, 2009, provided there is no departure possible on Sunday, March 15, 2009.

8. JUDGES MEETINGS

The arrival of judges to Neuchâtel must be on Thursday, March 12, 2009, to be able to attend the first Judges Meeting at 17h30 at the Official Hotel.

The Judges Round Table Discussion Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Official Hotel Sunday March 15 2009 at 08h30. (Duration about 2 hours)

9. OFFICIAL HOTEL

Official Hotel for TS, TC, Referees, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, ISU Office Holders and VIPs:

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10. HOTEL INFORMATION TEAMS

Accommodation for participating Teams is at their expense. List of special Hotels is attached.

For further information please contact the Organizing Committee, direction@wccj2009.com



11. MEALS

Please contact the OC if you would like to reserve your meals in the restaurant at the ice rink.

12. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

Specialists, Controller, Referees, Judges, all other Event Officials taking part in the WCCJ 2009 are requested to announce as soon as possible to the Organizing Committee their arrival information: airport, time of arrival, name of the airline, flight numbers, etc

Direct Trains to Neuchâtel are leaving

- at Zurich-Airport every hour at xx h 43 minutes
- at Geneva-Airport every hour at xx h 05 minutes.

13. REGISTRATION , ACCREDITATION

Registration and accreditation for Team Delegations, Media and Official guests will take place at the Welcome Desk at the Ice rink on:

Wednesday March 11 2009 from 15h00 to 19h00

- Thursday March 12 from 08h00 to 18h30
- Friday March 13 from 08h00 to 18h30
- Saturday March 14 from 08h00 to 12h00

Official Team Delegation: Skaters
 Team Managers (1 per team)
 Team Leaders (1 per member)
 Official Coaches (2 per team)
 Chaperons (2 per team)
 Medical Personnel (1 per member)
 Federation Representatives (2 per member)

All entered skaters must provide their passport at the time of registration.

14. TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of all participating Teams to organize their Transportation from the Airport to Neuchâtel and back as well as from the Hotel to the Skating Rink and back at their own costs. Transportation booking can be made directly through the official transport company (see enclosed list).

For further information regarding transport in Neuchâtel please contact :
direction@wccj2009.com

15. ICE RINK

Patinoires du Littoral, 4, Quai R. Comtesse, CH - 2000 Neuchâtel (1hr 20 minutes from Geneva and 1hr 50 minutes from Zurich). Competition rink: 30 m x 60 m (4'000 spectators), Practice rink: 30 m x 60 m.



16. OFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE

The Official Practice will start in the Ice Rink on Friday morning, March 13, 2009.

Each Team will be allowed a ten (10) minute period of official practice ice for the Short Program and a twelve (12) minute period for the Free Skating Program. No extra practice ice will be permitted after the Official Draw. Rule 722 paragraph 5 shall apply.

17. EXTRA PRACTICE ICE

Extra practice ice can be booked

- Wednesday March 11, 2009, hours depending on demands
- Thursday March 12, 2009, 07h00 until 18h30

Price for Extra Practice is CHF 60.-- per 15 minutes. For requests please use Form IV.

18. DRAW

The Official Draw Ceremony will be held Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 19h00 at the second Ice Rink.

The draw for the starting order for the Free Skating will take place immediately after the conclusion of the Short Program (Place to be determined).

Only the Team Captain, Vice Captain, Coaches and Team Managers are invited to attend the Draws.

19. OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Friday, March 13, 2009, 30 minutes before the start of the Short Program Event. Information will be given during Team Leader's meeting.

20. MUSIC

Rule 705 paragraph 1 and Rule 724 shall apply.

Upon registration Team Leader or Team Manager must present two (2) quality copies of their music on CD, (Compact Disk) **Two (2) copies (original and back-up copy) for each program (short/free) must be submitted by each Team.**

All music must be properly inserted in their original cases and must be clearly identified with the name of the Team, the type of Program (short /free program) and must show the exact running time of the music (no skating time), which shall be certified by the Team Leader or Team Manager when submitted at the time of registration.

Each program (short /free) must be recorded on one track and on separate disk.

The titles, composers and orchestra of the Music to be used for the Short Program and Free Program must be listed for each Team on the Official Music-Press-Media Form (Form V) and attached to the Official Entry Form for Teams.



21. MEDALS

Medals will be presented to the three best placed Teams at the World Challenge Cup for Juniors 2009.

22. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Organizing Committee asks all Members to bring a copy of their National Anthem on CD.

23. LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each member participating in the WCCJ 2009 to provide medical and accident insurance for the athletes, Officials and all other members of the Member's Team(s). Such insurance must provide full medical coverage and also the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The ISU, Swiss Ice Skating and the Organizing Committee for the WCCJ 2009 assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the event by Competitors and Officials.

The Organizer will not provide participant insurance coverage for the event.

The Organizer will provide emergency medical services for all Competitors during the competition and official practices at the Official arena. The local hospital is in 5 minutes distance from the Ice Rink.

24. THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION

Skaters with a documented medical condition requiring the use of a substance on the WADA list of Prohibited substances must have applied to the ISU for a Therapeutic use exemption prior to the competition. (Form VII)

25. ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests may be carried out in accordance with the Current ISU Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures (ISU Communications 1447 and 1448 or any further updating of these Communications).

26. PUBLICITY WAIVER

Members and Teams hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that the WCCJ 2009 may be televised either in whole or in part and broadcasted on a worldwide basis.

According the ISU Rule 131 by entering, both a Member and the Teams hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the Team at the WCCJ 2009 have been fully cleared and authorized for a public use and consent to use of the Teams name, biography, and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio program broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicizing of such program without further clearance or payments of any kind on the part of the ISU, the Organizing Member, The Organizing Committee or the relevant network or broadcasters being required.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

10h00 – 18h00	Official Registration for Teams Official Registration for Event Officials	Ice Rink Official Hotel
12h00 – 20h00	Extra Practice	Ice Rink

Thursday, March 12, 2009

09h00 – 19h00	Official Registration for Teams Official Registration for Event Officials	Ice Rink Official Hotel
08h00 – 19h00	Extra Practice	Ice Rink
17h30	Judges Meeting	Official Hotel
19h00	Official Draw	Second Ice Rink
20h00	Officials' Dinner	

Friday, March 13, 2009

09h00 – 13h15	Official Practice Short Program	Ice Rink
13h30	Team Leader's Meeting	
17h30	Opening Ceremony	Ice Rink
18h00 – 21h00	Short Program	Ice Rink

Saturday, March 14, 2009

08h00 – 13h00	Official Practice Free Skating	Ice Rink
16h00 – 19h45	Free Skating	Ice Rink
20h00	Awards Ceremony	

Sunday, March 15, 2009

08h30 – 10h30	Round Table Discussion	Official Hotel
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