

ANNOUNCEMENT



**THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
MARCH 04 – 08, 2009**

An International Competition

for

Ladies and Men Senior, Junior, Novice & Debs

and

Novice Pairs

organized by the



KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE SCHAATSENRIJDERS BOND

under the authorization of the



INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. General Regulations

The AEGON CHALLENGE CUP will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2008, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2008 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the AEGON CHALLENGE CUP is for skaters who belong to an invited 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.

Because the number of entries per event is limited, in the event the entry limits are exceeded the organizing committee reserves the right to give preference to federations entering a complete team.

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: **Venue: Schaatscentrum "De Uithof"**
Jaap Edenweg 10 The Hague
(an indoor heated ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m);

CATEGORIES

SENIOR LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2008 Rule 510. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication.
	Free Skating	Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value.
		Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2008 Rule 510, paragraph 2, group A for 2008/2009 and paragraph 4. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication.
	Free Skating	Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value.
		Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

NOVICE LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in communication 1397. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2min., 30 sec., maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication no 1397. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min., 00 sec., +/- 10 sec.
DEBS LADIES	Short Program	Skaters who have not reached the age of thirteen (13) before July 1st preceding the competition a) Axel Paulsen b) One double jump immediately preceded by connecting steps. c) One jump combination consisting two double jumps, or one double and a solo jump, the jumps must be different than the jumps in sub. B d) Camel spin with at least six (6) rotations in camel position e) Spin combination with at least one change of position and one change of foot with at least five (5) rotations on each foot. All three basic positions must be shown in the spin. f) Step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) with maximum use of the ice surface. g) Spiral sequence with at least 3 different spirals
	Free Skating	Duration: 2min., 30 sec., maximum, but may be less In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. -Maximum of 6 jump elements of which one must be an Axel type jump and there may be up to three (3) jump combinations or sequences. Only one jump combination can contain three (3) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Only two (2) jumps with two and a half (2 1/2) or three (3) revolutions can be repeated either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence. -There must be a maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination (minimum of ten (6) revolutions) and 2 different other spins (minimum of four (4) revolutions). In spins the minimum number of revolutions required in a position is two (2). In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the position is not counted. The number of changes of foot in the spin combination is optional. There must be a maximum of one step or spiral sequence that fully utilizes the ice surface. A spiral position in order to be counted must be held for at least 3 seconds. Duration: 3 min., +/- 10 sec.
SENIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2008 Rule 510. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less

	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2008 Rule 510, paragraph 2, group A for 2008/2009 and paragraph 4. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less
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Novice Pairs	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in communication 1397. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2min., 30 sec., maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in communication 1397. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

*ISU regulations are subject to amendment as decided by the 2008 ISU Congress.

3. **ENTRIES**

3.1 **Entries of Competitors**

Each invited country can enter two (2) skaters/couples in each category. In the event of total entries exceeding the limit in any category, skaters from countries with entries in all categories will be given priority.

a) **Entries by Number**

The entries by number indicating the number of skaters/couples in the disciplines concerned must be submitted not later than **January 12th 2009** to:

Organizing Committee AEGON Challenge Cup
P.O.Box 1120
3800 BC Amersfoort, The Netherlands
Fax: +31 (0)33 4620823
E-mail: wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl

In case of no entry received by **January 12th 2009** it will be assumed that your association will not participate.

b) Entries by Name

Entries by names must be made not later than **February 2, 2009** to:

Organizing Committee AEGON Challenge Cup

P.O.Box 1120

3800 BC Amersfoort, The Netherlands

Fax: +31 (0)33 4620823

E-mail: wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl

3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Members may nominate two ISU / International Judges and one substitute Judge. Only Judges, who have participated in one of the ISU Seminars for the ISU Judging System, are eligible to serve in the Challenge Cup.

The official entry form for Judges must reach the Organizing Committee not later than **January 15th, 2009**.

Each panel of Judges will consist with a minimum of 7 judges in the senior categories and 5 in all other categories.

4. EXPENSES, MEALS, LODGING

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for Judges participating, beginning with dinner **March 03, 2009** until lunch on **March 9, 2009**.

The expenses for rooms and meals for the Team Leader, Competitors and other team officials will not be covered by the organizer and are on the account of the team.

Should any 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 provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals also for the Event Referees and the Technical Controllers.

The costs for rooms and meals for the Technical Specialists, the Data Operators and the Video Replay Operator will be covered by the Organizing Committee.

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

5. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **March 04, 2009 / 08:00am**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. According to ISU Regulations 340 and 534 no competitor may practice in a rink other than the official rink or rinks after 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. 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 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) 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 return to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet must be filled in precisely by each skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS AND TRANSPORTATION

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Video- and Data Operator) Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials and Coaches taking part in the competition are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **February 02, 2009**, the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at **Schiphol International Airport** or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official "travel form" should be used.

The nearest airport to **The Hague** is **Schiphol International Airport** with a distance of **1 hour driving distance** to the official hotel. The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival.

The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle from the Official Hotel to the Ice Rink from Wednesday up to Sunday during training and competition. A bus shuttle will be provide for transportation to **Schiphol International Airport** on Sunday, March 8TH and Monday, March 9th 2009.
A transportation fee for all the bus shuttles of €. 30,00 pp. will be asked.

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

Golden Tulip Bel Air Hotel
Johan de Wittlaan 30, 2512 JR Den Haag
tel: +31 (0)70 3525354
Fax: +31 (0)70 3525353
www.goldentulipbelairhotel.nl

Single room per person per day is € 113,81 (breakfast and tax included)
Twin-bed-room per person per day is € 81,31 (breakfast and tax included)

Lunch: € 17,50
Diner: € 27,50

TERMS OF RESERVATION

1. All requests for reservations must be made to the KNSB and the Organizing Committee by the ISU Member Federation before **February 2, 2009**.
2. The reservations will be confirmed to you directly by the Organizing Committee after reception of the pre-payment.
3. Terms of payment:
 - a pre-payment of 50% before **February 2, 2009** on account
IBAN: NL 88 ABNA 054 94 30 644
BIC: ABNA NL 2A;
 - the rest of the payment upon arrival.
4. Changes and cancellations shall be made in writing and directly to the Organizing Committee and to the Secretary of the Organizing Committee.
5. If the cancellation is made
 - **before February 2, 2009**, the pre-payment will be refunded in full less (amount);
 - on or after **February 2, 2009**, no pre-payment will be refunded.

The rest of the payment by credit card or cash; credit card authorization on the day of arrival.
Hotel reservations can only be made through the Organizing Committee.

9. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation is planned at the **Golden Tulip Bel Air Hotel** upon arrival.

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

Accreditation as a Team Member will also 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. 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.

Chaperons (only one per skater) are invited to purchase a "half-price all-event ticket". Chaperons will receive a permit for joining 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 2008, Rule 352 will be in place.

The overall ranking results per category will be awarded as follows: The first place 10 points, the second place 7 points, the third place 5 points, the fourth place 4 points, the fifth place 3 points, the sixth place 2 points and the seventh place 1 point. In case of more than two (2) competitors of one ISU Member in one category only the two best placed competitors can score points for the overall classification.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND THE AEGON CHALLENGE CUP

The three best placed skaters/couples in each category will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists.

The best placed team will be announced and honoured with the International Challenge Cup. In case of a draw the highest number of first and/or second and/or third places will be taken into account.

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

13. EXHIBITION

All medallists and other selected competitors will be invited to participate in the final Exhibition Gala. Show exhibition numbers are expected (no short or free program).

14. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact

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15. EVENT SCHEDULE*

March 03 (TUE)	Arrival
March 04 (WED)	08:00 Official Practice 09:00 Team Leaders Meeting 14:00 Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting 16:00 Judges Meeting
March 05 (THU)	12:00 Novice Pairs Short Program 13:00 Debs Men Short Program 14:10 Debs Ladies Short Program 16:30 Novice Men Short Program 18:15 Novice Ladies Short Program
March 06 (FRI)	09:00 Junior Men Short Program 11:15 Junior Ladies Short Program 14:15 Novice Ladies Free Program 17:30 Senior Men Short Program 19:25 Senior Ladies Short Program
March 07 (SAT)	10:00 Junior Men Free Program 12:30 Junior Ladies Free Program 16:00 Novice Pairs Free Program 17:25 Senior Men Free Program 19:40 Senior Ladies Free Program
March 08 (SUN)	08:30 Debs Men Free Program 09:40 Novice Men Free Program 11:35 Debs Ladies Free Program 15:00 Gala Exhibition 18:00 End Gala Exhibition 20:00 Closing Banquet
March 9 (MON)	Departure

* Subject to change.