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SPRING CUP 2009

International Synchronized Skating Competition

Milano – Sesto S. Giovanni, ITALY

February 14 ÷ 15, 2009

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FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA SPORT del GHIACCIO
is proud to announce



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Milano (Sesto San Giovanni) – Italy
February 14 ÷ 15, 2009

INTERNATIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMPETITION

conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2008, Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating 2008 as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Organized by "PRECISION SKATING MILANO"

Events	Senior	Short Program Free Skating Program
	Junior	Short Program Free Skating Program
	Novice	Free Skating Program

Please notify your intention to participate in the Competition **not later than December 15th, 2008** in order to let the Organizing Committee do the relevant scheduling.
Respect of the deadline will be appreciated.

Please direct your application to:

SPRING CUP 2009
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OFFICE
Via Pasubio, 12
20066 MELZO (MI), Italy
Phone +39 340.785.416

We ask you to send on all documents preferably by e-mail to the following address:

e-mail: springcup@precisionskating.it (**official e-mail**)

Info Website: www.springcup.it

Otherwise you can send your documents by fax to the following number:
+39 039 97 16 559



Spring Cup 2009 is an International Synchronized Skating Competition for Senior, Junior and Novice, hosted by Federazione Italiana Sport Ghiaccio and organized by Precision Skating Milano.

Competition will be held in PALASESTO ARENA, Milano – Sesto San Giovanni, Italy, February 14 ÷ 15, 2009.

INVITED MEMBERS

All Members of the International Skating Union listed on ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2008 are invited to enter teams at Spring Cup 2009.

GENERAL RULES

Spring Cup 2009 is an International Skating Union (ISU) Event and will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2008 and Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation to Spring Cup 2009 is open to all Teams belonging to ISU Members, as per Rule 109, paragraph 1, 2d) and qualified with regard to eligibility, according to ISU Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in ISU Rule 108, paragraph 2 and they meet participation, citizenship and residency requirements, according to the ISU Rule 109.

The composition of teams is determined by ISU Rule 701, paragraph 3.

The results will be determined according to ISU Rule 738 Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008.

CATEGORIES

The following Categories are included:

Senior:	Short Program and Free Skating Program
Junior:	Short Program and Free Skating Program
Novice:	Free Skating Program

The final results will be determined as a combined result according to ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008.

ENTRIES AND NOMINATION/REGISTRATION

Entries of Teams, nominated Judges, Team Leaders and Team Managers must be made only by the respective Members on the enclosed Official Forms and must reach the Organizing Committee **not later than December 15th, 2008**. Late entries will not be accepted.

The registration for Referees, Judges, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data/Video Operators, Teams, Accredited Coaches, Team Leaders and Team Managers will take place at the **ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE** in Milano.

- Thursday February 12th from 14:00 to 20:00
- Friday 13th from 08:00 to 14:00



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ENTRY FEE

Entry fee (**Form 1**) will be:

Senior and Junior Teams:

- € 370,00 without any free ice practice

Novice Teams:

- € 330,00 without any free ice practice
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Deadline for entry fee payment is January 8th , 2009.

Please, transfer entry fee to the following bank account only:

Name of Bank:	BANCA INTESA SAN PAOLO
Address of the Bank:	Via F.BIANCHI n° 7 – 2006 MELZO - MILANO – ITALY
ACCOUNT NUMBER:	1000/00000078 PRECISION SKATING MILANO
IBAN:	IT69 Z0306933 4011 0000 0000 078
SWIFT CODE:	BC IT IT MM

Please, state “*SPRING CUP 2009 / name of the TEAM*” on all payments.

Commissions and any bank transaction fee will be at your charge and have to be paid directly to the bank.

Organization Committee must receive the net amount of entry fees.

We ask you to send on all payments copies preferably by e-mail to the following address:

springcup@precisionskating.it

**if not possible you can send your documents by fax to the following number:
+39 039 97 16 559**

The Team registration will be valid only after entry fee payment.

No refund will be made in case of withdraw from the Event after January 8th 2009.

Extra Practice Ice must also be paid in advance, not later than January 8th ,2009 (see Form 7)

Please note:

- **Bring copy of bank currency transfer in order to facilitate registration procedure at Antares Hotel Concorde.**
- **NO credit cards or bank checks will be accepted.**
- **Cash payment or travel checks will be allowed.**



JUDGES/REFEREES/TECHNICAL CONTROLLER/TECHNICAL SPECIALIST/DATA-VIDEO OPERATORS

◆ Each invited ISU Member may nominate **only one (1) Judge** listed on the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2008-2009.

◆ Each invited ISU Member may nominate a **second Judge** listed in the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2008-2009 **if the Member will enter teams for all the three categories (Senior, Junior, Novice).**

The **Referees** will be nominated by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2008-2009.

The **Technical Controller** will be nominated by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Technical Controllers for Synchronized Skating 2008-2009.

The **Technical Specialists** will be nominated by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Technical Specialists for Synchronized Skating 2008-2009.

The **Data/Video Operators** will be nominated by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list of Data/Video Operators 2008-2009.

The Organizing Committee will pay travel expenses at APEX airfare economy rates for the invited Referees, Technical Controller, the two (2) Technical Specialists and the Data/Video Operators only and will provide ground transportation, accommodation and meals, from February 13th lunch to February 16th breakfast for the invited Referees/Technical Controller/Technical Specialists/Data-Video Operators and nominated Judges.

Please note: wives, husbands, relatives, physician staff and doctors are not included.

The rooms at ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE in Milan for invited Referees/Technical Controller/Technical Specialists/Data-Video Operators and nominated Judges will be reserved by the Organizing Committee upon receipt of the entries.

INITIAL JUDGES MEETING/ REFEREES-TECHNICAL PANEL MEETING/ ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The **Initial Judges Meeting** for Senior, Junior and Novice events will be held on Friday, February 13th 2009, at 17:00 in ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE - Milan.

The **Meeting for Referees, Technical Controller and Technical Specialists** will be held on Friday, February 13th 2009 at 19:30 in ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE - Milan.

The **Round Table Discussion** for Senior, Junior and Novice events will be held on Sunday, February 15th 2009 at 22:00 in ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE - Milan.

Referees, Judges, Technical Controller and Technical Specialist are kindly requested to carefully plan well in advance their travel arrangements in order to attend the mandatory meetings.



TECHNICAL RULES

ISU Rules shall be in effect according to 2008 ISU Congress and ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2008 and Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

The following has to be noted: each participating team may enter up to a maximum of four (4) alternates on the official Entry Form; teams of a Member may enter more than one category using different music and different programs, with a minimum change of 50% of the skaters. Only those skaters whose names are listed on the registration forms will be allowed to skate.

a) **Senior Teams:** shall consist of sixteen (16) skaters; all of them must have reached at least the age of 14 before July 1st 2008.

Short Program	Maximum 2 min. 50 sec.	Multiplying Factors: 0.8
Free Skating Program	4 min. 30 sec. $\pm$ 10 sec.	Multiplying Factors: 1.6

The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008.

b) **Junior Teams:** shall consist of sixteen (16) skaters; all of them must have reached at least the age of 12 but not have reached the age of 19 before July 1st 2008.

Short Program	Maximum 2 min. 50 sec.	Multiplying Factors: 0.8
Free Skating Program	4 min. 10 sec.	Multiplying Factors: 1.6

The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008.

c) **Novice Teams:** shall consist of sixteen (16) skaters; all of them must have reached at least the age of 10 but not have reached the age of 15 before July 1st 2008.

Free Skating Program	3 min. 30 sec. $\pm$ 10 sec.	Multiplying Factors: 1.0
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The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication N° 1398, July 12, 2006.

PROGRAM CONTENT SHEETS

Along with entries, teams should attach Planned Program Content Sheets (**Form 10**), one for the Short Program and one for the Free Skating Program. Planned Program Content Sheets must be signed by a Coach or Team Representative. However programs content may be changed at competition time. Form 10 deadline is January 20th, 2009.

MUSIC

Upon accreditation, all teams shall furnish their competition music of excellent quality on CD (Compact disc) format. **Two (2) copies for each program (short/free) must be submitted by the Team Leader/Manager at the time of registration.** All CDs must be properly inserted in their original cases, must be clearly identified with the name of the team, the category (senior/junior/novice), the type of program (short/free program) and must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by Team Leader/Manager when submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short/free) must be recorded on one track and on separate C.D. (**Form 5**).



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HOTEL INFORMATION

Antares Hotel Concorde in Milano is the **Official HOTEL** for the Competition.

The hotel is located within 50 meters from subway (**Turro** station on **MM1-red line**) and only six stops from Palasesto Arena.

ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE****

Viale Monza n.132 - 20175 MILANO MI

Phone: +39 02 26.11.20.20 Fax: +39 02 26.14.78.79

e-mail: concorde@antareshotels.com ref. **Mrs. ELISA TONELLA**

for more details see Hotel web site:

<http://www.antareshotels.com/concorde/hotel-concorde-milano.htm>

Organizing Committee will take charge of Antares Hotel Concorde reservation for: Referees, Judges, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists and Data/Video Operators.

The alternative Hotel is Abacus Hotel located at 5 minutes walk from Palasesto Arena.

ABACUS HOTEL ****

Via Monte Grappa n. 39 - 20099 SESTO SAN GIOVANNI MI

Phone: +39 02 26225858 Fax: +39 02 26225860

e-mail: reception@abacushotel.it ref. **Mrs. PATRIZIA PASINI**

for more details see Hotel web site **www.abacushotel.it**

Down town is easy reachable from both Hotels by public transportation.

Both Hotels offer special rates to teams - Rooms will be reserved on a first come first served basis.

All HOTEL reservation for rooms, meals and payments must be made by teams directly to the HOTELS. Please, use **"SPRING CUP 2009"** reference on booking request.

TRANSPORTATION

Nominated Judges, invited Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists and the Data/Video Operators will be granted transportation from/to Airport/Official Hotel and from/to Ice Ring PalaSesto/Official Hotel.

Teams wishing to arrange transportation from/to Airport, unguided city tours or any other transportation necessity are kindly request to contact directly:

AUTOSERVIZI FACCHINETTI

Via Pastore,2, 20065 INZAGO MI

Phone: +39 02 954.91.56 Fax: +39 02 954.98.32

e-mail: info@autoservizifacchinetti.it ref. **Mr. ALESSANDRO**

or:

M. COMINARDI

Via Gramsci, 2, 20060 CASSINA DE' PECCHI MI

Phone: +39 02 95.29.281 or +39 02 95.34.34.32 Fax: +39 02 95.34.34.41

e-mail: COMINA03@cominardimario.191.it ref. **Mrs. CLAUDIA**

Reservations and payments must be made by teams directly to the BUS COMPANY.

Please use **"Spring Cup 2009"** reference on booking request.



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ICE RINK

PALASESTO ARENA is located in Sesto San Giovanni (Milan) and is easily reachable (approx. time):

- 20 minutes drive from Linate Airport (LIN)
- 60 minutes drive from Malpensa Airport (MXP)
- 45 minutes drive from Orio al Serio (Bergamo) Airport (BGY)
- 20 minutes drive from the Milan Railway Central Station
- 15 minutes drive by bus/car from Antares Hotel Concorde
- 10 minutes ride by subway (MM1-red line-Turro station) from Antares Hotel Concorde
- 5 minutes walk from Abacus Hotel

Palasesto Arena has a seating capacity of 3.100. Ice surface is artificial. Size: 30x56 m.
During competition the Arena will be warmed up.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE

Unofficial Practice Ice for all teams will take place from Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th (**Form 7**)

A maximum of one (1) hour of Unofficial Practice Ice will be granted to all Teams in Palasesto Arena.

Further reservations requested by Teams will be allocated in Palasesto Arena on availability. When fully booked, Palataurus in Lecco will be available. Please note that any bus transportation will be at team expenses, to be arranged and paid directly to bus company.

Extra ice booking and payments to Palataurus must be carried out through Organizing Committee only.

Please note that reservation will be arranged on first come first served basis.

No extra ice practice will be available after Official Draw.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE

Each team will be allowed a 10 minute period of Official Practice ice for Short Program and 12 minutes period for Free Skating Program, free of charge.

OFFICIAL DRAW

The Official Draw will take place on Friday, February 13th at 18:30 in **ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE-Milan**. Two skaters for each team are requested to take part to the event.

The intermediate draws will take place immediately after the end of the Short Program for each category in Palasesto Arena, in a place to be confirmed during the competition.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony will take place at Palasesto Arena on Saturday, February 14th, 30 minutes before the beginning of the Competition (Junior Short Program).

Three skaters from each team are requested to take part in the Ceremony as banner carriers.

MEDAL AND TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams of each category.

Medals will be awarded to all skaters.



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LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, Federazione Italiana Sport Ghiaccio and Organizing Committee for Spring Cup 2009 assumes no responsibility or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or for property loss or damage incurred by Competitors or Officials in connection with the 2009 Spring Cup International Synchronized Skating Competition.

It is the sole responsibility of each Member participating the ISU Events to provide its own medical and accident insurance protection.

The Organizing Committee will provide emergency medical services for all Competitors at the competition and official practice sites.

DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping tests may be carried out during the competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications No. 1447-1448 May 8, 2007).

PUBBLICITY WAIVER

Please send a team photo together with your entry request; digital images in good resolution sent by e-mail will be appreciated.

Members, Teams and Competitors hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that Team Photos, Team info and results will be published, as well as 2009 Spring Cup International Competition may be televised either in whole or in part, for showing on a worldwide basis. According to the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2008 (**Form 9**) both Members and Competitors (in this particular case the teams) hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the competitor have been fully cleared and authorized for public use and consent to the use of his or her 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 and without further clearance or payments of any kind on the part of the ISU, the organizing Member Federazione Italiana Sport Ghiaccio, Organizing Committee and the relevant television network or broadcasters being required.



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PRELIMINARY TIME SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 12th 2009

h. 14:00 ÷ 20:00 **Official Registration** at ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE in Milan

Friday, February 13th 2009

h. 08:00 ÷ 14:00 **Official Registration** at ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE in Milan

h. 17:00 ÷ 18:00 **Initial Judges Meeting** (Referees and Judges) at
ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE in Milan

h. 18:30 ÷ 19:30 **Official Draw** at ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE in Milan

h. 19:30 ÷ 20:00 Meeting for Referees, Technical Controller and Technical Specialists
at ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE in Milan

Saturday, February 14th 2009

h. 08:30 ÷ 09:30 Official Practice Junior Short Program

h. 10:00 ÷ 11:00 Official Practice Senior Short Program

h. 15:00 ÷ 15:15 **Opening Ceremony** (Palasesto Arena)

h. 15:30 ÷ 16:30 **Junior Short Program Event**

h. 17:00 ÷ 18:00 **Senior Short Program Event**

h. 20:30 **Official Dinner** for Judges/Referees/Technical Controller/Technical
Specialists/Data-Video Operators at ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE Milan

Sunday, February 15th 2009

h. 07:00 ÷ 08:00 Official Practice Novice Free Skating

h. 08:30 ÷ 10:00 Official Practice Junior Free Skating

h. 10:30 ÷ 12:00 Official Practice Senior Free Skating

h. 14:30 ÷ 15:30 **Novice Free Skating Event**

h. 16:00 ÷ 17:30 **Junior Free Skating Event**

h. 18:00 ÷ 19:30 **Senior Free Skating Event**

h. 19:50 ÷ 20:20 Award Ceremony Novice, Junior and Senior

h. 22:00 ÷ 23:30 **Round Table Discussion** for Novice/Junior/Senior (Referees, Technical
Controller and Judges) at ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE in Milan