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Hauts de France Trophy 2009 Valenciennes Métropole Cup

Valenciennes, France March 7 – 8, 2009



Synchronised Skating Competition Senior, Junior, Novice, Juvenile, Mixed Age & Adult



ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Skate Hainaut Valenciennes Club (SHVC) invites your teams to participate to the Hauts de France Trophy 2008, synchronized skating competition, all categories, with the agreement of the FFSG.

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the ISU and is opened to all eligible Team Skaters according to ISU Rule 102.

1/ DATE

March 7 – 8, 2009

2/ PLACE

Valenciennes Ice Skating Rink (60 m x 30 m)
Rue de Sologne
59770 Marly
FRANCE



3/ **INVITED COUNTRIES**

Österreichischer Eiskunstlauf Verband	AUT
Fédération Royale Belge de Patinage Artistique	BEL
Bulgarian Skating Federation	BUL
Skate Canada	CAN
Croatian Skating Federation	CRO
Czech Figure Skating Association	CZE
Dansk Skøjte Union	DEN
The Estonian Skating Union	EST
Suomen Taitoluisteliitto	FIN
Fédération Française des Sports de Glace	FRA
Deutsche Eislauf – Union	GER
National Ice Skating Association of UK Limited	GBR
Hungarian National Skating Federation	HUN
Icelandic Skating Association	ISL
Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio	ITA
Lithuanian Skating Federation	LTU
Union Luxembourgeoise de Patinage a.s.b.l.	LUX
Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond	NED
Norges Skøyteforbund	NOR
Polish Figure Skating Association	POL
Romania Skating Federation	ROM
The Figure Skating Federation of Russia	RUS
Association of Skating Sports of Serbia	SER
Slovak Figure Skating Association	SVK
Slovene Skating Union	SLO
Svenska Konstaktningsförbundet	SWE
Schweizer Eislauf – Verband	SUI
Turkish Ice Skating Federation	TUR
Ukrainan Figure Skating Federation	UKR
The United States Figure Skating Association	USA

4/ **CATEGORIES**

The competition includes the following categories :

- **Senior Championship : short program and free program**
- **Senior : free program only**
- **Junior Championship : short program and free program**
- **Junior : free program only**
- **Novice : free program**
- **Juvenile : free program**
- **Mixed Age (over 15) : free program**
- **Mixed Age (under 15) : free program**
- **Adult : free program**

The average age of the skaters of the teams entering the over 15 mixed age category must be over 15 (substitutes included).

The average age of the skaters of the teams entering the under 15 mixed age category must be under 15 (substitutes included).

5/ **TECHNICAL DATA**

SENIOR Championship	Age	14 before July 1 st , 2008
	Composition	14 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Program	☞ Short program : 2 min 50 s (maximum) ☞ Free program : 4 min 30 s (plus or minus 10 s)
SENIOR	Age	14 before July 1 st , 2008
	Composition	10 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Program	Free program only : 4 min 30 s (plus or minus 10 s)
JUNIOR Championship	Age	Over 12 and less than 19 before July 1 st , 2008
	Composition	14 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Program	☞ Short program : 2 min 50 s (maximum) ☞ Free program : 4 min (plus or minus 10 s)
JUNIOR	Age	Over 12 and less than 19 before July 1 st , 2008
	Composition	10 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Program	Free program only : 4 min (plus or minus 10 s)
NOVICE	Age	Over 10 and less than 15 before July 1 st , 2008
	Composition	10 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Program	Free program : 3 min 30 s (plus or minus 10 s)
JUVENILE	Age	Less than 12 before 1 st of July 2008
	Composition	10 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Program	Free program : 3 min 30 s (plus or minus 10 s)
MIXED AGE	Age	All ages
	Composition	8 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Program	Free program : 3 min 30 s (plus or minus 10 s)
ADULT	Age	Over 21 on July 1 st , 2008 & 75 % of the skaters must be over 25 on July 1 st , 2008
	Composition	8 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates
	Program	Free program : 3 min 30 s (plus or minus 10 s)

The results will be calculated according to ISU Rules.

An exception can be made in the juvenile, novice, junior and senior categories in which a maximum of two skaters are allowed to be more or less than two years compared to the age of the category. In such a case, the number of substitutes is lessened by the number of skaters that utilize this exception.

6/ **JUDGING SYSTEM AND PROGRAMS ELEMENTS**

The judging system is the New Judging System.

The short programs of the Senior Championship and Junior Championship categories must be executed according to the ISU rules.

The free programs of the Senior Championship, Senior, Junior Championship, Junior and Novice categories must be executed according to the ISU rules.

Lifts may be used in Senior Championship and Senior categories (for the free program only) and forbidden in all other categories.

The free programs of the Juvenile, Mixed Age and Adults categories must at least contain the following compulsory items :

JUVENILE		MIXED AGE		ADULTS	
Block	1	Block	1	Block	1
Circle	1	Circle	1	Circle	1
Intersection	1	Intersection	1	Intersection	1
Line	1	Line	1	Line	1
Wheel	1	Wheel	1	Wheel	1
M I S	1	M I S	1	M I S	1
3 different holds		3 different holds		3 different holds	

M I S : Movement in isolation

7/ **PANEL OF JUDGES**

The panel of Judges is composed for each category of :

1 Referee	1 Assistant Referee Ice	5 Judges minimum
1 Technical Controller	1 Technical Specialist	1 Assistant Technical Specialist

Each participant country may enter one international judge on synchronized skating from the official ISU list of judges for the season 2008/2009.

The first judges' meeting will be hold on Saturday March 7, 2009 in the morning at the ice rink.

The accommodation and travel fees will be supported by the organising committee for all the judges, technical specialists and accountants of the competition. Concerning the foreign judges, only the accommodation fees will be taken into account.

Travel expenses for the Referees and Technical Panel will be taken in charge by the organising committee.

8/ **ENTRIES**

The entry fee is 230 € for each participant team. The payment must be done to the SHVC by cheque in Euros or by credit transfer (the bank draft expenses will be charged to the registering teams and not to the SHVC organizer of the competition). The entry forms must be sent to the address below.

Address for the sending of the entry forms and the cheques	bank account of the Skate Hainaut Valenciennes Club
Sylvie COUPEZ 20 rue Clos des Villas 59300 VALENCIENNES France	Beneficiary, incl. address and Country: SKATE HAINAUT VALENCIENNES CLUB PATINOIRE VALIGLOO Rue de Sologne 59770 MARLY FRANCE Beneficiary Bank, incl. Address and Country: LE CREDIT LYONNAIS 7 RUE DU QUESNOY 59300 VALENCIENNES FRANCE Beneficiary Account Number: FR96 3000 2088 0000 0079 1501 H19 Bank Code CRLYFRPP

CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES : JANUARY 7th, 2009

9/ **OFFICIAL PRACTICE**

Each team will be allocated a twelve (12) minutes practice session for free program and a ten (10) minutes practice session for short program.

10/ **STARTING ORDER**

For each category, the starting order will be determined by draw, on alphabetical order of countries.
The draw will be made by the Referee in accordance with ISU regulations.

11/ **PRIZES - AWARDS**

The first three teams in each category will receive a cup.
Each competitor will receive a souvenir in each category.

12/ **ORGANISATION**

The organisation of the competition is the responsibility of the SHVC. It reserves the right to take any measures necessary to ensure that the competition runs smoothly.
All decisions concerning such measures will be taken with the agreement of the Referee.

13/ **LIABILITY**

According to the ISU Rule 119, the Organising Committee for the "Hauts de France Trophy" accepts no liability for injuries or damage sustained by competitors or officials.
A medical service will be on duty at the ice rink during all the time of the competition.

14/ **DOPING**

An anti-doping control can take place according to the regulations of the Ministry of Sport.

15/ **REGISTRATION**

Every participating team, Officials, Referees, Judges, Technical Specialists and Accountants are invited to register upon arrival at Valenciennes.

A welcoming desk will be in place at the Ice Rink, during all the time of the competition, starting on Saturday March 7, 2009, 7:30 a.m.

Every team will receive 3 reception files and 4 passes (1 president, 1 coach and 2 chaperons)

16/ **TEAM ACCOMMODATION**

The organisation will not take in charge accommodation for the Teams.
Accommodation and board suggestions are in forms

17/ **TEAM PHOTO**

In order to prepare the event program, we are requesting you to submit one team photo by e-mail (sylvie.coupez@wanadoo.fr) for inclusion in this program.

18/ **INFORMATION**

For any further information, send your requests to :

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Information could also be obtained on Internet site of the competition:

<http://les.hauts.de.france.free.fr>

<http://www.tropheedeshautsdefrance.fr.st>

19/ **PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

The repartition of the categories over the two days will be defined according to the number of teams registered for the competition. Therefore the practice and competition schedule may be changed (some practices sessions might eventually be scheduled on Friday by the end of afternoon or evening if necessary). The organising committee would be grateful to you to let them be informed of your participation as soon as possible, so that they could program a timetable that could suit everybody.

The planning will be communicated after the reception of the registrations