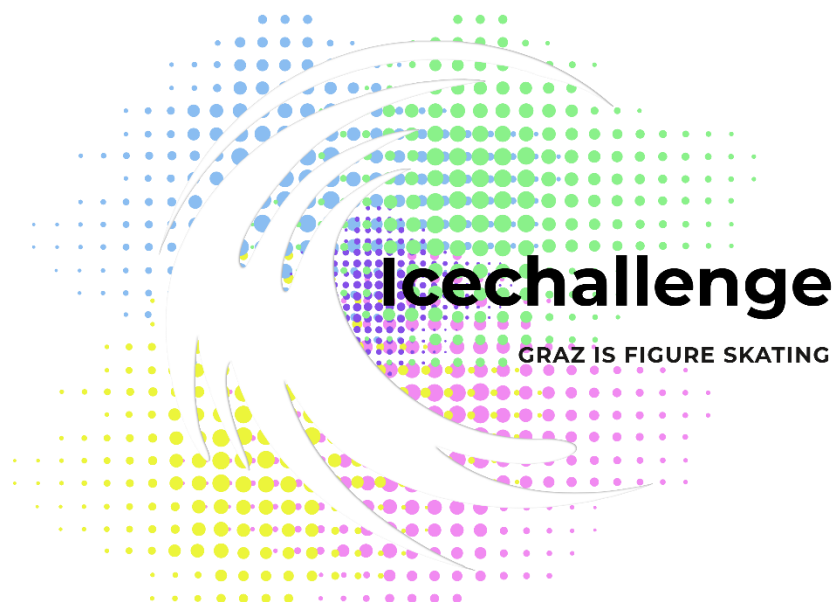




ICECHALLENGE

GRAZ, AUSTRIA

09.-14. NOVEMBER 2021

ANNOUNCEMENT

An International Junior Competition
for
Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance
&
International Senior Pairs Competition

organized by

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1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

First and foremost, the following information is subject to a timely normalization of the coronavirus situation allowing the safe organization of the Icechallenge events this November.

We have strict protocols and safety and hygiene measures for teams, media, officials and organization. We expect to publish this at the end of October in an information guide to the teams.

The **ICECHALLENGE** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2021, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2021, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **ICECHALLENGE** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3 a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2030 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2030 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 all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All competitors must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE **Main arena: MERKUR Eisstadion, Zoisweg 15, 8041 Graz**
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Practice arena: MERKUR Eisstadion, Zoisweg 15, 8041 Graz
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex / building.

JUNIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2021/22 (and listed in ISU Communication no. 2382) Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 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.
JUNIOR WOMEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2021/22 (and listed in ISU Communication no. 2382) Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 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.
JUNIOR ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2021, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2371 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2021, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2371 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2021/22 (and listed in ISU Communication no. 2382) Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2021, Rule 621 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.
SENIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2021/22 (and listed in ISU Communication no. 2382) Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2021, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 General

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for ISU in Figure Skating 2021/22.

All entries for the ICECHALLENGE, must be done through the **respective forms** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be sent to the OC aswell.

3.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: 1. September 2021 by entering the information through the 01 PreEntryForm IC2021.

3.3 Entries by Name

3.3.1 Entries of Competitors

The Entries by names must be made via email with the 02 Entry Form IC 2021 to

the organizing committee ICECHALLENGE 2021
Rochelgasse 24
8020 Graz
e-mail: info@icechallenge.at

not later than: **Friday, 8. October 2021 – 20:00 h CET.**

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge Single / Pair and one Judge (1) Ice Dance who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions".

In case of too many nominated judges the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the closing date for the entries. The result of such draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entries of Judges must be made via email with Form 03 JudgesEntries IC2021
Friday, 8. October 2021 – 20:00 h CET.

Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 5 Judges.

4.3.3 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater/Couple will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted via email with 04 Composition of Delegation IC 2021 and must reach the Organizing Committee not later than :
Friday, 8. October 2021 – 20:00 h CET.

4.1.5 Entry Fee

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

85 € per Single Skater
140 € per Ice Dance / Pair couple

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

An entry fee has to be paid after confirmation of the official entry by name. Invoices will be sent to the federations in advance. The entry-payment has to be done till latest **15. October 2021** via banktransfer. we kindly ask to mention **Icechallenge 2021, Name & Disciplin of the skater, and Federation!**

If the entry fee will be paid after 15. October 2021 there will be an extra fee of 10 € / skater.

Bank: Raiffeisen-Landesbank Steiermark
Name.: Grazer Eislaufverein
BIC: RZSTAT2G
IBAN: AT20 3800 0000 0712 9778

4. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member. The Technical Panel members will have the qualification "ISU" or "international".

The Referee will have at least the qualification "International" and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "International".

5. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators beginning with dinner on **09. November 2021** until breakfast latest **14. November 2021 depending on their schedule!**

Should any of the above-mentioned persons 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 Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators.

6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD in any other approved format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single and Pairs, for the Short and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition must be entered on the ISU Portal. Members can download the entered information to send to the Organizing Committee.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2, all covers/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, short dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

The Planned Program Content must also be entered by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform. It is mandatory that the Program Content information 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

The nearest airport to **Graz** is **Graz Airport (GRZ)** or the **Graz Hauptbahnhof** with a distance of **9 km** to the official hotel.

The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival. Please accept that we have to ask for a small transportation fee of 25 € from all persons participating in this shuttle service. Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **8. October 2021** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information need to be submitted via email with Form 05 TravelInformation IC 2021.

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

HOTEL ADDRESS

HOTEL ROOMZ

Conrad von Hötzendorfstrasse 96
8010 Graz

ONLY THE OFFICIAL HOTEL IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE "ICECHALLENGE BUBBLE" IF NECESSARY DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS!

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee. Booking requests have to be sent to the organizer by latest 8. October 2021. The organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are received after that date. The room reservations for all team members have to be done exclusively with the hotel form through the organizing committee to provide the special room rates. A credit card number has to be presented or there will be asked a prepayment of 50% of the booking rate after the reservation. All final hotel payment shall be made latest upon arrival at the hotel. All extra expenses incurred by any person will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior departure.

If the hotel is cancelled 3 days before arrival 100% have to be paid.

For all other cancellations after the deadline of entries 50% have to be paid.

The hotel booking need to be submitted via email with Form 06 Hotel IC2021.

9. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **ICE RINK** upon arrival. Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Skater / Couple, a maximum of one Team Official of ISU Members 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 ISU

Member. **The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the OC.**

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and OC Guests.

Chaperons will not receive accreditation.

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists.

12. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation 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 of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The ISU and the Organizing Committee assume 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

On 14. November 2021 there will be an EXHIBITION GALA "ICEGALA" for skaters placed 1st -3rd and guests. After the Gala there is an invitation for all participant at the after show clubbing!

14. MEETINGS FOR EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 18.

15. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

the organizing committee ICECHALLENGE 2021

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8020 Graz, AUSTRIA

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e-mail: info@icechallenge.at

16. EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday November 10, 2021	Official practice Team Leaders Meeting Individual Technical Panel Meetings per Discipline Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting Judges Draw and Meeting Short Programs SINGLES
Thursday, November 11, 2021	Free Skating SINGLES
Friday, November 12, 2021	PAIRS Short Program PAIRS Free Skating ICE DANCE Short Dance
Saturday November 13, 2021	ICE DANCE Free Dance Round Table Discussion for Judges ICEGALA

Please note:

This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.

FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
01	Preliminary Entry Form	01	01.09.2021
02	Entry Competitors	02	08.10.2021
03	Entry for Judges	03	08.10.2021
04	Composition of Delegation	04	08.10.2021
05	Travel Form	05	08.10.2021
06	Hotel booking	06	08.10.2021
	Visa request form	FORM	15.09.2021
	Press Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 21/22
	Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 21/22
	Ice Dance Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 21/22
	Program Content Form	ISU Portal	Valid for season 21/22