



RIGA AMBER CUP 2026

International Synchronized Skating Competition for Senior, Junior, and Advanced Novice
Teams

February 12-15, 2026
Riga, Latvia

ANNOUNCEMENT



Competition organized by the Latvian Skating Association and Society "Latvijas
sinhronas slidosanas attistibai"

1. EVENT DATA

Host and Organizer: Biedrība "Latvijas sinhronās slidošanas attīstībai" (Society "Development of Latvian Synchronized Skating") supported by its club "Amber" and Latvian Skating Association.

Competition Rink: Daugava ice rink – modern indoor skating rink with 2 ice patches, 30 x 60 m and 26 x 60m, heated. The Competition Rink has a capacity of 700 spectators.

Address: Augsīela 1, LV-1009, Riga, Latvia
<https://www.lnsc.lv/sports/ledus-halle-daugava/>

The Riga Amber Cup 2026 is an International Synchronized Skating Competition for Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice Teams.

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Riga Amber Cup 2026 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution, ISU General Regulations, and Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating, as well as all applicable ISU Communications.

Participation in the Riga Amber Cup 2026 is open to all teams that belong to an ISU Member, as per Rule 130, paragraph 7, and who meet the participation, citizenship, and residency requirements outlined in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 and 2 d), and ISU Communication No. 2030 (or any update of this Communication). Teams must also qualify for eligibility according to Rule 102, provided the ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

According to Rule 800, the following has to be noted for all categories: a Synchronized Skating Team may include both Men and Ladies; each participating team may enter **up to four (4) alternate skaters** on the official Entry Form. Teams of a Member Federation may enter more than one category using different music and different Programs, with a minimum difference of 50% of the skaters. Only those skaters listed on the official Entry Form may skate in the competition.

All programs will be judged in accordance with ISU Communications for the season 2025-2026.

ISU CATEGORIES

SENIOR ISU According to ISU regulations, Senior ISU team shall consist of 16 skaters + max 4 alternates, who must have reached at least the age of 17 before the 1st July 2025.

- Short Program: maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds, Factor 1.33.

- Free Skating: 4 minutes (+/-10 sec), Factor 2.67.
- Elements: Comm. 2692 Senior Short Program and Senior Free Skating Program.

JUNIOR ISU According to ISU regulations, Junior ISU team shall consist of 12 to 16 skaters + max 4 alternates, who must have at least the age of 13 but have not reached the age of 19 before 1st July 2025.

- Short Program: maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds, Factor 1.33.
- Free Skating Program: 3:30 minutes (+/-10 sec), Factor 2.67.
- Elements: Comm. 2692 Junior Short Program and Junior Free Skating

ADVANCED NOVICE ISU According to ISU regulations, the Advanced Novice ISU team shall consist of 12 to 16 skaters + max 4 alternates, who must have reached at least the age of 10 but have reached the age of 16 before the 1st July 2025

- Free Skating: 3 minutes (+/- 10 sec), Factor 2.67.
- Elements: Comm. 2692 Advanced Novice Free Skating Program.

4. ENTRIES

Entries for the competition must be submitted by the respective federation through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)**.

4.1. Entries of Teams

Entries in each category for the Riga Amber Cup 2026 must reach the Organizing Committee by **December 20, 2025**.

Entries will be closed when a maximum of participants is reached.

4.1.1. Preliminary Entries

must reach the Organizing Committee no later than **October 20, 2025**. Preliminary entries should be submitted using the web application form available on the competition website <https://www.rigaambercup.eu/synchronized-skating/rac-2026-pre-entry>

4.1.2. Entries

must reach the Organizing Committee no later than **December 20, 2025**. Late entry deadline January 5, 2026. There will be a late entry fee of +100 € applied to the standard entry fee in this case.

Please attach a team digital photo to your entry request.

Team Photos, Team Press Info, and Results may be published on the Internet. Each team taking part in the Riga Amber Cup 2026 acknowledges and consents to these terms.

4.1.3. Entry Fee

The entry fee must be paid upon registration for the competition.

Entry fee for Senior ISU and Junior ISU is **750 €**, entry fee for Advance Novice ISU is **700 €**.

Entry fees cannot be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

Entry fees are required at the time of final entries (no later than December 20, 2025, or January 5, 2026, in case of late entry).

Please direct your payment to:

Bank: "SWEDBANK"

BIC (Swift): HABALV22 IBAN: LV44HABA0551039263273

Account Holder: LATVIJAS SINHRONAS SLIDOSANAS ATTISTIBAI BIEDRIBA

Reg. No. 40008229504

Address: Sencu iela 1-29, Riga, LV-1012

4.2. Entries of Official Team Delegations

Each team is entitled to five (5) additional accreditations for a Team Leader, Coach, Team Personnel, and Medical Personnel.

4.3. Officials

4.3.1. Entries of Judges

Each participating country may nominate one (1) to two (2) Judges. The official Judges' Nomination Form must be sent to the OC of the Riga Amber Cup 2026 not later than **December 20, 2025**

4.3.2. Referees, Technical Controllers, and Technical Specialists

Referees, Technical Controllers, and Technical Specialists will be nominated by the Organizing Committee based on the respective ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating.

Travel and accommodation will be paid for the technical panel and judges invited by the Organizing Committee, as well as the accommodation for the judges sent by the members.

Please find a draft of the meeting and competition schedule for the Official Draw (Starting Order), the Team Leaders Meeting, Initial Judges Meeting, and the Judges Round Table Discussions below **in this announcement: Preliminary Event and Meeting Schedule**.

5. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSE

Travel expenses will be reimbursed for Technical Panel Officials (Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers) and Referees only (economy airfare).

DROs, TSs, TCs, Referees, and Judges will be picked up from the airport Riga or Riga passenger port if OC receives travel information before January 5, 2026.

The organizer will provide and cover accommodation for invited Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Referees, and nominated Judges from February 12 to February 15. The OC will also provide meals for the Technical Panel, the Referees, and the nominated Judges. Meals will be covered from February 12th, starting with Dinner until February 15th, ending with Breakfast.

The rooms for the Technical Panel and nominated Judges will be reserved by the Organizing Committee upon receipt of the entry in the Official Hotel.

Any extra expense incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person.

The Official Hotels are also open to teams. Please fill out the Reservation Form and send it to the Organizing Committee.

All Competitors (Teams), Coaches, Team Managers, Team Leaders, and Physicians shall bear their own expenses.

6. PRACTICE

Official Practice will be scheduled on Friday and Saturday morning. A detailed schedule will be provided on February 1, 2026, depending on the number of entries.

If you arrive early and would like extra practice time, please complete **Form 2 – Additional Practice Form**. Ice time for additional practice is available on **Thursday, February 12th**.

Requests will be processed in the order they are received by the Organizing Committee. The finalized schedule for additional practice ice can be confirmed with the Organizing Committee.

7. MUSIC

Music upload and submission: Online music submission is the ONLY accepted method to submit program music.

The uploaded program music file MUST conform to the following specifications:

- Each program (short/free) must be recorded as one single track and in a separate file.
- All Teams shall prepare the competition music of excellent quality: an **MP3-file format in high quality**, 192 kBits/s or more.
- each music file should be labelled <Category> <Name> <program SP or FS> for example JuniorB_TeamName_SP or BasicNovice_TeamName_FS.
- The titles, composers, and orchestras of the music used for the Short Program and Free Skating must be listed for each team on the official **Music Information Form** and must be attached to the official Entry Form for Teams.

Music should be sent to info@rigaambercup.eu, latest until **January 5, 2026**.

Accreditation can only be granted after the complete Music Information, together with the music files, has been provided.

8. REGISTRATION / ACCREDITATION

8.1. Accreditation Office Opening Hours

Thursday 09:30 – 20:00

Friday 09:30 – End of Competition, Competition Rink

Saturday 09:30 – End of Competition, Competition Rink.

8.2. Information / Team Boxes

Team boxes will be in the accreditation office in the competition rink. Information to the teams is distributed into your team boxes.

8.3. Lost and Found

The accreditation office is also the place to pick up lost items in case they have been brought back to the Organizing Committee.

9. STARTING ORDER / DRAW

The starting order will be determined by a draw – 2 representatives per Team. The draw will be done on Thursday, the 12th of February 2026, and the starting order will be published no later than 23.59, February 12th.

10. AWARDS

The Awards Ceremony will take place following the conclusion of the competition.

- A **special glass trophy** will be awarded to the **winner of the ISU Senior category**.
- **Trophies and medals** will be presented to the **top three placements** (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) in each category.
- **Diplomas** will be presented to all other participating teams.

11. ACCOMMODATION

The organizing committee has agreements with several hotels for special prices. Please contact the organizing committee for details.

Transfer service will be provided from official hotels only.

12. TRANSPORTATION

- 12.1. A shuttle service between the Official Hotels and the Competition Rink will be provided for Judges and Officials on Friday and Saturday, free of charge
- 12.2. A shuttle service between Official Hotels and Competition Rink will be provided for Teams per Request (please fill out Form 7) and contact OC for details
- 12.3. Teams can enter the premises of the ice rink by their own bus. The necessary permit will be provided upon accreditation, together with a map indicating permissible parking spots. We kindly ask for your understanding that only marked places may be used as parking spots.
- 12.4. Transfer from Riga Airport, Central railway station, and Riga port, as well as the official hotel, can be arranged by filling out **Form 7 (Travel Form)** and contacting the Organizing Committee.
- 12.5. There is also a shuttle service from Riga Airport to the city center. Book it here: <https://luxexpress.eu/lv/routes/airport-shuttle/>

13. LIABILITY & INSURANCE

Per ISU Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each member participating in the Riga Amber Cup 2026, to provide health and accident insurance for their athletes, officials, and all other members of the Member's Teams. Such insurance must cover full medical attendance and the return to the country of origin of the ill or injured person.

The Organizing Committee of the Riga Amber Cup 2026 shall not be held responsible or liable for any bodily injury, personal injury, or property damage sustained by competitors or officials during the event.

A medical team will be present at the competition rink to provide emergency medical services to all participants during the event: the competitions and official practices, free of charge.

14. MEDICAL INFORMATION

Each team manager should be able to give important medical information to each skater for use in case of an emergency or accident.

Such information should include, but is not limited to, the following, and will greatly help local medical and emergency personnel:

- allergies,
- existing medical conditions (i.e., asthma),
- current medications,

- immunizations,
- blood type,
- use of glasses, contact lenses, and dental appliances.

16. PUBLICITY WAIVER

Each individual and/or team waives any and all rights to financial remuneration or other compensation for the use or reproduction of their image or likeness, or that of their synchronized skating team, and grants permission for such use in publicity before, during, or after the Riga Amber Cup 2026, in Riga, Latvia.

16. CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

For any questions or additional information, please contact the Organizing Committee.

We will be happy to help!

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For recent updates and more information:

<https://www.rigaambercup.eu/synchronized-skating>

<https://www.facebook.com/RIGAAMBERCUP/>

https://www.instagram.com/rigaambercup_2026/

WELCOME TO RIGA AMBER CUP 2026!

PRELIMINARY EVENT AND MEETING SCHEDULE

subject to changes – final schedule to be published **after February 1st, 2026**

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

All day Additional Practice (Additional Practice Rink)

All day Accreditation Office open (Ice Rink)

16:00 Judges Meeting (Official Hotel)

17:00 Technical Panel Meeting

18:30 Official Draw

Friday, February 13th, 2026 (Competition Rink)

Morning - Official Practice

10 min. / Team - Junior (Short Program in Starting Order)

10 min. / Team - Senior (Short Program in Starting Order)

Afternoon - **COMPETITION**

Junior Short Program

Senior Short Program

Saturday, February 14th, 2026 (Competition Rink)

Morning - Official Practice

10 min. / Team – Advanced Novice (Free Skating in Starting Order)

11 min. / Team – Junior Teams (Free Skating in Starting Order)

12 min. / Team – Senior Teams (Free Skating in Starting Order)

Afternoon - **COMPETITION**

Advanced Novice Free Skating

Junior Free Skating

Senior Free Skating

Award Ceremony

After the competition **RTD** for Advanced Novice, Junior, and Senior events

Sunday, February 15th, 2026

Departures

SUMMARY OF FORMS

Form	Description	To be submitted before
Form 0 - online	Preliminary Entry	20.10.2025.
Form 1	Official Entry	20.12.2025.
Form 2	Payment Summary	20.12.2025.
Form 3	Team Entry	20.12.2025.
Form 4	Music and Press Information	5.01.2026.
Form 5	Program Content	5.01.2026.
Form 6	Team Travel and Transfer	5.01.2026.
Form 7	Team Meal Reservation	5.01.2026.