

ANNOUNCEMENT



Challenge Cup

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February 24-27, 2022

Tilburg, The Netherlands

An International Competition and Dutch Championship for

Senior	Women	Men	Pairs	Ice Dance
Junior	Women	Men	Pairs	
Advanced Novice	Girls	Boys		
Basic Novice A	Girls	Boys		



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Please note: At the moment of writing this announcement, the world is still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. We will send you the applicable protocol before December 1st. As soon as the situation globally and/or in The Netherlands changes we will send you an update. We will continue to keep you informed about important news and any changes.

In the event of a competition cancelation, (due to COVID-19 or another pandemic or calamity) the host organizer will NOT be responsible and liable for costs (travel, hotel etc.) made by an invited member.

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Challenge Cup will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2021, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2021 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the 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 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 present an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation.

All competitors must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation

COVID-19 MEASURES

We have strict protocols and safety and hygiene measures for teams, media, officials and organization. The final COVID-19 protocols will be sent separate from this announcement in due time.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Venue address

Venue: IJssportcentrum Tilburg

Stappegoorweg 3, 5022 DA Tilburg

<https://www.sportintilburg.nl/>

(an indoor heated ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m);

(practice rink covered rink non-heated 60 x 30 m)

Warming-up area non-heated (near practice rink)

2.1 TECHNICAL DETAILS

CATEGORIES

SENIOR WOMEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.

JUNIOR WOMEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2396. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2396. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A GIRLS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2396 for Basic Novice A. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.
SENIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2396. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2396. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.

BASIC NOVICE A BOYS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2396 for Basic Novice A. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.
SENIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021 Rule 620. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec
JUNIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021 Rule 620. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec
SENIOR ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2021, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2371, 2393 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2021, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2371, 2393 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entries of Competitors

Each ISU Member can enter **up to three (3)** skaters/couples in each category. For the Senior events, preference will be given to skaters in accordance with their placement on the ISU World Standings ranking list, as per closing date of the entries by name. For the other categories, preference will be given to those ISU Members which sent entries by number, in order of receipt of such entries. A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis. In case of too many entries, the Organizer may reduce the final entries.

a) Limitation of number of entries

Basic Novice A Girls:	16
Basic Novice A Boys:	8
Adv. Novice Girls:	32
Adv. Novice Boys:	8
Junior Women:	24
Junior Men:	12
Junior Pairs:	4
Senior Women:	24
Senior Men:	18
Senior Pairs:	12
Senior Ice Dance:	10

The organizing committee reserves the option in the competition to allow late entries, reserved for competitors preparing for the (Junior) World Figure Skating championships, and/or needing the competition to obtain the minimum technical score as written in ISU Communication 2395.

A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis.

b) Entries by Number

The entries by number indicating the number of skaters/couples in the disciplines concerned must be submitted by e-mail not later than **December 31, 2021** to the **Organizing Committee Challenge Cup** by e-mail:

challengecup@knsb.nl.

In case no entry is received by **December 31, 2021** it will be assumed that your federation will not participate.

c) Entries by Name

Entries by name must be made not later than **January 24, 2022** to

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup by e-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

d) Entry fee

An entry fee of € 85,- per single skater (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior), € 60,- per Basic Novice skater and € 140,- per pair/ice dance couple (Junior/Senior) will be asked and has to be paid after confirmation of the official entry by name.

Invoices will be sent to the federations in advance.

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

When we receive entries after the entry deadline of January 24, 2022, the entry fee will be increased to:

€ 70,- per Basic Novice skater

€ 95,- per single skater (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior)

€ 150,- per pair/ice dance couple

e) Transportation

We will provide transportation (paid) between Eindhoven airport/Schiphol airport/Brussel airport and Tilburg for the teams and between the official hotels and ice rink.

All team members (incl. Judges), except invited Officials have to pay this transportation fee.

Eindhoven airport	€ 50,- per person
Schiphol airport	€ 75,- per person
Brussel airport Zaventem	€ 75,- per person
Brussel airport Charleroi	on demand

We will also provide a shuttle service from Thursday February 24 till Sunday February 27 between the official hotels and the ice rink for € 50,- per person. This shuttle will run at 30 minutes intervals and the transfer will take about 10 minutes.

Separate invoices will be send to the federations in advance.

As soon as the transportation fee has been paid, no refund is possible.

3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one ISU or International Judge and one substitute Judge.

The official entry form for Judges must reach the Organizing Committee not later than **January 24, 2022**.

Each panel of Judges will consist of 5 judges. In case of a too high number of entered Judges, the Organizing Committee will make a draw and inform ISU Members before **February 5, 2022** whether Judges have been drawn or not drawn. For the Ice Dance panel, first priority will be given to Judges who are qualified as International- or ISU Judge in both Singles & Pairs and in Ice Dance.

3.3 Team Leaders meeting

The Team Leaders meeting will be held online on **Thursday 17 February, 19.30 hrs.**

Each participating team must enter a Team Leader and write down his/her **email address** and **mobile phone number** on the entry form C1. Team Leaders will receive an invitation by email.

3.4 Draw for starting order

The draw will be held online (online is approved by the ISU) on **Wednesday February 23, at 17.00** in presence of one of the Referees, in accordance with Rule 512 and 513 of the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2021.

The starting order for the Free Skating shall be based on the reverse order of the result of the Short Program.

4. EXPENSES, MEALS, LODGING

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for Judges and invited Officials participating, beginning with dinner on **February 23, 2022** and ending with lunch on **February 27, 2022**, in accordance with their travel plan and scheduled activities.

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

Should any Judge or invited Official 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.

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

5. PRACTICE

The official practices for competitors start on **February 24, 2022 / appr. 08:00 hrs.** The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT / PRESS FORMS

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD or in any other approved format, in accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations, 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.

We prefer to receive your competition music digital on MP3 format (the file format must be MP3). This MP3 file must have Competitor`s name, Member`s name, the category and segment and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration. The competition music must be uploaded in the google doc form via <https://forms.gle/ZGWZbEj2tvGQ1uMc9> before the entry deadline of **January 24, 2022**. Competitors must provide a backup drive (USB stick) for each program.

If music information is not complete and discs/MP3 not provided, accreditation will not be given.

All skaters' information forms (Press, Music, PPC) must be uploaded by the Team Members in the google doc form via <https://forms.gle/ZGWZbEj2tvGQ1uMc9> before the entry deadline of **January 24, 2022**.

7. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS AND TRANSPORTATION

All invited Officials, Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders and Coaches taking part in the competition are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at **Eindhoven Airport/Schiphol airport/Brussel airport** or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official "travel form" should be used.

9. OFFICIAL HOTELS

1. Bastion Hotel Tilburg ****

Kempenbaan 2, 5018 TK Tilburg

Phone: +31 13 544 1999

Email: Tilburg@bastionhotels.com

Rates for standard room, single use € 104,-, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for standard room, double use € 119,-, including breakfast, internet.

Above rates are excl. city tax of 3,5% per room per night.

Hotel reservations for this hotel must be booked by yourself directly at the hotel by submitting the needed information **through the given link, latest by January 24, 2022**.

<https://www.bastionhotels.com/en-gb/challenge-cup-2022>

Cancellation policy:

Until 12.00 noon on the day of arrival you can change your reservation free of charge. In case of a cancellation after 12.00 noon on the day of arrival, as well as in case of 'No-Show', you will be charged for one night. Please contact the hotel directly for more information.

2. Van der Valk Hotel Tilburg ****

Dokter Bloemenlaan 8, 5022 KW Tilburg

Phone: +31 13 8000 801

Email: sales@tilburg.valk.nl

Rates for comfort room, single use € 124,-, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for comfort room, double use € 136,-, including breakfast, internet.

Above rates are excl. city tax of 3,5% per room per night.

Cancellation policy:

Your reservation is guaranteed until 6.00 pm. on the day of arrival. In case of a later arrival it is absolutely necessary to inform the hotel in time and they will ask for a pre-payment. They reserve the right to rent out the room after 6:00 pm. without any notice from you and without a pre-payment. In case of a cancellation after

12.00 hrs. on the day of arrival, as well as in case of 'No-Show', they are obliged to charge a 100% cancellation fee.

Hotel reservations for this hotel must be booked by yourself directly at the hotel by sending an email with check in-check out dates and number of persons to sales@tilburg.valk.nl, using booking code **'TIL-GF5836 – KNSB – TEAMS'** latest by January 24, 2022.

These hotels cannot guarantee the availability of rooms and reduced prices, for bookings which are submitted after January 24, 2022.

All hotel payments are made personally at the hotel. Only from these hotels there is a shuttle bus from and to the ice rink.

You can book also other hotels but these will not be served by the shuttle bus.

10. ACCREDITATION

The accreditation office is located at the ice rink upon arrival. Accreditation will be given to each official, skater, 1 coach per skater, 1 team leader per ISU member plus 1 chaperone per skater **only** for basic novice and advanced novice.

11. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2021, Rule 352 will be in place.

12. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

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

The best placed team will be announced and honored 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.

For the National Championship, the three best placed Dutch skaters/couples in each category will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists.

13. 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. The KNSB will take all the necessary precautions with regards to the COVID-19 safety and health measures, you will understand that participation is at your own risk. We will follow our national Covid-19 protocols.

In the event that current or changed COVID-19 restrictions are enforced and the KNSB is forced to cancel the event, we will inform you immediately. The KNSB will not be liable for any cost incurred (flights/hotel etc) should the competition be canceled due to current or newly imposed restrictions related to COVID-19 (or any other pandemic or calamity).

14. MEDIA ACCREDITATION

For media accreditation and other media information, please contact the OC Press Officer:

Mr. Carl Mureau: c.mureau@knsb.nl

15. FOOTAGE PURCHASE INFORMATION

For footage purchase information, please contact Mrs. Anouk Kuiper, a.kuiper@knsb.nl.

16. COMMUNICATION | SPORTITY APP

For all communication concerning the competition we use the “Sportity” app. You can download the “Sportity” app in your app store on your mobile device. After downloading you will have the option to add a channel. Submit the following password to gain access to the channel regarding the information for this event:

PASSWORD: CC2022

Please allow push notifications of the app to keep informed of all communication regarding the Challenge Cup.

17. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

For additional information (entries, visa invitation letter request), please contact the Organizing Committee:

E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

Website: Dutch version: <https://www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2022/2/challenge-cup-en-nk-kunstrijden/>

Address: Mississippidreef 153, 3565 CE Utrecht, The Netherlands

Phone: +31 88 489 2000

Fax: +31 88 489 2099

18. DRAFT EVENT SCHEDULE*

February 17, Thursday	19:30	Online Team Leaders meeting
February 23, Wednesday	17.00	Draw (online)
February 24, Thursday	08:00	Official Practice
	TBD	Referees' and Technical Panel meetings (online)
	TBD	Initial Judges' meeting (online)
	12.45	Opening Ceremony Challenge Cup
	13.00	Adv. Novice Girls SP
	17.15	Junior Men SP
	19.00	Senior Ice Dance RD
	20.15	End of competition day
February 25, Friday	08:00	Official Practice
	08.00	Basic Novice Boys FP
	08.45	Basic Novice Girls FP
	10.30	Adv. Novice Boys SP
	11.30	Adv. Novice Girls FP
	16.15	Junior Men FP
	18.00	Victory Ceremony
	18.45	Senior Men SP
	21.15	Senior Ice Dance FD
	22.30	Victory Ceremony
	22.45	End of competition day

February 26, Saturday

08:00 Official Practice
 08.00 Adv. Novice Boys FP
 09.15 Junior Women SP
 12.30 Senior Men FP
 15.15 Victory Ceremony
 16.00 Senior Women SP
 19.15 Junior Pairs SP
 19.45 Senior Pairs SP
 21.30 End of competition day

February 27, Sunday

08:00 Official Practice
 08.00 Junior Women FP
 11.45 Senior Women FP
 15.15 Ice Challenge
 15.45 Junior Pairs FP
 16.15 Senior Pairs FP
 18.00 Victory Ceremony
 Award Challenge Cup 2022
 End of Competition

* Draft; subject to change.

19. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

		To be submitted via	
	Deadline		Form
Preliminary Entry Form	31.12.2021		A1
Entry by name for Judges	24.01.2022		B1
Entry by Name for Competitors, Coaches and Team Leaders	24.01.2022		C1
Travel Details	24.01.2022		C2
Press Information	24.01.2022		From ISU portal to be uploaded in the google doc form via https://forms.gle/ZGWZbEj2tvGQ1uMc9
Competition Music Information	24.01.2022		From ISU portal to be uploaded in the google doc form via https://forms.gle/ZGWZbEj2tvGQ1uMc9
Ice Dance Music Information	24.01.2022		From ISU portal to be uploaded in the google doc form via https://forms.gle/ZGWZbEj2tvGQ1uMc9
Planned Program Content	24.01.2022		From ISU portal to be uploaded in the google doc form via https://forms.gle/ZGWZbEj2tvGQ1uMc9
Visa Request Form	24.01.2022		C6
Invitation Request Form (will be sent later, depending on Covid-19 measures)	15.02.2022		C7
Hotel Reservations	24.01.2022		By reservation link or email
Waiver	20.02.2022		C9
Payment entry fee/transportation fee	23.02.2022		Bank transfer, invoices will be sent in due time

