



NRW-Trophy Dortmund

2026

Announcement

**International Competition for
Singles and Ice Dance**

**Senior, Junior, Advanced Novice,
(Men, Women and Ice Dance)
and**

Basic Novice Ice Dance and Intermediate Novice Ice Dance

November 12th – November 15th, 2026

Organized by: Eissport-Verband NRW e.V.

Authorized by: Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V.



1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The NRW Trophy 2026 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution 2025, Competition & Event Regulations 2026, Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, and the relevant ISU Communications. Novice Categories will be held in accordance with ISU Communications 2770 and 2794 and subsequent updates.

Participation is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Competition & Event Regulations 2026, Article 7.2, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Article 9.3.2, and they meet the participation, citizenship, and residency requirements in Article 8 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Article 8 and ISU Communication 2526, 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 Member Federation.

The “NRW Trophy 2026” will be organized by the Eissport-Verband Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V. and is sanctioned by the Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Venue:

Eissportzentrum Westfalen, Strobelallee 32, D-44139 Dortmund
(an indoor ice-rink, heated, with the ice surface of 60 m x 30 m)

Phone: +49 231 91 28 233

Email: frieder.dieck@lev-nrw.de

SENIOR Men and Women

Short Program: The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Duration: 2 min. 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating: In accordance with ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.

SENIOR Ice Dance

Rhythm Dance: In accordance with ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements, and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2795 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 min. 50 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Dance: In accordance with ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2795 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 4 min. +/-10 sec.

JUNIOR Men and Women

Short Program: The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2026/27.

Duration: 2 min. 40 sec. +/-10 sec.

Free Skating: In accordance with ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, 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 Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements, and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2795 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 min. 50 sec. +/-10 sec.

Free Skating: In accordance with ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2795 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 3 min, 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

ADVANCED NOVICE Girls and Boys

Short Program: The required elements to be skated are those listed in the ISU Communication No. 2770 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 min, 20 sec. +/-10 sec

Free Skating: The required elements to be skated are those listed in the ISU Communication No. 2770 and subsequent updates. Special attention should be paid to the contents of a well-balanced program.

Duration: 3:00 min, +/- 10 sec.

ADVANCED NOVICE Ice Dance

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2794, all Technical Rules to be announced annually by the Ice Dance Technical Committee and all other rules are published in Special Regulations & Technical Rules:

Pattern Dance: **Paso Doble Plus and Blues**

Free Dance: In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2794 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 3:00 min, +/- 10 sec.

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE Ice Dance

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2794, all Technical Rules to be announced annually by the Ice Dance Technical Committee and all other rules are published in Special Regulations & Technical Rules:

Pattern Dance: Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated from the following. These will be drawn before the first practice on site.

Fourteenstep, Foxtrot, America Waltz

Free Dance: In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2794 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2:30 min, +/- 10 sec.

BASIC NOVICE Ice Dance

In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2794, all Technical Rules to be announced annually by the Ice Dance Technical Committee and all other rules are published in Special Regulations & Technical Rules:

Pattern Dance: Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated from the following. These will be drawn before the first practice.

Willow Waltz, Hickory Hoedown, Tango Fiesta

Free Dance: In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2794 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2:00 min, +/- 10 sec.

3. ENTRIES:

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for all International Competitions in Figure Skating 2026/27.

All entries for the NRW Trophy 2026, must be done through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) by the deadline indicated. Bank information should also be entered into ORS. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

Each ISU Member may nominate up to three (3) competitors / couples for each event at the NRW Trophy.

The OC reserves the right to limit the number of entries to 30 Women and Men and 20 Ice Dance couples. In case of a higher number of entries, the OC may limit the number of final entries available for members.

The Entries must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS):

<https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com>

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

Eissport – Verband NRW e.V.
Strobelallee 32
D - 44139 Dortmund, Germany
 Phone: +49 231 912 82 33
 Email: nrw-trophy@lev-nrw.net

not later than **October 14th, 2026 – 20:00 h (local time Dortmund)**.

4. ENTRIES OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member is requested to nominate one Judge and one substitute Judge with at least the qualification "International Judge or International Referee". If an ISU Member has entries in the Men and Women events or in a Single event and a Dance event, the Member has the right to enter a second Judge.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than **October 14th, 2026 – 20:00 h (local time Dortmund)**.

Should there be more judges entered than required in competition, the organizer reserves the right to conduct a pre-draw for the panels of Judges. Judges not drawn will be informed in good time before the competition.

5. PRACTICE

Official practice for competitors starts as follows:

November 11th, 2026 Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Novice Ice Dance

November 12th, 2026 Advanced Novice Girls & Boys

November 13th, 2026 Junior & Senior

The detailed schedule will be published in the Sportity App.

6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM

All competitors shall provide in advance their competition music of excellent quality via **E-Mail** to nrw-trophy@lev-nrw.net until **October 14th 2026**, in accordance with Rule 343.

All music's shall be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment, and the name(s) of the competitor(s):

Example:

GER_Men_SP_MUSTERMANN-Max

GER_Men_FS_MUSTERMANN-Max

SUI_Dance_RD_MUSTERMANN-Erika_MUSTERMANN-Max

The music files must be provided in MP3 format. Any other format is not acceptable.

Files in MP3 format may have a significant difference in the music quality when reproduced. The Organizing Committee in this case is not responsible if the music quality would be insufficient.

Each Competitor must have an own back-up drive (USB Stick) for each program in the format of a WAV or MP3 file.

Together with the music files the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee (Via Mail to: nrw-trophy@lev-nrw.net). It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet is completed precisely by each skater/pair in English using the terminology listed in the respective ISU Communication.

7. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2026, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

8. DRAW

The opening draw for the order of skating will be held on November 11th, 2026. The exact place and time will be published in the official detailed schedule. Starting order for the free skating and free dance will be in reverse order of the results of the short program.

9. PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The detailed schedule will be issued after the registration has ended.

10. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL FEES

The organizer covers the costs of accommodation and full board for one judge as follows:

- for Judges, who are only judging novice competitions beginning with November 12th, 2026 starting with lunch, to November 13th, 2026 including lunch or after the Round Table Discussion, whichever is later.
- for Judges, who are only judging Junior and Senior competitions: beginning with November 13th, 2026 starting with lunch, to November 15th, 2026, including lunch or after Round Table Discussion, whichever is later.

Additional judges are required to cover their own costs. Travel fees will be paid only to Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers based on economy air fare.

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation will take place at the Ice Rink in the OC Office. Accreditation will be given to all Referees, Officials, ISU Office Holders and the Participants.

12. ENTRY FEES

€100.00 per single skater and €150.00 per couple.

If no judge is entered by the respective Member Federation, the entry fee is €180.00 for a single skater and €250.00 for a couple.

Payment **must be made by bank transfer no later than October 17th.**

Each federation is responsible for collecting the fees from its skaters and making **one consolidated payment** for all registered skaters to:

Eissport – Verband NRW e.V.

Bank account: Dortmund Volksbank
 IBAN: DE39 4416 0014 6331 2757 00
 SWIFT: GENODEM1DOR

13. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Article 17.3, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in International 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 Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred by Competitors or Officials in connection with the event.

14. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

Hotel for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators, Judges, Athletes and Coaches:

Hotel Drees GmbH & Co. KG
 Hohe Str. 107
 44139 Dortmund
 Phone: +49 231 – 1299 718
 eMail: sabrina@riepe.com

Steigenberger Hotel Dortmund
 Berswordtstraße 2,
 44139 Dortmund
 Phone: +49 231 – 90210
 eMail: dortmund@steigenberger.de

Dorint An den Westfalahallen
 Lindemannstraße 88
 44137 Dortmund
 Phone: +49 231 91130
 eMail: info@dortmund.dorint.com

Mercure Hotel Dortmund Messe
 Strobelallee 41
 44139 Dortmund
 Phone: +49 231 – 1204245
 eMail: H9169@accor.com

15. EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday November 11 th , 2026	TBA	Arrivals of Teams Draw
Thursday November 12 th , 2026	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	Basic Novice Ice Dance – Pattern Dance Intermediate Novice Ice Dance – Pattern Dance Advanced Novice Ice Dance – Pattern dance Advanced Novice Girls – Short Program Advanced Novice Boys – Short Program Junior Women – Short Program
Friday November 13 th , 2026	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA	Basic Novice Ice Dance – Free Dance Intermediate Novice Ice Dance – Free Dance Advanced Novice Ice Dance – Free Dance Advanced Novice Girls – Free Program Advanced Novice Boys - Free Program Junior Women – Free Program Junior Men – Short Program
Saturday November 14 th , 2026	TBA TBA TBA TBA	Junior Ice Dance – Rhythm Dance Junior Men – Free Program Senior Women – Short Program Senior Men – Short Program Senior Ice Dance – Rhythm Dance
Sunday November 15 th , 2026	TBA TBA TBA TBA	Junior Ice Dance – Free Dance Senior Ice Dance – Free Dance Senior Men – Free Program Senior Women – Free Program

Please note:

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