



RIGA AMBER CUP

Riga, Latvia

January 22-24, 2027

ANNOUNCEMENT

Riga Amber Cup 2027

An International Competition

for

Junior and Senior

organized by

Latvian Skating Association

Riga, Latvia

22.01-24.01.2027

A competition as part of the



Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2026/27

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **Challenger Series Riga Amber Cup** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution 2025, current Competition & Event Regulations (CER), the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating 2026, and all relevant ISU Communications

Participation in the **Challenger Series Riga Amber Cup** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to CER Article 7.2, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Article 9.4, and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Article 8 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

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

2. CHALLENGER SERIES IN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

The **Challenger Series Riga Amber Cup** is part of the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2026/27 and will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as specified in the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2026/27 as well as ISU Communication 2781.

If the requirements specified in the above-mentioned documents are fulfilled, the event will count towards ISU World Standing Points, Minimum Combined Total Element Score, ISU Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating Ranking.

There is a limitation of two (2) participations per Team in the events of the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating.

CHALLENGER SERIES IN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING RANKING

At the end of the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating, after the last event of the season has been concluded, the highest final score in up to two (2) different Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating events of each Team will be added and taken into consideration to form a Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating Ranking, which will be published on the ISU website.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE	Main arena: Xiaomi Arena, Skanstes iela 21, Riga, Latvia (an indoor ice rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)
	Practice arena: Daugavas ledus halle, Augsiela 1, Riga, Latvia (B rink: an indoor ice rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated, A rink: and indoor ice rink with the ice surface of 26 x 60m, air-conditioned and heated)
	The distance between the main and practice rink is 3,7 km.
	Additional practice arena: Kurbads ledus halle, Lidlauka iela 34, Riga, Latvia (an indoor ice rink with the ice surface of 28 x 58 m, air-conditioned and heated)

JUNIOR

Short Program Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, but may be less

The General Short Program Elements and requirements are listed in Rule 842, paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, and Rule 843. The Short Program Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2026/27 are listed in ISU Communication 2779.

Free Skating Duration: 3 minutes and 30 seconds +/- 10 seconds

The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 842, paragraphs 1, 2, and 4, and Rule 843. The Free Skating Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2026/27 are listed in ISU Communication 2779.

SENIOR

Short Program Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, but may be less

The General Short Program Elements and requirements are listed in Rule 842, paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, and Rule 843. The Short Program Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2026/27 are listed in ISU Communication 2779.

Free Skating Duration: 4 minutes +/- 10 seconds

The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 842, paragraphs 1, 2, and 4, and Rule 843. The Free Skating Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2026/27 are listed in ISU Communication 2779.

4. ENTRIES**4.1 General**

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2026/27.

All entries for the Challenger Series Riga Amber Cup, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declaration forms will need to be uploaded to ORS as well.

A total of 15 Teams for the Senior category will be accepted. There is no maximum number of entries for the Junior category.

The top 8 Senior Teams from the current World Standings, listed below, will have an entry priority from 25 September to 1 October 2026. Preliminary entries and entries by name should be done simultaneously.

Rank	Name	Country
1	Team Unique	FIN
2	Team Les Supremes	CAN
3	Team Helsinki Rockettes	FIN
4	Team Haydenettes	USA
5	Team Ice on Fire	ITA
6	Team Berlin 1	GER
7	Team Skyliners	USA
8	Team Nova Senior	CAN

From 2 October, entries will be open to all Members.

4.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries for Senior Teams ranked 1-8 in the current World Standings must reach the Organizer no later than October 1, 2026, by entering the information through ORS. Preliminary entries for other Teams will be open from October 2 until October 15, 2026

4.3 Entries by Name

4.3.1 Entries of Teams

Participation is open to the Senior Teams ranked 1-8 in the World Standings in priority until 1 October 2026. From 2 October, registration is open to all Teams of ISU Members.

The Entries by name 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:

LATVIJAS SLIDOSANAS ASOCIACIJA/ LATVIAN SKATING ASSOCIATION
Augsiela 1, Riga, LV 1009, LATVIA
e-mail: rigaambercup@inbox.lv

and to:

ISU Office
e-mail: entries@isu.org

not later than: **Friday, November 20, 2026 – 20:00 h Eastern European Time (EET):+ 02:00 UTC.**

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge 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 the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than:
Friday, November 20, 2026– 20:00 h (Eastern European Time (EET):+ 02:00 UTC.

Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 7 Judges. In exceptional cases and if there is no possibility to compose a panel of judges with at least 7 Judges, the ISU Vice-President Figure Skating may exceptionally authorize the panel in question to have a minimum of 6 Judges.

In case that at the time of the competition more Judges will be available and entered as required to compose the panels of Judges, the Organizing Member, in consultation with the ISU, will conduct on site a draw for the panel of judges for the first segment. The Judges not drawn for the first segment will be seated for the second segment.

The panel for the second segment (Free Skating) will, in this case, be completed by an open draw amongst the Judges serving in the first segment.

4.3.3 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leader (1), Team Officials (2), Team Coach (1) and Assistant Team Coach (1), Team Manager (1) Team Medical Staff (2) and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially entered in ORS and accepted by the Organizer.

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 the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and must reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Office no later than: **Friday, November 20, 2026**

4.3.4 Entry Fee

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

840.00 € per Team

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

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

Clearly point out in all payments: Challenger Series Riga Amber Cup 2027, <Name of the team>, <Category>, <Country>. Commissions and any bank transactions fees will be at your charge and have to be paid directly to the bank. The organizing committee must receive the net amount of all the fees charged.

5. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIALS

This Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2026/27 as well as ISU Communication 2781 for appointing the event Officials.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) must not be from the same ISU Member. All Technical Panel members must have at least the qualification "International".

The Referee must 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".

6. 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 and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Thursday, January 21, 2027** until breakfast on **Sunday, January 24, 2027**

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, and the Data and Replay Operators.

In accordance with the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2026/27 as well as ISU Communication 2781, all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators, and Judges officiating in the "Junior" and "Senior" competitions of a Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating event will, at the expense of the organizing ISU Member, receive pocket money of USD 250.00 or the equivalent in the local currency.

7. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on Friday, **January 22, 2027**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

In accordance with Rule 805 in the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating 2026, the following method to submit the Competitor's music to the Organizing Committee must be followed:

- the ISU Member is responsible for submitting their Competitor's music as a direct attachment to an email to the Organizing Committee (rigaambercup@inbox.lv) with a reference "**Riga Amber Cup 2027**" until **January 14, 2027**.
Please note: some music files might exceed the size of a regular email. In this case, an email-based transfer service that allows sending large files could be used to send the file to the OC.
- each submission shall be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment, and the name(s) of the Team:
Example:
GER_Synchro12-16_SP_Team XXX
GER_Synchro12-16_FS_Team XXX
SUI_Junior Synchro12-16_SP_Team XXX
- the music files must be sent as **WAV or MP3** file formats. Any other format is not acceptable.
Please note: 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 is insufficient.
- Each Team must have their own backup drive (USB Stick) for each program in the format of a WAV or MP3 file.
- The exact running time of the music (not skating time) must be communicated to the Organizing Committee when submitting the music and shall be certified by the Team/Team Manager/Team Leader at the time of registration.
- During the 1st Official Practice, the music will be played as indicated in the Practice Schedule and will allow to verify the correctness of the submitted music. If there is an issue with the music, the Team Leader/Team Manager may be allowed to change the music by presenting an acceptable reproduction to the Organizing Committee's Music Team (USB Stick with file format of WAV or MP3 file).

If the music files have been submitted within the above-mentioned deadline to the Organizing Committee, then the music team of the Organizing Committee is entirely responsible for the correct execution of the music. In case of issues with submitted music files, the Organizing Committee may request, at the time of registration a secondary copy of the music files. In case the music files have not been submitted in time to the Organizing Committee, the Team(s) must present their music latest at the time of registration on the above-defined means and in the defined format.

ISU Members/Teams are reminded that, in order for them to use music to accompany their routines, the following 'Music Accompaniment' rights/ licenses are required:

- the right to edit or adapt music into a mix, if more than one song is being used.
- the right to set choreography to the music, often referred to as a 'Grand Right', which is the right to perform musical compositions and recordings within the context of a "dramatic work" or choreography.
- the right to create any copies of the music that may be needed for training and competition purposes, also known as the 'mechanical rights'.

In order for music to be fully cleared for these uses, these rights need to be cleared for every track used in each mix that contains a license (backed by a warranty and legal indemnity) for appropriate territory(s) that

covers both the master rights of the recording artist and the publishing rights of each writer and composer of the track.

There are several ways in which ISU Members and their Skaters can legally use or create a music mix to accompany their routine/performance:

1. For easy compliance with the above-mentioned requirements, it is recommended to use commercially released or production music which has been pre-cleared, such as from ClicknClear.com.
2. Use completely original music (specially commissioned) written and/or recorded by a AI, composer and/or artist. If you do this, please ensure you have contractually obtained the relevant rights required. ClicknClear's License Verification System has an online form that your composer/artist can use to confirm the rights they have granted you.
3. Use music out of copyright (otherwise known as music in the public domain). To be noted that the duration of copyright varies in each country, so ISU Members MUST check their local copyright law.
4. Secure a license directly from the owners of the music that the Skaters would like to use. In some cases, ClicknClear may be able to assist in the clearance of music not currently available on the ClicknClear platform. However, please note this route may be significantly more expensive, may take significant time, and there is no guarantee of a positive outcome.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program must all be entered, in detail, by the ISU Member or the Team(s) on the dedicated ISU platform.

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 Team(s) on the dedicated ISU platform. It is mandatory that the Program Content information be filled in precisely by each Team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to **Riga, Latvia** is **Riga International Airport (RIX)** with a distance of **10 km** to the official hotel.

The Organizing Committee provides shuttle bus to meet the Teams on arrival. Please accept that we have to ask for a transportation fee 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, Teams, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Team Coaches and Assistant Coaches and Team Managers are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **November 20, 2026** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information needs to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

10. OFFICIAL HOTELS

Radisson Blu Latvija Conference & SPA Hotel

Elizabetes iela 55, LV-1010, Riga, Latvia

Phone: +371 67772345

web: <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-conference-riga-latvija-spa>

Please use booking code **AMBER2027**

Hotel capacities can only be booked via hotel directly by contacting email: latvija.sales@radissonblu.com.

The Organizing Committee can provide transport between the hotel and the ice rink. Please inform OC if interested. The organisers will inform the teams about the possibilities and prices well in advance of the competition.

Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel

11. Novembra Krastmala 33, Riga, LV-1050, Latvia

Web: <https://www.wellton.com/en/hotels/wellton-riverside-spa-hotel>

Please use booking code **AMBER2027**

Hotel capacities can only be booked via reservations@mogotel.com

The Organizing Committee can provide transport between the hotel and the ice rink. Please indicate on the form if interested. The organisers will inform the teams about the possibilities and prices well in advance of the competition.

Hotel capacities can only be booked directly with the hotel. Booking requests have to be made as soon as possible. All payments shall be made at the instructions of the hotel.

At this moment, we are consulting with more hotels in the nearby surroundings for special rates.

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **competition office (Xiaomi Arena)** upon arrival.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader, one Team Coach per Team, one assistant Team Coach per team, one Team Manager per team and two Medical Team Staff per team, and a maximum of two Team Officials per ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation. 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 entries, the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.**

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

12. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in the ISU Sports Rules Synchronized Skating 2026, Rule 855 and Rule 856 will be used.

13. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best-placed Teams in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winners will be played, and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

Special glass trophies made by glass artist Marta Gibiete will be awarded to winners of Senior and Junior category.

14. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with CER Article 17.3, it is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials, and all other members of the ISU Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue of 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.

15. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible for making 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 for checking if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 17.

16. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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Instagram: www.instagram.com/rigaambercup_2027

SPORTITY: AMBERCS2027

16.1 Extra Practice Ice

Extra practice sessions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday preceding the competition. The times available will be limited. Extra practices can be requested in 15 minute blocks. Costs are €100,00 per 15 minutes block and must be paid in advance together with the entry fee. If the sessions are requested after entry (if available) it has to be paid immediately after confirmation. The organisers can change or limit the extra practice ice time for any reason. Please use the form for requesting extra practice.

16.2 Meals

The organisers will be able to provide meals for the teams for a fee. The organisers will inform the teams about the available meals and prices well in advance of the competition.

16.3 Transport

The organisers will be able to provide transport to both practice and competition for the teams for a fee. The organisers will inform the teams about the transport options well in advance of the competition.

16.4 Rules alongside the ice rink during competition

Please be advised that every team will get one card for each accredited coach and assistant coach. These cards will give access to the ice rink side during the competition performance of the team. At no point will additional skaters or team personnel be allowed next to the ice during the competition, except a maximum of 4 alternates.

Non-accredited skaters do not have access to restricted areas.

16.5 SPORTITY APP

During the competition, the Sportity app will be used for announcing all information regarding the competition. The Sportity app can be downloaded from Google Play and the Apple App Store.

Members, teams, and competitors hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that team photos, team info and results will be published, as well as the Riga Amber Cup 2027 may be televised either in whole or in part, for showing on a worldwide basis. According to the **current Competition & Event Regulations (CER)**, both members and competitors (in this particular case, teams) hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the competitors have been fully cleared and authorized for public use. They further consent to the use of their name, biography, and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio program broadcast and rebroadcast throughout the world, motion picture, print media, or the advertising and publicizing of such program, without further clearance or payment of any kind by the ISU, the organizing member, the Latvian Skating Association, the Organizing Committee, or the relevant television network or broadcasters being required.

17. EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 20, 2027	All day	Registration of Teams Extra Practice Ice
Thursday, January 21, 2027	All day	Registration of Teams Extra Practice Ice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	TBA	Individual Technical Panel Meetings per Discipline
	16:30	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:30	Judges Draw and Meeting
	19:00	Official Draw Starting Order Short Program
Friday, January 22, 2027	07:00	Official practice Junior Short Program, Senior Short Program
	15:30	JUNIOR - Short Program
	TBA	SENIOR – Short Program
Saturday, January 23, 2027	07:00	Official practice Junior Free Skating, Senior Free Skating
	15:30	JUNIOR - Free Skating
	TBA	SENIOR – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremonies JUNIOR and SENIOR

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
N/A	Preliminary Entries for Top 8 Senior Teams	ORS	01.10.2026
N/A	Preliminary Entries for Other Teams	ORS	15.10.2026
N/A	Entries by Name for Teams	ORS	20.11.2026
N/A	Entries by Name for Judges	ORS	20.11.2026
N/A	Entries by Name for Delegations	ORS	20.11.2026
N/A	Hotel reservation request	directly to hotel	20.11.2026
N/A	Team Travel information	ORS	20.11.2026
Form	Extra Practice Request form	OC Link	20.11.2026
Form	Travel and Hotel Information form	OC Link	20.11.2026
Form	Music Information and Upload form	OC Link	14.01.2027.
Form	Team Photo Form	OC Link	14.01.2027.
N/A	Media Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 26/27
N/A	Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 26/27
N/A	Planned Program Content	ISU Portal	Valid for season 26/27