ANNOUNCEMENT

04.-08.11. 2026

GRAZ - AUSTRIA

International

Single & Pairs

Seniors - Juniors - Advanced Novice

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

General Regulations

The Icechallenge 2026 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Competition & Event Regulations 2026, the ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, and the relevant ISU Communications, including but not limited to ISU Communications 2526, 2786, 2788 and any subsequent updates or replacements. The new regulations amended at the ISU Congress in June 2026 will apply to this competition.

Participation in the Icechallenge 2026 is open to Skaters belonging to an ISU Member, in accordance with the ISU Competition & Event Regulations Article 8 (Residence & Citizenship), provided they meet the eligibility requirements of Article 7.2, the age requirements of Article 9, and the participation, citizenship and residency requirements set forth in Article 8.1 through 8.5, and ISU Communication 2526 or any update thereof.

In accordance with Article 8 of the ISU Competition & Event Regulations and ISU Communication 2526 (or any update thereof), all Skaters who do not possess the nationality of the Member by which they are entered, or who have previously represented another Member, must submit an ISU Clearance Certificate.

All entries must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) by the respective ISU Member Federation. The competition will be judged in accordance with the ISU Judging System applicable for the 2026/27 season.

Technical Data

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

2.CATEGORIES

SENIOR WOMEN & MEN	Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2026, Rule 611 Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec. Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2026, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR WOMEN & MEN	Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2026 Rule 611, Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec. Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2026, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE WOMEN & MEN	In accordance with ISU Communication 2770 and the relevant ISU Communication Age requirements: Duration of the Programs Single Skating Advanced Novice Short Program: 2:20 min, +/-10 sec. Free Skating: 3:00 min, +/-10 sec.

SENIOR PAIRS	Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 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 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.
JUNIOR PAIRS	Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026 Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2026/27 and relevant ISU Communication Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec. Free Skating In accordance with ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, 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.
ADVANCED NOVICE PAIRS	Short Program In accordance with ISU Communication 2770 or any subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 20 sec. +/- 10 sec. Free Skating In accordance with ISU Communication 2770 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min. +/- 10 sec.

3.ENTRIES

ENTRIES of Competitors

All entries for the Icechallenge 2026 , must be done through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) by the deadline indicated.
Hotel and travel information should also be entered, as well as bank information.

The Entries by names must be done through the ORS not later than October 5th 2026 - 20:00h CET.

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.

Entry lists, competition schedules, competition results will be published on the website icechallenge.at and at the
Sportity-App - password: IceChGraz
Entries will be on first come first serve principle.

ENTRIES of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge Singles & Pairs 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 done through the ORS not later than October 5th 2026 – 20:00h CET.
Junior and Senior panel of Judges will consist of at least 5 Judges.

3.ENTRIES - Payment

Entry Fee

By paying the entry fee for the competition, your registration is automatically confirmed.
There is no payback of the entry fee for any reason.

SINGLE EUR 90
PAIRS EUR 120

Please indicate Name, Category and Club / Federation by banktransfer. The full amount of entry fee has to arrive on our account!
If an individual invoice is required please contact: info@icechallenge.at

Grazer Eislaufverein
Bank Raiffeisen Landesbank
IBAN AT20 38000 00007129778
BIC RZSTAT2G

4.APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

Officials

The Technical Panel members and Referee will have at least the qualification “international” and will be invited by the organizing club.

Meals, Lodging 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 beginning with dinner earliest one the day before the 1st day of competition involved until lunch on the last day involved.

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

5.RESULTS

Results

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

6.MUSIC I PPC I DRAWS

Music

The music files must be sent to: icechallengemusic@gmail.com

DEADLINE: October 25th 2026

The music files must show competitor’s name, nationality, category, program (short/free skating).

Mandatory music format is .mp3 file format.
We highly recommend to send the music files very soon after confirmation of participation. This will give us time to check compatibility of the music and to contact participating clubs if problems should arise.

Planned Programm Content	Skaters must send the Program Content Sheet to the Organizing Committee till October 5th 2026.
Draws	The draw will be held on November 4th 2026. Competitors/official representatives are welcome to be present in person. The organizing committee will publish them via the Sportity-App. Starting orders for Seniors, Juniors and Advanced Novice Free Program will be in reverse order to the final result of the Short Programs.
Liability	In accordance with Article 17.3, 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 means. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide 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 by Competitors or Officials in connection with the event.

7.ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

ICECHALLENGE GRAZ 2026
Zoisweg 15
8041 Graz, AUSTRIA
e-mail: info@icechallenge.at

SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

04 *WEDNESDAY*

Practice
DRAW

05 *THURSDAY*

Advanced Novice SP
Juniors SP
Senior Pairs SP

06 *FRIDAY*

Advanced Novice FP
Women SP
Men SP
Senior Pairs FP
Advanced Novice, Junior Pairs SP

07 *SATURDAY*

YOUNG Categories
Junior FP
Women FP
Men FP
Advanced Novice, Junior Pairs FP

08 *SUNDAY*

YOUNG Categories