



World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2017



FIRST INFORMATION

April 5-8, 2017

Colorado Springs, CO, USA

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WELCOME

On behalf of U.S. Figure Skating, we look forward to welcoming you to Colorado Springs, Colorado for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2017. Colorado Springs holds an important place in the history of figure skating as the city has hosted many national and international competitions and has been the training site for many World and Olympic champions. Colorado Springs is home of U.S. Figure Skating, the United States Olympic Committee as well as the site of the World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame.

This will be the fourth time U.S. Figure Skating has hosted the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships and the second time in Colorado Springs (2010), with previous events taking place in Minneapolis (2000) and Boston (2013).

For additional information about the City of Colorado Springs, please visit: www.visitcos.com



ARENAS

The ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2017 will take place at the 7,000 seat [Broadmoor World Arena](#) with the ice surface of 30m x 60m. Official practices will also take place at the adjacent Colorado Springs World Arena Ice Hall (practice rink), which is also 30m x 60m.

TRANSPORTATION

Teams will be met at [Colorado Springs Airport](#) (COS) and upon request [Denver International Airport](#) (DEN). Transportation will be provided from the airport to the official hotels for Teams, ISU Office Holders, Event Officials, and Guests. The accredited members of the Official Team Delegation will only have transportation provided if they travel with the team.

The Organizing Committee requests that teams schedule their arrivals for Tuesday, April 4th, as that will be the primary transportation day. Further, the OC will provide departure shuttle buses on Sunday, April 9th only. Please note that teams arriving prior to April 4th or leaving after April 9th will be responsible for all transportation charges.

The OC reserves the right to set all airport shuttle times to most effectively make use of the available vehicles. Wait time for shuttles may be up to one hour.

OFFICIAL HOTELS

All member federations must reserve their accommodations through the organizing committee using the appropriate forms. Additional information with regard to the booking procedures can be found within the competition announcement. The organizing committee requests federations do not contact hotels directly.

Please note all the rates listed below **do not** include breakfast.

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON COLORADO SPRINGS

The Doubletree will serve as the official hotel for Teams. The hotel is situated opposite of the Broadmoor World Arena and is within walking distance of the main arena and practice rink. A shuttle between the hotel and rink will be provided.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$149/night + 10.25% tax (includes 1 breakfast/day)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$159/night + 10.25% tax (includes 2 breakfasts/day)

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN RESORT

The Cheyenne Mountain Resort is the official hotel for Officials, ISU, Judges and the second official hotel for Teams. It is a 10-minute bus ride from the main arena.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$149/night + tax (includes 1 breakfast/day)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$159/night + tax (includes 2 breakfasts/day)

The Organizing committee has adopted the following deadlines as it relates to the booking of hotels for the Championships:

Pre-booking of hotel rooms by Teams	03.10.2016
Invoice to members	02.11.2016
50% deposit due	24.11.2016
Reminder to pay	01.12.2016
Latest deadline for payment	08.12.2016
Letter of cancellation (if pre-payment not received)	13.12.2016
Cancellation & Refund (less banking charges)	
Refund of deposit 100%	until 27.01.2017
Refund of deposit 50%	28.01.2017 – 16.03.2017
No refund	after 16.03.2017

SECONDARY HOTELS – CHAPERONES, MEDIA & SPECTATORS

Both secondary hotels are within walking distance of the main and practice arena. No transportation will be provided by the organizing committee to these properties.

HOTEL ELEGANTE CONFERENCE & EVENT CENTER

SINGLE & DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$129/night + tax

HAMPTON INN & SUITES COLORADO SPRINGS

SINGLE & DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$199/night + tax

EVENT SHUTTLE

An event shuttle will be provided by the organizing committee from the official hotels to the main arena and practice arena, beginning on Wednesday, April 5th (first day of official practice) and running through Saturday, April 8th. These shuttles will be available to all credentialed members. Shuttle hours will be set based on the final event schedule and provided at registration.

MEALS

The OC has arranged for meal options at the official hotels. Additional information including options and rates will be found within the announcement.

Per the ISU regulations for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, meal hours are as follows:

Breakfast: 06:00 – 10:00

Lunch: 11:00 – 15:00

Dinner: 18:00 22:00

Late Dinner (Friday ONLY): 22:30 – 01:00

ACCREDITATION

All accreditation will take place at the official team hotel, Doubletree by Hilton Colorado Springs (**hours subject to change based on arrivals):

Tuesday, April 4th: 09:00-22:00

Wednesday, April 5th: 08:00-12:00

TICKETS

Team ticket sales will be available for purchase online beginning November 1, 2016. Prior to that date, we will be sending out a ticket order form for teams to reserve seating together before sales to the general public begin.

All-Event Packages will be \$65 USD plus tax and facility fees. All-Event Packages include tickets to all practices and competition sessions.

CLOSING PARTY

While details for the closing party are still being confirmed, the event will be held on Saturday evening, April 8th after the competitive events have concluded. Additional information will be distributed to teams once finalized.

MEDICAL

The OC Has arranged full medical services and will be available at both arenas during all scheduled sessions.

EMBASSIES, CONSULATES & VISA REQUIREMENTS

Additional information can be found here: www.usa.gov/visas-and-visitors

LANGUAGE

The official language is English.

WEATHER

The weather in Colorado Springs in April can be unpredictable. The average high temperature in April is 56 ° F (13 ° C), but the possibility of snow or summer-like temperatures does exist. Travelers to Colorado Springs should be prepared for both possibilities.

TIME DIFFERENCES

Colorado Springs is located in MST (Mountain Standard Time), which is GTM (Greenwich Mean Time) – 7 hours from November through February and from March through October is – 6 hours.

ELECTRICITY

The voltage in the United States is 120 V, 60 Hz

CURRENCY

The basic America currency unit is the DOLLAR which is made up of 100 CENTS.

Paper bills are 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 dollars.

Coins are 1, 5, 10, and 25 cents.

Foreign currency can be exchanged for local money in the airport, banks, official exchange offices and post offices.

BANKING HOURS

Many bank branches and exchange offices are normally open from 09:00 to 14:00 (Monday through Friday) and 08:00 to 12:00 (Saturdays). Most banks have cash machines (ATMs), which operate 24 hours a day.

TIPPING

Tipping is standard practice across America. In city restaurants, tipping 15% of the bill is expected; less is accepted in an informal dinner, while top-end restaurants expect 20%. Bartenders expect \$1 per drink. Taxi drivers expect 10% to 15%. Skycaps at airports and porters at hotels expect \$1 a bag or so. It is polite to leave a few dollars for the hotel maid, especially if you spend several nights.

LIQUOR LAWS

The minimum legal drinking age in America is 21 years old.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACTS

If there are any questions that have not been answered in this guide, please feel free to email the OC at worldsynchro@usfigureskating.org.



PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES TO BE DETERMINED (TBD) CONTINGENT ON FINAL EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
4.4.2017	Main Arrivals & Accreditation	Official Hotels
5.4.2017	Accreditation & Official Practice	Doubletree/Arena
	Technical Panel Meeting	Arena
	Team Leader's Meeting	Doubletree
	Coaches' Meeting	Doubletree
	Skater's Meeting	Doubletree
6.4.2017	Official Practice	Arena
	Referee & Tech. Controller Meeting	TBD
	Judge's Meeting	TBD
	Opening & Draw Ceremony	TBD
	ISU & Judges Dinner	TBD
7.4.2017	Official Practice - Short Program	Arena
	Competition - Short Program	Arena
8.4.2017	Official Practice - Free Skating	Arena
	Competition - Free Skating	Arena
	Award Ceremony	Arena
	Technical Panel Review	Arena
	Closing Party (Skaters)	TBD
9.4.2017	Judges Round Table Discussion	Cheyenne Mtn.
	All Day Departures	Official Hotels