



ISU-Competition for Ice Dance

Senior, Junior, Advanced and Basic Novice

Dortmund, Germany

November 6th – November 8th, 2015

Announcement / Invitation

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1. GENERAL

The NRW Trophy 2015 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regards to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their age fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3. a) for Seniors and paragraph 3. b) for Juniors and Rule 108, paragraph 3. c) for Novice.

Furthermore all participants must meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements of Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 1420 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 2015" will be organized by the Eissportverband Nordrhein-Westfalen 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)

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Categories:

SENIOR Ice Dance

Short Dance: In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1932 and subsequent updates.

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

Free Dance: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1932 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

Factors: in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2014, the multiplying factors are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1, m)

Short Dance 0,8 Free Dance 1,2.

JUNIOR Ice Dance

- Short Dance:** In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications.
Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1932 and subsequent updates.
Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
- Free Dance:** In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1932 and subsequent updates.
Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 seconds
- Factors:** in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2014, the multiplying factors are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1, m)
Short Dance 0,8 Free Dance 1,2.

ADVANCED NOVICE Ice Dance

- Pattern Dance** Technical Requirements for Advanced Novice competitions Ice Dance Two
(2) Pattern Dances are to be skated for Advanced Novice. In accordance with Rule 711 paragraph 1 and the Communication No. 1947 the Pattern Dances for the Season 2014/2015 are as follows:
Group 2: # 3 Rocker Foxtrot # 9 Starlight Waltz
Group 3: # 12 Kilian # 23 Blues
One group of two Pattern Dances shall be drawn before the first practice of the competition out of the two groups. Couples **shall** provide their own music for the Starlight Waltz and Blues (see ISU Communication 1947).
- Free Dance** Rule 710 shall apply (including that the music may be vocal).
A Well Balanced Free Dance program must contain
a) Not more than two (2) different Types of Short Lifts
b) One (1) Spin, but not more **Note:** A Combination Spin is not permitted.
c) One (1) Straight Line Step Sequence (Midline or Diagonal) in Hold or Curved Step Sequence (Circular or Serpentine) in Hold
The restrictions listed in ISU Communication 1932 and 1937 and subsequent updates of this ISU Communication apply.
d) One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles
Duration: 3 min, +/- 10 sec
- Factors:** in accordance with ISU Communication 1947, the factors of the Components are:
a) Pattern Dances For events with two (2) Pattern Dances, the Total Score for each dance will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5 as per Rule 353, paragraph 1.
b) Free Dance 1,0.

BASIC NOVICE Ice Dance

- Pattern Dance** Technical Requirements for Basic Novice competitions Ice Dance
Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated for Basic Novice. In accordance with Rule 711 paragraph 1, the Pattern Dances for the Season 2015/2016 are as follows:
#1 Fourteenstep #4 European Waltz
In accordance with Rule 707 paragraph 5 an ISU Communication 1947 Couples **shall** provide their own music for the European Waltz.

Free Dance Rule 710 shall apply (including that the music may be vocal).

A Well Balanced Free Dance program must contain

a) Dance Lifts: not more than one (1) Short Lift

b) One (1) Straight Line Step Sequence (Midline or Diagonal) in Hold or Curved

c) Step Sequence (Circular or Serpentine) in Hold

The restrictions listed in ISU Communication 1932 and 1937 and subsequent updates of this ISU Communication apply.

d) One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles

The Dance Spin is not included in the list of Required Elements for the Basic Novice Free Dance. Nevertheless, a spinning movement skated by the couple together in any hold around common axis on one foot (or two feet) with any number of rotations is permitted. A couple may choose to use this movement as part of their choreography. The Technical Panel will ignore these movements and the Judges will not consider these movements as one of the permitted stops.

Levels explanations

For Basic Novice Free Dance, in all Required Elements, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

All Program Components are judged.

The factor of the Program Components is 1.0

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

Levels explanations

For Basic Novice Free Dance, in all Required Elements, only features up to **Level 2** will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

Factors: in accordance with ISU Communication 1947, the factors of the Components are:

a) Pattern Dances For events with two (2) Pattern Dances, the Total Score for each dance will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5 as per Rule 353, paragraph 1.

b) Free Dance 1,0.

3. ENTRIES OF COMPETITORS

ISU Members may enter 3 Dance couple(s) per age category (Senior, Junior, Advanced and Basic Novice) and their substitutes using the official entry form. This limitation does not conflict with the entries of the organizer itself. The entries by name should reach the organizer not later than **October 9th, 2015**. Entries by fax or E-Mail are appreciated. The Organizer confirms the accepted Dance couples after the closing date for entries. There will be a maximum of 80 Ice Dance Couples accepted. Should the number of entries exceed 80 couples, the organizer reserves the right to limit the number of competitors in respective categories.

The entry forms have to be used and must be sent to:

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Entries must be accompanied by the official "ISU Declaration Form" as per Rule 131. In case of competitors who are not full of age (under 18), such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law. Each Entry Form and Declaration Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4).

For any cancellation after October 23th, 2015 the team leader of the federation will be asked to pay the entry fee regardless of the reason for cancellation. In case there is no participating team left a respective invoice will be sent to the Member Federation. Passports of the skaters, as well as ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation.

World Standing Points: In case the requirements as per ISU Communication 1629 are fulfilled, World Standing points will be awarded in the Senior Categories Ice Dance.

4. ENTRIES OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member is requested to nominate one Judge and one substitute Judge with the qualification of at least "International Judge or International Referee" for the event. Entries of judges are also expected to be mailed (recommended) and received at the organizer's address not later than **October 9th 2015**. Fax entries are also appreciated.

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

5. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD format, in accordance with Rules 343, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for Short and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance must be listed for each competitor on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Form for competitors.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all discs must show the competition event, competitor's name, the nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time), including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short dance, free dance) must be recorded on a sperate disc. In addition couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

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

Together with the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet has to be completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the terminology listed in the respective ISU Communication. **It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.**

6. PRACTICE

Official practice for competitors starts on Thursday, November 5th 2015, at 06:00 p.m. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

7. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Ice Dance 2014, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used. Also for the **Advanced Novice** competitions the marking of pattern Dances using key points will be used, see ISU Communication 1947.

8. ACCOMMODATION

The organizer covers the costs of accommodation and full board for one judge per country from November 6th, 2015 (starting with lunch) to November 9th, 2015 (ending with breakfast

or after the Round Table Discussion, whichever is later). Additional judges need to cover their own costs.

9. TRANSPORT

All hotels are located near the ice rink so that no transportation will be necessary. The nearest airports to Dortmund are Dortmund-Airport and Duesseldorf International Airport. There is a direct train from Duesseldorf International Airport Station (to be reached by the Sky train) to Dortmund Main Station (approx. 1 ½ hours).

A special bus-service will also be provided between the Düsseldorf International Airport (not Duesseldorf-Weeze!) and Dortmund at certain times. Costs for this service will be € 30,00 per person one way. Only in very exceptional cases transport for single persons will be provided at the cost of the person concerned.

10. ACCREDITATION

All ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, one Coach (per Competitor) and one chaperone per Competitor taking part in the competition are requested to register at the "Ice Rink" upon arrival.

11. AWARDS

The first three placed couples in each event will be awarded with Medals or Cups, the other couples with Diplomas.

12. ENTRY FEES

Entry fees € 70,00 per couple. In case no judge has been entered by the respective Member Federation the entry fees for a couple amount to € 100,00. Payment by bank transfer must be made to: Eissport-Verband Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V., Strobelallee 32, D-444139 Dortmund

Bank Account : **Dortmunder Volksbank**

IBAN: DE 39441600146331275700 SWIFT: GENODEM1DOR

13. DRAW

November 6th, 2015, Ice Rink for all competitors

14. JUDGES MEETING

November 5th, 2015, Ice Rink. The Round Table Discussions are scheduled for Sunday, November 8th, 2015 after the competition.

15. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the NRW Trophy 2015, 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 the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

16. INFORMATION

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