

**INTERNATIONAL OPEN FIGURE SKATING TEAM COMPETITION  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
JAPAN OPEN – OCTOBER 1, 2016 – SAITAMA SUPER ARENA,  
SAITAMA – JAPAN**

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

The Team Competition will be conducted in accordance with the International Skating Union Constitution, General Regulations 2016 and the International Skating Union Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Single & Pair Skating 2016 and related ISU Communications.

**ENTRIES**

The eligible skaters will be invited through respective ISU Members. The ISU Member that the ineligible skaters formerly represented will be notified of their participation. The list of entries is on the attached Exhibit A.

**EXPENSES**

The travel expenses for airfares at economy rates for all invited Competitors, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, Judges and Coaches will be paid by the Organizer from their domicile to Tokyo, Japan and return. All participants must agree to the acceptance of the provided airline ticket when the invitation is accepted. No reimbursement will be made on any airline ticket issued without the Organizer's approval in advance. The lodging/meals for all invited Competitors, Coaches, Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data Replay Operators and Judges will be paid for by the Organizer from Thursday, September 29, 2016 to Sunday, October 2, 2016. Any additional costs will be at the expense of the respective individual.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

On September 30, 2016, practice sessions will be conducted at Saitama Super Arena. On October 1, 2016 all competition events and practice sessions will be conducted at Saitama Super Arena. The artificial ice surface is 60 meters in length and 26 meters in width. The tentative schedule is on the attached Exhibit B.

**SINGLES SKATING – LADIES AND MEN**

The innovation to be tried out in accordance with ISU Rule 367 is to conduct an Open team competition with an ISU free skating program only. The required elements to be skated are listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating, 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication.

**CALCULATION OF TEAM RESULTS**

The ISU Judging System as per the 2016 ISU Special Regulations for Single and Pair Skating shall be used. Scores (points) for each team member as per Rule 353 will be totaled. The highest total team score wins the competition.

### **MUSIC**

All CDs which are to be used must be of high quality. The competitor's name, country and exact running time (not skating time) must be stated on the discs.

### **JUDGES' MEETING**

The first Judges' Meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Friday, September 30, 2016.

### **NOMINATION OF JUDGES**

All Judges must be from different ISU Members at each panel, and the judges will be nominated from the following ISU Member Federations:

<Asia & Oceania> JPN (1), KOR (1), TWN (1)

<North America> USA (1), CAN (1), MEX (1)

<Europe> FRA (1), GER (1), RUS (1),

Each panels for Men and Ladies will consist of 9 judges. Each participating Member will have one judge, the remaining seats for judges will be nominated or drawn in order to secure judges to cover all three areas equally as much as possible to ensure fairness.

### **DRAWS**

The opening draws are tentatively scheduled to be made at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2016.

### **AWARDS AND PRIZES**

Team prize money will be as follows:

First prize = \$80,000

Second prize = \$60,000

Third prize = \$40,000

The awarded amount to each Team will be divided equally among the participating skaters. No additional prize money will be given to any of the competitors, either eligible or ineligible, directly or indirectly for this competition. Withholding tax will be deducted from the above prize money.

### **LIABILITY**

The Japan Skating Federation, The International Skating Union and Saitama Super Arena take no responsibility for liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred by competitors or officials.

### **DOPING**

Doping test will be carried out in accordance with ISU Regulations and ISU Communications Numbers 1922 and 1970 or any further update of this communication. In Open International Competitions or New Method/System Competitions sanctioned by

the ISU, doping tests are mandatory and all skaters competing at International Open Competitions or New Method/System Competitions including the ineligible skaters may be tested. In addition to the winner, a minimum of 1 skater per discipline shall be selected by random draw to be tested.

Prior to the competition, all skaters entered for such competitions must accept in writing to be submitted to doping tests that will be conducted under the control of the ISU Member and in consultation with the ISU Medical Advisors.

Skaters who refuse to accept this procedure will not be allowed to skate. In case of refusal to give the required sample after the competition (after initially having agreed) and in case of positive results, sanctions as per ISU Regulations will apply for the eligible skaters. For the ineligible skaters the ISU Council will take the necessary decision which could consist of preventing the ineligible skater involved from being invited to Open International Competitions/New Method/System Competitions for a certain period of time, as well as withholding the payment of prize money and other benefits. In this respect, the organizers will pay the skaters' benefits after the competitions and only upon receipt of the doping test results.

#### **OFFICIAL HOTEL**

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## EXHIBIT A

### JAPAN OPEN FIGURE SKATING TEAM COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Team Competition is an open international figure skating competition to be held for Ladies' Singles and Men's Singles. It is organized by the Japan Skating Federation in conjunction with IMG Tokyo and TV Tokyo and will be held in Tokyo, Japan, on October 1, 2016.

#### FACT SHEET

Title:	2016 Japan Open Figure Skating Team Competition
Date:	Saturday, October 1, 2016
Venue:	Saitama Super Arena, Saitama
Format:	Men's Singles: 6 skaters Ladies' Singles: 6 skaters Team Japan: Satoko Miyahara, Wakaba Higuchi, Shoma Uno and Nobunari Oda. Team Europe: Evgenia Medvedeva, Anna Pogorilaya, Javier Fernandez and Florent Amodio Team North America: Ashley Wagner, Gracie Gold Adam Rippon and Jeremy Abbott
Prize Money:	1 <sup>st</sup> = \$80,000, 2 <sup>nd</sup> = \$60,000. 3 <sup>rd</sup> = \$40,000 per team
TV Coverage:	TV Tokyo. Same day coverage – no conflict with any other first time televising in Japan of another ISU Event.
Sanction:	International Skating Union (ISU)
Organizer:	Japan Skating Federation (JSF)
Production:	IMG Tokyo

**EXHIBIT B**

**INTERNATIONAL OPEN FIGURE SKATING TEAM COMPETITION  
SAITAMA SUPER ARENA TOKYO**

**SCHEDULE**

Friday, September 30, 2016

11:00 – 11:30	Technical officials meeting at the Arena
11:30 – 12:00	Guest Skater practice
12:00 – 13:15	Japan Open Men's practice
12:15 – 12:45	Technical Controller/Referees meeting at the Arena
12:45 – 13:30	Judges meeting at the Arena
13:30 – 14:45	Japan Open Ladies practice
19:00 – 21:00	Judges' dinner
20:00	Official Draw for starting order

Saturday, October 1, 2016

8:15 – 9:30	Guest Skater practice
9:30 – 9:45	Ice resurfacing
9:45 – 10:30	Japan Open Men's practice
10:30 – 10:45	Ice resurfacing
10:45 – 11:30	Japan Open Ladies practice
11:30 – 11:45	Ice resurfacing
12:00	Doors open
13:00	Start of event
16:00	Close of the event
17:00 – 17:45	Technical Panel Review Meeting
17:45 – 18:45	Round table Discussion

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Leave Japan

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## PRACTICE & COMPETITION SCHEDULE

	Sep.30 FRI		Oct.1 SAT	
	RINK	Off-Ice	RINK	Off-Ice
08:00				
08:30			8:15 <30> Guest Skaters 08:45	
09:00			8:45 <45> Guest Skaters 09:30	
09:30				
10:00			9:45 <45> JOCOI Men 10:30	
10:30				
11:00		11:00 <30> TO Meeting (Arena) 11:30	10:45 <45> JOCOI Ladies 11:30	
1:30	11:30 <30> Guest Skaters 12:00			
12:00	12:00 <75> JOCOI Men 13:15	12:15 <30> TC & Referee Meeting (Arena) 12:45		
12:30		12:45 <45> Judges Meeting (Arena) 13:30		
13:00			13:00 <180>	
13:30	13:30 <75> JOCOI Ladies 14:45			
14:00			Japan Open	
14:30				
15:00	15:00 <30> Guest Skaters 15:30			
15:30	15:30 <105> Carnival Opening & Finale 17:15			
16:00			16:00	
16:30				
17:00			16:45 <60> Carnival Opening & Finale 17:45	17:00 <45> TP Review Meeting (Arena) 17:45
17:30				
18:00	17:45 <75> JO Award Rehearsal 19:00			17:45 <60> Round Table Discussion 18:45
18:30				
19:00		19:00 <120> Judges Dinner (Urawa Royal Pines Hotel) 21:00	19:00 <150> Carnival on Ice 21:30	
19:30				
20:00				
20:30				
21:00				
21:30				

JO Competition SKATERS		
Ashley WAGNER	North America	USA
Gracie GOLD		USA
Adam RIPPON		USA
Jeremy ABBOT		USA
Evgenia MEDVEDEVA	Europe	RUS
Anna POGORILAYA		RUS
Javier FERNANDEZ		ESP
Florent AMODIO		FRA
Satoko MIYAHARA	Japan	JPN
Wakaba HIGUCHI		JPN
Shoma UNO		JPN
Nobunari ODA		JPN

Guest SKATERS	
Shizuka ARAKAWA	JPN
Tatsuki MACHIDA	JPN
Gabriella PAPADAKIS / Guillaume CIZERON	FRA