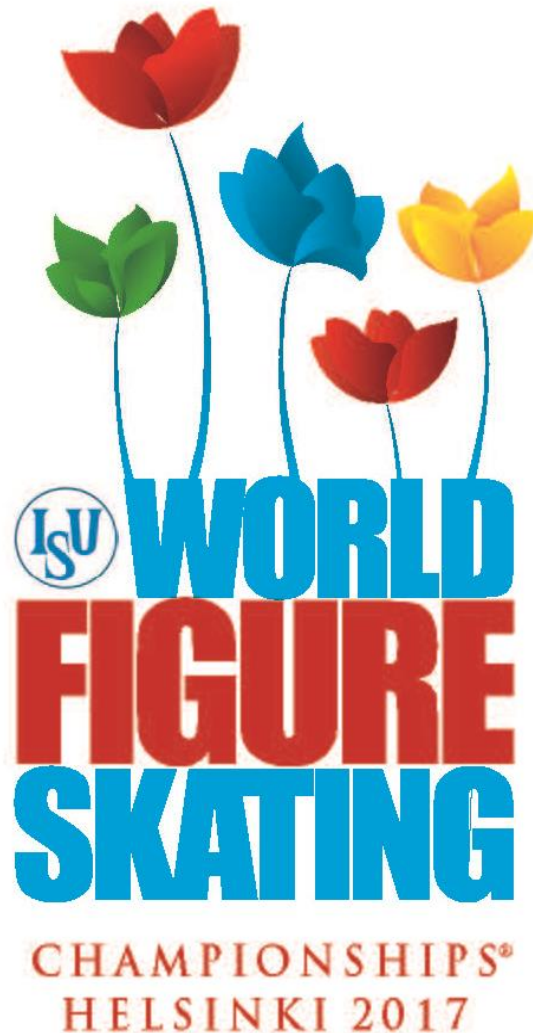




World Figure Skating Championships® 2017



**March 27 – April 2, 2017
Helsinki, Finland**

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2017 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2017 is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member in accordance with Rule 130, paragraph 2 and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3. a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and Communication No. 2030.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030 (or any update of this Communication), 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.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

All Championship events as well as some official practices will take place at the Hartwall Arena Main Rink – with an ice surface of 60 m x 30 m. The remainder of the official practices will take place at the Hartwall Arena Practice Rink with an ice surface of 58 m x 28 m and Pirkkola Ice Rink (for Pairs) with an ice surface of 60 m x 30 m. Hartwall Arena Main Rink and Practice Rink facilities are in the same venue, indoor, air-conditioned and heated. Pirkkola Practice Rink is about 4 km north of the Hartwall Arena.

Venue address: Hartwall Arena, Areenankuja 1, 00240 Helsinki
Pirkkolan Jäähalli, Plotinrinne 8, 00630 Helsinki

2.1 Minimum Score

Please refer to ISU Communications No. 2017, paragraph 5.

Skaters/couples participating in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2017 must have reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as defined by Article 39, paragraph 7 and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 9) during the ongoing season (2016/17) or immediately preceding season (2015/16) the applicable Minimum Technical Elements Score (for SP/SD and FS/FD) as follows:

MEN	SP	34.00	FS	64.00
LADIES	SP	27.00	FS	47.00
PAIR SKATING	SP	25.00	FS	43.00
ICE DANCE	SD	29.00	FD	39.00

The Minimum Technical Elements Score (not including Component Scores) is a Technical Score and must have been reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 39, paragraph 7 of the ISU Constitution and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 9 of the ISU General Regulations) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season in both segments, Short Program/Short Dance and Free Skating/Free Dance (See ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating Ice Dance 2016, Rule 378, paragraph 3).

The required Minimum Technical Elements Score for the Short Program/Short Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance to participate in Senior ISU Championships can only be obtained in Senior International Competitions.

While the Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached separately in each segment (not a total of the two segments), the Minimum Technical Elements Score for each segment may be reached at different competitions.

The Council also decided that the Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached **twenty-one (21)** days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Championships concerned (same as entry deadline).

2.2 Technical Details

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4 min. and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
PAIR SKATING	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2016/17. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2016, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4 min. and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Short Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1998 and 2003 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1998, 2003, 2019 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 General

All entries for the ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2017, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. From this season, hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

3.2 Entries of Competitors

In accordance with Rule 378, the Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS):

<https://isu.st-software.com>

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

Organizing Committee

Competition Assistant Ms. Mirva Lopez

Tel: +358 40 940 2610

e-mail: competition.worlds2017@gmail.com

and to:

ISU Secretariat

fax: +41 21 612 66 77

e-mail: entries@isu.ch

not later than **Monday, March 6, 2017 – 20:00 h, local time Helsinki / FIN** (see Rule 378, paragraph 1).

Preliminary entries (by number) must be entered in the ORS no later than **October 3, 2016**.

All Competitors must turn in to the Organizing Committee the “Program Content Sheet”. It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

Please note that for all persons entered by the Members the procedures in regard to the Declaration for Competitors and Officials entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication ISU Communication 1876, point 16 (or any update of this Communication) need to be strictly observed.

3.3 Entries of Team Members

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 Organizing Committee.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Team Officials of each Member, including the Member President or other members of the Member provided that they are Council/Board members, Technical Committee members or members of the Head Office of their Federation, will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the Organizing Committee requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. A partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted for restricted accreditation. The Members must guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team members will correspond to their function within the team.

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 Secretariat not later than **Monday, March 6, 2017 – 20:00 h, local time Helsinki / FIN**.

For Chaperones (one per Competitor) the Team Leader can request a “bus permit” which will include access to practices. Chaperones will not stay in the Official Skating Family Hotel. The chaperones will not receive any special price tickets to the competition events or the Exhibition.

4. JUDGES

4.1 Nomination of Judges for the annual Judges Draw for ISU Figure Skating Championships 2017 to be held on October 13, 2016 in Geneva/SUI

According to ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016, Rules 521, the official **entry form for Judges by number** (that had been sent to Members on July 11, 2016), must reach the ISU Secretariat by **October 1, 2016**, indicating with the entry, in which discipline of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2017 the Member intends to participate in the respective draw. The Member must also indicate with the entry, which Judge will be available to judge the Pair discipline.

In accordance with the draw results, that will be published in an ISU Communication subsequent to the Judges Draw, Members having been drawn to send Judges to the ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2017 must submit their Judges via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than **Monday, March 6, 2017 – 20:00 h, local time Helsinki / FIN.**

5. MEALS, LODGING, PREPAYMENT AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

In accordance with Rule 137 the expenses are regulated as follows:

- a) All expenses for accommodation and meals for all Competitors participating in the Championships will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period beginning with dinner on **Sunday, March 26, 2017** and ending with lunch on **Monday, April 3, 2017.**
- b) All expenses for accommodation and meals for one (1) Team Leader for each participating Member in the Championships will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period beginning with dinner on **Sunday, March 26, 2017** and ending with lunch on **Monday, April 3, 2017.**
- c) All expenses for accommodation and meals for Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data & Replay Operators will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period beginning with dinner on **Sunday, March 26, 2017** and ending with lunch on **Monday, April 3, 2017.**
- d) All expenses for accommodation and meals for Referees and Judges will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period as listed below:
 - Referees: from lunch on **Monday, March 27** and ending with lunch on **Monday, April 3, 2017,**
 - Judges Pairs and Ladies: from lunch on **Monday, March 27** and ending with lunch on **Monday, Monday, April 3, 2017,**
 - Judges Men: from lunch on **Tuesday, March 28** and ending with lunch on **Monday, April 3, 2017,**
 - Judges Ice Dance: from lunch on **Wednesday, March 29** and ending with lunch on **Monday, April 3, 2017.**

Should any Competitor, Team Leader or Official arrive at the Hotel before the time indicated above or stay longer, the costs for accommodation and meals are at the burden of the user. A credit card or cash deposit is required on arrival for security and other incidental (i.e. telephone, movies, etc.) charges. If there are no expenses or damages to the room, cash deposit will be returned to the guest on departure.

It is the responsibility of the participating Members to make the necessary travel plans and arrangements for their Skaters.

All extra expenses incurred by any Competitor or any kind of Official will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid prior to departure.

The Organizing Committee requests that, for all Team Members whose accommodation expenses are not covered by the Organizing Committee as outlined above, a pre-payment (deposit) to guarantee the availability of required rooms has to be made. Please use the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and the first Information Letter for booking and calculation. The pre-payment (50% of the total amount) must be made by **November 17, 2016.** The terms of payment for the remainder will be published well in time by the Organizing Committee.

All rooms ordered for any person (if paid by the organizer or the member federation) are subject to the cancellation policy as outlined in the first information.

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, OAC Members, Judges, Data & Replay Operators will be paid in accordance with the Memorandum for Guidance in Holding ISU Figure Skating Championships and ISU Communication No.1910 or any update of this Communication. Payments will be provided at registration. No expenses will be reimbursed for any other accompanying persons (i.e., Assistant Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Chaperones, etc.).

Please note: It is the obligation of the Team Leader and or the Assistant Team Leader to attend at least one of the two scheduled Team Leaders Meeting. Failing to do so, the Organizing Committee will not cover the expenses for the Team Leader as indicated above.

6. PRACTICE

Official practices for Competitors begin on **Monday, March 27, 2017**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

7. MUSIC

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD (Compact Disc) or in any other approved format.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all discs must show the Competition event, Competitors name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music - not skating time - including any starting signal, which shall be certified by the Competitor and by the coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Competitors must provide a back-up drive for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Singles and Pairs, for the Short Dance and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition, must be listed for each Competitor on the official Competition Music Form.

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

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

8. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS

All ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders and Team Officials attending the Championships are requested to announce as soon as possible but not later than **March 6, 2017** the name of the airline/ferry, flight number, date and time as well as the point of arrival in Helsinki. The official arrival/departure points for the ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2017 are: **Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport (HEL), Helsinki Harbour Katajanokka Terminal, Makasiini Terminal, Olympia Terminal and West Terminal, and the Central Railway Station**. The transfer service to the official hotel will be organized from these locations only. Coaches, Team Medical Staff and Chaperones are only met if they travel with the team. The detailed travel information must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

9. REGISTRATION

All ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and one Coach (per Competitor) taking part in the Championships are requested to register for the ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2017 as follows:

Accreditation for Teams, ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, ISU Guest and Judges will be located at the **Scandic Park Helsinki** and for Media at the **Hartwall Arena** – Media accreditation center.

All Competitors and Judges will be required to present their passport (and Clearance Certificate if the passport is not of the same country as the Member entering the Skater and/or the Skater having previously represented

another Member) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport.

10. OFFICIAL HOTELS

Teams (competitors, team leaders (and assistant), team medical, team officials, coaches, Member Presidents) and ISU Event Officials, ISU Guest, Judges, Event Coordination Team

Scandic Park Helsinki

Mannerheimintie 46, 00260 Helsinki

Telephone: +358 9 47371

Email: parkhelsinki@scandichotels.com

For Chaperones: Several hotels around Helsinki. Detailed information can be found in the First information.

For Media: Several hotels around Helsinki. Detailed information can be found in the First information.

11. OPENING CEREMONY ON ICE

The Opening Ceremony on Ice will take place on **Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 17:15**, at the **Hartwall Arena**.

12. DRAWS - ORDER OF SKATING

The draws for the order of skating will be held individually per discipline at the Draw and Press conference Room at the Hartwall Arena. The exact dates and time will be provided at Registration.

13. EXHIBITION

All medalists and other Competitors will be selected to participate in the exhibition on **Sunday, April 2 at 14:00**, at the Hartwall Arena according to Rule 104, paragraph 17 a) and b).

14. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS and JUDGES

The individual Initial Judges Meetings and – if applicable – an additional Judges draw will be held one (1) day prior to each first segment of each individual discipline. The draw for the seating order of the panels of Judges will be made 45 min. prior to each segment. Subsequent draws, as required, will be made at the Hartwall Arena in the judges' room. A detailed draw schedule will be published on site.

Please see the dates and times for all other official meetings for Technical Panels (before and after the respective event), Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting and Judges Round Table Discussions in paragraph 19 Schedule of Events. ISU Event Officials and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the ISU Event Officials and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 19.

15. LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events, as defined in Rule 107, 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 also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means.

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

16. ANTI-DOPING

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1922 and 1970 or any further update of this Communication).

After the Short Program / Short Dance one randomly selected Skater in each discipline shall be tested. In Pair Skating and Ice Dance either the man or the lady, but not both, shall be tested and shall be selected by random draw. After the Free Program / Dance, the three best ranked Skaters of the final result in the Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dance shall be tested. One Skater from the remainder of the Skaters shall be selected by random draw in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dance. In Pair Skating and Ice Dance either the man or the lady, but not both, shall be tested and shall be selected by random draw.

17. TITLES AND MEDALS

The winners will bear the title according to Rule 133:

World Figure Skating Champion for 2017
Lady World Figure Skating Champion for 2017
World Pair Champions for 2017
World Ice Dance Champions for 2017

ISU gold medals will be awarded to the Champions and ISU silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed Competitors at the end of the finals in each discipline.

In accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3 f), a small ISU gold medal will be awarded to the winner of each event (Short Program and Free Skating for Ladies, Men and Pairs and Short Dance and Free Dance for Ice Dance) and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third in each category, but no anthem will be played or flags raised. The distribution will be made according to Rule 134, paragraph 3f).

18. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Organizing Committee asks all Members to bring a copy of their National Anthem on CD.

19. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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20. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Monday, March 27	All day	Official Practice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting 1
	11:00	LADIES – Technical Panel Meeting
	13:30	PAIRS – Technical Panel Meeting
Tuesday, March 28	All day	Official Practice
	08:00	Referee & Technical Controllers Meeting
	09:00	LADIES – Initial Judges Meeting
	11:30	PAIRS – Initial Judges Meeting
	17:00	MEN – Technical Panel Meeting
	20:00	ISU and Judges Dinner
Wednesday, March 29	08:00	MEN – Initial Judges Meeting
	10:15	LADIES – Short Program
	12:30	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Meeting
	17:15	Opening Ceremony on Ice
	18:10	PAIRS – Short Program
Thursday, March 30	08:00	ICE DANCE – Initial Judges Meeting
	09:00	Team Leaders Meeting 2
	12:30	MEN – Short Program
	18:55	PAIRS – Free Skating
Friday, March 31	07:30	PAIRS – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	08:45	PAIRS - Judges Round Table Discussion
	11:00	ICE DANCE – Short Dance
	18:00	LADIES – Free Skating
Saturday, April 1	07:30	LADIES – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	08:45	LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:50	MEN – Free Skating
	16:30	MEN – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	16:35	ICE DANCE – Free Dance
	20:30	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review Meeting
Sunday, April 2	08:00	MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:15	ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion
	14:00	EXHIBITION
	20:00	Closing Banquet

Please note: This schedule is subject to change.

20. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

	DEADLINE	to be submitted via	
		Online Registration System	Form
Preliminary Entry Form	03.10.2016	X	
Hotel Request Form Team Leaders, Competitors, Judges	03.10.2016	X	
Hotel Request Form Team Officials, Coaches, Others	03.10.2016	X	
Entry by Name for Competitors	06.03.2017	X	
Entry by Name for Judges	06.03.2017	X	
Entry by Name Delegation Members	06.03.2017	X	
Hotel Reservation	06.03.2017	X	
Travel Details	06.03.2017	X	
Bank Transfer	06.03.2017	X	
Press Information	06.03.2017		X (Form C 06)
Competition Music Information	06.03.2017		X (Form C 07)
Ice Dance Music Information	06.03.2017		X (Form C 08)
Exhibition Music Information	06.03.2017		X (Form C 09)
Planned Program Content	06.03.2017		X (Form C 10)
Skater Health Care Form	06.03.2017		X (Form C 11)
Visa Application Request	a.s.a.p.		X (Form A 04)

Payments	DUE DATE
Deadline for 50% deposit for hotel reservations from Federation	17.11.2016
Refund of 100% hotel deposit for cancellations up to	25.01.2017
Refund of 50% hotel deposit for cancellations from January 26 until	08.03.2017
No refund for cancellations after this date	08.03.2017
Federation to pay balance of hotel payment latest at	Registration