

ANNOUNCEMENT



**THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
FEBRUARY 23-26, 2017**

An International Competition and Dutch Championship for

**Seniors: Ladies, Men, Pairs
Juniors: Ladies, Men, Pairs
Advanced Novice: Girls, Boys
Basic Novice A: Girls, Boys**

organized by the



KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE SCHAATSENRIJDERS BOND

under the authorization of the



INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The CHALLENGE CUP will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the CHALLENGE CUP is for skaters who belong to an invited ISU Member, as per Rule 109, paragraph 1, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 2 through 5 and ISU Communication 2030 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations 2016 and ISU Communication 2030, 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 hand in an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, it must be presented at the accreditation.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place: **Venue: Schaatscentrum “De Uithof”**
Jaap Edenweg 10 The Hague
(an indoor heated ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m);
(practice rink covered rink non-heated 60 x 30 m)

CATEGORIES

SENIOR LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.

ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2024. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2024. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A GIRLS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2024 for Basic Novice A. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.
SENIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:30 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2024. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2024. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.

BASIC NOVICE A BOYS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2024 for Basic Novice A. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.
SENIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016 Rule 620. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:30 +/- 10 sec
JUNIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016 Rule 620. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec
THE ULTIMATE SKATE BATTLE (One for Senior/Junior; One for Advanced/Basic Novice)	Improvisation Program	A maximum of 32 skaters will battle it out in this new format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 minute improvised program on contemporary music • a DJ will play a tune at random • two skaters skate simultaneously against each other on a knock-out basis, one of them advances to the next round • all skaters are drawn at random against each other in each round • there is only one judging criterium: the entertainment factor! • Judges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 3 judges comprise one vote, on majority basis * public audience gets one vote * in case of a tie, a Dutch celebrity will cast the tie-breaker * all judges and the public get a green an a red card to show their vote

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entries of Competitors

Each ISU Member can enter **up to three (3)** skaters/couples in each category. For the Senior events, preference will be given to skaters in accordance with their placement on the ISU World Standings ranking list, as per closing date of the entries by name. For the other categories, preference will be given to those ISU Members which sent entries by number, in order of receipt of such entries. A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis.

a) Limitation of number of entries

Basic Novice A Girls:	18
Basic Novice A Boys:	18
Adv. Novice Girls:	18
Adv. Novice Boys:	18
Junior Ladies:	18
Junior Men:	18
Junior Pairs:	8
Senior Ladies:	18
Senior Men:	18
Senior Pairs:	8

The organizing committee reserves the option in the competition to allow late entries in Senior and Junior Ladies and Men, and 2 late entries in Senior and Junior Pairs, reserved for competitors preparing for the (Junior) World Figure Skating championships, and/or needing the competition to obtain the minimum technical score as written in ISU Communication 2017. A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis.

b) Entries by Number

The entries by number indicating the number of skaters/couples in the disciplines concerned must be submitted by e-mail not later than **December 20th, 2016** to:

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup

E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

In case no entry is received by **December 20th, 2016** it will be assumed that your federation will not participate.

c) Entries by Name

Entries by name must be made not later than **January 20th, 2017** to:

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup

E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

d) Entry fee

An entry fee of € 80,- per single skater (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior), € 55,- per Basic Novice skater and € 135 per pair will be asked and has to be paid with the official entry by name.

Invoices will be send to the federations in advance.

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

Entry fee must be paid latest by January 20th, 2017. After this date the entry fee will be increased to € 90,- per single skater (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior), € 65,- per Basic Novice skater and € 145 per pair.

e) **Transportation package**

We have arranged a transportation package deal for you, for which we have to ask you € 70,- per person, payable together with the entry fee.
All team members, except invited officials have to pay this transportation fee.

Included in the fee is:

- transfer from and to Schiphol airport (€ 35,-)
- shuttle service from Thursday February 23 till Sunday February 26 between the official hotel and the ice rink (€ 35,-).

The shuttle will run at 1 hour intervals and the transfer will take about 15 minutes or a little less.

Taxis in Holland are very expensive, a single fare between hotel and icerink will cost at least € 30.

3.2 **Entries of Judges**

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one ISU or International Judge and one substitute Judge.

The official entry form for Judges must reach the Organizing Committee not later than **January 1st, 2017**.

Each panel of Judges will consist of 5-7 judges. In case of a too high number of entered judges, the Organizing Committee will make a draw and inform ISU Members before **February 1st, 2017** whether judges have been drawn or not drawn.

3.3 **Draw for starting order**

On Wednesday evening February 22, at 17:00 there will be a random draw made by computer for each category, based on the entry list at that moment, in presence of one of the Referees. The starting order for the Free Skating shall be based on the reverse order of the result of the Short Program.

4. **EXPENSES, MEALS, LODGING**

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for Judges and invited officials participating, beginning with dinner **February 22, 2017** and ending with lunch on **February 26, 2017**.

The expenses for rooms and meals for the Team Leader, Coaches, Competitors and other team officials will not be covered by the organizer and are on the account of the team.

Should any Judge or invited Official 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 organizer will provide and cover the expenses for travel, rooms and meals also for the invited Referees, Technical Controllers, Data and Replay Operators.

All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior to departure.

5. PRACTICE

The official practices for Competitors start on **February 23, 2017 / 06:30am**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration..

6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Program for Single and Pairs, for the Exhibition must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all CDs 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 program, free skating) must be recorded on one track and on a separate CD. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up CD for each program. If music information is not complete and cassettes or discs not provided, accreditation will not be given.

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

7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS AND TRANSPORTATION

All invited officials, Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials and Coaches taking part in the competition are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **January 20, 2017**, the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at **Schiphol International Airport** or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official "travel form" should be used.

From Schiphol airport, if you are not signing up for the transportation package, you are requested to take a direct train to Den Haag Central Station. Further information about this train connection will be given in the First Information, which will be issued separately.

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

Hotel NH Atlantic
Deltaplein 200
2554 EJ Den Haag
Phone: +34 91 398 46 61
www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-atlantic-den-haag

Hotel reservations must be booked by yourself directly with the hotel by submitting the needed information through the given link, **latest by January 22, 2017**.

<http://www.nh-hotels.com/event/knsb-participants>

When you get an error message, please click on the button 'annuleren' (=cancel) and try again.

The hotel cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are submitted after January 22. All hotel payments are made personally upon arrival at the hotel. Only from this hotel there is a shuttle bus from and to the ice rink.

You can book also other hotels but these will not be served by the shuttle bus.

9. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation is planned at the skating rink, **De Uithof**, upon arrival.

Accreditation will be given to each official, skater, 1 coach per skater, 1 teamleader per ISU member, plus 1 chaperone per skater.

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 352 will be in place.

For the Challenge Cup, the overall ranking results per category will be awarded as follows: The first place 10 points, the second place 7 points, the third place 5 points, the fourth place 4 points, the fifth place 3 points, the sixth place 2 points and the seventh place 1 point. In case of more than two (2) competitors of one ISU Member in one category only the two best placed competitors can score points for the overall classification.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND THE CHALLENGE CUP

The three best placed skaters/couples in each category will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists.

The best placed team will be announced and honoured with the International Challenge Cup. In case of a draw the highest number of first and/or second and/or third places will be taken into account.

For the National Championship, the three best placed Dutch skaters/couples in each category will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists.

12. EXHIBITION GALA

Competitors will be selected by the OC to participate in the exhibition gala on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the ice rink.

13. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility 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 to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

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

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For any further information, please contact :

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup

E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

Website: www.schaatsen.nl/kalender/2017/2/challenge-cup

Livestream: www.showyourskill.online/livestream.html

15. DRAFT EVENT SCHEDULE*

February 23, Thursday	06:30	Official Practice
	10:00	Teamleaders' meeting
	10:30	Referees' and Technical Panel meetings
	11:00	Initial Judges' meeting
	12:00	Officials welcome reception/lunch
	14.30	Opening Ceremony Challenge Cup
	14.40	Advanced Novice Boys Short Program
		Advanced Novice Girls Short Program
		Junior Men Short Program
February 24, Friday	07:00	Official Practice
	11:50	Junior Ladies Short Program
		Junior Pairs Short Program
		Senior Ladies Short Program
		Senior Men Short Program
February 25, Saturday	07:00	Official Practice
	09:00	Basic Novice A Boys Free Skating
		Basic Novice A Girls Free Skating
		Advanced Novice Boys Free Skating
		Advanced Novice Girls Free Skating
		Junior Ladies Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony Basic Novice A B/G,
		Adv. Novice B/G, Junior Ladies
		RTD Basic Novice A B/G, Adv. Novice B/G, JL
February 26, Sunday	07:00	Official Practice
	08:00	Junior Men Free Skating
		Junior Pairs Free Skating
		Senior Pairs Free Skating
		Senior Ladies Free Skating
		Senior Men Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony JM/JP/SP/SL/SM
		Award Challenge Cup
		Ultimate Skate Battle
		Exhibition Gala
		RTD JM/JP/SP/SL/SM
		Departure

* Draft; subject to change.