

FINLANDIA CUP

Announcement

Synchronized Skating

International Competition

January 28 – 30, 2010

Helsinki, FINLAND



List of invited countries:

Ice Skating Australia Incorporated	AUS
Österreichischer Eiskunstlauf Verband	AUT
Skating Union of Belarus	BLR
Federation Royale Belge de Patinage Artistique	BEL
Skate Canada	CAN
Croatian Skating Federation	CRO
Czech Figure Skating Association	CZE
The Estonian Skating Union	EST
Féd.Fracaise des sports de glace	FRA
Deutsche Eislauf-Union e V.	GER
National Ice Skating Association of UK Ltd	GBR
Hungarian National Skating Federation	HUN
Federazione Italiana sport del Ghiaccio	ITA
Japan Skating Federation	JPN
Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond	NED
New Zealand Ice Skating Association	NZL
Polish Figure Skating Association	POL
Korea Skating Union	KOR
The Figure Skating Federation of Russia	RUS
South African Figure Skating Association	RSA
Svenska Konstakningsförbundet	SWE
Sweizer Eislauf Verband	SUI
The United Figure Skating Association	USA

FINLANDIA CUP 2010 - ANNOUNCEMENT

The Finnish Figure Skating Association is pleased to announce the 2010 FINLANDIA CUP International Synchronized Skating Competition for Novice, Junior and Senior categories.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Finlandia Cup will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2008, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating as well as all pertinent ISU Communications, including guidelines for Novice competitions.

Passports of all skaters must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification. Also the Release Letters for the skater that is not citizen of the team's country must be presented to the OC at time of accreditation.

All Skaters must be eligible persons in accordance with Rule 102 and members of their respective Associations in accordance with Rule 109 and ISU Communication 1420.

PLACE AND DATE

The Finlandia Cup 2010 will be held in Helsinki, from January 28 to 30, 2010.

ENTRIES

General

Entries must be accompanied by the official "ISU Declaration Form. The completed Declaration Form must be signed by the Team Captain for Synchronized Skating and also by all Officials (including team officials) appointed by the Member serving at the event (Judges, Team Leaders, and also those Coaches, Choreographers, Team Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Team Officials who are requesting accreditation for the Event).

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.

For more details please refer to Rules 115 and 137 and ISU Communication No. 1523 or any update of this Communication.

ENTRY FORMS

All teams and nominations of Judges must be entered through their respective Member Association/Federation.

Name of the Association / ISU Member / making the entry

- Category of the Teams
- Full names and dates of birth of the Skaters
- Name of the Team Leader and Coaches accompanying the Teams
- Full name of the Judge and ISU judging category

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by Thursday, October 29th, 2009 and all final entries by **Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the latest.**

The Announcement and Entry Forms are available at the website <http://www.finlandiacup.fi>

PANELS OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) Judge or two (2) Judges (in case that ISU Member enters two or more categories), listed on the ISU List of International Referees and Judges and /or the ISU Championships Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2009/2010.

The Panels of Judges will consist of seven (7) Judges. The panels will be drawn immediately after the closing date of entries. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result of the draw.

The Organizer will cover the travel expenses for **invited** Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controller, Data Operator and Video Replay Operator only. No reimbursement will be made on any airline ticket issued by any other agency or any other airline unless written permission is received from The Finnish Figure Skating Association. The Organizer will provide ground transportation for the invited Technical Panel, Referees and nominated Judges.

TECHNICAL DATA

All competition events and practice sessions will be held in Helsinki Ice Arena and practice arena, Nordenskiöldinkatu, 00250 Helsinki.

Categories Programs skated Duration

Novice Free Skating 3 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

Requirements according to the ISU Communication No. 1528

Junior Short Program max 2 min 50 sec

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008, Rule 905 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Free Skating 4 min, +/- 10 sec

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008, Rule 911 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Senior Short Program max 2 min 50 sec

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008, Rule 905 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Free Skating 4 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec

Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008, Rule 911 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

ACCOMMODATION

The Official Hotel for the Teams, Event Officials, Judges and Technical Panel is **Sokos Hotel Presidentti**. For rates and further information see Accommodation Form.

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Judges, Referees and Technical Panel

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodations and meals for all the Judges, Referees, Technical Panel, Data Operator and Replay Operator officiating in the competition, starting with dinner on Thursday January 28th, 2010 till breakfast on Sunday January 31, 2010.

MUSIC AND MEDIA INFORMATION, PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT SHEET

All Teams shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD or MD format, in accordance with Rule 724. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program must be listed for each Team on the official Music Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Teams.

In accordance with Rule 724, paragraph 1, all discs must show the Competition event, Team's name, 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 disc. In addition, teams must provide a back-up disk for each program.

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

The "Program Content Sheet" must return with the entry forms to the Organizer by given date. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet must be filled in precisely by each team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication. It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

Elements including judged step sequences must be marked on 2 separate lines so that the steps are marked first then the element, e.g. 1st line C+s and 2nd line C. In free skating transitions has to be included and preferably with the element that it is.

ACCREDITATION

Team's accreditation is at Sokos Hotel Presidentti on Wednesday and Thursday (Jan 26 and 27) and from Friday onwards at Helsinki Ice Arena.

DRAW AND JUDGES' MEETINGS

The draw for the starting order of the Short Program for Junior and Senior category will take place at the Main Rink on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 19:00.

The first Judges' Meeting and Draw will be held at the Main Rink on Thursday, January 28th, 2010 beginning 18:00. The Referees and Technical Panel Meeting will be held at the Main Rink on Thursday, January 28th, 2010 at 17:00.

The Round Table Discussions will be held on Sunday, January 31st from 8.00 to 11.00, each category's meeting lasting maximum an hour in the hotel's meeting room.

MEDICAL SERVICE

Emergency medical service will be provided for all teams at the competition events and official practice sessions. Each Team Manager should be able to give important medical information for each skater for use in case of emergency/accident (such as allergies, current medications, blood type, use of glasses, etc.).

ANTIDOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (ISU Communications 1447 and 1448 and any further updates of these Communications).

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the Finlandia Cup, 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 Finnish Figure Skating Association and the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the Finlandia Cup by Competitors and Officials.

The Organizer will provide emergency medical services for all Skaters and Officials at the competition and official practice sites.

PRELIMINARY TIME SCHEDULE

Wednesday January 27, 2010

Accreditation Sokos Hotel Presidentti

Thursday January 28, 2010

Accreditation Sokos Hotel Presidentti
07.00 - 19.00 Extra practice ice
17.00 Meeting for Referees, Technical Controllers and
Technical Specialists
18.00 Judges Meeting
19.00 Draw for Junior and Senior Short Program
20.00 Officials dinner

Friday January 29, 2010

Accreditation for Novice Teams Helsinki Ice Arena
08.30 Official Practice JUNIOR Short Program / Main Rink
11.00 Official Practice SENIOR Short Program / Main Rink
12.55 Official Practice NOVICE Free Skating / Main Rink
16:00 Draw for Novice Free Skating

17.00 **Opening Ceremony**
17.30 **JUNIOR Short Program**
19.30 **SENIOR Short Program**
21.00 Draw for Junior and Senior Free Skating

Saturday January 30, 2010

07.30 Official Practice NOVICE Free Skating
09:40 Official Practice JUNIOR Free Skating
12:35 Official Practice SENIOR Free Skating

15.30 **NOVICE Free Skating**
17:10 **JUNIOR Free Skating**
19:45 **SENIOR Free Skating**
21.30 **Award Ceremony Novice, Junior, Senior**

Sunday January 31, 2010

08.00 - 11.00 **Round Table Discussions** [Referees, Technical
Controllers and Judges]
Departures

The Organizer reserves the right to make changes to this announcement.