

FINLANDIA TROPHY

ANNOUNCEMENT

**International Figure Skating Competition
for Senior Ladies, Men and Ice Dance**

October 6 - 9, 2011

Vantaa, Finland



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The Finnish Figure Skating Association is pleased to announce the 2011 FINLANDIA TROPHY International Senior Competition in Figure Skating for Ladies, Men and Ice Dance. An ISU Recognized Singles & Pairs Judges' Seminar will be held in connection with the competition.

GENERAL

The 16th Finlandia Trophy will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2010, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Figure Skating and Ice Dance, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the Finlandia Trophy is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member, 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. b) and paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420. Passports of all skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

PLACE AND DATE

The Finlandia Trophy 2011 will be held in Vantaa, at the Valtti Areena, from October 6 to October 9, 2011. The ice rink is situated 5 km from the Helsinki-Vantaa airport and about 30 minutes by car or 20 minutes by train from Helsinki.

TECHNICAL DATA

All competition events and practice sessions will be held in Vantaa, at the Valtti Areena main and practice arena. Both rinks are indoor and heated. **Both rinks measure 28 m x 58 m.**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Programs skated</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Program Component factors</i>
Ladies	Short Program	max 2 min 50 sec	0.8
	Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, paragraphs 1 and 2 and and all pertinent ISU Communications.		
	Free Skating	4 min, +/- 10 sec	1.6
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 512 and and all pertinent ISU Communications.			
Men	Short Program	max 2 min 50 sec	1.0
	Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, paragraphs 1 and 2 and and all pertinent ISU Communications.		
	Free Skating	4 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec	2,0
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 512 and and all pertinent ISU Communications.			

Ice Dance Short Dance 2 min 50 sec, +/- 10 sec factors according to Rule 353
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

The composition of the Short Dance in the season 2011-2012 contains 5 required elements:

- 2 Required Elements in the Pattern Dance part: Senior – Two (2) sequences of Rhumba, either skated one after the other or not skated one after the other.
- 3 Required Elements in the Creative part (Short Lift, Not Touching Circular Step Sequence and Set of Sequential Twizzles).

The music for the entire Short Dance (including music for specified Pattern Dance) is provided by the couple and may be vocal. The Pattern Dance Elements can be skated to any of the following Rhythms – Latin American Rhythms: Cha Cha, Rhumba, Samba, Mambo, Merengue (both elements to the same or one element to one Rhythm and the second element to a different Rhythm). The music for the specified Pattern dance must be within the announced tempo range (43 - 45 measures of four beats per minute). The tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance must be constant.

The choreography of the Creative part may be to the same rhythm as the specific Pattern Dance (Rhumba) or to be one or two of the rhythms chosen from the following Latin American Rhythms: Cha Cha, Rhumba, Samba, Mambo, Merengue.

Free Dance 4 min, +/- 10 sec factors according to Rule 353
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

ENTRIES

Citizen / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure: In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU 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.

The Organizer will preferably accept skaters and couples having taken part in the finals of the Senior or Junior ISU Championships of the last two (2) seasons. The Organizer reserves the right to limit the number of entries. The Organizer confirms the accepted skater(s) after the closing date for entries. A maximum of 20 Ladies and Men and 12 Ice Dance couples will be accepted.

All competitors must be entered and all judges nominated only through their respective Member Association/Federation.

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by Thursday, August 11, 2011 and all final entries on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at the latest.

Entries and nominations must be made on the official form(s) and sent to:

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Finnish Figure Skating Association

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The Announcement and the entry forms are also available at our website:

<http://www.finlandiatrophy.com>

PANELS OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) International Judge or ISU Judge per discipline educated in the ISU Judging System, double duty Judges are welcome. The Panels of Judges will consist of seven (7) Judges in the Ladies' and Men's events and of five (5) in Ice Dance. The panels will be drawn immediately after the closing of entries. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result of the draw.

ACCOMMODATION

The official hotel is the Bonus Inn Hotel, Elannontie 9, FI-01510 Vantaa. The hotel room rates will be communicated in August to Members that have sent the preliminary entry form.

Competitors

For the Competitors, accommodation in shared double rooms including breakfast will be provided at the Bonus Inn Hotel from October 6 to 10 for Ladies and Ice Dance couples and for Men from October 6 to 9. Competitors wishing to stay in a single room are requested to pay the difference in the price between a single and a double room upon arrival at the hotel.

Judges, Referees and Technical Panel

The Organizer will provide accommodation and meals for all drawn Judges, the invited Referees and the Technical Panel at the above mentioned hotel beginning with dinner on Thursday, October 6, through breakfast on Monday, October 10, 2011.

Other Team Members

For other team members (Team Leaders, Coaches and chaperons), rooms can be booked at the Bonus Inn.

All bookings are to be made with the Organizer by September 1, 2011. If the Team Leader, Coach or chaperon wishes to share a double room with the Competitor, half of the double room rate will be charged. The Organizer cannot guarantee availability of rooms for bookings which are received after that date. All payments shall be made upon arrival at the hotel. The number of three-bed rooms is limited.

MUSIC AND MEDIA INFORMATION, PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT SHEET

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD or MD format, 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 Skating Program for Singles, and for the Short and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance 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 discs must show the Competition event, Competitor'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, short dance, free dance) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc. In addition, competitors/couples must provide a back-up disc for each program.

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

The "Program Content Sheet" must be returned with the entry forms to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet must be filled in precisely by each skater/couple 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.

REGISTRATION

Accreditation will take place at the official hotel, the Bonus Inn. The accreditation desk will open at 09.00 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2011. All persons to be accredited are kindly asked to accredit upon arrival.

Accreditation will be given to Finlandia Trophy Officials and ISU Office Holders. Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all drawn Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members, provided that they are Board Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Association/Federation, and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association.

Chaperons (only one per skater) will receive a permit for joining the shuttle bus from the hotel to the ice rink and back.

DRAW AND JUDGES' MEETINGS

The draw for the starting order of the Short Program/Short Dance will take place after the practice session for each discipline on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Main Rink.

The first Judges' Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 17.30 at the Bonus Inn Hotel. The Round Table Discussions will take place on Saturday night (Men) October 8, 2011 and Sunday (Ice Dance and Ladies), October 9, 2011, after the competition. The venue for the meetings will be informed to the Judges at the first Judges' meeting.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

The Official Hotel is located approximately 6 km from the Ice Rink. Shuttle buses between the Hotel and the Ice Rink will be provided by the Organizer from Thursday to Sunday.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

The Officials and Competitors are kindly requested to make use of the shuttle bus service, free of charge, from the airport to the Bonus Inn Hotel and back.

RESULTS, PRIZES and ISU WORLD STANDINGS

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2010, Rules 352 and 353.

The Organizer will award 1 000 € to the skaters placed 1st in Men's and Ladies' categories and 1 500 € for the Ice Dance couple placed 1st. Payments will be made through the respective National Associations as per ISU Rule 102. The withholding tax will be deducted according to the Finnish law.

ISU World Standing points will also be awarded according to the "World Standings Procedure", that can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org) under Single & Pairs/Ice Dance – World Standings.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests may be carried out as per ISU Communication 1650 and 1651 or any later update of the Communications.

LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119 it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in the Finlandia Trophy 2011 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 Finnish Figure Skating Association assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

PUBLICITY WAIVER

The Finlandia Trophy 2011 will be televised either in whole or in part, for showing on a worldwide basis. The competitors hereby consent to the use of their name, biography etc. on or in connection with any television or radio program, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicising of such program as may be designed by the Organizer and waives all rights to remuneration. The foregoing is subject to assurance that the eligible status of the competitor will be fully protected by the Finnish Figure Skating Association.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

The final Schedule of all the events, with practice sessions and practice groups, will be given upon arrival. Official Practice sessions will begin on Friday, October 8 at 8.00.

Thursday, October 6	Unofficial practice (pr. rink)	11.00 - 19.00
	Judges' Meeting	17.30
Friday, October 7	Practice (Men/Ice Dance/Ladies)	8.00 - 16.00
	Short Program, Men	17.00 - 20.00
	Short Dance	20.00 - 22.00
Saturday, October 8	Practice (Ladies/Men/Ice Dance)	7.00 - 15.00
	Short Program, Ladies	15.30 - 18.30
	Free Skating and Awards, Men	18.30 - 22.30
	Judges' Round Table Discussion/ Men	
Sunday, October 9	Practice (Ice Dance/Ladies)	7.00 - 11.30
	Free Dance	12.00 - 14.00
	Free Skating, Ladies	14.30 - 17.45
	Awards, Ice Dance and Ladies	
	Judges' Round Table Discussion/ Ice Dance and Ladies	

Welcome to Vantaa!

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