

FINLANDIA TROPHY

ANNOUNCEMENT

International Figure Skating Competition

for Senior Ladies, Men and Ice Dance

October 8 - 11, 2009

Vantaa, Finland



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The Finnish Figure Skating Association is pleased to announce the 2009 FINLANDIA TROPHY International Senior Competition in Figure Skating for Ladies, Men and Ice Dance.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The 14th Finlandia Trophy will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2008, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Figure Skating and Ice Dance, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General 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. Passports of all skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All Competitors 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 Trophy 2009 will be held in Vantaa, at the Valtti Areena, from October 8 to October 11, 2009. 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.

ENTRIES

All competitors 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 Competitors
- Full names and dates of birth of the Competitors
- Name of the Team Leader and Coaches accompanying the Competitors
- Full name of the Judge and ISU judging category

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by Friday, August 7, 2009 and all final entries on **Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at the latest.**

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

<http://www.finlandiatrophy.com>

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.

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.

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>Categories</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 2008, Rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 2 and all pertinent ISU Communications.		
	Free Skating	4 min, +/- 10 sec	1.6
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 520 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 2008, Rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 2, 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 2008, Rule 520 and all pertinent ISU Communications.			
Ice Dance	Compulsory dance		
In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2008, Rule 639 paragraphs 1 & 2 and ISU Communication 1567, the Compulsory Dance will be # 11 Golden Waltz.			
	Original Dance	2 min 30 sec, +/- 10 sec	factors according to Rule 353
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2008, Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications.			
The rhythm for the Original Dance is Folk/Country Dance			
Any type of Folk/Country Dance music can be used. For the chosen type, there are no restrictions on the number of musical selections. Although the dance may consist of different musical selections, fast and/or slow, there must be a consistent theme based on a specific country or region.			
Variations of tempo within one selection of music are permitted. Each selection of music may have different tempo. Vocal music is permitted.			
	Free Dance	4 min, +/- 10 sec	factors according to Rule 353
Requirements according to the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2008, Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communications.			

ACCOMMODATION and MEALS

Competitors

For the Competitors, accommodation in shared double rooms including breakfast will be provided at the Bonus Inn Hotel, Elannontie 9, FI-01510 Vantaa from October 8 to 12. Competitors wishing to stay in a single room, are requested to pay the difference, € 25 / night, 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 8, through breakfast on Monday, October 12, 2009.

Other Team Members

For other team members (Team Leaders, Coaches and chaperons), rooms can be booked at the Bonus Inn at the rate of € 70 / night / single room or € 90 / night / double room. The rates include breakfast and VAT. All bookings are to be made with the Organizer by September 4, 2009. If the Team Leader, Coach or chaperon wishes to share the room with the Competitor, € 45 / night will be charged. The Organizer cannot guarantee availability of rooms at the above-mentioned rates for bookings which are received after that date. All payments shall be made upon arrival at the hotel.

MUSIC AND MEDIA INFORMATION, PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT SHEET

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on cassette, 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 Original 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, 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, original dance, free dance) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc or cassette. In addition, competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive or cassette 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 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. **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 8, 2009. 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/Compulsory Dance will take place after the practice session for each discipline on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at the Main Rink.

The first Judges' Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 17 at the Main Rink. The Round Table Discussions will take place on Saturday night (Men) October 10, 2009 and Sunday (Ice Dance and Ladies), October 11, 2009, after the competition. The venue for the meetings will be informed to the Judges at the first Judges' meeting.

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 9 at 7.30.

Thursday, October 8	Unofficial practice (pr. rink)	12.00 - 19.15
	Judges' Meeting	17.00
Friday, October 9	Practice	8.15 - 15.00
	Compulsory Dance	16.00 - 17.30
	Short Program, Men	18.00 - 20.35
Saturday, October 10	Practice	7.00 - 13.45
	Original Dance	14.30 - 16.15
	Short Program, Ladies	16.45 - 19.00
	Free Skating and Awards, Men	19.15 - 22.00
	Judges' Round Table Discussion/ Men	
Sunday, October 11	Practice	7.00 - 11.00
	Free Dance	12.00 - 14.05
	Free Skating, Ladies	14.20 - 17.00
	Awards, Ice Dance and Ladies	
	Judges' Round Table Discussion/ Ice Dance and Ladies	

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.

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.

PRIZES

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 taxes, if any, will be deducted according to the individual government's law.

ISU WORLD STANDINGS

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 1546 and 1547 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 2009 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.

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 2009 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.

Welcome to Vantaa!

FINNISH FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

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