



Announcement

Nordics Open 2018

International Competition for

Senior Ladies and Men

January 31 - February 4, 2018
Rovaniemi, Finland

www.stll.fi/luistelijalle/nordics-2018

INTRODUCTION

The **Nordics Open** for Senior Ladies and Men is a part of “The Nordics” which includes Juniors and Advanced Novice.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Nordics Open will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Figure Skating & Ice Dance 2016, as well as all updated ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Nordics Open** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, 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 ISU Communication 2030 or any update of this Communication. Passports/EU ID cards of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

Please note that The Nordics for Junior and Advanced Novice, which is only open to the Nordic Members, will take place at the same time. Details are stated in a separate announcement.

TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE **Main arena (MR): Lappi Areena**, Hiihtomajantie 6 96400 Rovaniemi
An indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 28 x 58 m, air-conditioned and heated,
Practice arena (PR): Lappi Areena, Hiihtomajantie 6 96400 Rovaniemi
An indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 26 x 56 m, air-conditioned and heated

The main venue is located 3 km from the City Center of Rovaniemi, and 10 km from Rovaniemi International Airport.

SENIOR CATEGORIES

SENIOR 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. and 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.
SENIOR 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 3 for 2017/18. Duration: 2 min. and 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.



ENTRIES

The preliminary entries must be send through this [weblink](#). Preliminary Entries of Competitors, Judges and Technical Panels must be sent to the Organizer by **November 30th 2017 – 20:00 local time Finland**.

All links and forms are available latest from November 13th, 2017 on the competition website www.stll.fi/luistelijalle/nordics-2018.

Complete Final Entry Forms must reach the organizer by **January 3rd 2018 – 20:00 local time Finland** at the latest.

Entries of competitors

Citizen / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure: In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication 2030 or any update of it, all skaters who do not have the Nationality of the Member, which they have been entered or who although having such nationality, have in the past representing another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

Each ISU Member has the right to enter competitors as follows:

The Nordic Countries
3 Senior Men
3 Senior Ladies

All ISU Members
1 Senior Men
1 Senior Lady

The registration of all competitors must be entered and all judges nominated only through their respective Member Association/Federation. The age of each competitor must be stated on the Entry Form and be clearly documented.

Entries of officials

The host Nordic country member is responsible for appointing Referees and Technical panels for all categories, following initial suggestions from the Nordic country members as well as for the appointment of the Judges panels.

Each Nordic country member is responsible for providing at least one (1) international or ISU level judge, and at least one (1) technical panel member, but maximum two (2) Technical Controllers or Specialists.

The Host country completes the panels of Officials according to the ISU Rules and relevant Communications regarding world standing points and officials' activity.

Entry fee

The entry fee is **75 €** per skater. The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason. Entry fee must be paid by **January 10th, 2018** through individual web-link you will be given after you have submitted the preliminary entry.

EXPENSES

Each participating Member must bear all expenses for their Competitors, Judges, Technical Panel (TC/TS/DO/RO), Team Leaders and Coaches. The meals (lunch and dinner) and pocket money for the Technical Panel members are borne by the Organizer.

If a Nordic country does not provide a judge and a technical panel person from their own country, the Country must cover the costs of one judge/technical panel person invited by the organizer. Travel and accommodation expenses will be paid only for the invited Referees, invited Technical Panel Members and invited Judges from outside Nordic countries.

Hotel rooms must be booked through the Organizer **only**.

MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1 all Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality in digital audio file. Music files must be submitted on CD or any other transportable independent free accessible medium on site at the time of registration. The medium with the music files will be kept until the end of the competition.



Each program (short/free) must be recorded on one track respectively on a separate disc. Discs must show the competition event, competitors name, nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal.

If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

The "Planned Program Content Sheet" and "Music Information form" must be returned with the entry forms no later than **January 10th, 2018**. The Planned Program Content Sheet must be filled in precisely by each skater 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.

The Organizing Committee kindly asks all Members to send their National Anthem, thank you.

Please return music (prefer to mp3 or mp4), Music Information form and Planned Program Content sheet no later than **January 10th, 2018** through individual web-link you will be given after you have submitted the preliminary entry.

REGISTRATION

Accreditation will be given to all Referees, Judges, Technical Panels, Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches and Representatives from each Member Federation. Accreditation will be given at the official hotel upon arrival.

Please note that the starting order for the Free Skating will be reverse starting order from the result of the Short Program.

RESULTS, FREE SKATING STARTING ORDER and ISU WORLD STANDINGS

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016, Rules 352 and 353.

The starting order for the Free Skating and Free Dance will be in reverse order of the result of the Short Program/Dance according to ISU Rule 513 2.

ISU World Standing points will be awarded in the Senior Men's and Ladies' category according to the "World Standings Procedure", that can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org), <http://www.isu.org/inside-single-pair-skating-ice-dance/entries-results-fs/standings>.

AWARDS

The three best-placed Competitors in each event will be announced and honored at the official Victory Ceremony. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flag of the medal winners hoisted.

LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each member participation in The Nordics 2018, 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 of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means. The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred by competitors and officials.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests may be carried out in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures (ISU Communication 1922 and 2117 or any further update of this Communication)



ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Official hotel:

Santasport, Hiihtomajantie 2, 96400 Rovaniemi

Hotel accommodation must be booked through the Organizer. The Hotel Form must be sent latest **January 10th, 2018** through individual web-link you will be given after you have submitted the preliminary entry.

Accommodation at [Kammi](#) and [Sporthotel](#). We recommend that rooms for Officials will be reserved from Sporthotel. All room rates include breakfast, VAT and free Wi-Fi.

Kammi prices

- Single room 95 €/ night
- Double room 140 €/ night/room
- Three bed room 185 €/ night/room

Sporthotel prices

- Single room 160 €/ night
- Double room 200 €/ night/room
- Four bed room 325 €/ night/room

Meals

Teams can book meal tickets per day which include lunch and dinner. Cost of pre-ordered meal ticket, lunch and dinner, is 20 €/ day. On-site purchased meal ticket(s) are more expensive.

SantaSport Banquet

Banquet for the Officials, coaches and skaters will be held on **Friday evening** at the SantaSport hotel. The dinner cost is 20 €/ person. If participant does not order lunch for Friday, the price is 30 €/ person.

All meal tickets must be booked by each Member through individual web-link you will be given after you have submitted the preliminary entry and meals must be paid by **January 10th, 2018**.

Meal tickets will be distributed to the Team Leaders at the time of registration according to bookings. Locations for meals will be announced in due time.

TRANSPORTATION

The international airport in Rovaniemi (RVN) is 10 km from Santasport.

Transportation will be offered between the Airport and the official hotel for 20 €/ person/ one way. Please indicate your arrival and departure information via [web link](#) by **January 10th, 2018**.

INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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FORMS AND RETURN DATES

Form 01A Preliminary Entry Form	November 30, 2017	web form
Form 01 Composition of Delegation	January 3, 2018	word form
Form 02 Entry Form for Competitors	January 3, 2018	web form
Form 03 Hotel Form	January 10, 2018	web form
Form 04 Team Travel Form	January 10, 2018	web form
Form 05 Planned Program Content	January 10, 2018	word form
Form 06 Music Information	January 10, 2018	word form
Form 07 Meals and Official Dinner	January 10, 2018	web form
Form 08 Entry Form for Judges and Technical Panels	January 3, 2018	web form

Please note

- All links and forms will be available latest from November 13th, 2017 on the competition website www.stll.fi/luistelijalle/nordics-2018.
- After you have sent the preliminary entry you will be given, sent by e-mail, individual web-link for forms and information that are due January 10th 2018.



PRELIMINARY TIME SCHEDULE

Wednesday	All day	Arrival of teams
January 31, 2018	09:00 - 17:00	Unofficial practice - Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior
	14:00 - 18:00	Motoric Learning and Versatility Skill Training Seminar
	17:00 - 18:15	Judges meeting and seating order draw
	18:30 - 19:00	Technical Panel Meeting - Official hotel
	19:00	Draw at the Official hotel
	-	Advanced Novice Girls & Boys, Junior Ladies & Men
Thursday	07:00 - 12:00	Practice – Advanced Novice SP & Junior SP
February 1, 2018	12:00 - 16:00	Practice (unofficial) – Senior
	12:00	ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS – SP
	14:40	ADVANCED NOVICIE BOYS – SP
	15:30	Opening on ice
	16:00	JUNIOR LADIES – SP
	19:00	JUNIOR MEN – SP
Friday	07:00 - 12:00	Practice: Advanced Novice
February 2, 2018	07:00 - 15:00	Practice: Senior and Junior
	08:00 - 10:00	Nordic Meeting – Official hotel
	10:30	The Nordics Open Draw – Senior Men & Ladies– Official hotel
	12:00	ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS – FS
	15:00	ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS – FS
	16:15	Victory Ceremony Advanced Novice Girls & Boys
	16:30 - 18:30	Nordic Open Seminar – Official hotel
	18:30 - 21:00	SantaSport Banquet – Official Hotel
Saturday	06:30 - 12:00	Practice: Junior Men FS & Senior SP
February 3, 2018	08:00	RTD Advanced Novice Girls – Official hotel
	09:00	RTD Advanced Novice Boys – Official hotel
	10:00	SENIOR MEN The Nordics Open – SP
	11:30	SENIOR LADIES The Nordics Open – SP
	14:10	JUNIOR MEN – FS
	16:30	JUNIOR LADIES – FS
	19:40	Victory Ceremony Junior Ladies & Men
	Sunday	06:00 - 09:00
February 4, 2018	07:00	RTD Junior Ladies – Official Hotel
	08:00	RTD Junior Men – Official Hotel
	09:30	SENIOR MEN The Nordics Open – FS
	11:20	SENIOR LADIES The Nordics Open – FS
	14:10	Victory Ceremony Senior Men & Ladies
	14:30	RTD Senior Ladies
	15:30	RTD Senior Men

Please note! The schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries and other final changes.

**We look forward seeing you at
The Nordics 2018!**

