



Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18



SKATECANADA

Autumn Classic
INTERNATIONAL

2017 Autumn Classic International

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

September 20 – 23, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENT

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An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance

organized by



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A competition as part of the



Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **2017 Autumn Classic International** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **2017 Autumn Classic International** 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.

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

All competitors must be entered through their respective Member Federation.

2. ISU CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING

The **2017 Autumn Classic International** is part of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 and will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as specified in the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 as well as ISU Communication 2074.

If the requirements specified in the above-mentioned documents are fulfilled the event will count towards ISU World Standing Points, Minimum Total Technical Score, ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking and Prize Money.

There is a limitation for the Skaters/Couples to three (3) participations in the events of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating. Participation in any of an ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events or an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events does not limit the participation in events of the ISU Challenger Series.

ISU CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING RANKING AND PRIZE MONEY

At the end of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating, after the last event of the season has been concluded, the two highest final scores in the up to three different ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating events of each competitor/couple will be added and taken into consideration to form an ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking which will be published on the ISU website.

The top three placed Skaters/Couples of the annual ISU Challenger Series Ranking in Figure Skating after the last event of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating will receive ISU Prize Money as outlined in the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 as well as ISU Communication 2074.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE **Main arena:** Sportplexe Pierrefonds
 14700 boulevard Pierrefonds, Pierrefonds, Quebec, Canada, H9H 4Y6
 (an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Practice arena: Sportplexe Pierrefonds
 14700 boulevard Pierrefonds, Pierrefonds, Quebec, Canada, H9H 4Y6
 (an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Main and Practice Rink are the same rink.

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., 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.
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 2. Duration: 2 min., 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.
PAIR SKATING	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2017/18. Duration: Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2016, Rule 621 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.
ICE DANCE	Short Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2076, 2086 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2076, 2086 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 General

All Entries must be made by the Member concerned based on the regulations for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18.

As started last season for ISU Championships, all entries for the **2017 Autumn Classic International**, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

4.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: **Friday, August 4, 2017** by entering the information through ORS.

4.3 Entries by Name

4.3.1 Entries of Competitors

The Organizer reserves the right to limit the number of entries as required. The organizer will confirm the accepted skater(s) after the closing date for entries.

The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS):

<https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

Skate Canada

Box 15, 261-1200 St Laurent Blvd.
Ottawa, Ontario, K1K 3B8, Canada
Email: 2017aci@skatecanada.ca

and to:

ISU Secretariat
fax: +41 21 612 66 77
e-mail: entries@isu.ch

not later than: **Friday, August 18, 2017 – 20:00 h (EST).**

The Organizer reserves the right to limit the number of entries as required. The organizer will confirm the accepted skater(s) after the closing date for entries.

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions".

In case of too many nominated judges the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the closing date for the entries. The result of such draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than: **Friday, August 18, 2017 – 20:00 h (EST)**.

Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 7 Judges. In exceptional cases and if there is no possibility to compose a panel of judges with at least 7 Judges, the ISU Vice-President Figure Skating may exceptionally authorize the panel in question to have a minimum of 6 Judges.

In case that at the time of the competition more Judges will be available and entered as required to compose the panels of Judges in one or more disciplines, the Organizing Member in consultation with the ISU will conduct on site, a draw for the panel of judges in the discipline in question for the first segment. The Judges, not drawn for the first segment will be seated for the second segment.

The panel for the second segment (Free Skating / Free Dance) will in this case be completed by an open draw amongst the Judges serving in the first segment of the discipline in question.

4.1.4 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Team Officials of each Member, including the Member President provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation, will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. An accompanying person to a Judge will only be accepted for accreditation if this person is a partner in life or a relative of the Judge. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and must reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than: **Friday, August 18, 2017 – 20:00 h (EST)**.

4.1.5 Entry Fee

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

\$95.00 CAD per single skater
\$135.00 CAD per pair or ice dance couple

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

Entry fees are required at time of final entries (no later than **Friday August 18, 2017**) and may be paid using a Bank Transfer (refer to Form 02 – Skate Canada Bank Information) or by Credit Card (please use Form 03 - Credit Card Authorization Form).

5. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

This ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 as well as ISU Communication 2074 and principles of Rule 420, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016 for appointing the event officials.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member. At least two (2) Technical Panel members will have the qualification "ISU", however one of the three members may have the qualification "International".

The Referee will have at least the qualification "International" and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "International".

6. MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017** until breakfast on **Sunday, September 24, 2017**.

Should any of the above-mentioned persons 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 upon arrival.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators.

In accordance with the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2017/18 as well as ISU Communication 2074, all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges officiating in the "senior" competitions of an ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will, at the expense of the organizing ISU Member, receive pocket money of CHF 200.00 or the equivalent in the local currency. Any Official officiating besides in the "senior" category also in another category (for example junior), will at the expense of the organizing ISU Member receive an additional amount of CHF 100 (or equivalent in another currency) of pocket money per additional day of service.

Athletes and Team Officials are responsible for covering their own travel, accommodation and meal expenses.

7. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Thursday, September 21, 2017**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD or in any other approved format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all covers/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, short dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition, competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

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

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee in time, no later than **Friday, August 18, 2017**. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to **Montreal, Quebec, Canada** is **Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL)** with a distance of **11 km** to the official hotel.

The competitors, coaches and additional team officials are responsible for their own arrangements concerning ground transportation to and from the official hotel and the Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport. The official hotel has a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel. Participants/team are requested to contact the hotel directly to confirm the departure location and frequency of the shuttle in advance of arriving in Montreal.

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) Judges are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, August 18, 2017** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information need to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

10. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

Quality Suites Montréal Aéroport (Pointe-Claire)

6300 Autoroute Transcanadienne
Pointe-Claire, Quebec H9R 1B9, Canada
Telephone: 1.514.426.5060

[Website](#)

The hotel room rates are \$129 CAD plus applicable taxes.
(Member Federations will be staying at the Quality Suites)

Holiday Inn & Suites Pointe-Claire Montreal Airport

6700 Autoroute Transcanadienne
Pointe-Claire, Quebec H9R 1C2, Canada
Telephone: 1.514.697.7110

[Website](#)

The hotel room rates are \$153 CAD plus applicable taxes.
(Member Federations will be staying at the Holiday Inn & Suites)

Courtyard Marriott West Island/Baie-d'Urfe

20000 Autoroute Transcanadienne
Baie d'Urfe, Quebec, H9X 0B3, Canada
Telephone: 1.514.674.8000

[Website](#)

The hotel room rates are \$149 CAD plus applicable taxes.
(Officials will be staying at the Courtyard)

Booking requests must be sent to the organizer by latest **Friday, August 18, 2017** using the Online Registration System (ORS). The Hudson Travel Group (HTG) will provide further instructions regarding reservation confirmation and payment information.

The organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are received after that date.

Transportation will only operate between the Official Hotel(s) and the arena.

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Sportplexe Pierrefonds** upon arrival.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their 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 ISU Member. **The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.**

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

Chaperones will not receive accreditation. The Team Leader may request "bus permits" for the official registered Chaperones to join the official transportation system of the Organizing Committee.

12. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

13. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

14. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation 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 of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

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

15. EXHIBITION

There is no exhibition planned.

16. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS and JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 18.

17. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

Skate Canada

Box 15, 261-1200 St Laurent Blvd.
Ottawa, Ontario, K1K 3B8, Canada
Phone: 1.888.747.2372
Email: 2017aci@skatecanada.ca

18. EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 20, 2017	All day	Arrival of teams, officials	
	15:00	Data Specialist Meeting	
	17:30	LADIES – Technical Panel Meeting	
	20:30	Referee & Technical Controllers Meeting	
	21:30	Initial Judges Meeting	
Thursday, September 21, 2017	9:30	PAIRS – Technical Panel Meeting	
	9:40	Official Practice	
	11:00	DANCE – Technical Panel Meeting	
	12:30	MEN – Technical Panel Meeting	
	18:40	LADIES – Short Program	
Friday, September 22, 2017	9:40	Official Practice	
	17:20	PAIRS – Short Dance	
	18:40	ICE DANCE – Short Program	
	20:10	Men – Short Program	
Saturday, September 23, 2017	7:30	Official Practice	
	13:15	LADIES – Free Skating	
	15:15	PAIRS – Free Dance	
	15:30	LADIES – Technical Panel Review	
	16:50	ICE DANCE – Free Skating	
	17:00	PAIRS – Technical Panel Review	
	18:30	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review	
	18:35	MEN – Free Skating	
	20:30	MEN – Technical Panel Review	
	21:00	LADIES – Round Table Discussion for Judges	
	21:00	MEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges	
	Victory Ceremonies will take place off-ice following the completion of each event, with the exception of Senior Men		
	Sunday, September 23, 2017	8:00	ICE DANCE – Round Table Discussion for Judges
9:00		PAIRS – Round Table Discussion for Judges	

Please note: This schedule is subject to change and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.

FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Preliminary Entry Form	ORS	August 4, 2017
N/A	Composition of Delegation	ORS	August 18, 2017
N/A	Entry Form for Competitors	ORS	August 18, 2017
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	ORS	August 18, 2017
N/A	Hotel Reservation Request	ORS	August 18, 2017
N/A	Team Travel Form	ORS	August 18, 2017
Form 01	Visa request form	Form	August 18, 2017
Form 02	Skate Canada Bank Information	Form	August 18, 2017
Form 03	Credit Card Authorization Form	Form	August 18, 2017
Form 04	Press Information	Form	August 18, 2017
Form 05	Competition Music Information	Form	August 18, 2017
Form 06	Ice Dance Music Information	Form	August 18, 2017
Form 07	Skater Health Care	Form	August 18, 2017
Form 08	Program Content Form	Form	August 18, 2017