



ZAGREB 
SNOWFLAKES
TROPHY 2017

ANNOUNCEMENT

15th ZAGREB SNOWFLAKES TROPHY

INTERNATIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMPETITION FOR
SENIORS, JUNIORS AND ADVANCED NOVICES

December 8 – 10, 2017

Zagreb, Croatia

Hosted by:

CROATIAN SKATING FEDERATION

Organized by:

ZAGREB SNOWFLAKES SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CLUB

**BECOME THE STARS OF A SKATING HOLIDAY IN ZAGREB,
EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF NUMBER 1 ADVENT DESTINATION IN EUROPE,
COME TO THE 15TH ZAGREB SNOWFLAKES TROPHY, DECEMBER 9-10, 2017**

Dear synchro-friends,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to honour us with your presence at the great skating event, for both Croatian and world skating, in Zagreb, on December 7 - 10, 2017.

The oldest ISU Figure Skating competition „The Golden Spin of Zagreb“ is celebrating its 50th anniversary, the „Synchronized Skating Club Zagreb Snowflakes“ its 20th birthday (founded on December 10th, 1997) and the „Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy“ will have its 15th edition.

Our wish is that we celebrate these momentous occasions by holding our first joined figure and synchronized skating competition. This veritable spectacle aims to show all the splendour of both individual and team skating at the same time.

Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy shares its name with the Synchronized Skating Club that has 7 teams with over 180 members which is no small feat in a country with only two closed ice rinks. Since its first competition, there were only three occasions where it was not held – in 2004, 2009 and 2015 – when World Synchronized Skating Championships and World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships were held instead.

Next year, Zagreb will host the World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships for the second time, adding to the two World Synchronized Skating Championships and two World Junior Challenge Cup that were already held. This makes Zagreb, in basketball words, the first „triple-double“ city in the world in organizing all major synchronized skating competitions.

Due to the World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 16-17, 2018), there will be no Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy in 2018. That's why this year we decided to have two!

We made this decision so that we can celebrate all these anniversaries in style but primarily because we think the synchronized skating competition season should be longer. This should also be a step forward on the road to the Winter Olympic Games in 2022. A short competitive season was one of the obstacles in the attempt to reach the Olympic dream in 2018.

It is our great pleasure to invite the teams in junior, senior and advanced novice category to the 15th Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy which will be held on December 9 (Saturday) & 10 (Sunday), 2017.

Enjoy the Trophy and be the part of the half century celebration of the ISU long lasting figure skating competition! Experience the magic of Advent in Zagreb, officialy Number 1 Advent Destination and Best Christmas Market in Europe in 2016 & 2017, with plenty of fun, unique events and a genuine Christmass atmosphere on the streets of Croatian's capital!

Come to Zagreb and, ahead of the 2018 Winter Olympic games, let's prove that the best synchro-teams already belong there!

**CROATIAN SKATING FEDERATION
ZAGREB SNOWFLAKES SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CLUB**

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2016 as well as all pertinent ISU Communications i.e. ISU Communication No 2024 and 2008.

Participation in Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy is open to all teams who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided the ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 4 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements according to Rule 109 and ISU Communication No. 2030 (or any update of this Communication).

2. TECHNICAL DATA

The Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy will take place at the “Dom sportova” ice rink with the **ice surface of 30 m x 60 m**. Dom sportova is indoor, heated, air conditioned and artificial ice rink.

Senior Teams

shall consist of 16 skaters, whom must have reached at least the age of 15 by July 1, 2017

Short Program:	maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds	Factor 0,8
Free Skating Program:	4 minutes 30 seconds (± 10 seconds)	1,6

Junior Teams

shall consist of 16 skaters, who must have reached at least the age of 13 but not have reached the age 19 by July 1, 2017

Short Program:	maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds	Factor 0,8
Free Skating Program:	4 minutes (± 10 seconds)	1,6

Advanced Novice Teams

shall consist of 16 skaters, whom must have reached the age of 10 but not have reached the age of 15, by July 1, 2017

Free Skating Program:	3 minutes 30 seconds (± 10 seconds)	Factor 1,0
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3. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

Preliminary entries (by number) must reach the Organizing Committee no later than **September 15, 2017**.

Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee no later than **October 15, 2017**. Entries must be made by the Member concerned. Receipt of the entries will be confirmed in writing by the Organizers to the Members. Entry forms listing Competitors and substitutes must be sent to:

ZAGREB SNOWFLAKES TROPHY
Trg Kresimira Cosica 11
HR 10000 Zagreb
Fax ++385 1 3093 547
E-Mail: synchro@croskate.hr

Accreditation will be provided for official registered Team members and Officials in Hotel Panorama, starting on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 10:00 hours.

The Team Leaders/ Managers are requested to bring **copies of passports of all skaters** (a Team-folder, sorted in alphabetical order) and present at the time of registration. These will be checked before the Opening Draw.

Please enclose Team photo.

3.1. ENTRY FEE

An entry fee of 450.- EUR per Senior, Junior and Advanced Novices teams is required at the time of application, amount to be paid via Bank transfer.

Payment can be made no later than the Final Entry deadline on **October 15, 2017**. Payment must be made by bank transfer in EUR. Bank Fees have to be paid directly to the bank.

Should a Team withdraw from the Event after Final Entry deadline, the entry fee will not be refunded.

Payment details:

User name:	CROATIAN SKATING FEDERATION
User address:	Trg Kresimira Cosica 11, HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia
Bank name:	ERSTE&STEIERMARKISCHE BANK D.D.
Bank address:	Jadranski trg 3a, HR-51000 Rijeka, Croatia
BIC (SWIFT):	ESBCHR22
IBAN:	HR5724020061100499310
Amount:	450,00 EUR (Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice Teams)

4. OFFICIALS

In accordance with Rule 720, each participating ISU Member may nominate only one (1) Judge for the international competitions, listed on the ISU List of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2017/2018 and subsequent pertinent ISU Communications. For Novice Event organizer will accept national judges as well. The Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data Operators and Replay Operators will be nominated by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list for Synchronized Skating 2017/2018 and subsequent pertinent ISU Communications.



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The Organizer will cover the travel expenses for invited Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data Operators and Replay Operators only. Ordered flight tickets should be based on economy airfare. The Organizer will provide ground transportation for invited Technical Panel, the Referees and nominated Judges.

The Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all invited Technical Panel and Referees.

The Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all nominated Judges starting with lunch on Thursday, December 7 to lunch Monday, December 11, 2017.

Spouses and other persons accompanying teams are not included. All other expenses shall be the responsibility of each Official.

The Draw for the Panel of Judges will be made at the Judges Meeting, which will be held on Friday, December 8, 2017, in the afternoon, at the Panorama Zagreb Hotel.

The Judges Round Table Discussion will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 after the Award Ceremony in Dom sportova Arena.

5. OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL PRACTICES

Unofficial Practice for Teams will begin on **Thursday, December 7, 2017**.

Each Team will be allowed a 10 minutes period of Official Practice for the Short program and 12 minute period for the Free Skating program, free of charge.

The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

For Extra Practice Ice please see Form 4.

6. MUSIC

All Teams shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD. The disks must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the Team and by the Coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Each program (Short/Free) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disk. Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program (see Rule 823, paragraph 1).

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short and Free Skating programs must be listed for each team on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Forms as per Rule 869.

In accordance with Rule 823 all disks (or chosen media) must:

- be properly inserted in their original container
- be clearly identified with the name of the team
- indicate the type of program (Short Program/Free Skating)
- show the exact running time of the music (not skating time)

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

7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

All the Referees, Judges, Members of the Official Team Delegation taking part in the Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy are requested to inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **October 15, 2017**, on the enclosed forms, about the names of the airline company, flight numbers, dates and time of arrival in Zagreb.

The transportation to and from the airport/railway station can be arranged by the Organizer on Teams request for the Official Team Delegation and paid by the Teams themselves.

Transportation will be provided between the Zagreb International Airport (ZAG) and the Official Hotel for Referees and Judges and the Technical Panel only.

Teams arriving in Croatia by bus will be independent (organized parking place at the Panorama Zagreb Hotel or by Dom sportova Arena).

For the other Teams, a bus will be available at a cost (See **Form 8**).

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Panorama Zagreb Hotel is the official Hotel for Judges, Referees and Technical Panel. Teams will be accommodated at the same hotel. The Panorama Zagreb Hotel is located across the street from Dom sportova Arena. Transportation will not be necessary to and from the event.

PANORAMA ZAGREB HOTEL

Address: Trg Kresimira Cosica 9, HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia

Reservations have to be made directly to the Organizing Committee and will be done on a first come first serve basis.

Favorable conditions will be offered to the Teams (see Hotel conditions attached – **Form HP-Info** and **Form HP-Reservation**).

Accommodation and meals for participating Teams is at their own expense.

Only mentioned procedure and use of enclosed forms will guarantee favorable prices and accommodation conditions. Otherwise, Organizer does not accept any responsibility regarding to the hotel accommodation.

The Teams must make all requests for reservations of rooms at the Official Hotel **only and directly to the Organizing Committee** by October 15, 2017. The request shall include a preferred rooming list (by number – not by names).

The Official Hotel will not reserve rooms without the authorization of the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee will authorize the Official Hotel to reserve rooms, in accordance with the rooming list for the Teams once the request is received. Hotel will be reserved on the first come – first serve basis.

After authorization from the Organizing Committee, the hotel will confirm each request with the designated Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation.

As soon as the Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation receives the reservation confirmation from the Hotel, the Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation must transfer the advance deposits of 10% for all reservations to the Organizing Committee **by October 15, 2017 at the latest.**

There will be no refund of paid deposit of 10% for cancellation after November 10, 2017.

The remaining 90 % are to be paid latest upon arrival.

9. LIABILITY & INSURANCE

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 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 to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

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

10. MEDICAL INFORMATION

Each Team Manager should be able to give important medical information for each skater for use in case of an emergency or accident.

Such information should include but is not limited to the following, and will greatly help to local medical and emergency personnel:

- allergies,
- existing medical conditions (i.e. asthma),
- current medications,
- immunizations,
- blood type,
- use of glasses, contact lenses, dental appliances.

11. PUBLICITY WAIVER

Each individual and/or team, waive any and all rights to financial remuneration or other compensation for the use or reproduction of their image or likeness, or that of their synchronized skating team, and grant permission to use same, as or in publicity prior to, during or following the Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy, in Zagreb, Croatia.

12. AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each category.

Medals will be awarded to the skaters of the top three teams in each category.

13. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Croatian Skating Federation

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Fax: +385 1 3093 547

E-mail: synchro@croskate.hr

14. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, December 8, 2017	10,00 - 20,00	Official Registration of Teams	Hotel Panorama	
	Upon request	Extra Practice	Dom sportova	
	9,00 - 20,00	Arrival and Registration	Hotel Panorama	
	9,00 - 22,00	Extra Practice	Dom sportova	
	18,00	Referees and Technical Controller Meeting	Hotel Panorama	
	18,45	Judges Meeting	Hotel Panorama	
	19,30	Team Leaders Meeting	Hotel Panorama	
	20,00	Official Draw	Hotel Panorama	
	21,00	Officials Dinner	Hotel Panorama	
	Saturday, December 9, 2017		Official Practice	Dom sportova
			Competition	Dom sportova
14,00		Free Skating – Advanced Novices	Dom sportova	
15,00		Short Program - Juniors	Dom sportova	
16,00		Short program - Seniors	Dom sportova	
17,00		Award Ceremony – Adv. Novices	Dom sportova	
Sunday, December 10, 2017		Official Practice	Dom sportova	
		Competition	Dom sportova	
	14,00	Free Skating - Juniors	Dom sportova	
	15,00	Free Skating - Seniors	Dom sportova	
	16,00	Award Ceremony	Dom sportova	
	16,00	Round Table Discussion	Dom sportova	
	18,00	The Golden Spin and ZST GALA	Dom sportova	
	22,30	Team Party	Hotel Panorama	

Please note that this schedule is subject to change.