



ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Rostelecom Cup

Moscow Russia

16 - 18 Nov 2018 Moscow Russia

Media Information



Figure Skating Federation of Russia looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Rostelecom Cup in Moscow, Russia. The event will be held at the Sports Palace «Megasport» from November 16-18, 2018.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Moscow and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The press centre and press tribune will be open and operational for the first practice/training session on 15 November, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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Additional information and updates as required will be posted on the ISU website as they become available. If you need more information, or have questions, please contact:

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Media Accreditation

All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (www.isu.org) under «[Media Accreditation](#)».

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only.

Writing press, photographers, non-right holding media and freelancers

- **Writing Press** (newspaper, magazine, internet, agencies and ISU Member Federations): maximum two professionals per organization
- **Photographer**: maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)
- **Television non-right holder**: maximum three professionals per organization
- **Radio non-right holder**: maximum one professional per organization
- **Freelancer**: A freelance journalist or photographer is a full time professional editor or photographer, who is not employed by an agency or newspaper – a self-employed professional. A freelance editor or photographer must provide written evidence that he/she operates on behalf of a clearly identified media. A freelance editor or photographer operating under his/her own account will not be accepted.

The total number of accredited media representatives will be subject to capacity. The Organizing Committee (OC) and ISU reserve the right to refuse any accreditation should the number of applications exceed given space or if any requested information / documentation has not been provided in due time.

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **November 9, 2018**. All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information can be requested:

1. Copy of current professional media or journalist card
2. ID photo in .jpg.
3. *If not in possession of a professional media card, a comment must be added to the note box provided and a letter from your editor confirming your assignment must be uploaded to your application.*

Rights holding TV and radio

All right holding media must also apply for accreditation via OMAS. Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team media@isu.ch in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster:

1 Chanel – Teona Pernikova – Teo.pernikova@sport.1tv.ru, Teo.pernikova@gmail.com

Accreditation Confirmation

If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic email of confirmation will be issued. You may be asked to present a copy of the email of confirmation to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.

The Media ID Card will be issued and can be picked up at the Accreditation centre. The Accreditation center and Press center will be located in the Sports Palace «Megasport». Journalists should enter through the «red» ticket office. Orientation signs will guide you to it.

Visa Application

If you need assistance to obtain a Russian entry visa or require an official invitation letter, please contact the Organizing Committee Press Officer. It is highly recommended that you submit the below visa application form, with a good quality and readable copy of each person's passport, as soon as possible, but no later than **November 1, 2018** to the Organizing Committee. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

Visa application form:

You will find the Visa Application Form on the following link:

<https://www.isu.org/docman-documents-links/isu-files/event-documents/figure-skating-4/2018-19/gp-8/announcements-68/17964-gp-rus-visa-application-form>

Please fill in with type or write in capital letters and send this form in EXCEL format!

by email or fax to:

e-mail: press@dszm.ru

fax: +7 (495) 695-88-64

Media Facilities at the venue

Facilities offered to the media at the Media Center:

- Tables equipped with power supply (two power 220V sockets for each work place)
- Free cable internet connectivity (2 048 kbit/s)
- Free Wi-Fi internet access (802.11g, 2,4GHz, WPA password protection)
- CATV monitors (at the Media Center and Mixed Zone)
- Statistical monitors (at the Media Center and Mixed Zone)

Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition.

The Mixed Zone is split into five main sections and follows a pre-determined priority order:

- Quick Quotes available through the ISU website
- Rights holders TV and radio broadcasters who have pre-booked positions
- ENG crews
- Written press
- Non-rights holders

All athletes must pass through the Mixed Zone on completion of every event. Media may also approach coaches for interviews in their designated section, if required. The Media Operations team will make sure that skaters go through the mixed zone, fulfil any media requests but are also responsible to make sure that the medalists get to their ceremony on time and will return to the Mixed Zone to finish TV interviews, and will then attend the press conference.

Media Accommodation

Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

Official Travel Agency or Tour Operator

For accommodation, please, contact our partner

“Sputnic – sport and business travel” LLC

e: booking@sputnic-sbt.ru

t: 8 (495) 624 05 38

Transportation & Telecommunications

Public Transportation

- Moscow offers a comprehensive public transportation network including metro (subway), buses, trolleybuses and trams.
- Metro and ground transportations use the same two types of tickets:
 - universal (valid for any type of transportation, 1 ride – **55 RUR** or
 - combined (any number of transfers between different transportation means within 90 minutes, 1 ticket – **65 RUR**).

Information and prices for different ticket options can be found at the metro website available in English: <http://troika.mos.ru/en/tariffs/table/>, along with the metro system map.

- Sport Palace “Megasport” is within walking distance of the metro station “CSKA”.
- From metro station “Dynamo”, the Sport Palace “Megasport” can be reached by bus number 818, getting off at the fourth stop – “Sports Palace “Megasport”
- All Moscow airports can be reached from the city center by Aeroexpress train.
 - Trains for Sheremetyevo Airport leave every 30 minutes from Belorussky Train Station (located at “Belorusskaya” green-line and brown-line metro stations), travel time is 30 minutes.

- Trains for Domodedovo airport leave every 30 minutes from Paveletsky Train Station (located at “Paveletskaya” green-line and brown-line metro stations), travel time is 45 minutes.
- Trains for Vnukovo airport leave every 60 minutes from Kievsky Train Station (located at “Kievskaya” blue-line, light blue-line and brown-line stations), travel time is 35 minutes.

One-way Aeroexpress ticket costs **500 RUR**, service is not available during the night time (12.30 am – 6 am). Further information can be found on the website <http://aeroexpress.ru/en/> (available in English and Russian).

- There is no unified Taxi carrier in Moscow. Taxi services are affected by different companies, their vehicles may be different colors, appearances and practice different rates. If you need a taxi, we strongly advise you ask the hotel reception to order a car for you.

Telecommunications

- Free cable internet connectivity (2 048 kbit/s)
- Free Wi-Fi internet access (802.11g, 2,4GHz, WPA password protection)

Useful Information

Electricity:

The electric current is 220 Volts (50 Hz) and the plugs used are two round pins.

Country Code:

Telephone Country Code is: +7

Mobile Phone Network:

There are three major mobile network providers in Russia: MTS, Beeline, and Megafon. The primary mobile phone standard is GSM-900 and GSM – 1800. Prices, coverage, and services offered by the operators are quite similar.

MTS: www.mts.ru

Beeline: www.beeline.ru

Megafon: www.megafon.ru

International calls:

8 – pause until you hear a new dial tone – country code – city/town code – telephone number

Currency:

The exchange rate of Ruble to US Dollar is approximately **70** Rubles for **1** Dollar and **80** Rubles for **1** Euro. The rate is set by the Central Bank of Russia and usually varies little every day. Money can be changed at any bank and at most hotel reception desks.

The following coins and banknotes are in use in Russia today:

5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, and **10** Rubles notes

10, 5, 2, and **1** Ruble coins

50, 10, 5, and **1** Kopeck coins

Competition information

Event Schedule

November 16, Friday

02:00 p.m. Men, Short Program
04:00 p.m. Ice Dance, Rhythm Dance
05:45 p.m. Opening Ceremony
06:30 p.m. Pairs, Short Program
08:00 p.m. Ladies, Short Program

November 17, Saturday

01:30 p.m. Men, Free Skating
03:40 p.m. Ice Dance, Free Skating
05:30 p.m. Pairs, Free Skating
07:10 p.m. Ladies, Free Skating

November 18, Sunday

02:00 p.m. Victory Ceremony
03:00 p.m. Exhibition Gala

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