



ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final[®]

and

ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

2018/19



**ISU GRAND PRIX OF
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SKATING
FINAL[®]**

December 6 – 9, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. GENERAL

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2018/19 will be held with the approval and the assistance of the International Skating Union, organized under the responsibility of Skate Canada and in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018, ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018 and relevant ISU Communications and the Memorandum for guidance in holding an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (combined Senior & Junior) as well as the announcements for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2018/19 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2018/19.

Qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2018/19 is based on the results of the point system established for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating. As with the six ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and the seven ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events, all Competitors must belong to an ISU Member (Rule 109, paragraph 1) and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3. a) for participants in the Senior Final and Rule 108, paragraph 3. b) for participants in the Junior Final and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements as per Rule 109 and ISU Communication 2030 (or any update of this Communication).

Passports of the Skaters have to be presented at the accreditation for verification. In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. All Competitors, Team Members and Judges must be entered through their ISU Member Federation.

2. TECHNICAL DETAILS

Venue: Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre
6066 Thunderbird Blvd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3, Canada

All competitions and practices will take place at the Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre with an ice surface of 60 x 26 m. The facility is indoor, air-conditioned and heated.

2.1 Technical Details – Junior Final

JUNIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2018/19. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min, 30 sec, +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2018/19. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

JUNIOR PAIR SKATING	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2018/19. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2018, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 3 min, 30 sec, +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2148, 2188 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communications 2148, 2188 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

2.2 Technical Details – Senior Final

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, 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.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2018, 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 2018, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2018/19. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pair Skating 2018, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2148, 2188, and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2148, 2188 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

2.3 Starting Order Procedure

In accordance with Rule 513, paragraph 1, the starting order for the Short Program/Rhythm Dance for each individual ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event as well as the Final will be conducted by a draw as follows:

For the purpose of the draw, the Competitors are listed and ranked in accordance with the latest ISU World Standings at the time of the Team Leaders Meeting at the respective Event. Skaters/Pairs/Couples, who have not received any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the list in country order.

The Competitors will be divided into starting order groups in accordance to Table I of the Technical Rules using the total number of Competitors.

Within the starting order groups, the Competitors will be divided into two equal subgroups, in case of an odd number of Competitors the subgroups with the Competitors drawing for the higher starting numbers will include one more Skater/Pair/Couple.

In case of ties in the World Standings there will be a separate draw between tied Competitors to decide the order of the draw. In case of ties in the World Standings on the border of starting order groups or the subgroups, all those tied Competitors will be included in the later group or subgroup and the following group or subgroup will be smaller by the number of Competitors so added to a later group. However, this procedure has no influence on the size of the warm-up groups for the Short Program / Rhythm Dance which strictly follows Table II of the Technical Rules.

There will be a free draw among all Competitors of each such subgroup with the highest ranked Skater/Pair/Couple drawing first and so on.

There will be a separate draw between those Skaters/Pairs/Couples with no World Standing placements to determine the starting order, following the basic principles of the draws.

The starting order for the Free Skating/Free Dance will be conducted by a draw in line with the detailed provisions of ISU Rule 513, paragraph 2 as stated in the 2018 Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance.

2.4 Calculation of Results

The calculation will be done according to Rule 352 and 353 for each individual discipline. The medallists will be announced and honoured on the podium.

2.5 Music, Music Information and Planned Program Content Sheets

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD (Compact Disc) or in any other approved format.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2, all discs must show the Competition event, Competitors name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music - not skating time - including any starting signal, which shall be certified by the Competitor and by the coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Competitors must provide a back-up CD for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Singles and Pairs, for the Rhythm Dance and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition, must be listed for each Competitor on the official Competition Music Form.

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

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be completed precisely by each Skater/Couple in English using the terminology listed in the respective ISU Communications. It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

2.6 Official Practice

Official practices for Junior and Senior Competitors begin on **Wednesday, December 5, 2018**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

3. POINT SYSTEM FOR QUALIFICATION

3.1 Point System for Qualification Junior Final

Skaters qualify for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2018/19 by accumulating points through the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2018/19. The ranking by points will be published immediately after the last event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating with qualification to the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final as follows:

the top 6 Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance couples

If there is a tie by added points, the following criteria will be taken into consideration for tie-breaking:

- a) the best place obtained in one of the two events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie

- b) the higher total of the added total scores obtained in the two events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie

- c) participation in two events will be considered better than having participated in only one event

If there is still a tie

- d) the higher total of added scores in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in the two events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie

- e) the higher total score in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in one of the two events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie

- f) the higher total of the added scores in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance obtained in the two events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie

- g) the number of participants finishing the two individual events in which the tied Skaters/Couples have competed, will be added to a total. The higher number of participants will count for the better place/ranking.

If there is still a tie, all tied Skaters qualify for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

3.2 Point System for Qualification of the Senior Final

Skaters qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2018/19 by accumulating points through the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2018/19. The ranking by points will be published immediately after the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating with qualification to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final as follows:

the top 6 Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance couples

If there is a tie by added points, the following criteria will be taken into consideration for tie-breaking:

- a) the best place obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- b) the higher total of the added total scores obtained in the designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- c) participation in two events will be considered better than having participated in only one event;

If there is still a tie,

- d) the higher total of the added scores in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- e) the higher total score in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in one of the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- f) the higher total of the added scores in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- g) the number of participants finishing the two individual events in which the tied Skaters/Couples have completed, will be added to the total. The higher number of participants will count for the better place/ranking.

If there is still a tie, all Skaters tied are qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

4. PRIZE MONEY AND PARTICIPATION BONUS

4.1 Junior Final

4.1.1 Participation Bonus – Junior Final

A Skater/Couple will receive an extra bonus of

US\$ 2,500.00

for participation in the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, provided the Skater/Couple

- a) completes the Final, including the Exhibition;
- b) takes part in all social events of the Final, if asked by the ISU and/or the Organizing Committee;
- c) participates in the final Exhibition Gala if asked with at least one exhibition number (show number or similar) plus an "encore" if so requested. Only complete programs are accepted (no part or fraction of a program).

In case of injury or illness of any participant in the Final the extra bonus may be granted as an exception also for those Skaters/Couples who are unable to finish their event but have completed at least one initial round, provided the injury or illness is confirmed through the official doctor and, if needed, through one of the ISU Medical Advisors.

The bonus will be paid at the end of the Final through the Organizing ISU Member and through the ISU Members of the awarded Skaters. The withholding taxes, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the host country taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded Skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

4.1.2 Prize Money – Junior Final

The Prize Money made available by the ISU for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final is:

US\$ 105,000.00

The prize money in favour of the awarded Skaters will be paid at the end of the Final through the Organizing ISU Members and through the ISU Members of the awarded Skaters. The withholding taxes, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the host country taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded Skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

The individual prize money will be as follows:

Men and Ladies		Pair Skating and Ice Dance (per Couple)	
1st place	US\$ 6,000.00	1st place	US\$ 9,000.00
2nd place	US\$ 5,000.00	2nd place	US\$ 7,500.00
3rd place	US\$ 4,000.00	3rd place	US\$ 6,000.00
4th place	US\$ 3,000.00	4th place	US\$ 4,500.00
5th place	US\$ 2,000.00	5th place	US\$ 3,000.00
6th place	US\$ 1,000.00	6th place	US\$ 1,500.00

Skaters/Couples qualified for the exhibition of the Final must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of US\$ 1,000.00 from the awarded prize money.

Skaters/Couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and to participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or Skate Canada. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce Prize Money will be made by the ISU Representative attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

4.2 Senior Final

4.2.1 Participation Bonus – Senior Final

There is no participation bonus for participants of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

4.2.2 Prize Money – Senior Final

The Prize Money made available by the ISU for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final is:

US\$ 272,000.00

The prize money in favor of the awarded Skaters will be paid at the end of the Final through the Organizing ISU Members and through the ISU Members of the awarded Skaters. The withholding taxes, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the host country taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded Skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

Men, Ladies, Pair Skating and Ice Dance	
(Men/Ladies per Skater – Pair Skating/Ice Dance per Couple)	
1st place	US\$ 25,000.00
2nd place	US\$ 18,000.00
3rd place	US\$ 12,000.00
4th place	US\$ 6,000.00
5th place	US\$ 4,000.00
6th place	US\$ 3,000.00

Skaters/Couples qualified for the exhibition of the Final must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of US\$ 5,000.00 from the awarded prize money.

Skaters/Couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and to participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or Skate Canada. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce Prize Money will be made by the ISU Representative attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

5. ENTRIES OF TEAMS

5.1 General

All entries, hotel request and travel information for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

5.2 Entries of Competitors – Junior Final

Confirmation of entries will be forwarded to the ISU Member of the qualified Skaters/Couples by the ISU Secretariat.

The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

If a Skater or Couple cannot participate due to injury or illness, the respective ISU Member must inform the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee in writing immediately so that the ISU Secretariat can extend an invitation to the next ranked Skater/Couple.

The Skater or Couple will be required to forward a medical certificate to the ISU Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 6.2 of this announcement.

The ISU Members concerned must enter and confirm the participation of the qualified Competitors and the qualified substitutes by **Thursday, November 1, 2018 – 20:00 h PST (local Vancouver, BC time)**.

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The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

If a Skater or Couple cannot participate due to injury or illness, the respective ISU Member must inform the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee in writing immediately so that the ISU Secretariat can extend an invitation to the next ranked Skater/Couple.

The withdrawn Skater or Couple will be required to forward a medical certificate to the ISU Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 6.2 of this Announcement.

The ISU Members concerned must enter and confirm the participation of the qualified Competitor and the qualified substitutes by **Thursday, November 29, 2018– 20:00 h PST (local Vancouver, BC time)**.

5.4 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of 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 and ISU.

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 ISU Member (including the ISU Member President) provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their ISU Member, will be accredited. One (1) Member Press Officer, provided he has been previously approved by the ISU, 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. A partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted for restricted accreditation. The ISU Members shall guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team.

For teams qualified for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final all entries must be made no later than **Thursday, November 1, 2018 – 20:00 h PST (local Vancouver, BC time)**.

For teams qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final all entries must be made no later than **Thursday, November 29, 2018 20:00 h PST (local Vancouver, BC time)**.

ISU Members qualified for both the Senior and Junior Grand Prix Final are requested to enter in ORS all the team members concerning the Junior Final by **November 1, 2018 – 20:00 h PST (local Vancouver, BC time)** and enter in ORS all team members of the Senior Final by **November 29, 2018 20:00 h PST (local Vancouver, BC time)**.

5.5 Contact Information for submitting of Entry Forms

All entries submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fms.sportresult.com/isu> will automatically also go to:

Skate Canada

Email: 2018gpf@skatecanada.ca

and to

International Skating Union

Email: entries@isu.ch

6. REPLACEMENT OF QUALIFIED SKATERS

6.1 Replacement Procedure

A qualified Skater/Couple for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and or ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, unable to participate, will be replaced by the immediate following Skater/Couple based on the ranking order of points of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating or the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2018/19.

The first three substitute Skaters/Couples must imperatively stay on “stand-by” until **Monday, December 3, 2018 – 12:00 PST (noon) local time Vancouver, BC**. The ISU Members concerned are responsible for the necessary visa and/or travel documents.

6.2 Injury or Illness of Qualified Skaters

In the case a Skater is withdrawn for injury or illness a Medical Certificate is required to be submitted to the ISU as per Rule 140, paragraph 5. The Certificate must be issued on the stationary of a Medical Doctor or on an ISU withdrawal form in case of in-competition withdrawal and duly signed by the Medical Doctor. If the certificate is not in English a translation signed by the President or General Secretary of the ISU Member of the respective Skater must be attached;

In addition, upon request of the Vice President Figure Skating the Certificate must be received by the ISU within 72 hours after the notice of withdrawal and the following information must be included or attached:.

- i) the history which clearly indicates the date of injury or date of onset of illness, the type of injury or illness and severity of injury or illness as well as the physical findings on examination;
- ii) copies of laboratory or radiological reports that were conducted in the investigation of the injury/illness;

- iii) the recommended treatment by the physician including medications, therapy, advice on training frequency and intensity, date for follow-up examination (a copy of this assessment should then be forwarded to the ISU), expected date of return to full activity, planned further investigations and/or criteria for return to full activity.

6.3 Decision for Replacement

The ISU Vice President of Figure Skating will make the final determination of any replacement for the Final in accordance with paragraph 6.1 of this announcement.

7. ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

7.1 ISU appointed Officials

The ISU President will appoint all ISU Event Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Assistant Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) for the Final in accordance with the 2018 Regulations. All ISU Event Officials must have the qualification for ISU Championships.

The ISU Secretariat will inform the Organizing Committee of the names of the Officials assigned to the Final. No changes will be accepted unless confirmed by the ISU Secretariat.

7.2 Composition of Panels of Judges

The panel of Judges will consist of 9 Judges of different ISU Members in each discipline, if possible, but not less than 7 Judges. Judges must have the qualification of "ISU Judge". The invitations to the Judges will be issued by the ISU Secretariat.

No Judge may serve in more than two disciplines of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and two disciplines of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2018/19 each or in more than 4 different panels in total.

The composition of the panels of Judges in each category will be made in accordance with the following procedure:

- a) first priority will be given to the participating ISU Members in the Senior Final;
- b) second priority will be given to the participating ISU Members in the Junior Final;
- c) third priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating organizing ISU Members of individual ISU Grand Prix events (Senior);
- d) fourth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Judges present at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (Junior and Senior), but not mentioned under a) and b);
- e) fifth priority, if necessary, will be given to the host ISU Member of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final;
- f) sixth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples qualified as alternates in the Senior Final;
- g) seventh priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples qualified as alternates in the Junior Final;
- h) eighth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples not qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, with priority to the discipline concerned, starting from that Skater/Couple with the highest total amount of points but not being alternate for the final.

7.3 Invitation of Judges

The ISU Secretariat will inform the respective ISU Members immediately following the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2018/19 (Internationaux de France), if a judge of this ISU Member has qualified to serve in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

The respective ISU Members entitled to nominate a Judge must submit the name of the Judge(s) no later than **Thursday, November 29, 2018, 20:00 h PST (local Vancouver, BC time)**.

The selection of Judges will be made by the respective ISU Member. The ISU Members are responsible for providing all selected and stand-by Judges with the appropriate travel documents in time.

Judges entries must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

7.4 Officials Remuneration

The Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Judges, the Data & Replay Operators, will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2096 (or any update of this Communication). Only hard currencies are acceptable. The remuneration must be paid upon accreditation.

8. TRAVEL EXPENSES AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

The Organizing ISU Member will pay travel expenses for air-fare (economy rates) for all Competitors qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, and for the Judges, from the country of the ISU Member they represent, to **Vancouver International Airport (YVR)** and return, or alternatively in the case of skaters, from their training site and return. The travel expenses of the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, and the Data & Replay Operators are covered by the ISU.

The Organizing ISU Member is the only authorizing body for airline tickets. All participants must agree to the acceptance of the provided tickets when the invitation is accepted. No reimbursement will be made on any airline ticket issued by any other agency or any other airline unless written permission is received from Skate Canada prior to its ticketing.

Skaters/Judges, who wish to purchase their air tickets directly or make other individual travel arrangements, must first have a confirmation from the Organizing Committee concerning the acceptance of the travel costs. For the Technical Panel, these should have the confirmation of the ISU before purchasing their tickets.

Once flights have been booked any changes to air tickets and related expenses will be the responsibility of the traveler.

The ISU will book all flights for Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators.

All Team members, Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible for their own travel documents (visa, insurance, etc.).

Due to the limited time between the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (Internationaux de France) and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, all qualified Team Members are requested to take care of their individual travel documents and permits (visa, etc.) on a timely basis.

9. MEALS AND LODGING

9.1 Meals and Lodging for ISU Event Officials and Judges

The Organizing ISU Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all Judges, Referees and Technical Officials (Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers and Data & Replay Operators) from dinner on **Tuesday, December 4, 2018** through breakfast on **Monday, December 10, 2018**.

If any longer period is agreed upon with the Organizing Committee, the period of coverage will be prolonged accordingly.

All extra expenses incurred by any Event Official will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior to departure.

9.2 Meals and Lodging for Competitors

The Organizing ISU Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all competitors from dinner on **Tuesday, December 4, 2018** through breakfast on **Monday, December 10, 2018**. Each individual period may be extended due to individual flight arrangements.

If any longer period is agreed upon with the Organizing Committee, the period of coverage will be prolonged accordingly.

All extra expenses incurred by any Competitor will be the responsibility of respective team leader and must be paid prior to departure.

9.3 Meals and Lodging for other Team Members

All expenses for rooms and meals for any other team member will be the responsibility of the respective team leader or of the respective team member and must be paid prior to departure.

10. ARRIVAL OF TEAMS

All ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders and Team Officials, Judges, Coaches, and Team Medical personnel taking part in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2018/19 are requested to announce as soon as possible but no later than **Thursday, November 29, 2018** to the Organizing Committee, on the enclosed forms, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at **Vancouver International Airport (YVR)**.

All announced team members will be met by the Organizing Committee at **Vancouver International Airport (YVR)** which is located approx. 30 min from the official hotel. Coaches and Team Medical Staff are only met if they travel with the team.

11. OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Official Hotel for the Skating Family is:

Sheraton Vancouver Wall Center

1088 Burrard St,

Vancouver, BC V6Z 2R9, Canada

Tel: 1.604.331.1000

Website: <http://www.sheratonvancouver.com/>

This hotel will also be the hotel for Chaperones and Media.

12. REGISTRATION

All ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and one Coach/Choreographer (per Competitor) taking part in the Final are requested to register as follows:

Accreditation for the Skating Family will be located in the **Sheraton Vancouver Wall Center**. Accreditation for Media will be at the **Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre** (competition venue).

All Skaters and Judges will be required to present their passport (and clearance certificate if passport is not the same as the ISU Member entering the Skater) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport.

13. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events, as defined in Rule 107, 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. 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 with the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2018/19 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2018/19.

14. ANTI-DOPING

The Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1922 and 2117 or any further update of these Communications).

15. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

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 will be hoisted.

16. EXHIBITION

All medalists of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final as well as the Gold Medalists of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and other selected Competitors will be required to participate in the Gala Exhibition on **Sunday, December 9, 2018**.

Show exhibition numbers different from the competition programs are expected (see also paragraph 4.1.2 and 4.2.2). A Short Program/Rhythm Dance or a Free Program or a part of it or a competition program in another costume or skated to a different music is not to be considered a „show number“. Each gold medalist (Senior only) will be expected to provide an encore in addition to their regular exhibition programs. There will be no extra exhibition fee awarded.

17. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

Please see the dates and times for all official meeting in the attached schedule. ISU Event Officials and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective Round Table Discussions. If the event Organizing ISU Member or any other party makes the flight arrangements, the ISU Event Officials and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 19.

18. ISU GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING FINAL ORGANIZING STRUCTURE & CONTACT INFORMATION

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Any late changes regarding an event (entries etc.) must be communicated simultaneously to the ISU Secretariat (entries@isu.ch) and the Organizing Committee (2018gpf@skatecanada.ca).

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Organizing ISU Members of the 6 individual events:

Canada Skate Canada

Finland Finnish Figure Skating Association

France Fédération Française des Sports de Glace

Japan Japan Skating Federation

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United States The United States Figure Skating Association

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19. Preliminary Event Schedule (subject to change)

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018	All day	Arrival of Teams
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018	All day	Official Practice 09:45 PAIRS - Technical Panel Meeting 11:00 Team Leaders Meeting 11:45 MEN - Technical Panel Meeting 12:15 Medical Meeting 13:30 ICE DANCE - Technical Panel Meeting 14:30 LADIES - Technical Panel Meeting 17:00 Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting 17:45 SINGLE and PAIR SKATING - Judges Meeting 18:45 ICE DANCE - Judges Meeting 20:30 ISU and Judges Dinner
Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018	14:05 15:20 16:25 17:40 19:00 19:45 21:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance JUNIOR MEN – Short Program JUNIOR PAIRS – Short Program JUNIOR LADIES – Short Program Opening Ceremony SENIOR MEN – Short Program SENIOR LADIES – Short Program
Friday, Dec. 7, 2018	15:45 17:05 19:05 20:20 21:35	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Free Dance JUNIOR MEN – Free Skating Victory Ceremonies Junior Men, Junior Ice Dance SENIOR ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance SENIOR PAIRS – Short Program SENIOR MEN – Free Skating Victory Ceremonies Senior Men
Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018	07:45 08:00 09:15 10:30 13:55 15:15 16:30 16:30 19:00 20:15 20:20	MEN - Technical Panel Review Meeting JUNIOR MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion SENIOR MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion SENIOR LADIES – Free Skating JUNIOR LADIES – Free Skating JUNIOR PAIRS – Free Skating Victory Ceremonies Junior Pairs, Senior Ladies, Junior Ladies, LADIES - Technical Panel Review Meeting SENIOR ICE DANCE – Free Dance ICE DANCE - Technical Panel Review Meeting SENIOR PAIRS – Free Skating Victory Ceremonies Senior Pairs, Senior Ice Dance
Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	07:15 08:00 09:15 09:30 10:30 11:45 13:00 14:00 20:00	PAIRS - Technical Panel Review Meeting SENIOR LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion JUNIOR LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion Exhibition Practice JUNIOR PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion SENIOR PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion SENIOR ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion EXHIBITION Closing Banquet