

2019 Nations' Cup Competition



April 27-28, 2019

PATINOIRE INTERCOMMUNALE

Epinal, Vosges

FRANCE

<https://ffsg.org/evenement/nations-cup-2019-epinal-fra/>

Sanctioned by

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 6th Nations' Cup will be held April 27-29, 2019. This International competition event is sanctioned by the FFSG. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the current Ballet On Ice International Guidelines except as noted herein. Current guidelines for Ballet on ice competition can be found at <https://ffsg.org/evenement/nations-cup-2019-epinal-fra/>

The selection path for participating teams to the Nations' Cup competition is determined by the team's home country's Federation.

- Each participating country can register up to 4 teams per category.
- The category of each team is defined by the guidelines set forth in this announcement.

TEAM COMPETITION CHECK IN TIME

TEAMS SHOULD BE AT THE ARENA AND CHECKED IN AT LEAST ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THEIR EVENT.

COMPETITION LOCATION AND DATES

Competition Dates: April 27-28, 2019

Competition Rink: PATINOIRE INTERCOMMUNALE
2 Faubourg de Poissompré
88000 Épinal
France

The facility has one ice surface 60 x 30 meters with rounded corners. The facility just underwent renovations updating the entire facility and adding ADA accessible seating with a seating capacity of 2500.

ALL OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL PRACTICES WILL BE HELD AT PATINOIRE INTERCOMMUNALE. NO TEAM MAY PURCHASE PRACTICE ICE FROM ANY OTHER VENDOR. ONLY PRACTICE ICE SOLD BY THE FFSG WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY PARTICIPATING TEAMS BEGINNING APRIL 27, 2019

NO SCENERY OR PROPS WILL BE ALLOWED ON UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE.

ENTRY FEES INFORMATION

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH BY EMAIL : 2019nationscup@ffsg.org

DEADLINE: All entries must be received no later than January 31, 2019. The LOC in conjunction with the Chief Referee, reserves the right to limit the size of an event and cancel or combine events if there are too few entrants. If only one team enters an event, they will compete under the same conditions as teams in other events and will be judged in the same manner. No refund will be issued after the close of entries on January 31, 2019.

NOTES:

Team contacts will be asked to enter their "club name" - they can either select their foreign federation or they can type in their club name by clicking on the "I can't find my club" link under the box.

Team contacts will be asked to enter their coaches - if their coach is not in the dropdown, have them use the "I can't find my coach" link under the primary coach box. Make sure to enter all coaches that might not be in the list before selecting the primary coach as the link disappears once a primary coach is selected - so start with the secondary coach first.

The team contact will need to know the following information:

- 1) Skater first and last name
- 2) Skater date of birth
- 3) Skater highest test passed for freeskate and moves in the field (international teams will need to approximate)
- 4) Skater USFS number (international teams can use any number they want to for this data)
- 5) Email address of the skater if over 18 or the email address of the skater's legal guardian if under 18 so that they can accept the liability waiver for that skater

Only unofficial practice ice will be sold via 2019nationscup@ffsg.org with form. Each team may pre-purchase a maximum of 6 unofficial practice ice sessions. Additional unofficial practice ice sessions will be available for purchase on-site if available on a first come first serve basis.

FEES:

C.E. & Free Skate (Combined fee): 650 € (euros) – includes one 10-minute official practice for the CE and one 12-minute official practice for the Free Program in the competition rink. Music will be played 1 time during the assigned session (CE official practices are 10 minutes; Free official practices are 12 minutes.)

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE: 300 € for a 25-minute session.

Patinoire Intercommunale

2, Faubourg Poissompré 88 000 EPINAL

PAYMENT

All payments must be made in euros by bank transfer : .

CAISSE D'EPARGNE
IBAN : FR76 1751 5900 0008 0871 0643 029
BIC : CEPFRPP751

TEAM PHOTOS

All teams must submit a team photo by the entry deadline of January 31, 2019 to be included in the official program. Photos must be submitted by email in the following format: JPEG file of no greater than 300 dpi named "<Team Name> <Level>.jpg" to 2019nationscup@ffsg.org.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Written Description: The official competition program will contain a written description of both the CE and FS performances, which must be provided by the team at the time of application by January 31, 2019. The descriptions may not exceed 40 words in length. The written descriptions must be submitted on 2019nationscup@ffsg.org. Additionally description forms must be completed and emailed to the LOC. CE and Freestyle Description forms can be found here: 2019nationscup@ffsg.org.

NO AUDIO DESCRIPTION WILL BE ALLOWED. If included, timing will begin and it will count toward the length of the program. The team music CD will not be started until the team has taken their position and given the hand signal signifying they are ready to start.

LIABILITY AND REFUNDS

LIABILITY: Per FFSG bylaws, the FFSG and the patinoire intercommunale d'Epinal assume no responsibility for injury or damages incurred during the Nations' Cup Competition.

REFUNDS: Per FFSG bylaws, THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS for any reason after the competition entry deadline of January 31, 2019.

INSURANCE: IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL TEAMS PURCHASE TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE.

The FFSG and the Patinoire intercommunale d'Epinal cannot and will not be responsible for any losses incurred by teams in cases of emergency or acts of God.

CONTACT INFORMATION

President of OC: Didier GAILHAGUET
email : president@ffsg.org

Organizing Committee:

email : 2019nationscup@ffsg.org
Tel : +33 1 43 46 10 20

TRAVEL INFORMATION

TEAMS: Each team is responsible for its own transportation, food and hotel accommodations.

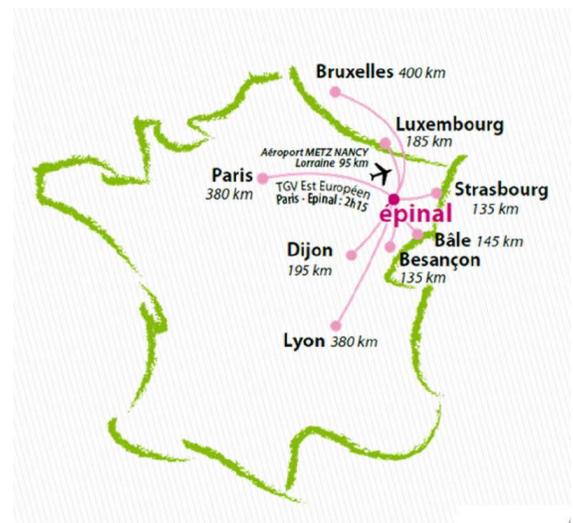
OFFICIALS: A shuttle will be provided between the official hotel and the arena for the judges and the Federation Officials every hour.

Air Travel:

- Paris Charles de Gaulle : 432 km
- Metz/Nancy airport : 95 km
- Strasbourg International airport : 135 km
- Bâle international airport : 135 km

Train :

- East station Paris: average 3h
- Charles de Gaulle airport : average 4 h



Bus Rentals: marion.dechavanne@epinal.fr

2019 CHOREOGRAPHIC EXERCISE - ELEMENTS

Theme : cultural dances

Choreographic process : Mirroring

Imitating the movement of another when facing that individual or group

Gestuelle (Body movement/ Gesture) : Percussive

Sharp, fast explosive movements

EVENTS OFFERED FOR COMPETITION

CATEGORY	REQUIREMENTS	PROGRAM DURATION
SENIOR	All skaters, except a maximum of 4, must have reached the age of 15 by January 1 st of the competition year. Concerning the 4 skaters out of this criteria they need to have reached the age of 12 by January 1 st of the competition year.	C.E. 2:30 +/- 10 seconds FREESKATE: 5:30 +/- 15 seconds
JUNIOR	All skaters, except a maximum of 4, must have reached the age of 11 but not have reached the age of 19 by January 1 st of the competition year. Concerning the 4 skaters out of this criteria they may be outside the age range by 3 years maximum : 8 years old minimum for the youngest, less than 22 years old for the oldest, by January 1 st of the competition year.	C.E. 2:30 +/- 10 seconds FREESKATE: 5:00 +/- 15 seconds
NOVICE	All skaters, except a maximum of 4, must have reached the age of 8 but not have reached the age of 15 by January 1 st of the competition year. Concerning the 4 skaters out of this criteria they may be outside the age range by 3 years maximum : 5 years old minimum for the youngest, less than 18 years old for the oldest, by January 1 st of the competition year.	C.E. 2:30 +/- 10 seconds FREESKATE: 4:30 +/- 15 seconds

Novice, Junior, and senior teams may have a roster from 12 to 24 skaters.

The maximum number of skaters on the ice for EC and FS is 20 and the same number of skaters must compete in the EC and FS but 4 skaters who are on the roster may change between the 2 programs.

MEDICAL AND DOPING

The Anti-Doping tests will be coordinate in accordance with the current rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency. (AMA)

PRACTICE ICE

All Official practice ice will be assigned by event group. All teams in an event will practice in the same block of time. Additional unofficial practice sessions will be available at Patinoire Intercommunale d'Épinal starting on Tuesday April 23rd through Thursday April 25th, 2019 and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Teams are limited to 6 pre-paid unofficial ice sessions. Additional unofficial ice sessions will be sold on-site if available on a first come first serve basis. Payment for additional unofficial practice ice sessions must be included with registration by transfer. Music will only be played 1 time during official practice.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE:

CE: One official 10-minute practice session. Music will be played one time only. FS: One official 12-minutes practice session. Music will be played one time only.

Official practice will be on the competition rink and is included in the entry fee. Props will be allowed on official practice ice.

Official Practice ice for the CE will begin Friday April 26th, 2019 at Patinoire Intercommunale d'ÉPINAL.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE:

300 € per 25-minute session. Music will be allowed. A maximum of 6 pre-paid sessions will be available upon registration. Additional sessions will be sold on-site if available. Remember to bring an extra music CD to all practices. Music that was submitted through 2019nationscup@ffsg.org prior to competition will be played from a computer for all practices, but a backup CD is required. No scenery will be allowed on unofficial practice ice. All unofficial practice ice sessions will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Unofficial practice ice will be available for purchase on entry form and send to 2019nationscup@ffsg.org.

MUSIC

MUSIC LABELING:

CD Labels for Ballet on Ice Teams (back up Cd's):

- Name of Federation
- Name of Team
- Category of Team

- Name of Team Leader
- Program (C.E or Free Skate)
- Exact Duration of program

MUSIC:

- ✓ Competitors must provide music for all events, as appropriate.
- ✓ Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via the online registration system by the music deadline of March 31, 2019 at 11:59PM
- ✓ Your music must meet the following criteria.

Music Criteria:

- 1) File Format: MP3 (the online system will automatically check this)
- 2) Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file)
- 3) Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file)
- 4) Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Teams must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties. The back-up CD must be turned in at the registration desk at the time of check-in. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted. CD-RWs will NOT be accepted due to compatibility issues. CDs must be clearly marked with the Team's name, event, and running time. CDs must only have one piece of music per CD. The official back up competition CD turned in at the Registration Desk is reserved for use during the event and may not be retrieved for Practice Ice use. Please keep additional copies of your music readily available for both practice ice and rink side during competition events. Music may be picked up at the registration desk following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the hosting club cannot be responsible for music left at the end of the competition.

MEETINGS

International Seminar and Meeting: Wednesday April 24th, 2019 (Time to be determined) Patinoire Intercommunale d'Epinal

Location: Officials' Host Hotel: Best Western Hotel Registration for the International Seminar and Meeting will be completed through entry form on at the time of team registration.

Coaches, Choreographers and Team Leader Nations' Cup Informational Meeting: Thursday April 25th, 2019 (Time to be determined by Chief Referee) Locations: Patinoire Intercommunale d'Epinal

Nations' Cup Judges Meeting: Thursday April 25, 2019 (Time to be determined by Chief Referee) Location: Patinoire Intercommunale d'Epinal

A round table meeting to debrief could be organized on Sunday April 28th but remains to be organized

Please visit the <https://ffsg.org/evenement/nations-cup-2019-epinal-fra/> website for notices of seminars or meetings. Before the event, the Nations' Cup website will serve as the Official Bulletin Board. During the competition, there will be an Official Bulletin Board located near the registration table which contains all important information and updates.

Check this often for updates and changes. Please remember all schedules are tentative until someone steps on the ice to skate.

SCHEDULE

The official practice ice and competition schedule will be emailed and posted to all coordinators. The schedule will also be available to each team in their confirmation packet upon arrival. The schedule will be posted on the on the LOC website 30 days prior to the start of the competition.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (*Please note that the schedule MAY change due to number of entries)

Tuesday April 23 to Thursday, April 25	Unofficial practices
Friday April 26 th	Novice Choreographic exercise
Saturday April 27 th	Novice Free Skate Junior Choreographic exercise Senior Choreographic exercise
Sunday April 28 th	Junior Free Skate Senior Free Skate

JUDGING INFORMATION

Judges panel designation:

Apart from the Referee, two judges (Ballet On Ice) will be chosen from each of the countries sending teams to compete in the 2019 Nations' Cup Competition. In the case that the judges would not be available, they will be chosen from countries the nearest to the competition.

In the case of insufficient number of judges, the founder countries will be authorized to complete it.

The Referee and Assistant Referee of each category of the competition are chosen by the founding and organizing member.

The judge's panel will consist of 10 judges :

- 1 Referee
- 7 Judges
- 1 Ice Judge
- 1 substitute judge

JUDGING SYSTEM: The Ballet On Ice accounting system will be used for all events and is based on a 10.0 scoring scale. The computer system is provided by the French Federation of Ice Sports. Only TOI certified judges will be used for these events. The Chief Referee's interpretation of the rules will be final.

JUDGES LOCATION: The Judges Stand is located in the special seats

SEATING LOCATIONS: The main seating is on one side of the arena, with overflow on the ends of the arena. Teams may orient scenery and performance to audience and judges accordingly. See arena diagram at the end of this announcement.

DRAW

There will be a draw party on Wednesday April 24th prior to the start of the competition. Details of the draw party for participating teams can be found here: <https://ffsg.org/evenement/nations-cup-2019-epinal-fra/>

REGISTRATION

Teams:

The registration desk will open at noon (12:00PM) on Wednesday April 24rd , 2019 and will remain open throughout the competition hours. The registration table will be clearly marked and located just inside the entrance of Patinoire Intercommunale d'Epinal. **ONLY TEAM MANAGERS ARE TO REGISTER THE TEAM.**

At registration, Team credentials will be given to each Team Manager when music is turned in and team rosters have been confirmed.

COVERAGE OF OFFICIALS EXPENSES

The organizer covers the expenses of the invited Judges from the airport to the place of the competition, as well as their return to the airport.

The organizer (LOC) will provide and cover expenses of the foreign and domestic judges during 3 days and 4 nights (Thursday/Friday – Friday/Saturday – Saturday/Sunday – Sunday/Monday). All extra expenses incurred by any official due to the extension of stay, before or after the period described above will be under his/her responsibility. All meals will be covered during the duration of the competition at either the rink or the hotel.

CREDENTIALS

Competitors: All skaters and alternates listed on roster will receive All ACCESS credentials

Team Manger: 1 team manager per team will receive an ALL ACCESS credential

Coach or Choreographer: 2 coaches or choreographers per team will be issued ALL ACCESS credentials **Scenery**

Crew: 2 crew members per team will receive complimentary “SCENERY AREA” credentials for the Tent area outside Patinoire Intercommunale d’Epinal.

Additional crew members are allowed but must have a ticket.

ONLY ALL ACCESS CREDENTIALS HOLDERS ARE ALLOWED INTO THE LOCKER ROOM AREA OF THE ARENA.

Friday :	20 € (Adult Golden cup – announcement is to be released soon)
Saturday :	25 € (Nations’ cup)
Sunday :	25 € (Nations’ cup)
All event	60 € (Adult Golden cup and Nations’ cup)

Tickets will be available for pre-purchase by form send : . 2019nationscup@ffsg.org

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to all team members for 1st through 3rd place.

The winning team in each category will be awarded a trophy.

Award will be presented on ice at the end of the competition.

GENERAL INFORMATION – SCENERY / PROPS / COSTUMES

All teams must be aware of International Guidelines for scenery, props and costumes. The International Guidelines will be sent as soon as possible.

SCENERY/PROPS STORAGE: Storage space under tents is available for purchase. The scenery will be sitting on the ground under large tents at the rear of the arena.

ACCOMMODATIONS

TEAMS: Each team is responsible for making its own hotel accommodations. A list of available hotels and reservation information can be found at <https://ffsg.org/evenement/nations-cup-2019-epinal-fra/>

OFFICIALS: The official hotel for the 2019 Nations' Cup is The Best Western Hotel Parc Le saut Le Cerf 88000 Epinal.

Federations should contact organizing committee to arrange accommodations for their judges and officials 2019nationscup@ffsg.org

The LOC strongly recommends teams book their hotel accommodations at the hotels listed at:

HOTEL PREMIERE CLASSE EPINAL
<https://www.premiereclasse.com/fr/hotels/premiere-classe-epinal>

HOTEL F1 CHAVELOT
<https://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-2289-formule-1-hotelf1-epinal-nord/index.shtml>

HOTEL QUICK PALACE 1* EPINAL
<https://www.quickpalace-epinal.com/>

HOTEL ATRIUM 2* GOLBEY
<http://hotel-atrium.fr/>

CONTACT HOTEL PREST'HOTEL 2* CHAVELOT
<http://www.presthotel.fr/>

IBIS BUDGET EPINAL 2* EPINAL
<https://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-2489-ibis-budget-epinal/index.shtml>

HOTEL BAR LE CARABAS 2* EPINAL
<http://www.lecarabas.eu/>

AZUR HOTEL 2*	EPINAL
https://www.azurhotelepinal.com/	
HOTEL DE LA BASILIQUE 2*	EPINAL
http://hoteldelabasilique.eu/	
HOTEL RESTAURANT CAMPANILE 3*	EPINAL
https://www.campanile.com/fr/hotels/campanile-epinal	
HOTEL RESTAURANT IBIS 3*	EPINAL
https://hotel-ibis-epinal-centre-ville.business.site/	
HOTEL KYRIAD 3*	EPINAL
https://www.kyriad.com/fr/hotels/kyriad-epinal-centre-gare	
LE MANOIR DES DUCS 3*	EPINAL
http://www.le-manoir-epinal.fr/	
HOTEL RESTAURANT MERCURE 4*	EPINAL
https://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-0831-hotel-mercure-epinal-centre/index.shtml	

Hotels in the area that do not appear on the list have not been evaluated by the Tourism Office.

You can contact Tourism office by email : Marie-odile.lambert@epinal.fr

FORMS

Teams must email the following forms to the LOC by the entry deadline of January 31, 2017

Team Roster
Press and Result Information
CE Description
FS Description

Forms can be downloaded here: <https://ffsg.org/evenement/nations-cup-2019-epinal-fra/>