

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating® 2019/20

2019
SKATE AMERICA
LAS VEGAS

ANNOUNCEMENT



Grand Prix of Figure Skating® 2019/20

2019 Skate America, Las Vegas, NV / USA – October 18 – 20, 2019

2019 Skate America

An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance

organized by

The United States Figure Skating Association

held in

Las Vegas, NV / USA

October 18 to 20, 2019

A competition as part of the



Grand Prix of Figure Skating® 2019/20

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **2019 Skate America** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018, and all relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in **2019 Skate America** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to ISU Constitution and General Regulations Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in ISU Rule 108, paragraph 3.a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirement in ISU Rule 109, and ISU Communication No. 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 be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

Entries can only be made through the ISU Members. With reference to the Announcement of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019/20 the event is only open to invited competitors.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place	Orleans Arena 4500 W Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA 89103 (an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 26 m, air-conditioned and heated)
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 2019/20. 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 Communications 2239, 2257 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 2239, 2257 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Confirmation of Entries

In accordance with the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019/20 announcement, entries can only be made for skaters/couples who are qualified and/or selected for invitation. The confirmation of the entries must be submitted by **August 15, 2019** latest to

U.S. Figure Skating
20 1st Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
E-mail: 2019skateamerica@usfigureskating.org

with a copy to

ISU Secretariat
e-mail: entries@isu.ch

Changes or substitutions require the approval of the ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group.

3.2 Entries by Name

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

3.2.1 Entries of Competitors

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:

U.S. Figure Skating
20 1st Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
E-mail: 2019skateamerica@usfigureskating.org

and to

ISU Secretariat
e-mail: entries@isu.ch

not later than **Friday, September 13, 2019 – 20:00 (local time Las Vegas)**.

The replacement of Competitors in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be made in accordance with Paragraphs 3.5 and 7.6 of the Announcement for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019/20.



3.2.2 Entries of Judges

An entry of competitor(s) is not automatically followed by an entry of a Judge. Participating ISU Members may be invited by the Organizing Member to nominate one or more Judges for one event. Any substitution or changes for any of the invited judges need the approval of the Organizing Member.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

Please observe the restrictions concerning the selection of Judges within the events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019/20 that no Judge may serve in more than two ISU Grand Prix.

Each panel of Judges will consist of a maximum of 9 Judges but with a minimum of 7 Judges, if possible.

3.2.3 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Team Media Officer 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.

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, September 13, 2019 – 20:00 (local time Las Vegas)**.

4. MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES

4.1 Meals and Lodging

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Competitors and Judges participating, beginning with dinner from **Wednesday, October 16, 2019** until breakfast on **Monday, October 21, 2019**.

Should any Competitor or Judge arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period described above, their room costs and expenses including meals and ground transportation will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid directly to the hotel or transport company, except if an arrangement has been made with the organizer.

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals also for the ISU Representative, the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the ISU Grand Prix Coordinator for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating, the Data and Replay Operators during the same period as indicated for the competitors. Should any officials as described above arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period required by the ISU, their room costs and expenses including meals and ground transportation will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid directly to the hotel or transport company, except if an arrangement has been made with the organizer.

4.2 Travel Expenses

The Organizing Member will pay air travel expenses based on the best available economy airfare rate for all competitors invited to its ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event, for all Judges invited, from their domicile to Las Vegas, NV and return. If the competitors or judges decide to arrive earlier or stay later than the approved dates listed above any cost difference will be the responsibility of the competitor and/or judge or their respective federation. If competitors or judges desire to upgrade using miles or fly on a desired airline, the Organizing Committee will review with the understanding that the competitor and/or judge is responsible for the difference in price from the best available economy airfare available. The air travel expenses of the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators are covered by the ISU.

Skaters/Judges, who wish to purchase their air tickets directly or make other individual travel arrangements must first have prior approval in writing from the Organizing Committee concerning the acceptance of the air travel costs. For all appointed ISU Event Officials, these should have the confirmation of the ISU before purchasing their tickets.



U.S. Figure Skating is the only authorizing body of 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 the **U.S. Figure Skating** prior to its ticketing.

4.3 Miscellaneous

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

Judges, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data and Replay Operators will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2096 (or any update of this Communication). The honorarium will be provided in hard currency. The remuneration will be paid upon accreditation.

If a skater/couple (seeded or non-seeded) withdraws and/or does not finish an event, that skater/couple's Member Federation is obligated to cover the expenses for air travel, accommodation and meals for the skater/couple and for the Judge, if the Judge is not working in another panel.

5. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Thursday, October 17, 2019**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

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 drive 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 submitted for each Competitor by **September 1, 2019**.

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

The "Program Content Sheet" must also be submitted before the competition. 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.

It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The participating Teams and all respective team members as well as all Event Officials are required to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Friday, September 13, 2019** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates, times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information needs to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

The nearest airport to Las Vegas, NV is **McCarran International Airport (LAS)** which is approximately a **15-minute drive** to the official hotel.

The Organizing Committee will provide a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival. Please be informed that chaperones are only guaranteed a pick-up service if they travel with the team and will be requested to pay a ground transportation fee.



8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Orleans Hotel & Casino

4500 W Tropicana Ave

Las Vegas, Nevada, USA 89103

Website: <https://www.orleanscasino.com/>

9. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation will be located at the official hotel **The Orleans Hotel & Casino** upon arrival.

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials, ISU Office Holders and Guests.

Accreditation as a Team Member will furthermore be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team-Leader and one Member Press Officer per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Officials of ISU Members, 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, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. 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 entries in ORS the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.

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

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

11. STARTING ORDERS

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.

12. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The three best placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

13. POINTS FOR “ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating”

Points will be awarded as follows:

Men and Ladies

1 st place	15 points
2 nd place	13 points
3 rd place	11 points
4 th place	9 points
5 th place	7 points
6 th place	5 points
7 th place	4 points
8 th place	3 point

Pair Skating and Ice Dance

1 st place	15 points
2 nd place	13 points
3 rd place	11 points
4 th place	9 points
5 th place	7 points
6 th place	5 points

The points received are of value for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and the qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. If a skater/couple does not complete an event due to illness or injury, this event will be treated as "not skated", i.e. the result(s) of initial round(s) completed will not count for the Grand Prix ranking order. However, such an event will count as one participation but without receiving credit in the ranking order.

14. PRIZE MONEY

The Global Prize Money per individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be:

US\$ 180,000.00

Awarded to winners and placed skaters/couples as follows:

	Men and Ladies	Pair Skating and Ice Dance (per Couple)
1 st place:	US\$ 18,000.00	US\$ 18,000.00
2 nd place:	US\$ 13,000.00	US\$ 13,000.00
3 rd place:	US\$ 9,000.00	US\$ 9,000.00
4 th place:	US\$ 3,000.00	US\$ 3,000.00
5 th place:	US\$ 2,000.00	US\$ 2,000.00

The individual prize money will be transferred to the ISU Members concerned immediately after the conclusion of the **2019 Skate America**.

Skaters/Couples qualified or invited for the exhibition of an event must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of US\$ 3'000 from the awarded Prize Money.

Skaters/Couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or the event's Organizer. 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.



The withholding tax is 30% in the United States and will be deducted by the organizing committee .

Exhibition Fee

An exhibition fee, to be provided by the Organizing Member, will only be paid to Skates/Couples who are not awarded Prize Money. The exhibition fee is set at US\$ 200.00 for Single Skaters (Men and Ladies) and US\$ 300.00 for Pairs and Ice Dance Couples.

In each of the six GP events, it shall be allowed to include up to 2 exhibition numbers of either ineligible or eligible skater(s) from the host country having past tradition and/or reputation, but who have not competed in the respective event (herewith called “extra exhibition numbers”). The extra exhibition numbers may not take place after the winners of the respective events who must skate last in the exhibition.

The inclusion of these 2 extra exhibition numbers is subject to the approval of the ISU President, or if not attainable, subject to approval by the Vice President Figure Skating. The above mentioned Exhibition fee does not apply to these skaters.

15. ISU WORLD STANDINGS

World Standing points will also be awarded according to the “World Standings Procedure”, that can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org) under Single & Pairs/Ice Dance – World Standings.”

16. ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications No. 2213 & 2243 or later updates).

17. 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.

18. 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 their respective pre and post event meetings. If the event Organizing 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 21.



19. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact

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

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Ms. Rita Zonnekeyn, Member S&PTC
Ms. Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair IDTC
Ms. Patricia Mayor, ISU Sport Manager Figure Skating (Secretary)

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21. EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 16, 2019	All day	Arrival of Teams
Thursday, October 17, 2019	All day	Official Practice
	09:00	PAIRS – Technical Panel Meeting
	10:15	Team Leaders Meeting
	10:30	MEN – Technical Panel Meeting
	12:15	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Meeting
	13:30	LADIES – Technical Panel Meeting
	14:45	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	15:45	Judges Meeting
	18:00	ISU and Judges Dinner
Friday, October 18, 2019	13:00	PAIRS – Short Program
	14:26	MEN – Short Program
	19:05	ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance
	21:00	LADIES – Short Program
Saturday, October 19, 2019	13:09	PAIRS – Free Skating
	15:00	MEN – Free Skating
	15:00	PAIRS – Technical Panel Review Victory Ceremonies Men and Pairs
	18:52	ICE DANCE – Free Dance
	19:00	MEN – Technical Panel Review
	21:00	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review
	21:01	LADIES – Free Skating Victory Ceremonies Ladies and Ice Dance
	23:00	LADIES – Technical Panel Review
Sunday, October 20, 2019	07:30	PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion
	08:45	MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:00	ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion
	11:15	LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion
	14:00	Exhibition Gala

Please note: This schedule is subject to changes.