



**February 9 – 14, 2021**

**Sydney / Australia**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

## 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

First and foremost, the following information is subject to a timely normalization of the coronavirus situation allowing the safe organization of the ISU Championships this winter. The ISU is closely monitoring the respective developments in consultation with the organizing ISU Members and with the expectation and hope that the situation will be restored to normal as quickly as possible. Please refer to ISU Communication No. 2320, point 2. The ISU will inform ISU Members in case of any development or related decision.

The ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships® 2021 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, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships® 2021 is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member in accordance with Rule 130, paragraph 2 and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3. a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and Communication No. 2030 (or any updated of this Communication).

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030 (or any update of this Communication), 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.

## 2. TECHNICAL DATA

All Championship events as well as some official practices will take place at **The Quay Centre** – with an ice surface of 30m x 56m. The remainder of the official practices will take place at the **Macquarie Ice Rink**, with an ice surface of 30m x 60m. The two facilities are 12 km apart (approx. 20-40-minute drive depending on traffic). Both venues are indoor, air-conditioned and heated.

Main Arena:                   The Quay Centre  
                                      Olympic Boulevard  
                                      Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127

Practice Arena:               Macquarie Ice Rink  
                                      Level 1  
                                      Macquarie Shopping Centre  
                                      Cnr Herring Road & Waterloo Road  
                                      North Ryde NSW 2113

### 2.1 Minimum Score

Please refer to ISU Communications No. 2332, paragraph 4.

Skaters/couples participating in the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships® 2021 must have reached the applicable Minimum Technical Elements Score (for SP/RD and FS/FD) as follows:

	<b>SP/RD</b>	<b>FS/FD</b>
MEN	28.00	46.00
LADIES	23.00	40.00
PAIR SKATING	25.00	42.00
ICE DANCE	28.00	44.00

The Minimum Technical Elements Score (not including Component Scores) is a Technical Score and must have been reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 39, paragraph 7 of the ISU Constitution and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 10 of the ISU General Regulations) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season in both segments, Short Program/Rhythm Dance and Free Skating/Free Dance (See ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating Ice Dance, Rule 378, paragraph 3).

While the Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached separately in each segment (not a total of the two segments), the Minimum Technical Elements Score for each segment may be reached at different competitions.

The Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached 21 (twenty-one) days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Championships concerned (same as entry deadline).

## 2.2 Technical Details

### **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 2020/21.
- 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 2314, 2315 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 2314, 2315 and subsequent updates.
- Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

### 3. ENTRIES

#### 3.1 General

All entries for the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships® 2021, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated; hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declarations as well as Health Care forms will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

#### 3.2 Entries of Competitors

In accordance with Rule 378, 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:

**Organizing Committee**

Ice Skating Australia Inc.

Email: [fourcontinents2021@isa.org.au](mailto:fourcontinents2021@isa.org.au)

and to:

**ISU Secretariat**

fax: +41 21 612 66 77

e-mail: [entries@isu.ch](mailto:entries@isu.ch)

not later than **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – 20:00 h, local time Sydney / AUS** (see Rule 378, paragraph 1).

Preliminary entries (by number) must be entered in the ORS no later than **October 1, 2020**.

**Please note that for all persons entered by the Members the procedures in regard to the Declaration for Competitors and Officials entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication ISU Communication 1876, point 16 (or any update of this Communication) need to be strictly observed.**

#### 3.3 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Member Press Officer and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted.

Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially entered in ORS and accepted by the Organizing Committee.

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 Member, including the Member President or other members of the Member provided that they are Council/Board members, Technical Committee members or members of the Head Office of their Federation, 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 Organizing Committee requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. Furthermore, not more than one (1) Member Press Officer will be accredited (provided the necessary form was received by September 1, 2020 and approved by the ISU). A partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted for restricted accreditation. The Members must guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team members will correspond to their function within the team.

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 **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – 20:00, local time Sydney / AUS**.

For Chaperones (one per Competitor - TBC) the Team Leader can request a "bus permit" which will include access to practices. Chaperones will not stay in the Official Skating Family Hotel. The chaperones will not receive any special price tickets to the competition events or the Exhibition.

#### 4. JUDGES

##### **Nomination of Judges for the annual Judges Draw for ISU Figure Skating Championships® 2021 to be held by video conference hosted by the ISU in Lausanne, SUI on Thursday October 15, 2020.**

According to ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018, Rule 521, the official **entry form for Judges by number** (that had been sent to Members on July 27, 2020), must reach the ISU Secretariat by **Thursday, October 1, 2020**, indicating with the entry, in which discipline of the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships® 2021 the Member intends to participate in the respective draw. The Member must also indicate with the entry, which Judge will be available to judge the Pair discipline.

In accordance with the draw results, that will be published in an ISU Communication subsequent to the Judges Draw, Members having been drawn to send Judges to the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships® 2021 must submit their Judges via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – 20:00, local time Sydney / AUS**.

#### 5. MEALS, LODGING, PREPAYMENT AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

In accordance with Rule 137 the expenses are regulated as follows:

- a) All expenses for accommodation and meals for all Competitors participating in the Championships will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period beginning with dinner on **Monday, February 8, 2021** and ending with lunch on **Monday, February 15, 2021**.
- b) All expenses for accommodation and meals for one (1) Team Leader for each participating Member in the Championships will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period beginning with dinner on **Monday, February 8, 2021** and ending with lunch on **Monday, February 15, 2021**.
- c) All expenses for accommodation and meals for Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data & Replay Operators will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period beginning with dinner on **Monday, February 8, 2021** and ending with lunch on **Monday, February 15, 2021**.
- d) All expenses for accommodation and meals for Referees and Judges will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period as listed below:
  - Referees: with lunch on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021** and ending with lunch on **Monday, February 15, 2021**
  - Judges Men and Ladies: from lunch on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021** and ending with lunch on **Monday, February 15, 2021**
  - Judges Pairs and Ice Dance: from lunch on **Wednesday, February 10, 2021** and ending with lunch on **Monday, February 15, 2021**

Should any Competitor, Team Leader or Official arrive at the Hotel before the time indicated above or stay longer, the costs for accommodation and meals are at the burden of the user. A credit card or cash deposit is required on arrival for security and other incidental (i.e. telephone, movies, etc.) charges. If there are no expenses or damages to the room, cash deposit will be returned to the guest on departure.

It is the responsibility of the participating Members to make the necessary travel plans and arrangements for their Skaters.

All extra expenses incurred by any Competitor or any kind of Official will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid prior to departure.

The Organizing Committee requests that, for all Team Members whose accommodation expenses are not covered by the Organizing Committee as outlined above, a pre-payment (deposit) to guarantee the availability of required rooms has to be made. Please use the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and the first Information Letter for booking and calculation. The pre-payment (50% of the total amount) must be made by **Friday, October 30, 2020**. The terms of payment for the remainder will be published well in time by the Organizing Committee.

**All rooms ordered for any person (if paid by the organizer or the member federation) are subject to the cancellation policy as outlined in the first information.**

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators will be paid in accordance with the Memorandum for Guidance in Holding ISU Figure Skating Championships and ISU Communication No. 2096 or any update of this Communication. Payments will be provided at registration. No expenses will be reimbursed for any other accompanying persons (i.e., Assistant Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Member Press Officer, Chaperones, etc.).

**Please note: It is the obligation of the Team Leader and or the Assistant Team Leader to attend the scheduled Team Leaders Meeting. Failing to do so, the Organizing Committee will not cover the expenses for the Team Leader as indicated above.**

## 6. PRACTICE

Official practices for Competitors begin on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

## 7. MUSIC

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 1, 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 **through the ISU Portal** for each Competitor by January 19, 2021 latest.

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

The "Program Content Sheet" must also be submitted **through the ISU Portal** 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.

## 8. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS

All ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders and Team Officials taking part in the Championships are requested to announce as soon as possible but not later than **Tuesday, January 19, 2021**, to the Organizing Committee, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at **Kingsford Smith Int. Airport (SYD)**.

This location is considered as the official arrival/departure point for the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships® 2021, from where a shuttle transfer will be organized. Coaches, Team Medical Staff, Member Press Officer and Chaperones are only met if they travel with the team. The detailed travel information needs to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

## 9. REGISTRATION

All ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Member Press Officer and one Coach (per Competitor) taking part in the Championships are requested to register for the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships® 2021 as follows:

Accreditation for the Skating Family will be at the **Novotel Hotel** and for Media at the **Quay Centre**.

All Competitors and Judges will be required to present their passport (and Clearance Certificate if the passport is not of the same country as the Member entering the Skater and/or the Skater having previously represented

another Member) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport.

## 10. OFFICIAL HOTELS

### **For Competitors, Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Medical Staff and other Delegation Members**

#### **Ibis Hotel**

11b Olympic Boulevard  
Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127  
Australia

Website: [www.novotelsydneyolympicpark.com.au/en/accommodation/ibis.html](http://www.novotelsydneyolympicpark.com.au/en/accommodation/ibis.html)

### **For ISU Event Officials, Judges, ISU Office Holders, ISU Guests, Member Presidents, Team Officials**

#### **Novotel Hotel**

11a Olympic Boulevard  
Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127  
Australia

Website: [www.novotelsydneyolympicpark.com.au](http://www.novotelsydneyolympicpark.com.au)

## 11. OPENING CEREMONY ON ICE

The Opening Ceremony on Ice will take place on **Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 13:15 (TBC)**, at the **Quay Centre**.

## 12. DRAWS - ORDER OF SKATING

The draws for the order of skating will be held individually per discipline at the Draw and Press Conference Room at the Quay Centre. The exact dates and time will be provided at registration.

## 13. EXHIBITION

All medalists as well as additional invited skaters will participate in the exhibition on **Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 17:30** at the Quay Centre according to Rule 104, paragraph 17 a) and b).

## 14. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS and JUDGES

The individual Initial Judges Meetings will be held one (1) day prior to each first segment of each individual discipline. The draw for the seating order of the panels of Judges will be made 45 min. prior to each segment. Subsequent draws, as required, will be made at the Quay Centre in the judges' room.

Please see the dates and times for all other official meetings for Technical Panels (before and after the respective event), Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting and Judges Round Table Discussions in paragraph 19. Schedule of Events. **ISU Event Officials and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective meetings.** If 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 20.

## 15. 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 means.



The ISU assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred by Competitors and Officials.

## **16. ANTI-DOPING**

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. 2344 & 2243 or later updates).

## **17. TITLES AND MEDALS**

The winners will bear the title according to Rule 133.

ISU gold medals will be awarded to the Champions and ISU silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed Competitors at the end of the finals in each discipline.

In accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3. e) the Referee shall present, after the completion of each segment (Short Program and Free Skating for Ladies, Men, Pairs and Rhythm Dance and Free Dance for Ice Dance), ISU bronze, silver and gold medals to the third-placed Competitor(s), second-placed Competitor(s) and the winners respectively in each discipline, but no anthem shall be played or flags hoisted.

## **18. Covid-19**

During the current Covid-19 pandemic the health and safety of all participants at ISU Events including the athletes, team members, officials, volunteers, service providers, guests, broadcasters, media, and spectators needs to be given additional attention.

Therefore, the ISU has created some Guidelines to help ISU Event Organizers. These ISU Guidelines describe the **minimum** sanitary measures that must be put in place to host an ISU Event during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These Guidelines do not, in any case, supersede additional requirements established by the National or Local Public Health Authorities of the hosting country which must be implemented in full.

## **19. INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact:

**ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships® 2021**

**Organizing Committee**

Ice Skating Australia Inc.

E-mail: [fourcontinents2021@isa.org.au](mailto:fourcontinents2021@isa.org.au)

**20. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday, February 9	All day	Official Practice
	15:15	LADIES – Technical Panel Meeting
	16:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	17:30	Medical Meeting
	19:00	MEN – Technical Panel Meeting
Wednesday, February 10	All day	Official Practice
	09:00	Referee & Technical Controllers Meeting
	10:00	LADIES – Initial Judges Meeting
	11:15	PAIRS – Technical Panel Meeting
	16:45	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Meeting
	17:00	MEN – Initial Judges Meeting
	20:00	ISU and Judges Dinner (TBC)
Thursday, February 11	09:00	ICE DANCE – Initial Judges Meeting
	11:15	PAIRS – Initial Judges Meeting
	13:15	Opening Ceremony on Ice
	14:10	LADIES – Short Program
	18:45	MEN – Short Program
Friday, February 12	12:45	ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance
	16:00	PAIRS – Short Program
	19:00	LADIES – Free Skating
Saturday, February 13	08:00	LADIES – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	09:15	LADIES - Judges Round Table Discussion
	15:00	PAIRS – Free Skating
	19:00	MEN – Free Skating
	19:00	PAIRS – Technical Panel Review Meeting
Sunday, February 14	08:30	PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion
	09:15	MEN – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	10:30	MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	12:30	ICE DANCE – Free Dance
	16:00	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	17:30	EXHIBITION
	18:00	ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion
	21:00	Closing Banquet (TBC)

**Please note: This schedule is subject to change**

**21. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES**

	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>to be submitted via</b>
Preliminary Entry Form	01.10.2020	<b>ORS</b>
Hotel Request Form Team Leaders, Competitors, Judges	01.10.2020	<b>ORS</b>
Hotel Request Form Team Officials, Coaches, Others	01.10.2020	<b>ORS</b>
Entry by Name for Competitors	19.01.2021	<b>ORS</b>
Entry by Name for Judges	19.01.2021	<b>ORS</b>
Entry by Name Delegation Members	19.01.2021	<b>ORS</b>
Hotel Reservation	19.01.2021	<b>ORS</b>
Travel Details	19.01.2021	<b>ORS</b>
Bank Transfer	19.01.2021	<b>ORS</b>
Press Information	19.01.2021*	<b>ISU PORTAL</b>
Competition Music Information	19.01.2021*	<b>ISU PORTAL</b>
Ice Dance Music Information	19.01.2021*	<b>ISU PORTAL</b>
Planned Program Content	19.01.2021*	<b>ISU PORTAL</b>
Skater Health Care Form	19.01.2021*	<b>ORS</b>
Visa Application Request	a.s.a.p.	<b>FORM</b>

\*Once submitted this information is valid for the entire season until amendments and updates become necessary.

<b>Payments</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Deadline for 50% deposit for hotel reservations from Federation	<b>30.10.2020</b>
Refund of 100% hotel deposit for cancellations up to	<b>29.12.2020</b>
Refund of 50% hotel deposit for cancellations <b>from December 30, 2020 until</b>	<b>19.01.2021</b>
No refund for cancellations from	<b>20.01.2021</b>
Federation to pay balance of hotel payment <b>latest at</b>	<b>Registration</b>