



ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating® 2020/2021,

NHK Trophy

国際スケート連盟公認グランプリシリーズ2020/21

2020 **NHK** 杯 国際フィギュアスケート競技大会

ANNOUNCEMENT



NHK Trophy 2020

An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Ladies and Ice Dance

organized by

Japan Skating Federation

held in

Osaka / JPN

November 27 to 29, 2020

A competition as part of the



Grand Prix of Figure Skating® 2020/21

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **NHK Trophy 2020** 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 the **NHK Trophy 2020** 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 2020/21 the event is only open to invited competitors.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place	Towa Pharmaceutical Ractab Dome 3-7-16, Mitsushima, Kadoma-shi, Osaka, 571-0015 Japan (an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 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.
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 2313, 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 2313, 2315 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.



3. ENTRIES

3.1 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.

3.1.1 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:

Japan Skating Federation

e-mail: entries@skatingjapan.or.jp

and to

ISU Secretariat

e-mail: entries@isu.ch

not later than **Friday, October 23, 2020 – 20:00 (local time Osaka)**.

The replacement of Competitors in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be made in accordance with Paragraphs 6.5 of the Announcement for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2020/21.

3.1.2 Entries of Judges

Given the current Covid-19 situation, exceptionally the Host Member will invite only Judges from its own country to the Grand Prix event or Judges, residing in the host country. A minimum qualification of “international” is however required. The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

Each panel of Judges may consist of up to 7 Judges but with a minimum of 5 Judges.

3.1.3 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of 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 accepted by the Organizer. **For Coaches, in order to reduce the number of persons on site, only 1 coach per skater/couple will be accepted. No chaperones will be accepted at this event.**

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, October 23, 2020 – 20:00 (local time Osaka)**.

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 Japanese Competitors participating, beginning with dinner from **Wednesday, November 25, 2020** until breakfast on **Monday, November 30, 2020**. The expenses for competitors from a GP Member will be covered by the respective GP Member, while all expenses for rooms and meals for Skaters from other Members will be reimbursed by the ISU.

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals also for the Referees, Judges, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators, and the Anti-Doping Control Team during the same period as indicated for the competitors.



4.2 Travel Expenses

The Organizing Member will pay travel expenses based on economy airfare rate for all Japanese Competitors invited to its ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event, for all Event Officials and Judges invited, from their domicile to Osaka and return. The travel expenses for GP Member skaters/couples will be covered by the respective GP Member while the expenses for non-GP Member Skaters/Couples will be covered by the ISU.

Skaters/Judges/Event Officials, who wish to purchase their air tickets directly or make other individual travel arrangements must first have a confirmation from the Organizing Committee or GP Member or ISU concerning the acceptance of the travel costs.

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 **Japan Skating Federation**, GP Member or ISU respectively, 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 (in envelope) at accreditation. Whenever possible the honorarium should be paid via wire transfer.

5. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Thursday, November 26, 2020**. 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 through the ISU Portal by **October 23, 2020**.

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 latest by the entry deadline. 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 requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Friday, October 23, 2020** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates, times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information need to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).



The nearest airports to Osaka are **Osaka-Itami Airport (ITM)** with an approximate distance of **15 km (app. 25 min. drive)** and **Kansai International Airport (KIX)** with an approximate distance of **51km (app. 45 min. drive)** to the official hotel.

The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival.

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

RIHGA Royal Hotel Osaka

5-3-68 Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka, 530-0005 Japan

Tel: +81 6 6448 1121

Homepage: <https://www.rihga.com/osaka>

9. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation will be located at the official hotel **RIHGA Royal Hotel Osaka** 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 Skater/Couple, 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 National Association.

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.

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

Considering the current Covid-19 situation and to avoid unnecessary gatherings in each Grand Prix event, the participating Skaters will be listed according to their ISU World Standing placement at the time of the event. The starting order in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance segment will be the reverse order of the ISU World Standing placements. In the case of any tie, there will be a draw to determine who skates first.

Skaters/Couples, who have not received any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the ISU World Standing list in country order. There will be a separate draw between those Skaters/Couples with no World Standing points to determine the starting order, following the basic principles of ISU Rule 513.

For the Free Skating/Free Dance the starting order will be the reverse order of the result after the previous segment.

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.



13. PRIZE MONEY

Prize Money will be awarded as indicated in the [Grand Prix General Announcement](#), point 4.

The individual prize money will be transferred to the ISU Members concerned immediately after the conclusion of the **NHK Trophy 2020**.

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 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 withholding tax will be deducted according to the actual government's law.

Exhibition Fee

An exhibition fee to be provided by the Organizing Member will only be paid to Skaters/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.

Additional numbers from Skaters/Couples, who have not competed in the respective event (herewith called "extra exhibition numbers") can be included, should the OC decide so. Any extra exhibition number may not take place after the winners of the respective events who must skate last in the exhibition. The above-mentioned Exhibition fee does not apply to these skaters.

14. ISU WORLD STANDINGS & TECHNICAL ELEMENT SCORE

Given the current situation there will be no World Standing points awarded this season. The Technical Element Scores awarded at this competition will not count for participation in ISU Championships, given the "domestic" composition of the Technical Panels and Judges panels.

15. ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

Anti-Doping tests can 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).

16. 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.

17. MEETINGS FOR EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

Please see the dates and times for all official meeting in the attached schedule. 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 Event Officials and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 21.



18. COVID-19

All participants are required to observe the Medical Guideline for the NHK Trophy.

Basically, the ISU Guidelines are followed, but in cases where there are differences with the domestic sanitary measures, it shall take precedence.

- COVID-19 negative test is not mandatory for Skaters and Coaches but they are requested to use JSF Health Check App to report their body temperatures and physical conditions from two weeks prior to the event.
- Press Conference and Mixed Zone interview will be operated by online streaming.

19. INFORMATION

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

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Ms. Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair IDTC

Ms. Patricia Mayor, ISU Sport Manager Figure Skating (Secretary)

**21. EVENT SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, November 25, 2020	All day	Arrival of teams
Thursday, November 26, 2020		Official practice
		Team Leaders Meeting
	11:45	Technical Panel Meeting – MEN & LADIES
	13:00	Technical Panel Meeting – ICE DANCE
	17:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	18:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
Friday, November 27, 2020	15:15	LADIES – Short Program
	17:18	ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance
	19:05	MEN – Short Program
Saturday, November 28, 2020	15:25	LADIES – Free Skating
	17:45	ICE DANCE – Free Dance
		Victory Ceremony – ICE DANCE, LADIES
	19:35	MEN – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony MEN
	TBD	Technical Panel Review – All categories
Sunday, November 29, 2020	Morning	Exhibition Practice
		Round Table Discussion for Judges – LADIES
		Round Table Discussion for Judges – ICE DANCE
		Round Table Discussion for Judges – MEN
	14:15	Exhibition Gala

Please note: This schedule is subject to changes.