

**SKATE AMERICA**  
**LAS VEGAS**  
**2020**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**



**Grand Prix of Figure Skating® 2020/21**

2020 Skate America, Las Vegas, NV / USA – October 23 – 24, 2020

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# **2020 Skate America**

**An International Senior Competition**

**for**

**Men, Ladies, Pair Skating and Ice Dance**

**organized by**

**U.S. Figure Skating**

**held in**

**Las Vegas, NV / USA**

**October 23 - 24, 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 **2020 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 the **2020 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 2020/21 the event is only open to invited competitors.

## 2. TECHNICAL DATA

<b>Place</b>	Orleans Arena 4500 W. Tropicana Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89103 (an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 26 m, air-conditioned and heated)				
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<b>ICE DANCE</b>	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:

**U.S. Figure Skating**

E-mail: [therron@usfigureskating.org](mailto:therron@usfigureskating.org)

and to

**ISU Secretariat**

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

not later than **Monday, October 5, 2020 – 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 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, 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. **For Coaches, in order to reduce the number of persons on site, only 1 coach per skater/couple will be accepted.**

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 **Monday, October 5, 2020 – 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 U.S. Competitors, beginning with dinner from **Monday, October 19, 2020** (due to COVID Testing requirements) until breakfast on **Monday, October 25, 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 U.S. Competitors invited to its ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event, for all Event Officials and Judges invited, from their domicile to Las Vegas 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/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 U.S. Figure Skating 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, October 22, 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 **Monday, October 5, 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 **Monday, October 5, 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 airport to Las Vegas is **Las Vegas McCarran International Airport (LAS)** which is 15-30 min to the official hotel.

The Organizing Committee provides 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**

### **Orleans Hotel**

4500 W. Tropicana Ave.

Las Vegas, NV 89103

Website: [www.orleanscasino.com](http://www.orleanscasino.com)

## **9. ACCREDITATION**

The official accreditation will be located at the **Orleans Arena** 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.**

Although the OC will allow approved chaperones only submitted via ORS, **the OC STRONGLY DISCOURAGES chaperones** from attending due to event requirements this year.

Approved Chaperones will be required to be COVID tested upon arrival and then quarantine until results indicate a negative result. The approved chaperones may not interact with athletes while at the event and must be in their own hotel room. Upon agreement and a negative COVID test, chaperones will be provided access to a defined seating area in the arena and will be allowed in and out of the arena only to see their athlete. They will not be allowed to stay in the arena and watch remaining events.

## **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. At this time the OC is still determining how awards will be presented due to compliance with local health ordinances.

## **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 **2020 Skate America**.

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.

## **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**

See attached addendum





## 19. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact

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General E-mail: [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org)

And/or

Terri Herron (for ORS and Housing items/questions)  
E-mail: [therron@usfigureskating.org](mailto:therron@usfigureskating.org)

or

International Skating Union  
Avenue Juste-Olivier 17  
1006 Lausanne, Switzerland  
phone: +41 21 612 6666  
e-mail: [entries@isu.ch](mailto:entries@isu.ch)

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

### **ISU Headquarters**

ISU Secretariat

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

### **ISU Coordinator for the ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group**

Mr. Alexander Lakernik, ISU Vice-President Figure Skating

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### **ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group (Junior and Senior series)**

Mr. Alexander Lakernik, ISU Vice-President of Figure Skating  
& Coordinator ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group

Mr. Charles Cyr, ISU Sports Director Figure Skating

Ms. Rita Zonnekeyn, Member S&PTC

Ms. Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Chair IDTC

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

**21. EVENT SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, October 21, 2020	All day	Arrival of teams
Thursday, October 22, 2020	All day	Official practice
	TBC	Technical Panel Meeting – MEN & LADIES
	12:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	TBC	Technical Panel Meeting – ICE DANCE
	TBC	Technical Panel Meeting – PAIRS
	15:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	16:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
Friday, October 23, 2020	Morning	Official Practice
	16:10	LADIES – Short Program
	18:00	MEN – Short Program
	19:50	PAIRS – Short Program
	21:30	ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance
Saturday, October 24, 2020	Morning	Official Practice
	11:00	LADIES – Free Skating
	13:05	MEN – Free Skating
	18:50	PAIRS – Free Skating
	20:25	ICE DANCE – Free Dance
		Victory Ceremonies (Pairs, Ice Dance, Ladies, Men)
	TBC	Round Table discussions (all)

**Please note: This schedule is subject to changes.**

## 2020 Skate America Health & Safety Plan (as of 9-21-20 and subject to change)

**Note: all persons will be REQUIRED to comply and follow the plan outlined below**

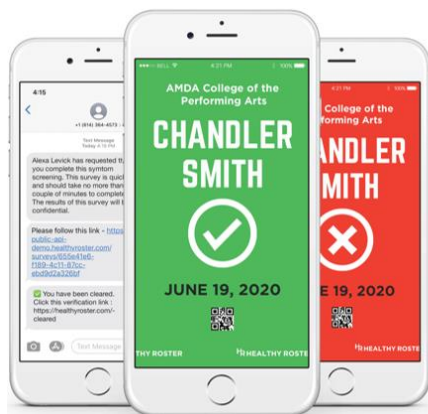
U.S. Figure Skating in coordination with our assigned Chief Medical Officer and local medical partner University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) Medicine will institute a four-part Health & Safety Plan as outlined below to ensure the safest possible environment for all participants and the flexibility to adjust daily as needed:

### **Step 1 – Advance communication, education and COVID screening**

U.S. Figure Skating has direct contact ability with all persons attending Skate America. As such we will be communicating and implementing the following:

- 30-days from arrival: All persons will be provided the final Skate America operations plan and requirements to participate.
- 14 days from arrival all persons will be required to start daily health screening using the Healthy Roster Safer Play App (see below for more information). Health Screens will be monitored by members of U.S. Figure Skating's Sports Medicine team. In addition, all persons are requested to start to reduce public interactions to lower the risk of being exposed to COVID.
- 7 days from arrival: All persons are requested to reduce further public interactions to lower the risk of being exposed to COVID.

**Healthy Roster Safer Play** - <https://www.healthyroster.com/safer-play>



### Easy to Read Results

- Color-coded symbols make it easy to check daily results at the door
- Lack of response should prevent entry until completed
- Guidance on what to do right now

### **Step 2 – Arrival, Quarantine and Testing**

All persons will arrive at the Orleans Arena to be checked in to the event as follows:

- Verify green screen on Healthy Roster App. *If a red screen is displayed, the individual will have follow-up with the local medical team or the medical liaison to determine next steps in follow-up care or further testing.*
- Temperature checked.
- PCR Test will be administered by UNLV Medicine
- Event orientation will be mandatory for all persons.
- Accreditation will be provided
- Hotel check-in will take place at arena.
- Once all the steps above occur, all persons will be required to quarantine in hotel room at Orleans until negative test result is returned. Estimated between 24-48 hours.

- All persons are required to arrive 2-3 days prior (Ex. Arrive Monday to be available for Thursday official practice) to starting their event responsibilities to allow for testing window. This date will vary for each group. Please note that testing will not happen on same day for late arriving flights.
- COVID testing windows will be 08:00-12:00 daily (subject to change).

### **Step 3 – Daily monitoring and restricted access**

In addition to arrival procedures, the following will be implemented to ensure a “Closed event” as required by the Nevada Gaming Commission which has jurisdiction over all casino properties including the Orleans Hotel and Arena.

- All persons will be required to present their valid event accreditation at designated entry doors and will have their temperature checked daily and/or each time they enter facility.
- Temperatures will be logged and anyone recording a temperature of 100.4 F or higher will be required to quarantine and referred to local medical services and may require a new COVID-19 PCR test.
- If a person receives a positive test, that person will receive a second test to rule out a false positive result.
- If positive after the second test, person will be required to quarantine and may be subject to a 14-day quarantine prior to flying per state law.

### **Step 4 – Event medical plan and EMT/Ambulance services**

As is standard and a required plan for all national and international figure skating events, Skate America will follow the [International Skating Union \(ISU\) Medical Guide](#) highlighted as follows:

- **Rinkside medical personnel**
  - Two (2) medical personnel will be stationed rinkside by the athlete entry door for all practice sessions.
  - Four (4) medical personnel will be stationed rinkside by the athlete entry door for all competition sessions.
  - In addition, we will use a hired EMT/ambulance crew to be onsite for all competition sessions.
- **Event Medical Room**
  - Under the direction of the assigned CMO, the event will have a separate medical room with 2-3 treatment rooms to address medical issues throughout training and competition days. Multiple medical rooms will be established to allow for persons from separate groups to receive treatment as needed.
- **Physical Therapy Services**
  - Athletes will also have access to physical therapy/recovery within the Orleans Arena in separate rooms.