



**SKATE**CANADA  
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**2020**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**



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

Skate Canada International 2020, Ottawa, ON / CAN – October 29 – 31, 2020

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# **Skate Canada International 2020**

**An International Senior Competition**

**for**

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

**organized by**

**Skate Canada**

**held in**

**Ottawa, ON / Canada**

**October 29-31, 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 **Skate Canada International 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 **Skate Canada International 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

<b>Place</b>	The Arena at TD Place 1015 Bank Street Ottawa, Ontario K1S 3W7, Canada (an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 61 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:

Skate Canada / Patinage Canada  
E-mail: [2020sci@skatecanada.ca](mailto:2020sci@skatecanada.ca)

and to

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

not later than **Wednesday, October 7, 2020 – 20:00 (local time Ottawa)**.

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. 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 **Wednesday, October 7, 2020 – 20:00 (local time Ottawa)**.



## **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 Canadian Competitors, beginning with dinner from **Wednesday, October 28, 2020** until breakfast on Sunday, **November 1, 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 Canadian Competitors invited to its ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event, for all Event Officials and Judges invited, from their domicile to Ottawa 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 Skate Canada or ISU respectively, prior to its ticketing.

No reimbursement will be made by Skate Canada on any travel expenses including airline tickets due to event cancellation. It is highly recommended that refundable airfare tickets be booked for all travel.

### **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 29, 2020**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

## **6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT**

Music will be collected as part of the Local Organizing Committee Online Event Registration process. Music will only be accepted electronically by MP3 file format. Competitors must have their back up music files – either USB flash drive or CD – with them on site during practice and competition.

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 must be submitted for each Competitor through the ISU Portal by **Wednesday, October 7, 2020**.

If music information is not complete and music is 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 **Wednesday, October 7, 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 Ottawa is **Ottawa International Airport (YOW)** which is 13 km/20 min to the official hotel.

All participants will be responsible for their own transportation to the hotel upon arrival to Ottawa. The Organizing Committee **will not** be providing a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival. The Organizing Committee will provide compensation for Judges/Officials/Skaters for any cost incurred for their airport transfers to and from the hotel.

Please be informed, that due to COVID protocol restrictions, that if a chaperone is attending, they will not have access to the competition venue or transportation. There will be no tickets or passes issued.

## **8. OFFICIAL HOTEL**

### **Ottawa Marriott Hotel**

100 Kent Street

Ottawa, Ontario

K1P 5R7

Canada

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yowmc-ottawa-marriott-hotel/>

## **9. ACCREDITATION**

The official accreditation will be located at the official hotel **Ottawa Marriott Hotel** 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. The national anthem of the winner will be played, and the flags of the medal winners will be displayed on the videoboard.

## **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 **Skate Canada International 2020**.

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 Officials 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.

**Please Note:** As indicated under paragraph 21, the Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting, Judges Draw and Meeting and all Technical Panel Meetings will be held October 26 virtually prior to arriving in Ottawa. More details to come.

## **18. COVID-19**

The safety of all Skaters, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers and Staff will be a top priority at the 2020 Skate Canada International. All Federal, Provincial and Municipal COVID protocols will be strictly followed and monitored. Throughout the entire event, all Accredited Individuals will be required to follow a physical distancing protocol of 2m of separation, as well as handwashing, coughing & sneezing guidelines, while in the venue. Every individual will be required to wear a face mask/protective covering, while in the venue or while being transported to/from the facility. The only instances when a facemask/protective covering will not be required is when a skater is either performing or warming up, in the designated areas.

Skater & Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, OC Staff, Television Production and Venue Operations Staff/Suppliers will be separated into specific Cohorts and will be required to stay within their assigned Cohorts for the duration of the event. Each Cohort will have defined areas, within the venue, where they will be permitted to enter, and each area will be strictly monitored. The time of entry and exit of the venue for each Cohort will be strictly observed as will the movement within the venue.

Each Accredited individual will be required to complete a daily Self-Assessment, prior to entering the venue, attesting to their current physical condition, as it relates to COVID-19 symptoms.

More detailed information will be provided in the First Information Package as well as a pre-event COVID-19 information document that will be distributed mid-October.





## 19. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact

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Box 15, 261-1200 St. Laurent Boulevard  
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K1K 3B8  
Canada  
e-mail: [2020sci@skatecanada.ca](mailto:2020sci@skatecanada.ca)

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

E-mail: [alex.lak169@gmail.com](mailto:alex.lak169@gmail.com)

### **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**

Friday, October 23, 2020	Sent Electronically	Team Leaders Meeting/Information
Monday, October 26, 2020	19:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting (virtually)
	20:00	Judges Draw and Meeting (virtually)
	TBD	Technical Panel Meeting – MEN & LADIES (virtually)
	TBD	Technical Panel Meeting – ICE DANCE (virtually)
	TBD	Technical Panel Meeting – PAIRS (virtually)
Wednesday, October 28, 2020	All day	Arrival of teams
Thursday, October 29, 2020	All day	Official practice
Friday, October 30, 2020	14:30	LADIES – Short Program
	16:30	MEN – Short Program
	18:30	PAIRS – Short Program
	20:15	ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance
Saturday, October 31, 2020	14:00	LADIES – Free Skating
	16:30	MEN – Free Skating
	19:00	PAIRS – Free Skating
	21:00	ICE DANCE – Free Dance
		Victory Ceremonies (Pairs, Ice Dance, Ladies, Men) following the completion of each Free Program.
November 2, 2020		Round Table Discussions – (virtually – to be scheduled in advance)

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