

Accreditation concept and rules of procedure for media representatives during the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2020/21 Rostelecom Cup, developed to meet the restrictions related to the epidemiological situation.

Due to the existing risks of COVID-19 spread, the Organizing Committee together with the Figure Skating Federation of Russia and the ISU, guided by the Regulations for organization and conduct of official physical culture and sports events in the Russian Federation, approved by the Ministry of Sports of the Russian Federation and the Chief State Sanitary Doctor of the Russian Federation, as well as by the ISU Recommendations, developed a concept of accreditation and rules of procedure for media representatives at the Moscow stage of the ISU Grand Prix - "Rostelecom Cup".

Each journalist applying for accreditation for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2020/21 Rostelecom Cup should review the ISU Guidelines COVID-19 pandemic for Media <https://isu.org/media-centre/accreditations/media>

A prerequisite for obtaining accreditation by media representatives is to provide a certificate with a negative test result for COVID-19. The testing should be completed **no more than 72 hours** before the start of the event. Journalists should have certificates with negative test results with them when receiving an accreditation card. Testing of media representatives is carried out by the employer.

To obtain accreditation for the event all media representatives should fill in an accreditation form available on the website www.dszm.ru in the section "press center" and send it to press@dszm.ru no later than 06:00 p.m. on November 16, 2020. Accreditation forms should be signed by the Editor-in-chief and have an official stamp.

Also it is necessary to attach to the applying letter a copy of a valid editorial press certificate.

Accreditation is provided **ONLY** to professional journalists, editors and photographers representing news agencies, newspapers, magazines, television channels, radio stations, Internet media having a figure skating column in sports media and sport column in general political media. The qualification of a journalist should be confirmed by a valid professional media card of a corresponding news media. In the absence of the editorial press certificate (press card), you should attach a letter from the Editor-in-chief on the official letterhead of the publication, confirming your referral to this event.

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **06:00 p.m. November 16, 2020.**

One (1) writing journalist and one (1) photographer can apply for accreditation from each publication. Leading news agencies may nominate up to two (2) writing

journalists and two (2) photographers.

TV companies (non-right-holders) apply for a maximum of two (2) persons (a journalist and a camera man).

Radio stations (non-right-holders) - for 1 person per company.

The total number of accredited media representatives will be subject to space available. The Organizing Committee (OC) and the ISU reserve the right to refuse to issue an accreditation card should the number of applications exceed the space given or if any requested information / documentation has not been provided in due time.

All media should provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information could be requested:

- Accreditation form in .pdf, .jpg, .png or .jpeg
- Copy of current professional media or journalist card in .pdf,.jpg,.png,.jpeg

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only, any uncompleted applications will be refused.

Confirmation of accreditation:

If your accreditation request is approved, you will receive a confirmation letter. Upon receipt of an accreditation card, you have to present an identity document and a confirmation letter, as well as a negative COVID-19 test.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request has been denied.

Please note that the Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse accreditation without giving a reason.

Working regulations in conditions of existing risks of COVID-19 spread:

Every accredited media representative has to wear a mask / mouth-face nose protection at any time at the official event locations (Ice Rink, Official Transportation, Official Hotel(s)). Any person not wearing a mask could have his accreditation removed.

1. Taking into account the quarantine measures to the Moscow stage of the ISU Grand Prix Rostelecom Cup 2020 are allowed:

NO MORE THAN 40 writing journalists with PRESS accreditation;

of which 10 writing press representatives and **NOT MORE than 8**

representatives of news TV companies (non-right-holders) are allowed into the mixed zone;

NO MORE THAN 25 photographers, of which **NO MORE THAN 10 photographers** are allowed to shoot at the rink side-area.

2. Distribution of starting orders, results sheets, etc. will not be provided in hard copies, but only in soft copies or via information boards.
3. There will be no press conferences after each program.
4. The media representatives are to respect the procedures implemented by the Organizing Committee and are not permitted to move the press center equipment.
5. Although both the press center and the press tribune will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis, mass media representatives will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting their working desks before and after using it.
6. Channel One will broadcast the competition live, as well as flash interviews with the skaters. Any other video filming using mobile telephones and other electronic devices in the Mixed Zone and in the Arena is FORBIDDEN according to the TV right holders requirements.
7. Regarding video shooting of the competition or in the mixed zone journalists of other TV companies should contact the TV right holder company - Channel One.

All journalists accredited for the Moscow stage of the Grand Prix should have a certificate with a negative COVID-19 test result.

For any additional questions or information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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