

ISU Grand Prix of Figure
Skating 2020/2021



**ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating
Rostelecom Cup
Moscow Russia
20 - 22 Nov 2020**

Media Information



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Figure Skating Federation of Russia looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Rostelecom Cup in Moscow, Russia. The event will be held at the Sports Palace «Megasport» from November 20-22, 2020.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Moscow and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The press centre and press tribune will be open and operational for the first practice/training session on 20 November, 2020 at 09:00 a.m.

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Additional information and updates as required will be posted on the ISU website as they become available. If you need more information, or have questions, please contact:

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Media Accreditation

Pre-conditions on attending an ISU Event

In order for any media accreditation request to be considered members of the media must:

1. read the Guidelines for ISU Events during the COVID-19 pandemic – For the Media [ISU COVID-19 Event Guidelines](#)
2. sign a special ISU waiver
3. fill in the medical questionnaire upon arrival
4. International media apply accreditation by the ISU here: <https://www.isu.org/media-centre/accreditations/media>
5. Russian media apply for accreditation as per indicated by the Organizing Committee

In addition, it is strongly recommended that members of the media shall be tested regularly in his/her home country, and latest 3 days (72h) before travelling to an Event.

All accredited media must make themselves familiar with the following World Health Organization (WHO) publication:

[Key planning recommendations for mass gatherings in the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak](#)

The number of media accreditations issued per event will be restricted and will depend on the venue and the restrictions of the host nation. Priority will be given to media residing in the host nation.

The ISU will not be held responsible for any travel restriction or delay, even if an accreditation request has been approved.

Accreditation Procedure

All media must apply for media accreditation by filling in the Media Accreditation Form in [English](#) or in [Russian](#) and returning it by email to press@dszm.ru.

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **November 16, 2020**. All media must read the [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](#). This procedure must be followed and all required documents provided.

Rights holding TV and radio

TV stations are requested to reduce the number of on-site team members to a minimum still allowing a quality TV operation on-site.

All right holding media must also apply for accreditation as indicated above. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcast - **1 Chanel**

Accreditation Confirmation

The number of media accreditation issued will be restricted.

If the accreditation request is accepted, an email of confirmation will be issued. You may be asked to present a copy of the email of confirmation to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.

The Media ID Card will be issued and can be picket up at the Accreditation centre. The Accreditation center and Press center will be located in the Sports Palace «Megasport». Journalists enter the venue through the «red» ticket offices. Orientation signs will assist you in finding it.

Anti COVID-19 measures

General restrictions

Every accredited media representative must wear a mask / mouth-face nose protection at any time in the official event locations.

Any person not wearing a mask could have their accreditation removed.

Every person must follow the basic principle:

- wash your hands thoroughly
- cough and sneeze into a tissue or the crook of your arm
- wear a mask
- avoid shaking hands, hugging or kissing
- keep physical distancing hereby a minimum of 1,5 meters
- stay at home if you experience symptoms.

In addition, it is strongly recommended that members of the media shall be tested regularly in his/her home country, and latest 3 days (72h) before travelling to an Event.

Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

If you need assistance to obtain a Russian entry visa or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee Press Officer. It is therefore strictly recommended to submit to Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but not later than **November 09, 2020** the attached visa application form with readable passport copy of good quality for each person.

Visa application form

Please fill in the [Visa Application Form](#) with type or write in capital letters!

To be sent in EXCEL format!

Please mail or fax:

e-mail: press@dszm.ru

fax: +7 (495) 695-88-64

Media Facilities at the venue

Facilities offered to the media at the Media Center:

- tables equipped with power supply (two power 220V sockets for each work place)
- free cable internet connectivity (2 048 kbit/s)
- free Wi-Fi internet access (802.11g, 2,4GHz, WPA password protection)
- CATV monitors (at the Media Center and Mixed Zone)
- statistical monitors (at the Media Center and Mixed Zone)

The media are to respect the procedures implemented by the Organizing Committee and are not permitted to move equipment.

Although the press center will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis, members of the media will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting their working desks before and after using it.

Media Tribune

Access control will be in place in order to avoid overcrowding. The Media Tribune will be non-table seats.

Facilities offered to the media on the Media Tribune:

- free Wi-Fi internet access (802.11g, 2,4GHz, WPA password protection)

Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition.

The Mixed Zone is split into free main sections and follows a pre-determined priority order:

- Quick Quotes available through the ISU website
- Rights holders TV and radio broadcasters who have pre-booked positions
- Written press

Media may also approach athletes' Team Leader for one on one interviews in their designated section, if required.

Press Conference Room

Organizing Committee had decided not to hold the press conferences.

Material Available

- Press Releases: Please subscribe [here](#)
- [Media Guide](#)
- Image Gallery: Subscribe to the Press Releases [here to receive the Photo Gallery](#). Pictures are also available in [News Items](#) with credit as indicated
- Social Media: Facebook: [RuSkate](#) / [ISUFigureSkating](#) / Twitter [RuSkating](#) / [ISU_Figure](#) / Youtube: [TheFSRussia](#) / [SkatingISU](#) / Instagram: [ruskating](#) / [isufigureskating](#) / [VK](#) / [OK](#)
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Media Accommodation

It is the responsibility of the individual media persons to book their own accommodation and to take on any cancellation fees.

Official Travel Agency or Tour Operator

For accommodation, please, contact our partner

“Sputnic – sport and business travel” LLC

E-mail: booking@sputnic-sbt.ru

Тел.: 8 (495) 624 05 38

Transportation & Telecommunications

Public Transportation

- Moscow offers a comprehensive public transportation network including metro (subway), buses and trams.
- Metro and ground transportation options use the same two types of tickets: universal (valid for any type of transportation, 1 ride – **57 RUR** or combined (any number of transfers between different transportation means within 90 minutes, 1 ticket – **65 RUR**. Information and prices for different ticket options can be found at the metro website available in English: <http://troika.mos.ru/en/tariffs/table/>, along with the metro system map.
- From metro station “CSKA” to Sport Palace “Megasport” within walking distance.
- Sport Palace “Megasport” can be reached by bus number 818 from metro station “Dynamo” fourth stop – “Sports Palace “Megasport”
- All Moscow airports can be reached from the center of the city by Aeroexpress train. Trains for Sheremetyevo Airport leave every 30 minutes from Belorussky Train Station (located at “Belorusskaya” green-line and brown-line metro stations), travel time is 30 minutes. Trains for Domodedovo airport leave every 30 minutes from Paveletsky Train Station (located at “Paveletskaya” green-line and brown-line metro stations), travel time is 45 minutes. Trains for Vnukovo airport leave every 60 minutes from Kievsky Train Station (located at “Kievskaya” blue-line, light blue-line and brown-line stations), travel time is 35 minutes. One-way Aeroexpress ticket costs **500 RUR**, service is not available during the night time (12.30 am – 6 am). Further information can be found on the website <http://aeroexpress.ru/en/> (available in English and Russian).
- There is no unified Taxi carrier in Moscow. Taxi services are effected by different companies, their vehicles may have different color and appearance and different rates. If you need to use a taxi, we strongly advise you to ask the hotel reception to order a car for you.

Telecommunications

- free cable internet connectivity (2 048 kbit/s) in the Media Center

- free Wi-Fi internet access (802.11g, 2,4GHz, WPA password protection) in the Media Center, at the Mixed Zone and on the Media Tribune

Useful Information

Electricity:

The electric current is 220 Volts (50 Hz) and the plugs used are two round pins.

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Country Code:

Telephone Country Code is: +7

Mobile Phone Network:

There are three major mobile network providers in Russia: MTS, Beeline, and Megafon. The primary mobile phone standard is GSM-900 and GSM – 1800. Prices, coverage, and services offered by the operators are quite similar.

MTS: www.mts.ru

Beeline: www.beeline.ru

Megafon: www.megafon.ru

International calls:

8 – pause until you hear a new dial tone – country code – city/town code – telephone number

Currency:

The exchange rate of Ruble to US Dollar is approximately **78** Rubles for **1** Dollar and **93** Rubles for **1** Euro. The rate is set by the Central Bank of Russia and usually varies little every day. Money can be changed at any bank and at most hotel reception desks.

The following coins and banknotes are in use in Russia today:

5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, and 10 Rubles notes

10, 5, 2, and 1 Ruble coins

50, 10, 5, and 1 Kopeck coins

Competition information

Event Schedule

November 20, Friday

02:00 p.m. Men, Short Program
04:00 p.m. Ice Dance, Rhythm Dance
05:45 p.m. Opening Ceremony
06:30 p.m. Ladies, Short Program
08:30 p.m. Pairs, Short Program

November 21, Saturday

01:30 p.m. Men, Free Skating
03:40 p.m. Ice Dance, Free Skating
05:30 p.m. Ladies, Free Skating
07:40 p.m. Pairs, Free Skating

November 22, Sunday

02:00 p.m. Victory Ceremony
03:00 p.m. Exhibition Gala

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