

# ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2020/21, NHK Trophy OSAKA, JAPAN

November 27 – November 29, 2020

**Media Information** 



Japan Skating Federation looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2020/21, NHK Trophy in Osaka, Japan. The event will be held at the Towayakuhin RACTAB Dome from November 27, 2020.

This information will assist you in planning your stay during the NHK Trophy 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 center and press tribune will be open and operational for the first practice/ training session on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 12:00.

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If you require further information or have any questions, please contact:

NHK Trophy Media Office E-mail: nhk-t@mediaoffice.co.jp

Fax: +81 3 5467 3483

## **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 <u>ISU</u> COVID-19 Event Guidelines
- 2. sign a special ISU waiver
- 3. fill in the medical questionnaire upon arrival
- 4. apply for media accreditation as per indicated by the Organizing Committee and/or the ISU here: https://www.isu.org/media-centre/accreditations/media

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 through the NHK Trophy Media Office. Please fill in the necessary information to Appendix "<u>Media Accreditation Request Form</u>" and send it to NHK Trophy Media Office.

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The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **November 13, 2020.** All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information can be requested.

- 1. Copy of current professional media or journalist card
- 2. ID photo in .jpg.

#### **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 Broadcaster:

NHK(Japan Broadcasting Corporation) Contact person: Takeshi Nagatomi nagatomi@nhkint.or.jp

#### **Accreditation Confirmation**

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. <u>Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.</u>

Media Accreditation cards are to be picked up at Towayakuhin RACTAB Dome Press Center.

#### Opening times:

November 26 (Thu) From 11:30 November 27 (Fri) From 10:30 November 28 (Sat) From 10:00 November 29 (Sun) From 13:45

# Media Facilities at the venue

OC will provide non-tabled media seating.

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 and TV Commentator positions**

Media seating access section 2F A block, Row 1-17, Seat 1-29

#### **Mixed Zone**

There will be a digital mixed zone with an opportunity to interview athletes via (video) conference.

#### **Press Conference Room**

Press conferences will be held remotely.

#### **Material Available**

- Press Conference: Remote press conference / Live Stream Link and times: TBA
- Social Media: NHK Twitter / ISU Twitter / ISU Facebook / ISU Instagram
- Hashtags: #NHK 杯フィギュア # NHKTrophyFigure, #GPFigure, #FigureSkating

#### Official Travel Agency or Tour Operator

Please contact Kintetsu International Tokyo (KNT) in regards to your accommodation need and inquiries.

nhk-trophy@knt-ec.com

# **Transportation & Telecommunications**

#### **Transportation**

Access to Osaka <a href="https://osaka-info.jp/en/">https://osaka-info.jp/en/</a>

#### **Telecommunications**

OC will provide free internet WiFi at the press center.

#### **Useful Information**

Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau (Basic Travel Information): https://osaka-info.jp/en/

#### Banking hours:

Regular banking hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 15:00. All banks on Saturday, Sunday and national holidays are closed all day.

#### Currency:

Paper bills: 10,000Yen, 5,000Yen and 1,000Yen bills.

Coins :500Yen, 100Yen, 50Yen, 10Yen, 5Yen and 1Yen.

Most stores accept all bills but larger bills (10,000Yen or 5,000Yen) may not be accepted when you take public transportation like buses.

#### Taxes:

10% sales tax is collected in the entire country for all services and products.

Prices are posted with sometimes tax included and sometimes tax excluded. Vending machines, convenient stores, coffee shops, buses, taxies, etc. are mainly included.

Restaurants, fashion boutiques, hotel, etc. are mainly excluded.

#### Gratuity:

Tipping in restaurants is not necessary. Hotel restaurants or cafe automatically add a service charge to the bill.

#### Time zone:

Time zone for Japan is 9 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+9:00).

#### Climate (November in Osaka):

Daily Average (°C) +13.6 Maximum temperature +17.6

Minimum temperature + 9.9

#### Electricity:

100V plug type A

# **Competition information**

# Schedule:

Wednesday, November 25, 2020	All day	Arrival of teams
Thursday, November 26, 2020	12:00	Official practice
	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
	18:30	Round Table Discussion for Judges – LADIES
	19:35	MEN – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony MEN
	TBD	Technical Panel Review – All categories
Sunday, November 29, 2020	9:00	Exhibition Practice
	8:30	Round Table Discussion for Judges – ICE DANCE
	9:45	Round Table Discussion for Judges – MEN
	14:15	Exhibition Gala

Please note: This schedule is subject to changes.

Entry List: <a href="http://www.isuresults.com/events/fsevent00110249.htm">http://www.isuresults.com/events/fsevent00110249.htm</a>
Results: <a href="http://www.isuresults.com/events/fsevent00110249.htm">http://www.isuresults.com/events/fsevent00110249.htm</a>
Rankings: <a href="https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/entries-results/standings">https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/entries-results/standings</a>

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Official website: <a href="http://nhk-trophy2020.jp/">http://nhk-trophy2020.jp/</a>

ISU Event page: <a href="https://isu.org/figure-skating/events/figure-skating-calendar/eventdetail/12190/-/isu-grand-prix-of-figure-skating-nhk-trophy?templateParam=11">https://isu.org/figure-skating/events/figure-skating-calendar/eventdetail/12190/-/isu-grand-prix-of-figure-skating-nhk-trophy?templateParam=11</a>