



**World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018**



**ISU WORLD SYNCHRONIZED SKATING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2018  
STOCKHOLM / SWEDEN / 6-7 APRIL**

**April 6 - 7, 2018**

**Stockholm / Sweden**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**



## 1. General Regulations

The ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018 is an event of the International Skating Union (ISU) and will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2016, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018 is open to all Teams who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 130, paragraph 7) and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided the ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 4. a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements according to Rule 109, paragraphs 1 and 2 d) and ISU Communication No. 2030 (or any update of this Communication).

Each participating team must consist of sixteen (16) skaters and may have up to a maximum of four (4) alternates listed on the Team Entry Form (Rule 800, paragraph 2 b) and c).

## 2. Technical Data

The ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018 will take place at the Ericsson Globe in Stockholm, Sweden with the ice surface of 30m x 60m. Official practices will also take place at the Hovet with an ice surface of 30m x 60m. Both rinks are indoor, heated, air conditioned and artificial ice rinks. The main arena and the practice arena are in the same building.

### SHORT PROGRAM

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, but may be less,

The General Short Program Elements and requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1.a), 2, and 3, Rule 992, paragraphs 1.a), 2.a) and 3.a). The Short Program Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2017/18 are listed in ISU Communication 2084.

### FREE SKATING

Duration: 4 minutes, 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds

The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1.b), 2 and 4, Rule 992, paragraph 1. b), 2.b) and 3. The Free Skating Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2017/18 are listed in ISU Communication 2084.

As per Rule 970, paragraph 2. and according to the result after the Short program, the teams will be divided into two (2) groups with the teams placed in Short Program among the first fifteen (15) teams being drawn in the second part for Free Skating (called group A "skating later") and teams placed in the second half of the Short Program (starting with the teams placed as sixteen (16) being drawn in the first part for Free Skating (called Group B "skating earlier").

The draw for Free Skating will be according to placements of the Short Program for Group A and B separately.

In case of a tie on the 15<sup>th</sup> place, Rule 970, paragraph 2 c) applies.



### 3. Entries

#### 3.1 General

All entries for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. From this season, hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

#### 3.2 Entries of Teams

In accordance with Rule 868, 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:

**Organizing Committee**

E-mail: [eventoffice@skatesweden.se](mailto:eventoffice@skatesweden.se)

and to

**ISU Secretariat**

Fax: +41 21 612 66 77

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

no later than Wednesday, **March 14, 2018 – 20:00 Stockholm, SWE** (see Rule 868, paragraphs 1 and 5).

Preliminary entries (by number) must reach the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee no later than **October 2, 2017**.

All Teams must turn in to the Organizing Committee together with the entry forms the "Program Content Sheet". It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

**Please note that for all persons entered by the Members the procedures in regard to the Declaration for Competitors and Officials entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication ISU Communication 1876, point 16 (or any update of this Communication) need to be strictly observed.**

#### 3.2 Entries of the Official Team Delegations

Official entries of the Team Leaders, Team Managers, Coaches, the Official Team Service Personnel, Team Medical Personnel and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted.

Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizing Committee.

Please be advised that accreditation will be given to:

- Official Team Delegations composed of Skaters, Team Leaders (one per country), Team Managers (1 per Team), Official Coaches (2 per Team), Team Service Personnel (2 per Team), Team Medical Personnel (2 per Team – OC might request a document upon accreditation)
- Federation / Association Representatives (2 per country including the President).

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, March 14, 2018 at 20:00, Stockholm, SWE**.



#### **4. Judges**

##### **4.1 Nomination of Judges for the annual Judges Draw for ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018 to be held on October 12, 2017 in Lausanne/SUI**

According to ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2017, Rule 971, the official Entry Form for Judges by number (that had been sent to Members on July 6, 2017), must reach the ISU Director General by October 1st, 2017.

In accordance with the draw results that will be published in an ISU Communication subsequent to the Judges Draw, Members having been drawn to send Judges to the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018 must submit their Judges via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than **Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 20:00 in Stockholm, SWE.**

##### **4.2 Meetings for ISU Event Officials and Judges**

The Initial Judges Meetings will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018. The draw for the seating order of the panels of Judges will be made 45 min. prior to each segment. Subsequent draws, as required, will be made at the Ericsson Globe in the judges' room. A detailed draw schedule will be published on site.

Please see the dates and times for all other official meetings for Technical Panels (before and after the respective event), Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting and Judges Round Table Discussions in paragraph 17 Schedule of Events. ISU Event Officials and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the ISU Event Officials and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 17.

#### **5. Meals, Lodging and Travel Expenses**

In accordance with ISU General Regulations 2016, Rule 137, the Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for the Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators beginning with dinner on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 and ending with breakfast on Monday, April 9, 2018.

The Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for the Referees and Judges beginning with lunch on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 and ending with breakfast on Monday, April 9, 2018.

The Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for the OAC Members beginning with lunch on Thursday, April 5, 2018 and ending with breakfast on Monday, April 9, 2018.

**All rooms ordered for any person (if paid by the organizer or the member federation) are subject to the cancellation policy as outlined in the first information.**

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with ISU General Regulations 2016, Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for the Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operator, OAC Members and Judges will be paid in accordance with ISU Communication 2096 or any update. These expenses will be provided at the time of accreditation.

All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person. Should any Official arrive at the hotel before or stay after the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be their responsibility and must be paid upon arrival.

#### **6. Practice**

Free Practice for Teams will begin on **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. Rule 960, paragraph 4 must be observed.



## 7. Music

All Teams shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD format. The disks must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the Team and by the Coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Each program (Short and Free) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disk. Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program (see Rule 823, paragraph 1).

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short and Free Skating programs must be listed for each team on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Forms as per Rule 869.

In accordance with Rule 823 all disks must:

- be properly inserted in their original container
- be clearly identified with the name of the team
- indicate the type of program (Short Program and Free Skating)
- show the exact running time of the music (not skating time)

If the music information is not complete and disks not provided, the accreditation will not be given.

## 8. Arrival & Departure of Participants

All ISU Event Officials, Judges, Members of the Official Team Delegation taking part in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018 are requested to inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**, about the names of the airline company, flight numbers, dates and time of arrival in **Stockholm Arlanda Airport (ARN), the Harbour of Stockholm and the central train station of Stockholm**.

These locations are considered as the official arrival/departure points for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018, from where a shuttle transfer will be organized. Coaches and Team Medical Staff are only met if they travel with the team.

The detailed travel information needs to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

## 9. Registration

All ISU Event Officials, Judges, Members of the Official Team Delegation taking part in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018 are requested to register for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2018 at the **Quality Globe Hotel** starting on **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**.

For accreditation purposes, all the mentioned persons, except the ISU Office Holders, Officials and Guests, must submit, no later than **March 14, 2018**, a digital passport type color photograph together with the Entry Forms (please provide photo in digital format only not bigger than 200 KB with name attached to each photo). The Team Leaders/Managers are requested to bring copies of passports of all the skaters (a Team-folder, sorted in the alphabetical order) and present all the passports at the time of registration.

## 10. Official Hotels

The official hotel for the Skating Family is:

### Quality Globe Hotel

Arenaslingan 7

12126 Stockholm

Website: [www.choice.se/quality/globe](http://www.choice.se/quality/globe)

The Teams must make all requests for reservations of rooms at the Official Hotel via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) – Preliminary Hotel tab **by October 2, 2017**.

The Official Hotel will not reserve rooms without the authorization of the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee will authorize the Official Hotel to reserve rooms, in accordance with the rooming



list for the Teams once the request is received. Hotel will be reserved on the first come – first serve basis.

The Organizing Committee will confirm each request with the designated Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation.

As soon as the Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation receives the reservation confirmation from the Organizing Committee, the Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation must transfer the advance deposits of 50% for all reservations to the Organizing Committee **by November 1, 2017 at the latest**.

The remaining 50% are to be paid latest upon arrival.

## **11. Transportation**

Since the hotel and the Ericsson Globe are within one complex, no shuttle will be organized.

## **12. Liability & Insurance**

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each member participating in the 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 to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The ISU and the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the Championships by Competitors and Officials.

## **13. Anti-Doping Controls**

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1922 and 2100 or any further update of this Communication).

## **14. Title and Medals**

The winner will bear the title:

**World Synchronized Skating Champion for 2018** (see ISU Regulations, Rule 133)

The Synchronized Skating Championships gold medals will be awarded to the Champion Team and silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed Teams at the end of the Championships.

In accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3f), a small ISU gold medal will be awarded to the winner of each event (Short Program and Free Skating) and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third Teams, but no anthem will be played or flags raised.

## **15. National Anthem**

The Organizing Committee asks all Members to bring a copy of their national Anthem on CD.



## **16. Information**

For further information, please contact:

### **ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2018**

#### **Organizing Committee**

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**17. Preliminary Event Schedule - (Subject to change)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Tuesday, April 3, 2018	All day	Arrivals and Accreditation
Wednesday, April 4, 2018	All day	Free Practice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	16:00	Technical Panel Meeting
	20:00	Skaters Meeting
	20:00	Coaches Meeting
Thursday, April 5, 2018	All day	Free Practice
	14:45	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	15:30	Initial Judges Meeting
	17:30	Opening & Draw Ceremony
	21:30	ISU and Judges Dinner
Friday, April 6, 2018		Official Practice
	17:30	Official Opening on Ice
	18:00	Competition - Short Program
Saturday, April 7, 2018		Official Practice
	14:30	Competition – Free Skating Group B
	17:00	Competition – Free Skating Group A
		Victory Ceremony
	20:15	Technical Panel Review Meeting
	TBD	Farewell Dinner (Skating Family)
Sunday, April 8, 2018	08:00	Judges Round Table Discussion
	All day	Departures



**18. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES**

Form	DEADLINE	to be submitted via	
		Online Registration System	Form
Preliminary Entry	02.10.2017	<b>X</b>	
Accommodation Request	02.10.2017	<b>X</b>	
Entry Form For Judges	14.03.2018	<b>X</b>	
Entry Form Teams	14.03.2018	<b>X</b>	
Composition of Delegation	14.03.2018	<b>X</b>	
Travel Form	14.03.2018	<b>X</b>	
Hotel Rooming List	14.03.2018	<b>X</b>	
Press Information	14.03.2018		<b>X</b> (Form 01)
Competition Music Information	14.03.2018		<b>X</b> (Form 02)
Planned Program Content	14.03.2018		<b>X</b> (Form 03)
Skaters Health Care Form	14.03.2018		<b>X</b> (Form 04)
Team Meal Plan	14.03.2018		<b>X</b> (Form 05)

<b>Payments</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Deadline for 50% deposit for hotel reservations from Federation	01.11.2017
Refund of 100% hotel deposit for cancellations up to	22.12.2017
Refund of 50% hotel deposit for cancellations from <b>December 23</b> until	15.03.2018
No refund for cancellations <b>after from date</b>	16.03.2018
Federation to pay balance of hotel payment latest at	Registration