



**ISU** **WORLD**  
**SYNCHRONIZED**  
**SKATING**  
CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2019  
HELSINKI • FINLAND • 12-13 APRIL

**ANNOUNCEMENT**



## 1. General Regulations

The ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2019 is an event of the International Skating Union (ISU) and will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2018, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2019 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 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® 2019 will take place at the **Helsinki Ice Hall** in Helsinki, Finland. Official practices will also take place both at the **Helsinki Ice Hall** (main rink) and at the **Elisa Arena** (practice rink). Both rinks are indoor, heated, air conditioned and artificial ice rinks with an ice surface of 30m x 60m. The main arena and the practice arena are located in the same complex.

### **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 and 3 a). The Short Program Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2018/19 are listed in ISU Communication 2152.

### **FREE SKATING**

Duration: 4 minutes +/- 10 seconds

The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1 b), 2 and 4, Rule 992, paragraph 1 b), 2 and 3 c). The Free Skating Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2018/19 are listed in ISU Communication 2152.



### 3. Entries

#### 3.1 General

All entries for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2019, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. 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: [WSSC19.OC@stll.fi](mailto:WSSC19.OC@stll.fi)

and to

##### **ISU Secretariat**

Fax: +41 21 612 66 77

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

no later than **Thursday, March 21, 2019 – 20:00 h Helsinki, FIN time** (see Rule 868, paragraphs 1 and 5).

Preliminary entries (by number) must reach the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee no later than **Monday, October 1, 2018**.

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 in accordance with ISU General Regulations 2018, Rule 131 as outlined in ISU Communication ISU Communication 1876, point 16 (or any update of this Communication) need to be strictly observed.**

#### 3.3 Entries of the Official Team Delegations

Official entries of the Team Leaders, Team Managers, Coaches, Member Press Officer, 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 Medical Personnel (2 per Team – OC will request a document upon accreditation), Member Press Officer (1 per country)
- Team Officials (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 **Thursday, March 21, 2019 – 20:00 Helsinki / FIN time**.

## **4. Judges**

### **4.1 Nomination of Judges for the Judges Draw**

The Judges Draw for ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2019 will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 in Lausanne / SUI.

According to ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2018, Rule 971, the official Entry Form for Judges by number (that has been sent to Members on July 27, 2018), must reach the ISU Director General by **Monday, October 1, 2018**.

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® 2019 must submit their Judges via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than **Thursday, March 21, 2019 – 20:00 Helsinki, FIN time**.

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

The Initial Judges Meetings will be held on **Thursday, April 11, 2019**. 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 **Helsinki Ice Hall** 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 2018, 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, as well as Referees and Judges beginning with dinner on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019** and ending with breakfast on **Monday, April 15, 2019**.

**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 2018, Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for the Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operator 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**

Official Practice for Teams will begin on **Thursday, April 11, 2019**. 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 CDs 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 Program and Free Skating) must be recorded on one track and on a separate CD. Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program (see Rule 823, paragraph 2).

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating 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 CDs must:

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

If the music information is not complete and CDs 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® 2019 are requested to inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **Thursday, March 21, 2019**, about the names of the airline, flight numbers, dates and time of arrival in **Helsinki Airport (HEL), The Harbour of Helsinki and the central train station**.

Helsinki Airport, harbor of Helsinki and the central train station are the locations considered as the official arrival/departure points for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2019, from where a shuttle transfer will be organized to the Official Hotel. The official team delegation will only be met if they travel with a 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® 2019 are requested to register at the **Sokos Hotel Presidentti** starting on **Tuesday, April 9, 2019**.

For accreditation purposes, all the mentioned persons, except the ISU Office Holders, Officials and Guests, must submit in ORS, no later than **Thursday, March 21, 2019**, a digital passport type colour photograph of all Team Members. The Team Leaders/Managers are requested to bring copies of passports of all the skaters (a Team-folder, sorted in alphabetical order) and present all the passports at the time of registration.

## 10. Hotels

The official for the ISU Skating Family is:

**Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti**

Eteläinen Rautatiekatu 4,  
00100 Helsinki

Website: <https://www.sokshotels.fi/en/helsinki/sokos-hotel-presidentti>



All preliminary accommodation requests must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) – Preliminary Hotel tab by **Monday, October 1, 2018**: <https://fms.sportresult.com/isu> and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

**Organizing Committee**

E-mail: [WSSC19.OC@still.fi](mailto:WSSC19.OC@still.fi)

and to

**ISU Secretariat**

Fax: +41 21 612 66 77

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

The hotel will not accept reservations for rooms directly. The Organizing Committee will assign the hotel to the Teams in accordance with their rooming list once the request is received. Hotel will be reserved on the first come – first serve basis.

The Organizing Committee will not guarantee any rooms for reservations requested after Dec. 1, 2018

The Organizing Committee will confirm each request with the designated Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation. Upon receipt of the reservation confirmation, the Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation must transfer the advance deposits of 50% for all reservations to the Organizing Committee by **Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the latest.**

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

## **11. Transportation**

There will be a shuttle service for all Officials and teams (staying at the official hotel) starting on Thursday, April 11, between the hotel and the Helsinki Ice Hall.

## **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 1922 and 2117 or any further update of these Communications).

## **14. Title and Medals**

The winners will bear the title according to Rule 133.

The Representative of the ISU awards to the third- and second-placed Team captains the bronze and silver ISU Synchronized Skating medal(s) and to the Champions Team captain the Synchronized Skating gold ISU medal(s).

After the completion of each Segment of every event (Short Program and Free Skating), the Referee shall present a small ISU bronze, silver and gold medals to the third-placed Team Captain, second-



placed Team Captain and the winners Team Captain respectively in each discipline, but no anthem shall be played or flags hoisted

## 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:

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Organizing Committee**  
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00380 HELSINKI  
FINLAND

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Phone: +358 409402315  
Website: [www.helsinki2019.fi](http://www.helsinki2019.fi)

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Wednesday, April 10, 2019	All day	Arrivals and Accreditation
	19:30	Skaters Meeting
	20:00	Coaches Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2019	All day	Official Practice
	09:00	Technical Panel Meeting
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	14:45	Referee & Technical Controller Meeting
	15:30	Initial Judges Meeting
	18:30	Opening & Draw Ceremony
	20:00	ISU and Judges Dinner
Friday, April 12, 2019		Official Practice
	16:30	Opening Ceremony on Ice
	17:00	Competition - Short Program
Saturday, April 13, 2019		Official Practice
	13:45	Competition – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony
	19:30	Technical Panel Review Meeting
	21:00	Closing Banquet / Party
Sunday, April 14, 2019	08:00	Judges Round Table Discussion
	All day	Departures

**18. Deadlines**

Form	DEADLINE	to be submitted via	
		Online Registration System	Form
Preliminary Entry	01.10.2018	X	
Accommodation Request	01.10.2018	X	
Entry Form for Judges	21.03.2019	X	
Entry Form Teams	21.03.2019	X	
Composition of Delegation	21.03.2019	X	
Travel Form	21.03.2019	X	
Hotel Rooming List	21.03.2019	X	
Press Information	21.03.2019	<b>X (only available in October)</b>	X (on ISU Extranet)
Competition Music Information	21.03.2019	<b>X (only available in October)</b>	X (on ISU Extranet)
Planned Program Content	21.03.2019	<b>X (only available in October)</b>	X (on ISU Extranet)
Skaters Health Care Form	21.03.2019		X (Form 1)
Team Meal Plan	21.03.2019		<a href="#">Web link</a>
Extra Practice Ice Request	15.01.2019		X (Form 3)
Visa Application Request	a.s.a.p.		X (Form 4)

Payments	DUE DATE
Deadline for 50% deposit for hotel reservations from Federation	01.11.2018
Refund of 100% hotel deposit for cancellations up to	21.12.2018
Refund of 50% hotel deposit for cancellations from <b>December 23</b> until	21.03.2019
No refund for cancellations <b>after</b>	22.03.2019
Federation to pay balance of hotel payment latest at	Registration