



ELITE 12

Rouen, Normandie, FRANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT

FRENCH CUP

An International Competition

for

Elite 12

organized by



Fédération Française des Sports de Glace

Rouen, Normandie, France

Friday February 4th, 2022

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **Elite 12** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2021, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Elite 12** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 4 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2030 or any update of this Communication.

All Teams must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation.

2. ELITE 12 IN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

After having tried out the new Elite 12 category in Synchronized Skating, and its success among Members. New Members and Members who have not been able to participate in International Competitions due to their lack of Skaters to form a Team of 16, come and are coming back to Synchronized Skating.

The Council decided that following the positive response from ISU Members to ISU Communication No. 2378, the Elite 12 concept of Synchronized Skating Teams of 12 Skaters shall be tested at two International Competitions during the 2021/22 season. These 2 competitions are the International Synchronized Skating Classic in Boston USA and the French Cup in Rouen France.

The Synchronized Skating Technical Committee wishes to move forward with this new category which gives the discipline a great opportunity to evolve.

This has the potential to make the discipline more exciting with an increased speed of movement and could also offer greater possibilities on technical elements.

The Elite 12 category will allow the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee to assess future opportunities for this new category of Synchronized Skating, such as expansion into other ISU and IOC programs.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE **Main arena Nathalie Pechalat:**
Rouen ice-rink Centre Sportif Guy Boissiere 76100 Rouen
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Practice arena Edith Ballester:
Rouen ice-rink Centre Sportif Guy Boissiere 76100 Rouen
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 26 x 56 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex.

ELITE 12 Free Skating Duration: 4 minutes +/- 10 seconds

The Elite 12 Free Skating will follow the current technical requirements for the Senior category. ISU Communication 2236 Well Balanced Program and 2392 Difficulty Groups of Elements as well as the 2021 Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating with some exceptions (see below). Each participating Team may enter up to a maximum of four (4) alternates on official Entry Form.

EXCEPTIONS:

i) Rule 800 paragraph 2g) will not apply.

Teams of an ISU Member may enter more than one (1) event using the same program, with no minimum change of the Skaters.

Teams will be permitted to compete in the two (2) categories (Senior and Elite 12) using the same program, Skaters, music and costumes.

ii) Injuries

Injury at the International Competitions

If an injury/illness should occur during practices or competition, at either during the International Competition or at any practice venue(s), the Team will be permitted to skate with not less than eleven (11) Skaters.



If a Team has a Skater injured, an alternate can be used. If the Team does not use or does not have an alternate to complete a Team with twelve (12) Skaters, then the level of each Element will be lowered accordingly.

iii) Technical Penalty for Competing with less than sixteen (16) Skaters

For the Elite 12, when competing with twelve (12) Skaters, the penalty for lowering the level of each Element for competing with less than sixteen (16) Skaters will NOT be applied.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 General

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for the ISU Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2021/22.

4.2 Entries by Name

4.2.1 Entries of Teams

Participation is open to all Teams of ISU Members.

Organizers have the right to refuse or limit the participation in competition. The attached entry form has to be filled in precisely and must be sent by e-mail to: accreditation@frenchcup.fr and secretariat@frenchcup.fr

not later than: **Friday December 10th, 2021.**

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one judge who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions".

In case of too many nominated judges the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the closing date for the entries. The result of such draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the attached entry form not later than: **Friday December 10th, 2021**

The panel of Judges will consist of at least 7 Judges. In exceptional cases and if there is no possibility to compose a panel of judges with at least 7 Judges, the ISU Vice-President Figure Skating may exceptionally authorize the panel in question to have a minimum of 6 Judges.

In case that at the time of the competition more Judges will be available and entered as required to compose the panels of Judges, the Organizing Member in consultation with the ISU will conduct on site, a draw for the panel of judges for the segment.

The arrival of Officials to Rouen must be on Thursday, February 03rd, 2022 to be able to attend the first Judges meeting at 05.00PM at the Official Hotel.

A Referees and Technical Panel meeting will be held one hour before the Judges meeting.

The Round Table Discussion for Judges will take place after the end of each event and/or according to the entries per categories and the official time schedule possibilities.

4.1.4 Entries of Team Members

Please be advised that only one Coach per Team will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted. Only one Team Official of each Member, including the Member President provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation, will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document)



presented before accreditation. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted via the attached entry form and must reach the Organizing Committee not later than: **Friday December 10th, 2021**

4.1.5 Entry Fee

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

Unofficial practice Fees: 50 euros per 15 minutes.

15 minutes of unofficial practice are offered by the Organizing Committee to all competing Teams due to the global crisis.

Entry Fees, participation of one Team in one (1) category:

400 Euros including **15 minutes of unofficial practice offered by the OC**

450 Euros including half (1/2) an hour of unofficial practice*

500 Euros including one (1) hour of unofficial practice*

Entry Fees, participation of one Team in two (2) categories (Elite and Senior):

600 Euros including **30 minutes of unofficial practice offered by the OC**

650 Euros including one (1) hour of unofficial practice*

700 Euros including one and half (1,5) hour of unofficial practice*

*Upon decision of the organizing committee, based on arrival in Rouen and ice availability

If a Team withdraws from the Competition after January 2nd, 2022, the entry fee will not be refunded.

The payment must be made to the Organizing Committee - **ROC at the latest by January 09th, 2022** and must be included to the entry forms.

*** Only Cheques in Euros to:**

ROUEN OLYMPIC CLUB
Centre Sportif Guy Boissière
Esplanade du Docteur Duchêne
Ile Lacroix 76100 ROUEN-France

*** Bank transfer in Euros:**

**ROUEN OLYMPIC CLUB
CCM ROUEN SAINT MARC
27 PLACE SAINT MARC – 76000 ROUEN
TEL : +33 8 20 36 08 31**

**CCM ROUEN SAINT MARC : 10278 02148 00020528301 58
IBAN : FR76 10278021480002052830158
BIC : CMCIFR2A**

The ROC reserves the right to accept late entries.

Failure to pay entry fees in full by Friday, January 9th, 2022 may result in removal from the competition.



5. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

This Elite 12 event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2021/22 as well as ISU Communication 2373 and principles of Rule 910, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Special Regulations Synchronized Skating 2021 for appointing the event officials.

Members of the ISU SyS Technical Committee will officiate in the Technical Panel and the Panel of Judges.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member.

The Referee will have at least the qualification "International".

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "International".

6. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 until breakfast on Sunday, February 6th, 2022.

Should any of the above-mentioned persons arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators, at APEX airfare economy, from their home to Rouen and return. The organizer will provide ground transportation for all officials from the different airports to Rouen. **All other expenses will be the responsibility of each individual Official.**

7. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on Friday morning, February 4th, 2022. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

Extra Practice Ice can be booked:

- Wednesday February 02nd, 2022, 10.00AM until 11.00PM
- Thursday February 3rd, 2022, 07.00AM until 5.30PM

For all practices, the ice rink and the dressing rooms will be opened half an hour before the start of the practices.

8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish, in advance, competition music by emailing an MP3-file either as attachment, in accordance with Rule 823. The music must be sent to music@frenchcup.fr. The email message should only contain one music file or file link.

A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program must be listed for each Team on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Teams.

Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program. All covers/discs must show the Competition event, Team's name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short program and free skating) must be recorded on a separate disc.



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

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be filled in precisely by each Team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

The Program Content Sheet must be submitted if possible, with the entry form for each participating Team, **BUT must be sent to the Organizing Committee at the latest by January 2nd, 2022.**

9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to **Rouen** is **Paris, Charles De Gaulle Airport (CDG)** with a distance of **160 km** to the official hotel.

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Friday December 10th, 2021** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information need to be submitted via the attached travel form.

Teams are responsible for managing their own travel and associated costs.

If the teams need information, please send an email to secretariat@frenchcup.fr.

10. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

HOTEL ADDRESS

The Official Hotel for Referees, Judges, TC, TS, Data, VIP :

Mercure Champ de Mars

Address : 12 avenue Aristide Briand - 76000 Rouen France

Tel: (33) 2 35 52 42 32

Fax: (33) 2 35 08 15 06

Email: h1273@accor.com

For the Teams, please contact the OFFICE DE TOURISME of Rouen

Adresse: 25 Place de la Cathédrale, 76000 Rouen

Phone: (+33) 2 32 08 32 40

Website: www.rouentourisme.com

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Ice-rink Centre Guy Boissière** starting Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 at 2.00pm.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Team, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their ISU Member. **The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.**

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

The national passport for each skater of the Teams taking part to the Competition will be controlled during the registration.



12. DRAWS

Before the draw, the Organizing Committee invites all teams to the parade in the streets of Rouen. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to cancel it for any reason that could put teams in a situation of discomfort.

The Official Draw Ceremony will be held at **Rouen, in the arena, Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 at 7.30 PM.**

All skaters, Coaches, Team Leaders and/or Managers, Officials, VIP are invited to the draw.

The **intermediate draws** for the Free Program of the Junior and Senior Categories will take place immediately after the conclusion of the Short Program of each category.

The draws will be held in the arena, level 2, VIP place.

13. MEDICAL SERVICE – DOPING CONTROL

A medical service will be on duty at the main and practice rinks during all the time of the competition and practice sessions.

Anti-Doping tests may be carried out in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures (ISU Communications).

14. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Synchronized Skating 2021, Rule 842 and Rule 843 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

15. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Teams will be announced and honored. The winner Team will receive a trophy. Team finishing on second and third place will receive a special price.

Every participating Teams will receive a souvenir.

The national anthem of the winners will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

16. PRICE MONEY

1ST ELITE 12: 1.300 €

FREE INVITATION to participate in the next FRENCH CUP 2023 is offered to the Team ranked second in the final result in its category of the FRENCH CUP 2022.

17. GUIDELINES PANDEMIC

Due to the evolution and impacts of Covid-19 on the season, a guideline will be updated and published on the ISU website and on the French Cup website.

18. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in 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 of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.



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

19. PUBLICITY WAIVER

Members, Teams and Competitors hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that Team Photos, Team Video, Team information and results will be published, as well as 2022 French Cup International Competition may be televised either in whole or in part, for showing on a worldwide basis. According to the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2021 both Members and Competitors (in this particular case, Teams) hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the Competitors have been fully cleared and authorized for public use and consent to the use of his or her name, biography and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio program broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicizing of such program, without further clearance or payments of any kind on the side of the ISU, the Organizing Member of The Ice Sports French

Federation FFSG, Organizing Committee and the relevant television network or broadcasters being required. At the time of registration at French Cup 2022, all Team Leaders, or other representatives of the Member entering, must present a compliance signed by the Team Manager and/or Team Leader.

20. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 17.

21. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

International French Cup
ROC Centre Sportif Guy Boissière
Avenue Jacques Chastelain
Ile Lacroix 76100 Rouen - FRANCE
Tel: (33) 2 35 15 20 80

Email : secretariat@frenchcup.fr

web-site : www.frenchcup.fr

**For safety reasons, the buses will park behind the ice rink in the BUS PARKING.
Suitcases and luggage will not be allowed in the bleachers.**



22. EVENT SCHEDULE

Accreditation: Starting on Wednesday February 02nd, 2022 at 02.00PM.

Free Practice according to contractual entries:

Wednesday February 02nd, 2022: from 10.00AM to 11.00PM

Thursday February 03rd, 2022: from 07.00AM to 05.30PM

Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 15:00 Team Leader Meeting, Ice-rink Level 2
16:00 Referees and Technical Panels Meeting, Mercure Hotel
17:00 IJM Mercure Hotel
19:30 Draws, Ice-rink
20:30 Official Dinner

Friday, February 4th, 2022 06:30 – 08:15 Official practice Elite 12
15:30 – 17:00 Competition Elite 12
19:30 Award ceremony Elite 12
19:45 RTD Elite 12

Please note: This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.

23. FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Composition of Delegation	Form	December 10 th , 2021
N/A	Entry Form for Teams	Form	December 10 th , 2021
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	Form	December 10 th , 2021
N/A	Team Travel Form	Form	December 10 th , 2021
Form X	Visa request form	Upon request from OC	Request ASAP
N/A	Press Information	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 21/22
N/A	Competition Music Information	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 21/22
N/A	Program Content Form	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 21/22