



Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2009/2010

2009 Skate America
Lake Placid, USA
November 12-15, 2009



ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION



2009 Skate America

An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance

organized by



Lake Placid, New York, USA

November 12-15, 2009

A competition as part of the



Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2009/2010

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. General Regulations

SKATE AMERICA will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2008, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2008 and all relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in **SKATE AMERICA** is open to Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to ISU Constitutions and General Regulations Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in ISU Rule 108, paragraph 2.b) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirement in ISU Rule 109, and ISU Communication No. 1420 or any update of this Communication. Entries can only be made through the ISU Members. With reference to the Announcement of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2009/2010 the event is only open to invited competitors.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 1420, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must to be presented at the accreditation of each individual event and the Final for verification.

2. Technical Data

Place:	1980 Rink – Herb Brooks Arena 2634 Main Street Lake Placid, NY 12946 Used as the competition venue for the 1980 Olympic Winter Games, the 1980 Rink is a 5,000 seat indoor ice arena with a surface of 30m x 60m (100 feet x 200 feet).	
Men:	Short Program	The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rule Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 510, para 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
Ladies:	Short Program	The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 510, para 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
Pairs:	Short Program	The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 513, para 2 and 3, group A and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less;



	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2008, Rule 521 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
Ice Dance:	Compulsory Dance	The following Compulsory Dance will be skated: Golden Waltz The official ISU Compulsory Dance music will be used.
	Original Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2008, Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications. The rhythm for the Original Dance is the Folk / Country Dance Any type of fold/country dance music can be used. For the chosen type, there are no restrictions on the number of musical selections. Although the dance may consist of different musical selections – fast and/or slow – there must be a consistent theme based on a specific country or region. Vocal music is permitted. Variation of tempo within one selection of music is permitted. Each selection of music may have a different tempo. Duration: 2 minutes and 30 seconds (plus or minus 10 seconds)
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rule Ice Dance 2008, Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communication. For the value of the required elements and components see the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec. ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2008, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (required elements) and the respective ISU Communication must be observed.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entries of Competitors by Number

In accordance with the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2009/2010 announcement entries can only be made for skaters/couples who are qualified and/or selected for invitation. The confirmation of the entries must be submitted by **October 14, 2009** to:

U.S. Figure Skating
Attn: Bob Dunlop, Senior Director of Events
20 First Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
T: 1-719-635-9548 F: 1-877-840-2557
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and

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The official forms must be used. Changes or substitutions require the approval of the ISU Event Coordination Group.

3.2 Entries by Name

3.2.1 General

Entries must be accompanied by the official "ISU Declaration Form" as per Rule 131. Entries by fax or e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously to the Organizers (Rule 115, paragraph 5).

The completed Declaration Form must be signed by the competitors and also by all officials (including team officials) appointed by the Member serving at an ISU Event (Judges, Team Leaders, and also those Coaches, Choreographers, Team Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Team Officials who are requesting accreditation for the Event).

In case of competitors who are not full of age (under 18), such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law.

Each Entry Form and Declaration Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4). For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131, 378 and ISU Communication No. 1523 or any update of this Communication.

3.2.2 Entries of Competitors

Entries by names must be made simultaneously to

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not later than **30 days** prior to the first day of competition: **October 14, 2009**.

The replacement of Competitors in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be made in accordance with Paragraphs 3.5 and 7.6 of the Announcement for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2009/2010.



Entries must be made by the Member concerned and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail. **Entries by e-mail and fax must be confirmed by a letter to the Organizers sent out simultaneously (Rule 115, para 5).**

3.2.3 Entries of Judges

An entry of competitor(s) is not automatically followed by an entry of a Judge. Participating ISU Members may be invited by the hosting Federation to nominate one or more Judges for one event. Any substitution or changes for any of the invited judges need the approval of **U.S. Figure Skating**.

Please observe the restrictions concerning the selection of Judges within the events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2009/2010 that no Judge may serve in more than two ISU Grand Prix events (Figure Skating and Ice Dance not separated).

Each panel of Judges will consist of a maximum of 9 Judges but with a minimum of 7 Judges, if possible.

Entries must be made by the Member concerned and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail. **Entries by e-mail and fax must be confirmed by a letter to the Organizers sent out simultaneously (Rule 115, para 5).**

4. *MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES*

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Competitors and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009** until breakfast on **Monday, November 16, 2009**.

Should any Competitor or Judge 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, except if an arrangement has been made with the organizer.

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals also for the Event Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the ISU Coordinator for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating, the Chair of Sports Directorate, the ISU Event Coordinator, the Data and Replay Operators, , the Cameraman, the Technical staff of ST SPORTSERVICE, the OAC Members and the Anti Doping Control Team during the same period as indicated for the competitors. If any longer period is agreed upon with the Organizing Committee, the period of coverage will be prolonged as agreed.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all invited Competitors, Judges, the Technical Controllers, the Anti-Doping Control Team and the Event Referee from their domicile to **Albany International Airport (ALB)** or **Trudeau International Airport in Montreal Canada (YUL)**. U.S. Figure Skating is the only authorizing body of airline tickets. All participants must agree to the acceptance of the provided tickets when the invitation is accepted. No reimbursement will be made on any airline ticket issued by any other agency or any other airline unless written permission is received from U.S. Figure Skating.

All extra expenses incurred by any Team Member or any kind of Official will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior to departure.

The Judges, the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and the Officials Assessment Commission, will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1401, paragraph II, I) (or any update of this Communication). The honorarium will be provided in hard currency. The remuneration will be paid upon accreditation.



5. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Thursday, November 12 at approximately 09:00**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. According to ISU Regulations 540 and 634 no competitor/couple may practice in a rink other than the official rink or rinks after having been accredited through the Organizing Committee.

6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD or MD format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single and Pairs, for the Original and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all discs must show the Competition event, Competitor'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, free skating, original dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

If music information is not complete and cassettes or discs not provided, accreditation will not be given.

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

It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The participating Teams and all respective team-members as well as all Event Officials are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but not later than **October 14, 2009**, the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at either **Albany International Airport (ALB)** or **Trudeau International Airport in Montreal Canada (YUL)**. The official "travel form" should be used.

The nearest airport to Lake Placid, New York is Albany International Airport (ALB) with an approximate distance of 225 km (2 ½ hour drive) to the official hotel.

Trudeau International Airport in Montreal, Canada (YUL) is approximately 185 km but can take 3-3 ½ hours to drive due to the crossing of the U.S./Canada border.

The Organizing Committee will provide a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival from either Albany, NY or Montreal, Canada.



8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

All competitors and Team Leaders (limited to one per country) will be housed at:

United States Olympic Training Center

Lake Placid, NY 12946

Phone: 1+(518) 523-2600

Fax: 1+ (518) 523-1570

Rate:

\$99.00 per night for Team Leader (includes three meals/day)

All judges, ISU officials, coaches and additional team officials will be housed at:

High Peaks Resort

2384 Saranac Avenue

Lake Placid, NY 12946-1105

T: 1.888.880.3611

F: 518.523.1120

Rate:

\$135.00+10.75% tax/person/night

9. ACCREDITATION

Accreditation for all officials and coaches will take place at the High Peaks Resort upon arrival. Athletes and Team Leaders will be accredited at the U.S. Olympic Training Center upon arrival.

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials, ISU Office Holders and Guests.

Accreditation as a Team Member will furthermore given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team-Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Officials of ISU Members, 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, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association. **The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.**

Chaperones will not receive accreditation.

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2008, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The three best placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

12. POINTS FOR “ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating”

Points will be awarded as follows:

Men, Ladies, Ice Dance

1st place 15 points
2nd place 13 points
3rd place 11 points
4th place 9 points
5th place 7 points
6th place 5 points
7th place 4 points
8th place 3 points

Pairs

1st place 15 points
2nd place 13 points
3rd place 11 points
4th place 9 points
5th place 7 points
6th place 5 points

The points received are of value for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and the qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

If a skater/couple does not complete an event due to illness or injury, this event will be treated as "not skated", i.e. the result(s) of initial round(s) completed will not count for the Grand Prix ranking order. Such an event will however count as one participation but without receiving credit in the ranking order.

Additionally, it is understood that couples who score points at an event will only score the points according to their respective placements as stated above and that they will not “inherit” points from couples who are better placed but who have declared that the event concerned is a non-scoring event for them (e.g., a couple finishing second in a scoring event, behind a couple finishing first but who have declared this event as non-scoring, will receive 9 points and not 12).

The results of the event will participate in the “ISU World Standings”. (see paragraph 14)



13. PRIZE MONEY

The Global Prize Money per individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be:

U.S. \$180,000.00

Awarded to winners and placed skaters/couples as follows:

	Men and Ladies	Pairs and Ice Dance (per couple)
1 st place:	USD \$18,000.00	USD \$18,000.00
2 nd place:	USD \$13,000.00	USD \$13,000.00
3 rd place:	USD \$ 9,000.00	USD \$ 9,000.00
4 th place:	USD \$ 3,000.00	USD \$ 3,000.00
5 th place:	USD \$ 2,000.00	USD \$ 2,000.00

The individual prize money will be transferred to the ISU Members concerned within two business weeks after the conclusion of Skate America.

Skaters/couples qualified for the exhibition must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so, will result in a reduction of USD \$ 3,000.00 from the awarded prize money.

Skaters/couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or the event's Organizer. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce prize money will be made by the assigned ISU Delegate attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

The withholding tax (**30% in the U.S.**) will be deducted from all prize money and exhibition fees.

Exhibition Fee

An exhibition fee will only be paid to skates/couples who are not awarded prize money. The exhibition fee is set at USD\$200.00 for single skaters (Men and Ladies) and USD\$300.00 for Pairs and Dance couples.

14. ISU World Standings

World Standing points will also be awarded according to the "World Standings Procedure", that can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org) under Single & Pairs/Ice Dance – World Standings."

15. ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

Anti-Doping tests will be conducted at each of the six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating as well as at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1546 and 1547 or any further update of this Communication).

The tests will be carried out on the winning skater/s in Singles (after the final Free Skating), Pair Skating (after the Free Skating) and Ice Dance (after the Free Dance). One skater from the remainder of the skaters shall be selected by random draw in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dance. In Pair Skating and Ice Dance, either the man or the lady, but not both, shall be tested and shall be selected by random draw.



16. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

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

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

17. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact

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18. ISU GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING ORGANIZING STRUCTURE

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Mr. Mario Meinel, ISU Event Coordinator
Ms. Rita Zonnekeyn, Member S&PTC
Ms. Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Member IDTC



19. **EVENT SCHEDULE**

Thursday, November 12, 2009

09:00-15:30	Official Practice Sessions
11:00	Team Leaders Meeting
14:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
15:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
20:00	Officials Dinner

Friday, November 13, 2009

15:00	ICE DANCE – Compulsory Dance
19:30	PAIRS – Short Program
21:00	MEN – Short Program

Saturday, November 14, 2009

14:00	ICE DANCE – Original Dance
15:45	PAIRS – Free Skate <i>PAIRS – Victory Ceremony</i>
19:00	LADIES – Short Program
21:00	MEN – Free Skating <i>MEN – Victory Ceremony</i>
TBA	PAIRS – Judges Panel Round Table Discussion

Sunday, November 15, 2009

TBA	MEN – Judges Panel Round Table Discussion
14:00	ICE DANCE – Free Dance
16:00	LADIES – Free Skating <i>Victory Ceremonies – Ladies and Ice Dancing</i>
19:30	EXHIBITION
TBA	ICE DANCE – Judges Panel Round Table Discussion
TBA	LADIES – Judges Panel Round Table Discussion
TBA	Closing Banquet