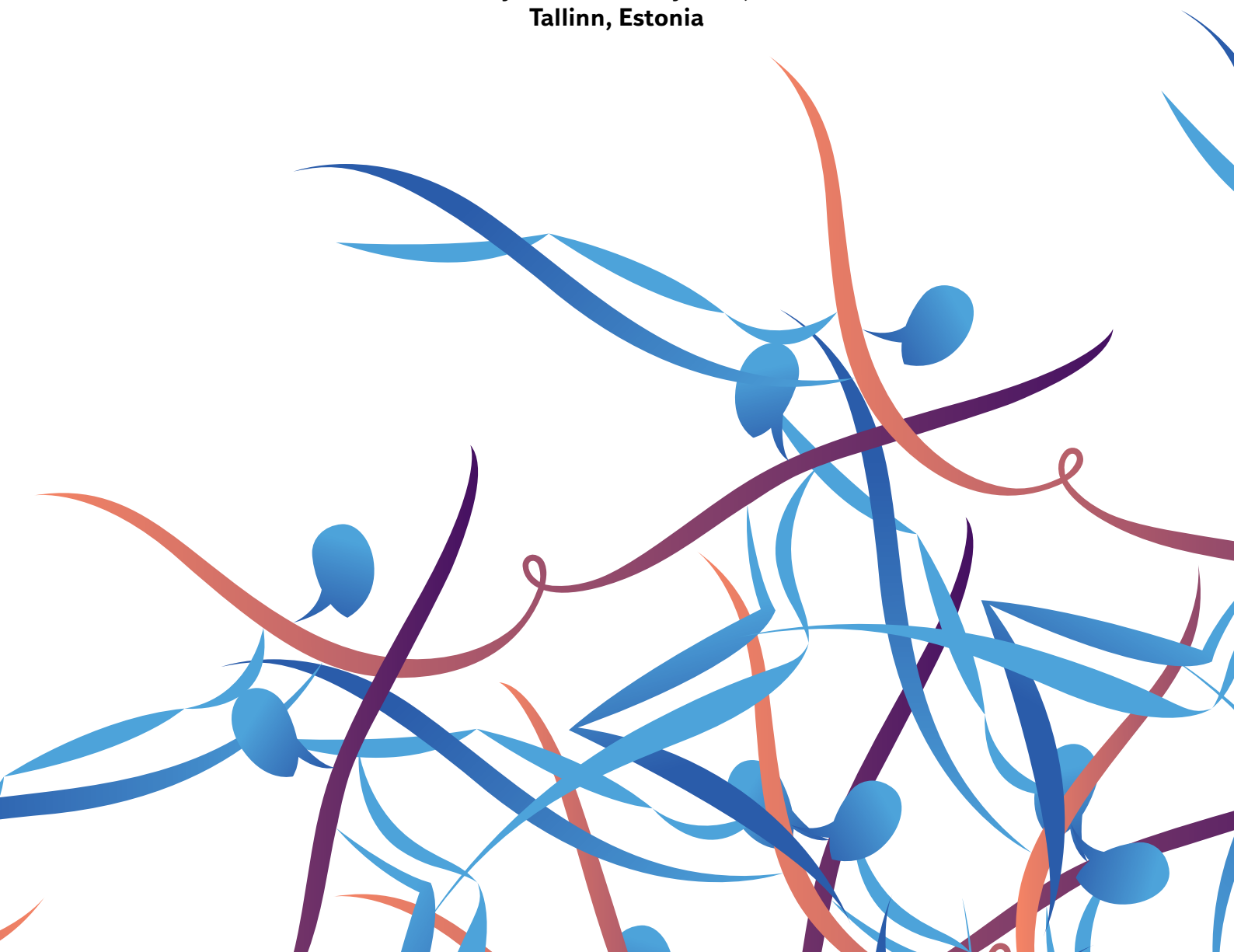




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1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2010 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, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2010 is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 130, paragraph 2 and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2. a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and Communication No. 1420.

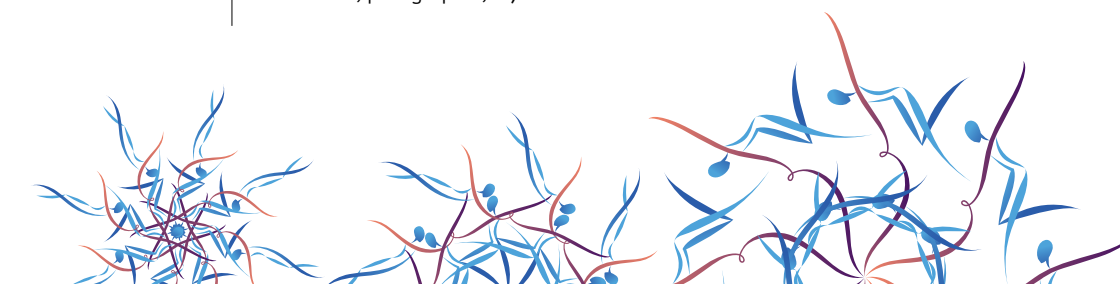
In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1420, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

All Championship events as well as some official practices will take place at the “Saku Suurhall Arena”, main arena (30 meters x 60 meters). The remainder of the official practices will take place at the “Practice Arena – practice rink”, (28 meters x 58 meters). These two facilities are located next to each other. Both are indoor, heated artificial ice surfaces.

2.1 SINGLE SKATING – MEN AND LADIES

Short Program	Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less The required elements to be skated are listed in Rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.
Free Skating	Duration: Men: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds Ladies: 4 minutes, +/- seconds In accordance with Rule 520.
Factors	The multiplying factors for the Program Components for Single Skating are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1, m).



2.2 PAIRS

Short Program	<p>Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less</p> <p>The required elements to be skated are listed in Rule 513, paragraphs 2 and 3, Group A and the respective ISU Communication.</p>
Free Skating	<p>Duration: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds</p> <p>In accordance with Rule 521.</p>
Factors	<p>The multiplying factors for the Program Components for Pairs are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1, m).</p>

2.3 ICE DANCE

Compulsory Dance	<p>In accordance with Rules 335, 608, and 639, paragraph 2, one (1) Compulsory Dance from the dances listed below shall be drawn at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2009/2010.</p> <p>According to ISU Communication 1567, one of the two following Compulsory Dances will be skated:</p> <p># 11 Golden Waltz # 23 Tango Romantica</p>
Original Dance	<p>In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2008, Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications.</p> <p>The rhythm for the Original Dance is the</p> <p>Folk / Country Dance</p> <p>Any type of Folk/Country Dance music or typical dance of the country 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.</p> <p>Variations of tempo within one selection of music are permitted. Each selection of music may have a different tempo.</p> <p>Vocal music is permitted.</p> <p>Duration: 2 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec</p>
Free Dance	<p>Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds</p> <p>In accordance with the Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communication.</p>
Factors	<p>The multiplying factors for the Program Components for Ice Dance are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1.n).</p>

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entries of Competitors

Before preparing entries, Members are requested to study ISU Communication No. 1523.

In accordance with Rule 378, ISU Members must enter Competitors and their substitutes on the official entry forms. Entries must reach the ISU Sport Director Figure Skating (presently the chair of the Sports Directorate), the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee not later than **December 28th, 2009** (see Rule 378, paragraph 1). 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 Organizer sent out simultaneously (Rule 115, para 5).**

Entry forms listing Competitors and substitutes must be sent simultaneously to:

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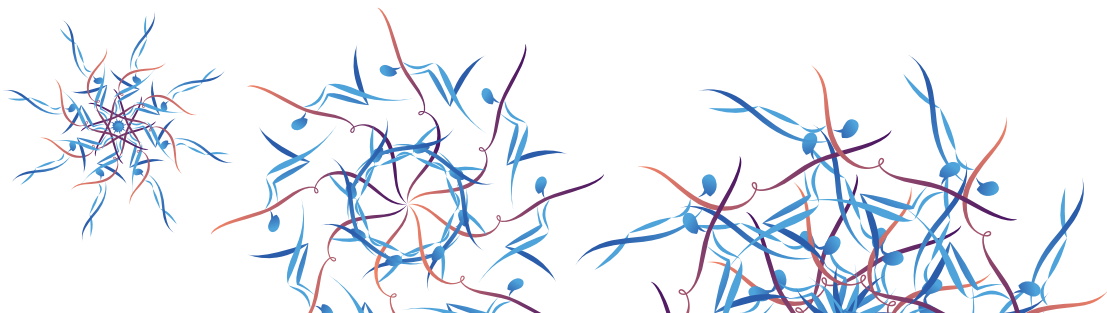
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Preliminary entries (by number) must reach the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee no later than **October 1st, 2009**.



3.2 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Meals and lodging will be provided for only one Team Leader for each participating Member (see Rule 137 and ISU Communication No. 1562).

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

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Team Officials 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. A partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted for restricted accreditation. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team.

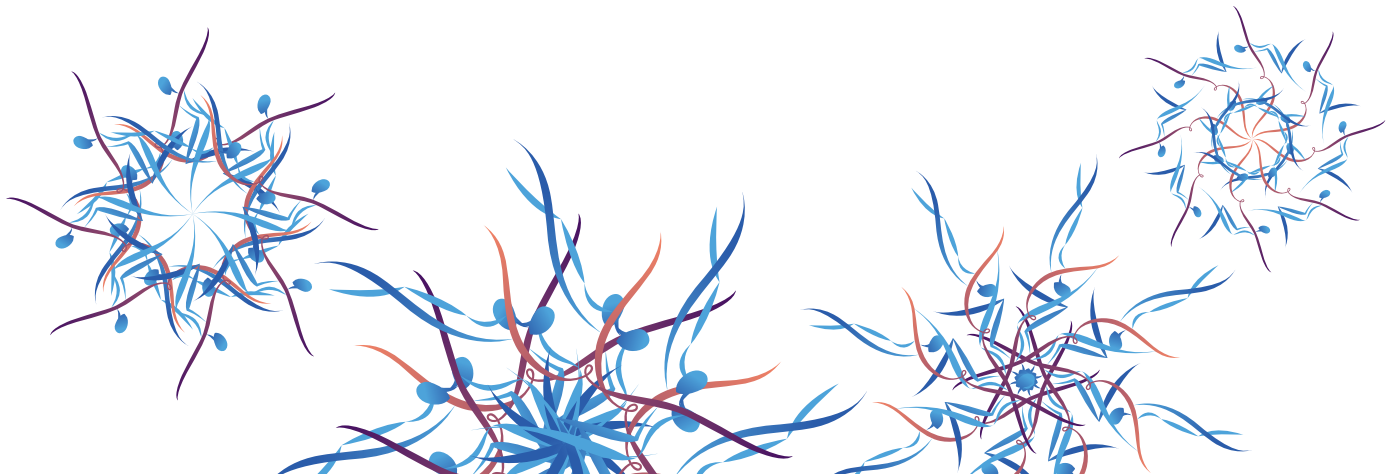
The names of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches must be listed on the Entry Form "Composition of Delegation". Judges and Judges' partner or relative are to be listed on that separate form.

For Chaperons (one per competitor) the Team Leader can request a "bus permit" which will include access to practices. Chaperones will not stay in the Official Skating Family Hotel. Due to new ISU policy the chaperons will not receive any special price tickets to the competition events or the Exhibition.

All Forms must be returned to the Organizer by registered mail or fax not later than **December 28th, 2009**.

All competitors 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 the procedures in regard to entry forms and declaration forms as outlined in ISU Communication 1523 need to be strictly observed.



4. JUDGES

4.1 Nomination of Judges

According to ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2008, Rules 582 and 660, the official entry form for **Judges by number** must reach the ISU Director General by **October 1st, 2009**, indicating with the entry, in which discipline of the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2010 the Member intends to participate in the respective draw, which will be held on **October 23rd, 2009** in Zurich, Switzerland. The Member must also indicate with the entry, which Judge will be available to judge the Pair discipline.

In accordance with the draw results, the official **entry form for Judges by name** must reach the Chair of ISU Sport Directorate, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizer not later than **December 4th, 2009** (see Rules 582 and 627).

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Please note that the procedures in regard to entry forms and declaration forms as outlined in ISU Communication 1523 need to be strictly observed.

4.2 Judges Meeting, Draw and Event Review Meetings

The individual Judges Meetings and — if applicable — an additional Judges draw will be held one (1) day prior to each first segment of each individual discipline. 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 “Saku Suurhall Arena” in the intermediate draw room. A detailed draw schedule will be published on site.

Judges’ Round Table Discussions are scheduled the day following the conclusion of the respective event.

5. MEALS, LODGING, PREPAYMENT AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

In accordance with Rule 137 and ISU Communication 1562 (including clarifications in ISU Communication No.1570) the Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for:

- a) all Competitors participating during the period beginning with dinner two (2) days before the competition in which they compete and ending with breakfast (lunch if they cannot leave in the morning) on the day after the final Free Skating/Free Dance. For Competitors invited to participate in the final exhibition gala, the covered expenses for meal and lodging will end with breakfast (lunch if they cannot leave in the morning) on the day following the exhibition.
- b) one (1) Team Leader for each participating Member will be covered during the period for which the organizer has to pay for rooms and meals for at least one Skater of the team (see paragraph a). If competitor(s) of a team are invited for the final exhibition gala, the covered expenses of one (1) team leader for board and lodging will end with breakfast (lunch if they cannot leave in the morning) on the day following the exhibition.
- c) the Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Referee, Data and Replay Operator will be covered by the Organizing Committee beginning with lunch two (2) days prior to the first competition in which they officiate and ending with lunch on the day of the Round Table Discussion for Officials. If the Official(s) cannot leave Tallinn on the indicated day the stay will be enlarged until breakfast the day following the Round Table Discussion.
- e) all Judges and all alternate Judges who were called to attend beginning with dinner two (2) days prior to their first competition in which they officiate and ending with lunch on the day of the Round Table Discussion of the event in which they officiate. If the Official(s) cannot leave Tallinn on the indicated day, the stay will be enlarged until breakfast the following day of the Round Table Discussion.

Should any Competitor, Team Leader or Official arrive at the Hotel before the time indicated above, the costs for accommodation and meals are at the burden of the user. If, however, the team or Officials wish to stay longer than the period described above (but not longer than until the day after the final exhibition gala), the Organizer shall be responsible for payment of 30% of expenses for room and meals. The

participating Member concerned or the Official shall be responsible for payment of the remaining 70%.

It is the responsibility of the participating Members to make the necessary travel plans and arrangements for their skaters and to cover the respective cost including possible changes in the travel plans.

All extra expenses incurred by any Competitor or any kind of Official will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid prior to departure.

The Organizing Committee requests that, for all Team Members whose accommodation expenses are not covered by the Organizing Committee as outlined above, a pre-payment (deposit) to guarantee the availability of required rooms be made. Please use the official forms received with the first Information Letter for booking and calculation. The pre-payment (50% of the total amount) must be made by **November 6, 2009**. The terms of payment for the remainder will be published well in time by the Organizing Committee.

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, OAC Members, Judges, Data and Replay Operators will be paid in accordance with the Memorandum for Guidance in Holding ISU Figure Skating Championships and ISU Communication No. 1401 or any update of this Communication. Payments will be provided at the registration. No expenses will be reimbursed for any other accompanying persons (i.e. Interpreters, Assistant Team Leaders, Coaches, Chaperones, Medical Personnel, Team Officials, etc.).

6. PRACTICE

Official practices for Competitors begin on Sunday, January 17th, 2010. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. Rule 540, paragraph 4 and Rule 629, paragraph 7 must be observed.

7. MUSIC

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on either MD (Mini Disk) or CD (Compact Disk) format. The disks must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the competitor and by the coach when submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short/free/interpretive free) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disk. Competitors must provide a back-up drive for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Singles 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, according to Rule 378, paragraph 4 (sent by registered mail or fax).

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all disks must show the Competition event, Competitors 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.

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

8. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS

All ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders and Team Officials taking part in the Championships are requested to announce as soon as possible but not later than **December 28th, 2009**, to the Organizing Committee, on the enclosed forms, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at the Tallinn International Airport or Tallinn Main Railway Station.

All announced team members will be met by the Organizing Committee.

The form A 04, Team Questionnaire, must also be filled out and sent not later than **October 1, 2009**.

Coaches, Team Medical Staff and Chaperones are only met if they travel with the team.

9. REGISTRATION

All ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and one Coach (per competitor) taking part in the Championships are requested to register for the "ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2010 Tallinn" as follows:

Accreditation for ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials and Teams will be located in the "Hotel Meriton Grand Hotel Tallinn" and for the Media at "Saku Suurhall Arena".

All skaters and judges will be required to present their passport or other official Schengen travel document for those being resident in Schengen countries (and Clearance Certificate if the passport is not of the same country as the Member entering the skater) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport or the Schengen document.

10. OFFICIAL HOTEL

The official hotel for ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Judges, Team Officials and Federation Presidents, Skaters, Team Leaders, Coaches, Assistant Team Leaders and Team Medical Staff is:

Meriton Grand Hotel Tallinn / Meriton Conference & Spa Hotel

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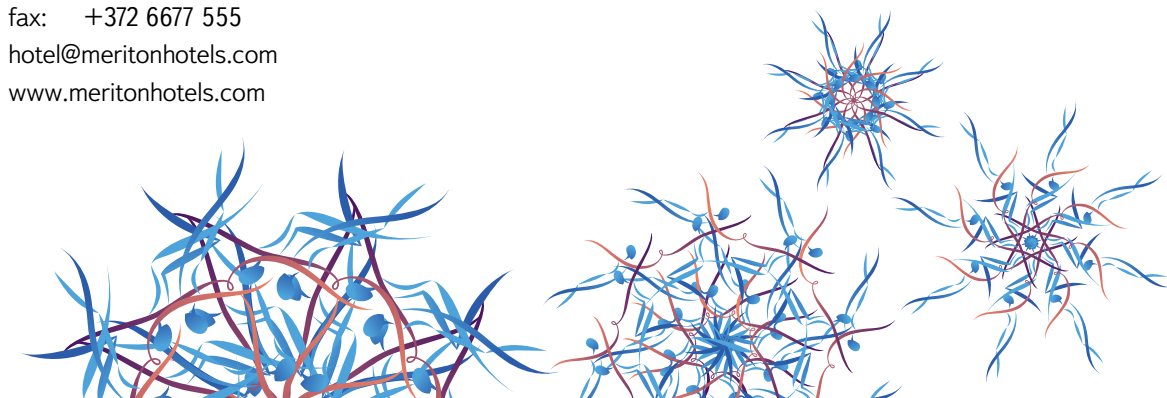
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11. OPENING CEREMONY ON ICE

The Opening Ceremony on Ice will take place on Tuesday, January 19th, 2010 at 18.45 h, in the Main Arena “Saku Suurhall Arena”.

12. DRAWS - ORDER OF SKATING

The draws for the order of skating will be held individually per discipline at the “Saku Suurhall Arena — Press Conference and Draw room”. The dates, places and time will be provided at Registration.

13. EXHIBITION

All medalists and other Competitors will be selected to give an exhibition on Sunday afternoon, January 24th, 2009 - 15.30 h to 18.00 h, at “Saku Suurhall Arena” according to Rule 104, paragraph 17 a) and b).

14. LIABILITY

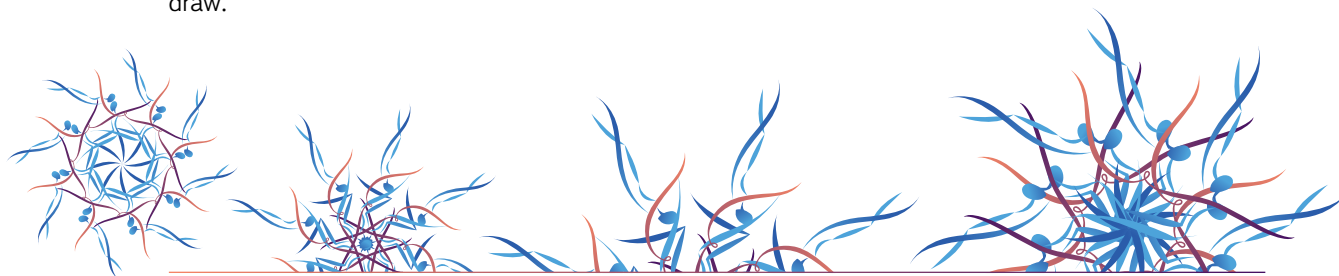
In accordance with Rule 119, It is the sole obligation of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events, as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the ISU Member’s team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means.

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.

15. ANTI-DOPING

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 four (4) best placed 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. RESULT CALCULATION

The results are calculated according to ISU Regulation 352 and 353. The skaters/couples skating in the first warm-up group are separated by the time of their skating to the skaters/couples in the warm-up groups 2 to 4, but the result calculation will keep them all together.

17. TITLES AND MEDALS

The winners will bear the title according to Rule 133:

European Figure Skating Champion for 2010
Lady European Figure Skating Champion for 2010
European Pair Champions for 2010
European Ice Dance Champions for 2010

ISU gold medals will be awarded to the Champions and ISU silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed Competitors at the end of the finals in each discipline.

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 for Ladies, Men and Pairs and Compulsory Dance/Original Dance combined and Free Dance for Ice Dance) and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third in each category, but no anthem will be played or flags raised. The distribution will be made according to Rule 134, paragraph 3f).

18. NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

19. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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20. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, January 17	20:00	1st Official Practice
	20:00	Team Leaders Meeting
Monday, January 18	16:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:00	Initial Judges Meeting ICE DANCE
	18:00	Initial Judges Meeting PAIRS
Tuesday, January 19	11:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	13:30	ICE DANCE – Compulsory Dance
	15:00	Initial Judges Meeting MEN
	18:45	OPENING ON ICE
	19:20	PAIRS – Short Program
Wednesday, January 20	11:00	MEN – Short Program
	18:30	PAIRS – Free Skating (group 1)
	20:00	PAIRS – Free Skating (group 2 to 4)
Thursday, January 21	09:00	Judges Round Table Discussion PAIRS
	13:00	ICE DANCE – Original Dance
	15:00	Initial Judges Meeting for LADIES
	18:45	MEN – Free Skating (group 1)
	20:15	MEN – Free Skating (group 2 to 4)
Friday, January 22	09:00	Judges Round Table Discussion MEN
	10:30	LADIES – Short Program
	18:40	ICE DANCE – Free Dance (group 1)
	20:00	ICE DANCE – Free Dance (group 2 to 4)
Saturday, January 23	09:00	Judges Round Table Discussion ICE DANCE
	13:30	LADIES – Free Skating (group 1)
	15:00	LADIES – Free Skating (group 2 to 4)
	20:00	Closing Reception
Sunday, January 24	08:00	Judges Round Table Discussion LADIES
	15:30	Exhibition Gala

Please note: This schedule is subject to changes.

