

**INTERNATIONAL OPEN FIGURE SKATING TEAM COMPETITION
ANNOUNCEMENT
JAPAN OPEN – OCTOBER 4, 2014 – SAITAMA SUPER ARENA, SAITAMA-
JAPAN**

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Team Competition will be conducted in accordance with the International Skating Union Constitution, General Regulations 2014 and the International Skating Union Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Single & Pair Skating 2014 and related ISU Communications.

ENTRIES

The eligible skaters will be invited through respective ISU Members. The ISU Member that the ineligible skaters formerly represented will be notified of their participation. The list of entries is on the attached Exhibit A.

EXPENSES

The travel expenses for airfares at economy rates for all invited Competitors, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, Judges and Coaches will be paid by the Organizer from their domicile to Tokyo, Japan and return. All participants must agree to the acceptance of the provided airline ticket when the invitation is accepted. No reimbursement will be made on any airline ticket issued without the Organizer's approval in advance. The lodging/meals for all invited Referees and Judges will be paid for by the Organizer from Wednesday, October 1, 2014 to Sunday, October 5, 2014 and for all invited Competitors and Coaches from Thursday, October 2, 2014 to Sunday, October 5, 2014. Any additional costs will be at the expense of the respective individual.

TECHNICAL DATA

On October 3, 2014, practice sessions will be conducted at Saitama Super Arena. On October 4, 2014 all competition events and practice sessions will be conducted at Saitama Super Arena. The artificial ice surface is 60 meters in length and 26 meters in width. The tentative schedule is on the attached Exhibit B.

SINGLES SKATING – LADIES AND MEN

The innovation to be tried out in accordance with ISU Rule 367 is to conduct an Open team competition with an ISU free skating program only. The required elements to be skated are listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating, 2014, Rule 612.

CALCULATION OF TEAM RESULTS

The ISU Judging System as per the 2014 ISU Special Regulations for Single and Pair Skating shall be used. Scores (points) for each team member as per Rule 353 will be totaled. The highest total team score wins the competition.

MUSIC

All CDs which are to be used must be of high quality. The competitor's name, country and exact running time (not skating time) must be stated on the discs.

JUDGES' MEETING

The first Judges' Meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 2, 2014.

NOMINATION OF JUDGES

All Judges must be from different ISU Members at each panel, and the judges will be nominated from the following ISU Member Federations:

<Asia & Oceania> JPN (2), CHN (1), AUS (1)

<North America> USA (2), CAN (1), MEX (1)

<Europe> CZE (1), ESP (1), FRA (1), GER (1), TBD (1), RUS (1),

Each panels for Men and Ladies will consist of 9 judges. Each participating Member will have one judge, the remaining seats for judges will be nominated or drawn in order to secure judges to cover all three areas equally as much as possible to ensure fairness.

DRAWS

The opening draws are tentatively scheduled to be made at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2014.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Team prize money will be as follows:

First prize = \$80,000

Second prize = \$60,000

Third prize = \$40,000

The awarded amount to each Team will be divided equally among the participating skaters.

No additional prize money will be given to any of the competitors, either eligible or ineligible, directly or indirectly for this competition. Withholding tax will be deducted from the above prize money.

LIABILITY

The Japan Skating Federation, The International Skating Union and Saitama Super Arena take no responsibility for liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred by competitors or officials.

DOPING

Doping test will be carried out in accordance with ISU Regulations and ISU Communications Numbers 1765 and 1800. In Open International Competitions or New Method/System Competitions sanctioned by the ISU, doping tests are mandatory and all skaters competing at International Open Competitions or New Method/System Competitions including the ineligible skaters may be tested. In addition to the winner, a minimum of 1 skater per discipline shall be selected by random draw to be tested.

Prior to the competition, all skaters entered for such competitions must accept in writing to be submitted to doping tests that will be conducted under the control of the ISU Member and in consultation with the ISU Medical Advisors.

Skaters who refuse to accept this procedure will not be allowed to skate. In case of refusal to give the required sample after the competition (after initially having agreed) and in case of positive results, sanctions as per ISU Regulations will apply for the eligible skaters. For the ineligible skaters the ISU Council will take the necessary decision which could consist of preventing the ineligible skater involved from being invited to Open International Competitions/New Method/System Competitions for a certain period of time, as well as withholding the payment of prize money and other benefits. In this respect, the organizers will pay the skaters' benefits after the competitions and only upon receipt of the doping test results.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

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EXHIBIT B

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SAITAMA SUPER ARENA TOKYO

SCHEDULE

Friday, October 3, 2014

13:00 – 13:45	Technical official meeting at the Arena
14:00 – 14:45	TC & Referee meeting at the Arena
15:00 – 16:00	Judges meeting at the Arena
14:45 – 16:10	Japan Open Men's practice
16:10 – 16:30	Ice resurfacing
16:30 – 17:50	Japan Open Ladies practice
17:50 – 18:10	Ice resurfacing
18:15 – 19:00	Award ceremony practice
19:00 – 21:00	Judges' dinner

Saturday, October 4, 2014

8:45 – 9:30	Guest Skater practice
9:30 – 9:45	Ice resurfacing
9:45 – 10:30	Japan Open Men's practice
10:30 – 10:45	Ice resurfacing
10:45 – 11:30	Japan Open Ladies practice
11:30 – 11:45	Ice resurfacing
11:30	Doors open
12:30	Start of event
15:30	Close of the event
17:00 – 18:00	Round table meeting

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Leave Japan

EXHIBIT A

**JAPAN OPEN FIGURE SKATING TEAM COMPETITION
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The Team Competition is an open international figure skating competition to be held for Ladies' Singles and Men's Singles. It is organized by the Japan Skating Federation in conjunction with IMG Tokyo and TV Tokyo and will be held in Tokyo, Japan, on October 4, 2014.

FACT SHEET

Title:	2014 Japan Open Figure Skating Team Competition
Date:	Saturday, October 4, 2014
Venue:	Saitama Super Arena, Saitama
Format:	Men's Singles: 6 skaters Ladies' Singles: 6 skaters Team Japan: Satoko Miyahara, Takahiko Kozuka and (2) TBD Team Europe: Julia Lipnitskaia, Elena Radinova, Tomas Verner and Javier Fernandez Team North America: Ashley Wagner, Jeffrey Buttle, Patrick Chan and (1) TBD
Prize Money:	1 st = \$80,000, 2 nd =\$60,000. 3 rd = \$40,000 per team
TV Coverage:	TV Tokyo. Same day coverage – no conflict with any other first time televising in Japan of another ISU Event.
Sanction:	International Skating Union (ISU)
Organizer:	Japan Skating Federation (JSF)
Production:	IMG Tokyo