



ANNOUNCEMENT

**An International Senior
Short Program Competition
for Synchronized Skating
in conjunction to Finlandia Trophy Espoo
October 5-7, 2018
Espoo, Finland**





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FINLANDIA TROPHY ESPOO 2018

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Finnish Figure Skating Association is pleased to announce the FINLANDIA TROPHY ESPOO 2018 and the International Senior Short Program Competition for Synchronized Skating.

GENERAL

The International Senior Competition for Synchronized Skating, held in conjunction with the Challenger Series Finlandia Trophy Espoo 2018, will be held in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2016 and all relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Finlandia Trophy Espoo 2018** is open to teams 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 Age limits for Synchronized Skating), and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirement in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2030 or any update of this Communication.

Passports of all skaters, as well as the respective permit of an ISU Member different from the one the Team is competing for, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

PLACE AND DATE

The Finlandia Trophy 2018 will be held in Espoo, at Metro Areena, from October 5 to October 7, 2018. The ice rink is located 25 km from the Helsinki Airport and about 40 minutes by car.

TECHNICAL DATA

All competition events and practice sessions will be held at Metro Areena in Espoo.

Main arena: Espoo Metro Areena, Urheilupuistontie 3, 02200 Espoo
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Practice arena: Espoo Metro Areena, Urheilupuistontie 3, 02200 Espoo
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 27 x 58 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Both rinks are in the same complex/building.

Category	Synchronized Skating
Program skated	Short Program
Duration	max 2 min 50 sec
Program Component factor	0.8

Requirements according to the ISU General Regulations 2018 and ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2152 and subsequent updates.



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ENTRIES

Entries of Teams

The Organizer reserves the right to limit the number of entries to eight (8) teams. The Organizer confirms the accepted teams after the closing of entries.

All Teams must be entered and all Judges nominated only through their respective Member Association/Federation.

All entries must be sent to the Organizing Committee electronically using links and/or web forms. Links can be found at the end of this announcement and in each form.

Preliminary entries

The preliminary entry form must be submitted electronically only through the [given web link](#) latest by **Monday August 6, 2018**.

Final entries

All final entries and nominations must be sent electronically, via [given web link](#) no later than **Friday, August 31, 2018 – 8 pm** (local time Espoo). The team's program forms and bank account information must be returned through [this web link](#) on August 31.

The Announcement, web-links and related entry forms can be also find from our website:
<http://www.finlandiatrophy.com>

Entries of Officials (Panel of Judges and Technical Panel)

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) International Judge or ISU Judge. The Panel of Judges in the Synchronized Skating event will consist of five (5) Judges. The Referee and the Technical Panel members will be invited by the Organizing Committee who will also cover their travel expenses.

The official entry form for Judges must be submitted to the Organizing Committee through the given web link no later than **Friday, August 31, 2018 – 8 pm (local time Espoo)**.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee is 175 € per team and must be paid latest by **September 5, 2018**. The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

Entry fee must be paid via this [web-link](#).

ACCOMMODATION AND EXPENSES

Judges, Referees and Technical Panel

The Organizer will provide accommodation and meals for all Judges, the invited Referee and the Technical Panel at the Espoo Tapiola Garden hotel beginning with lunch on Friday October 5th, through breakfast on Sunday, October 7, 2018 if serving only in the Synchronized Skating competition.

Teams and their members

The Teams and other team members (Team Leaders, Coaches) are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and meal expenses.



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Hotel for Synchronized skating

Radisson Blu Espoo

address Otaranta 2, 02150 Espoo

phone: +358 20 1234705

web: <https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-espoo>

Room prices

Single room	91 €/room/night, including breakfast
Double room	101 €/room/night, including breakfast
Double room+ extra bed	121 €/room/night, including breakfast (number of these rooms are limited)

Hotel rooms must be booked directly from the hotel through email: groups.finland@radissonblu.com

In order to get the above-mentioned rates, book the rooms by **September 16, 2018, 8 pm at latest** by using the code given to each Member. The Organizer Committee cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are submitted after the given date. The negotiated rates are valid for bookings between October 3 to October 9. Hotel payments are made upon arrival at the hotel.

There is a shuttle bus transportation service between the Official hotel and the ice rink.

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservations for Judges and members of the Technical Panel.

MUSIC AND MEDIA INFORMATION, PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT SHEET

All Teams are asked to deliver competition music of excellent quality as a **digital audio file** or as a Compact Disc (CD), in accordance with Rule 823, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program must be listed for each Team on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

In accordance with Rule 823, the music file must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the Coach or Team Leader at the time of registration. In addition, the Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program.

If music information is not complete and back-up drive not provided, accreditation will not be given.

With the entry forms, the "Planned Program Content" must be returned to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Planned Program Content Sheet be filled in precisely by each 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.

ACCREDITATION / REGISTRATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at **Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden (Tapiolankatu 3, 02100 Espoo)** upon arrival.

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 OC.



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Please be advised that Accreditation will be given to all appointed Judges and Teams' Delegations officially entered and named through their National Associations as follows:

Skaters	20 skaters per team
Team Leaders	1 per country
Team Managers	1 per Team
Official Coaches	2 per Team
Team Service Personnel	2 per Team
Team Medical Personnel	1 per Team

DRAW AND JUDGES' MEETINGS

The draw for the starting order of the Short Program will take place on Friday, **October 5, 2018 at 12:00** at the ice rink.

The first Judges' Meeting for the Challenger Series Finlandia Trophy (Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance) will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018. The SyS Judges seating order draw will be made at the Challenger Series Finlandia Trophy Judges' meeting. **The first SyS Judges' meeting will be held at the ice rink on Saturday October 6 one (1) hour before the competition starts.** The Round Table Discussion will be held immediately after the victory ceremony on Saturday evening October 6, 2018. The venue for the meeting will be informed to the Judges at the first Judges' meeting.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

The Official Hotel is located approximately 3 km from the Ice Rink. Shuttle bus between the Official Hotel and the Ice Rink will be provided by the Organizer from Thursday to Sunday.

ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE AND SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

Organizer will arrange transportation from/to Helsinki Airport/Railway Station to/from the official hotel. A fee of 400€ will be charged for each Team. The transportation fee includes the shuttle bus service in between the hotel and the ice rink during the event. Transportation need should be informed in the Team Travel Form.

RESULTS AND PRIZES

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2018, Rule 843 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

The Organizer will award 2000 € to the team placed 1st. Payment will be made through the respective National Association as per ISU Rule 102. The withholding tax will be deducted according to the Finnish law.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests may be carried out as per ISU Communication 1922 and 2117 or any later update of the Communications.



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TEAM PHOTO AND PROGRAM BOOKLET INFO

For the Finlandia Trophy App, we would like you to send us a team photo of your team(s) in digital form by August 31st, 2018.

LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in the Finlandia Trophy Espoo 2018 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 Finnish Figure Skating Association assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the competition to/by Teams' Skaters and Officials.

INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For further information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

The final Schedule of all the events, with practice sessions and practice groups, will be given upon arrival. Practice sessions for SyS will begin on Friday, October 6 afternoon.

Wednesday,
October 3rd, 2018

All day Arrival of teams
15.00 Accreditation opens

Thursday,
October 4th, 2018

All day Arrival of teams
All day Unofficial practice
16.00 Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
17.00 Judges' Draw and Meeting
18.00 Individual Technical Panel Meeting (Pairs, Men, Ladies)
Opening Draw

Friday,
October 5th, 2018

Official Practice
Individual Technical Panel Meeting (Ice Dance)
12.00 PAIRS – Short program
MEN – Short program
LADIES – Short program

Saturday
October 6th 2018

Official practice
12.00 ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance
PAIRS – Free Skating
MEN – Free Skating
Victory Ceremonies for MEN & PAIRS
Judges' Meeting (Synchronized skating)
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING – Short Program
Victory Ceremony – Synchronized skating
PAIRS – Technical Panel Review Meeting
PAIRS – Round Table Discussion for Judges
MEN - Technical Panel Review Meeting
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING – Round Table Discussion for
Judges

Sunday
October 7th, 2018

Official Practice
13.00 MEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges
LADIES – Free Skating
ICE DANCE – Free Skating
Victory Ceremonies - Ladies & Ice Dance
LADIES – Technical Panel Review Meeting
LADIES – Round Table Discussion for Judges
ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review Meeting
ICE DANCE – Round Table Discussion for Judges



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FORMS AND DEADLINES

WEB LINKS

Link	Form	Deadline
Weblink	Preliminary entry form	06.08.2018
Weblink	Composition of Delegation form	31.08.2018
	Entry Form	31.08.2018
	Entry Form for Judges	31.08.2018
Weblink	Entry fee, Team Transportation Order online	16.09.2018
	Hotel reservations directly to hotel	16.09.2018
Weblink	Music Information	31.08.2018
	Planned Program	31.08.2018
	Visa request form	31.08.2018
	Team Photo	31.08.2018
	Program Info	31.08.2018

Organizer reserves the right to make changes to this announcement.