



ANNOUCEMENT
An International Senior
Short Program Competition
for Synchronized Skating
in conjunction with CS Finlandia Trophy
Espoo

October 9—11, 2020
Espoo, Finland



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Finnish Figure Skating Association is pleased to announce the FINLANDIA TROPHY ESPOO 2020 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 2020, will be held in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2018, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Finlandia Trophy Espoo 2020** 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.

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

PLACE AND DATE

The Finlandia Trophy 2020 will be held in Espoo, at Metro Areena, from October 9 to October 11, 2020. 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.

- PLACE** **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 28 x 58 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Main and Practice Rink 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 2236 and subsequent updates.



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 weblink](#) latest by **Friday August 21st, 2020**.

If OC have to limit the number of entries, priority will be given to those countries that have made the Preliminary Entries.

Final entries

All final entries and nominations must be sent electronically, via [given weblink](#) no later than **Friday, September 11st, 2020 – 8 pm** (local time Espoo). The team's program forms, and bank account information must be returned via weblink no later than September 11st. The weblink will be sent after preliminary entry deadline

The Announcement, weblinks and related entry forms can also be found from our website: <http://www.finlandiatrophy.com>

Please note! In the event that Covid-19 does not allow the competition to be held or is subject to certain restrictions, this will be announced by 31 August.

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 weblink no later than **Friday, September 11, 2020 – 8 pm (local time Espoo)**.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee is 175 € per team and must be paid latest by **September 11, 2020**. The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

Entry fee must be paid via this [weblink](#).

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 9th, through breakfast on Sunday, October 11, 2020 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.



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	96 €/room/night, including breakfast
Double room	106 €/room/night, including breakfast
Double room+ extra bed	126 €/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, rooms need to be booked by **September 21, 2020, 8 pm at latest** by using the code given to each Member. The Organizer Committee cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, if bookings are submitted after the given date. The negotiated rates are valid for bookings between October 9 to October 11. 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 given at **Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden (Tapionaukio 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.

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 9, 2020 at 17:30** at the ice rink.

The first Judges' Meeting for the Challenger Series Finlandia Trophy (Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance) will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020. 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 10 one (1) hour before the competition starts.** The Round Table Discussion will be held immediately after the victory ceremony on Saturday evening October 10, 2020. 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.

TEAM PHOTO AND PROGRAM BOOKLET INFO

For the Finlandia Trophy App, we would like you to send us a team photo in digital form at by September 11th, 2020.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in the Finlandia Trophy Espoo 2020 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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EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 9, 2020	All day	Official practice	
	15:00	Accreditation opens	
Thursday, October 10, 2020	All day	Arrival of teams	
	All day	Official 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 11, 2020		Official Practice	
		Individual Technical Panel Meeting (Ice Dance)	
	12.00	PAIRS– Short Program	
		MEN – Short Program	
		LADIES – Short Program	
Saturday October 12, 2020		Official Practice	
		ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance	
		PAIRS – Free Skating	
		MEN – Free Skating	
		Judges' Meeting (Synchronized skating)	
		SYNCHRONIZED SKATING – Short Program	
		Victory Ceremonies for MEN & PAIRS & SyS	
		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 13, 2020		Official Practice
			MEN- Round Table Discussion for Judges
13.00		ICE DANCE – Free Dance	
		LADIES – Free Skating	
		Victory Ceremonies for ICE DANCE & LADIES	
		ICE DANCE - Technical Panel Review Meeting	
		ICE DANCE – Round Table Discussion for Judges	
		LADIES – Technical Panel Review Meeting	
		LADIES – Round Table Discussion for Judges	

Please note:

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



Welcome to Espoo!
FINNISH FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

FORMS AND DEADLINES

WEBLINKS

Link	Form	Deadline
Weblink	Preliminary entry form	21.08.2020
Weblink *	Composition of Delegation form	11.09.2020
	Entry Form	11.09.2020
	Entry Form for Judges	11.09.2020
Weblink	Entry fee, Team Transportation Order online	11.09.2020
	Hotel reservations directly to hotel	21.09.2020
*	Music Information	11.09.2020
*	Planned Program	11.09.2020
*	Visa request form	11.09.2020
*	Team Photo	11.09.2020
*	Program Info	11.09.2020

*Weblink will be sent after preliminary entry deadline.

Organizer reserves the right to make changes to this announcement.