



Figure Skating Competition for Ladies, Men, Pairs and Ice Dance

Graz, Austria

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ANNOUNCEMENT

organized by

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Member of SkateAustria**

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1. GENERAL

The Icechallenge 2017 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the Special Regulations and Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016 as well as all pertinent ISU Communications. Participation in the Icechallenge is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 109, paragraph 1, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3. a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2030. Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

ISU Member: **Österreichischer Eiskunstlaufverband – Skate Austria**
Prinz Eugen Straße 12
1040 Wien
off-ice@skateaustria.at
www.skateaustria.at

Organizer: **Grazer Eislaufverein**
Sackstraße 8, 8010 Graz, Austria
www.grazer-eislaufverein.at
www.icechallenge.at
info@icechallenge.at

Main arena: Eishalle Graz Liebenau, Zoisweg 4, 8044 Graz
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Practice arena: Eishalle Graz Liebenau, Zoisweg 4, 8044 Graz
(a covered ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m,)

Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex / building.

3. CATEGORIES

MEN Short Program

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 611, paragraph 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes and 40 seconds, +/- 10 sec.

MEN Free Skating

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication.

Special attention should be paid to the "well-balanced-Program" and the element values.

Duration: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

LADIES Short Program

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 611, paragraph 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes and 40 seconds, +/- 10 sec.

LADIES Free Skating

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well-balanced-Program" and the element values.

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

PAIR SKATING Short Program

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 620, paragraph 1 and 2, for 2017/2018 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Duration: 2 minutes and 40 seconds, +/- 10 sec.

PAIRS Free Skating

In accordance ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2016, Rule 621 and the relevant ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the "well-balanced program" and the element values.

Duration: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

ICE DANCE Short Dance

In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2076 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec

ICE DANCE Free Dance

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2076 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

4. ENTRIES of COMPETITORS

ISU Members must enter their competitors/couples and their substitutes. In all categories each ISU member may enter two participants / couples.

There will, in principle, be a total of 24 competitors in each individual discipline, 16 Pairs and 25 Ice Dance couples.

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the proper terminology. It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

5. ENTRIES of JUDGES

Each ISU Member has the right to enter one judge with the qualification international or ISU judge. Should there be too many judges nominated for participation, the organizer reserves the right to draw for the composition of panels beforehand and inform those judges who are not drawn for service.

6. ENTRIES of TEAM DELEGATION

Official entries of Team Leaders, Team Officials, Coaches/Choreographers, Team Medical staff etc. must be made together with the entries for Competitors and Judges.

7. ENTRY DEADLINES

The Organizing Committee requests the Preliminary Entry Forms (Form 01) to be returned to the below mentioned addresses by September 20th, 2017.

Grazer Eislaufverein
Sackstraße 20, 8010 Graz
mail: info@icechallenge.at

Entries for Competitors, Judges, and Delegations must be done by latest October 5th, 2017 (20:00 local time).
All other forms must reach the Organizing Committee also by October 5th, 2017.

8. MUSIC

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD in any other approved 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 Short 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 covers/discs must show the Competition event, Competitor's name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any

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starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short program, free skating, short 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/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

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

9. EXPENSES PROVIDED

The organizer will provide accommodation and meals for all Referees, Judges drawn for the panel. Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators who are participating in the Icechallenge 2017 with dinner Thursday Nov. 10th, 2017 to breakfast Sunday Nov. 12th, 2017.

All other Team Members have to bear their own expenses. Travel expenses will be paid only to the Referees, the Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data and Replay Operators based on economy airfare.

10. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016, Rule 352 and 353 The three best-placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced and honoured at the official Victory Ceremony.

The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flag of the medal winners hoisted.

11. LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the Icechallenge 2017, 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 Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

12. REGISTRATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the Ice Rink – Merkur Eisarena.

Accreditation for Officials will also be given at the welcome desk of the Ice Rink, depending on their hotel location. Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), 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.

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Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their ISU Member.

13. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee for those Skaters/couples, will be as follows:

100 € per single skater

140.00 € per pair or ice dance couple

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason, except when the Organizer has to reduce the entries. Entry fees are required at time of final entries (not later than October 5th, 2017).

With the close of Entries on 5th October 2017 Entry Fees have to be transferred to the following bank account:

Account holder: Grazer Eislaufverein
Bank: Raiffeisen-Landesbank Steiermark
Account number: 7.129.778, EUR
BIC: RZSTAT2G
IBAN: AT20 3800 0000 0712 9778

14. Official Hotel

Hotel Amedia Best Western, Conrad von Hötzendorfstrasse, 8010 Graz

Hotel Star Inn: Waltendorfergürtel 8-10, 8010 Graz

The Deadline for hotel bookings is October 5th 2017

After this deadline we cannot guarantee the special prices!

The room reservations for all team members have to be done exclusively with the hotel form or the online system through the organizing committee to provide the special room rates. A credit card number has to be presented or a pre-payment of 50% of the booking rate after the reservation will be asked. All final hotel payment shall be made latest upon arrival at the hotel. All extra expenses incurred by any person will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior departure.

Both Hotels are within walking distance to the icerink, and in front of both hotels are tram stations.

15. Transportation

All Referees, Technical Panel, Judges, Participants and Coaches are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but not later than October 5th 2017 all arrival information (flight number, date, time etc.) therefore the travel form should be used!

The Airport is "Graz Thalerhof" which is about 25 minutes from Graz City Center.

The railway Station is "Graz Hauptbahnhof". The organizing committee provides a shuttle upon arrival and departure for the teams at the airport Graz / station Graz.

A transportation fee both ways of € 36 / person of the teams will be asked.

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16. Meals

The organizer will offer buffet for lunch and dinner at the "Icechallenge Lounge".

Meal hours:

Lunch: Icechallenge Lounge from 11:30 to 14:30,

Dinner: Icechallenge Lounge from 18:00 to 23:30

17. Preliminary Timetable subject to change!

Thursday, Nov. 9 th 2017	Practice, Judges Meeting
Friday, Nov. 10 th 2017	Men Short Program Ice Dance Short Dance Pairs Short Program
Saturday, Nov. 11 th 2017	Ladies Short Program Ice Dance Free Dance Pairs Free Programm
Sunday, Nov. 12 th 2017	Ladies, Men Free Program