

ANNOUNCEMENT



CHALLENGE CUP 
THE HAGUE

**THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
FEBRUARY 19-22, 2015**

An International Competition for

Senior: Ladies, Men, Pairs

Junior: Ladies, Men, Pairs

Advanced Novice: Girls, Boys

Basic Novice A: Girls, Boys

and...

The Ultimate Skate Battle !!!

organized by the



KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE SCHAATSENRIJDERS BOND
under the authorization of the



INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The CHALLENGE CUP will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the CHALLENGE CUP is for skaters who belong to an invited ISU Member, as per 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 2 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 2 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations 2014 and ISU Communication 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 hand in an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, it must be presented at the accreditation.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place: **Venue: Schaatscentrum “De Uithof”**
Jaap Edenweg 10 The Hague
(an indoor heated ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m);
(practice rink covered rink non-heated 60 x 30 m)

CATEGORIES

SENIOR LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 511. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:50 maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 511. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:50 maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.

ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1886. Duration: 2:30 maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 1886. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A GIRLS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 1886. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.
SENIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 511. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2:50 maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4:30 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 511. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:50 maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1886. Duration: 2:30 maximum, but may be less
	Free skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 1886 Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.

BASIC NOVICE A BOYS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 1886. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.
SENIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 520. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2:50, maximum, but may be less
	Free skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 521. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4:30 +/- 10 sec
JUNIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 520. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2:50, maximum, but may be less
	Free Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 521. For marking see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec
THE ULTIMATE SKATE BATTLE	Improvisation Program	A maximum of 32 skaters will battle it out in this new format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 minute improvised program on contemporary music • a DJ will play a tune at random • two skaters skate simultaneously against each other on a knock-out basis, one of them advances to the next round • all skaters are drawn at random against each other in each round • there is only one judging criterium: the entertainment factor! • Judges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 judges comprise one vote, on majority basis ○ public audience gets one vote ○ in case of a tie, a Dutch celebrity will cast the tie-breaker ○ all judges and the public get a green an a red card to show their vote • Prize money for The Ultimate Skating Battle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st prize: € 1000

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3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entries of Competitors

Each ISU Member can enter **up to three (3)** skaters/couples in each category. For the Senior events, preference will be given to skaters in accordance with their placement on the ISU World Standings ranking list, as per closing date of the entries by name. For the other categories, preference will be given to those ISU Members which sent entries by number, in order of receipt of such entries. A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis.

a) Limitation of number of entries

Basic Novice A Girls:	24
Basic Novice A Boys:	24
Adv. Novice Girls:	24
Adv. Novice Boys:	24
Junior Ladies:	18
Junior Men:	18
Junior Pairs:	8
Senior Ladies:	18
Senior Men:	18
Senior Pairs:	8

The organizing committee reserves the option in the competition to allow late entries in Senior Ladies, Men, and 2 late entries in Senior Pairs, reserved for competitors preparing for the World Figure Skating championships, and/or needing the competition to obtain the minimum technical score as written in ISU Communication 1876. A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis.

For **The Ultimate Skate Battle**, entry can be done both on the entry forms and on site and no extra entry fee is required. Please indicate your willingness to compete in this new spectacular event!

b) Entries by Number

The entries by number indicating the number of skaters/couples in the disciplines concerned must be submitted by e-mail not later than **December 1st, 2014** to:

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup
E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

In case no entry is received by **December 1st, 2014**, it will be assumed that your federation will not participate.

c) Entries by Name

Entries by names must be made not later than **January 15th, 2015** to:

Organizing Committee Challenge Cup
E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

d) Entry fee

An entry fee of € 75 per single skater and € 125 per pair will be asked and has to be paid with the official entry by name. **Invoices will be send to the federations in advance.**

The entry fee has to be paid together with the official entry by name, not later than **January 15th, 2015**, to the following account:

Account owner: Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB)
Bank Name: ABN AMRO
Bank address: P.O. Box 30
3800 AA Amersfoort
Account No.: 54.94.30.644
Bic Code: ABNANL2A
IBAN Nr. NL88ABNA0549430644

Please indicate as reference “Challenge Cup 2015”, the name of the participant, country name and invoice number.

e) Transportation package

We have arranged a transportation package deal for you, for which we have to ask you € 60 per person, payable together with the entry fee. All team members, except invited officials and judges have to pay this transportation fee.

Included in the fee is:

- transfer from and to Schiphol airport
- shuttle service from Thursday 19th February till Sunday 22nd February between the official hotel and the ice rink.

The shuttle will run at 1 hour intervals and the transfer will take about 30 minutes or a little less.

On competition days alternatively you can take the Randstad rail tramline, which calls close to the hotel and has its final stop at the Uithof, with 10 minutes walk to the entrance of the ice rink. However the tram does not run very early in the morning and very late in the evening.

Taxis in Holland are very expensive, a single fare between hotel and icerink will cost at least € 30.

3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one ISU or International Judge and one substitute Judge.

The official entry form for Judges must reach the Organizing Committee not later than **January 1st, 2015**.

Each panel of Judges will consist of 5 judges. In case of a too high number of entered judges, the Organizing Committee will make a draw and inform ISU Members before **January 15th, 2015** whether judges have been drawn or not drawn.

3.3 Draw for starting order

On Wednesday evening February 18th, at 20:00 there will be a random draw made by computer for each category, based on the entry list at that moment, in presence of one of the Referees. The starting order for the Free Skating shall be based on the opposite order of the result of the Short Program.

4. EXPENSES, MEALS, LODGING

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for Judges and invited officials participating, beginning with dinner **February 18th, 2015** and ending with lunch on **February 22nd, 2015**.

The expenses for rooms and meals for the Team Leader, Competitors and other team officials will not be covered by the organizer and are on the account of the team.

Should any Judge or invited Official arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival.

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for travel, rooms and meals also for the invited Referees, Technical Controllers, Data and Replay Operators.

All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior to departure.

5. PRACTICE

The official practices for Competitors start on **February 19th, 2015 / 06:30am**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. According to ISU Regulations 340 and 534 no competitor may practice in a rink other than the official rink or rinks after been accredited through the Organizing Committee.

6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD, 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 Program for Single and Pairs, 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 and Rule 533, paragraph 1, all CDs must show the Competition event, Competitor's 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. Each program (short program, free skating) must be recorded on one track and on a separate CD. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up CD for each program.

If music information is not complete and cassettes or discs not provided, accreditation will not be given.

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

7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS AND TRANSPORTATION

All invited officials, Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials and Coaches taking part in the competition are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **January 15th, 2015**, the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at **Schiphol International Airport** or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official "travel form" should be used.

From Schiphol airport, if you are not signing up for the transportation package, you are requested to take a direct train to Den Haag Central Station. Further information about this train connection will be given in the First Information, which will be issued separately.

The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle service free of charge from Den Haag Central Station to the official hotel and icerink.

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

More information about the official hotel will be given in the First Information which will be issued separately. We plan to have one official hotel which will be served by the shuttle bus service. You can book also other hotels but these will not be served by the shuttle bus.

9. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation is planned at the skating rink, **De Uithof**, upon arrival.

Accreditation will be given to each official, skater, 1 coach per skater, 1 teamleader per ISU member, plus 1 chaperone per skater.

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 352 will be in place.

For the Challenge Cup, the overall ranking results per category will be awarded as follows: The first place 10 points, the second place 7 points, the third place 5 points, the fourth place 4 points, the fifth place 3 points, the sixth place 2 points and the seventh place 1 point. In case of more than two (2) competitors of one ISU Member in one category only the two best placed competitors can score points for the overall classification.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND THE CHALLENGE CUP

The three best placed skaters/couples in each category will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists.

The best placed team will be announced and honoured with the International Challenge Cup. In case of a draw the highest number of first and/or second and/or third places will be taken into account.

12. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

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

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For any further information, please contact :

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E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

14. PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE*

February 19 th , Thursday	06:30	Official Practice Adv. Nov. B, G, Junior Pairs, M, L
	10:00	Teamleaders' meeting
	10:30	Referees' and Technical Panel meetings
	11:00	Initial Judges' meeting
	12:00	Officials welcome reception/lunch
	14.00	Advanced Novice Boys Short Program
		Advanced Novice Girls Short Program
		Junior Pairs Short Program
		Junior Men Short Program
		Junior Ladies Short Program

February 20 th , Friday	07:00 Official Practice 11:00 Advanced Novice Boys Free Skating Advanced Novice Girls Free Skating Junior Pairs Free Skating Junior Men Free Skating Junior Ladies Free Skating Senior Ladies Short Program Victory Ceremony Adv.Nov B/G, Junior P, Junior M/L
February 21 st , Saturday	07:00 Official Practice RTD Adv. Nov. m/L, Jun.Pairs, Jun. M/L 12:30 Basic Novice A Boys Free Skating Basic Novice A Girls Free Skating Senior Pairs Short Program Senior Men Short Program Senior Ladies Free Skating Victory Ceremony Basic Nov. A B/G, Senior Ladies
February 22 nd , Sunday	07:00 Official Practice RTD Basic Novice A B/G, Senior Ladies Senior Pairs Free Skating Senior Men Free Skating Victory Ceremony Senior Pairs, Senior Men Award Challenge Cup RTD Senior Pairs, Senior Men The Ultimate Skate Battle Departure

* Draft; subject to change.