

ANNOUNCEMENT



CHALLENGE CUP 
THE HAGUE

February 21-24, 2019
The Hague, The Netherlands

An International Competition and Dutch Championship for

Senior	Ladies	Men	Pairs
Juniors	Ladies	Men	Pairs
Advanced Novice	Girls	Boys	
Basic Novice A	Girls	Boys	

under the authorization of the



1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Challenge Cup will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018 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 2018 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

Venue address

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)

2.1 TECHNICAL DETAILS

CATEGORIES

SENIOR LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
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	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 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 2018 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 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 2172. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2172. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A GIRLS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2172 for Basic Novice A. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.

SENIOR MEN	Short Program	<p>The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications.</p> <p>Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.</p>
	Free Skating	<p>In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications.</p> <p>Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.</p>
JUNIOR MEN	Short Program	<p>The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications.</p> <p>Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.</p>
	Free Skating	<p>In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications.</p> <p>Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.</p>
ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS	Short Program	<p>The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2172.</p> <p>Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.</p>

	Free skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2172. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A BOYS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2172 for Basic Novice A. 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 2018 Rule 620. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec
JUNIOR PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018 Rule 620. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.

	Free Program	<p>The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications.</p> <p>Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec</p>
THE ULTIMATE SKATE BATTLE	Improvisation Program	<p>A maximum of 32 skaters will battle it out in this new format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *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 <p>there is only one judging criterium: the entertainment factor!</p> <p>Judges:</p> <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

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:	18
Basic Novice A Boys:	18
Adv. Novice Girls:	18
Adv. Novice Boys:	18
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 and Junior Ladies and Men, and 2 late entries in Senior and Junior Pairs, reserved for competitors preparing for the (Junior) World Figure Skating championships, and/or needing the competition to obtain the minimum technical score as written in ISU Communication 2017. A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis.

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 15th, 2018** to the **Organizing Committee Challenge Cup** by e-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl.

In case no entry is received by **December 15th, 2018** it will be assumed that your federation will not participate.

c) Entries by Name

Entries by name must be made not later than **January 20th, 2019** to

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

d) Entry fee

An entry fee of € 85,- per single skater (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior), € 60,- per Basic Novice skater and € 140 per pair will be asked and has to be paid after confirmation of the official entry by name. **Invoices will be send to the federations in advance.**

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

Entry fee must be paid latest by January 20th, 2019. After this date the entry fee will be increased to:

€ 70,- per Basic Novice skater

€ 95,- per single skater (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior)

€ 150,- per pair

e) Transportation package

We have arranged a transportation package deal for you, for which we have to ask you € 75,- per person. All team members (incl. Judges), except invited officials have to pay this transportation fee.

Separate invoices will be send to the federations in advance.

As soon as the transportation fee has been paid, no refund is possible.

Included in the fee is:

- transfer from and to Schiphol airport (€ 40,-) from Monday Feb.18 till Monday Feb.25.
- shuttle service from Thursday Feb. 21 till Sunday Feb. 24 between the official hotel and the ice rink (€ 40,-).

The shuttle will run at 1 hour intervals and the transfer will take about 15 minutes or a little less.

Taxis in Holland are very expensive, a single fare between hotel and ice rink 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, 2019.**

Each panel of Judges will consist of 5-7 judges. In case of a too high number of entered judges, the Organizing Committee will make a draw and inform ISU Members before **February 1st, 2019** whether judges have been drawn or not drawn.

3.3 Draw for starting order

The draw will be held in the official hotel on Wednesday evening February 20, at 17:00 hrs. in presence of one of the Referees, in accordance with Rule 512 and 513 of the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018.

The starting order for the Free Skating shall be based on the reverse 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 on **February 20, 2019** and ending with lunch on **February 24, 2019**.

The expenses for rooms and meals for the Team Leader, Coaches, 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 21, 2019 / appr. 07:00 am**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

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.

We prefer to receive your competition music on MP3 format (the file format must be MP3). This MP3 file must have Competitor`s name, Member`s name and the category and segment. The competition music must be sent by email to challengecup@knsb.nl before the entry deadline of **January 20**. Competitors must have a backup drive for each program.

In accordance with Rule 343, 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 discs/MP3 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 AND DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS 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 20, 2019**, 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.

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

Hotel NH Atlantic

Deltaplein 200

2554 EJ Den Haag

Phone: +34 91 398 46 61

www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-atlantic-den-haag

Hotel reservations must be booked by yourself directly with the hotel by submitting the needed information through the given link, **latest by January 22, 2019**.

<https://www.nh-hotels.com/event/knsb-challenge-cup>

Rates for standard room, single use € 101,-, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for standard room, double use € 113,-, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for superior room, single use € 117,- including breakfast, internet.

Rates for superior room, double use € 129,- including breakfast, internet.

Rates for superior room with sea view, single use € 147,- including breakfast, internet.

Rates for superior room with sea view, double use € 159,- including breakfast, internet.

Above rates are excl. € 3,40 city tax per person per night.

The hotel cannot guarantee the availability of rooms and reduced prices, for bookings which are submitted after January 22.

All hotel payments are made personally upon arrival at the hotel. Only from this hotel there is a shuttle bus from and to the ice rink.

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 2018, 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.

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

12. EXHIBITION GALA

Skaters and couples in each category will be invited for the exhibition gala on **Sunday, February 24, 2019** at the ice rink. Please bring your exhibition music with you. We will combine the Gala with the Ultimate Skate Battle.

13. 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.

14. MEDIA ACCREDITATION

For media accreditation and other media information, please contact the OC Press Officer: Mr. Carl Mureau: c.mureau@knsb.nl

15. FOOTAGE PURCHASE INFORMATION

For footage purchase information, please contact Mrs. Anouk Kuiper, a.kuiper@knsb.nl.

16. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

For additional information (entries, visa invitation letter request), please contact the Organizing Committee:

E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl
Website: Dutch version: <https://www.schaatsen.nl/challengecup/>
English version: <https://www.schaatsen.nl/challengecup-en/>
Address: Mississippidreef 153, 3565 CE Utrecht, The Netherlands
Phone: +31 88 489 2000
Fax: +31 88 489 2099

17. DRAFT EVENT SCHEDULE*

February 21, Thursday	07:00 Official Practice
	10:00 Team leader meeting
	10:30 Referees' and Technical Panel meetings
	11:00 Initial Judges' meeting
	12:00 Officials welcome reception/lunch
	13.45 Opening Ceremony Challenge Cup
	14.00 Advanced Novice Boys Short Program
	Advanced Novice Girls Short Program
	Junior Men Short Program
	Junior Ladies Short program
February 22, Friday	07:00 Official Practice
	09:00 Advanced Novice Girls Free Skating
	Junior Ladies Free Skating
	Junior Men Free Skating
	Junior Pairs Short Program
	Senior Pairs Short Program
	Senior Men Short Program

February 23, Saturday 07:00 Official Practice
 09:00 Advanced Novice Boys Free Skating
 Basic Novice A Boys Free Skating
 Junior Pairs Free Skating
 Senior Pairs Free Skating
 Senior Men Free Skating
 Senior Ladies Short Program

February 24, Sunday 07:00 Official Practice
 09:00 Basic Novice Ladies Free Skating
 Senior Ladies Free skating
 Award Challenge Cup
 Ultimate Skate Battle
 Exhibition Gala

*** Draft; subject to change.**

18. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

		To be submitted via	
	Deadline		Form
Preliminary Entry Form	15.12.2018		A1
Entry by name for Judges	01.01.2019		B1
Entry by Name for Competitors and Delegation Members	20.01.2019		C1
Travel Details	20.01.2019		C2
Payment entry fee/transportation fee	20.01.2019		Bank transfer
Press Information	20.01.2019		C3
Competition Music Information	20.01.2019		C4
Planned Program Content	20.01.2019		C5
Visa Request Form	20.01.2019		C6
Hotel Reservation	22.01.2019		Reservation link