

ANNOUNCEMENT



CHALLENGE CUP 
THE HAGUE

February 25-28, 2021
The Hague, The Netherlands

An International Competition and Dutch Championship for

Senior	Ladies	Men	Pairs	Ice Dance
Junior	Ladies	Men	Pairs	
Advanced Novice	Girls	Boys	Pairs	
Basic Novice A	Girls	Boys	Pairs	

under the authorization of the



Please note: The Organizing Committee reserves the right to cancel the Rabo Challenge Cup 2020 if due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) the decision or recommendation of the national/local Government will not agree to conduct such an event or if the travel restrictions into or out of The Netherlands will block the Teams for an unexpected period of time.

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Rabo Challenge Cup will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the Rabo 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 2030 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2030, 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 present an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation.

All competitors must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation

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 2328 Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2328. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A GIRLS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2328 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 2328.</p> <p>Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.</p>

	Free skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2328. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A BOYS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2328 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	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: 3:30 +/- 10 sec
ADVANCED NOVICE PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2328. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2328. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE PAIRS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2328 for Basic Novice A. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
SENIOR ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2314, 2315 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2018, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2314, 2315 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

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. In case of too many entries, the Organizer may reduce the final entries.

a) Limitation of number of entries

Basic Novice A Girls:	8
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Basic Novice Pairs:	4
Adv. Novice Girls:	16
Adv. Novice Boys:	8
Adv. Novice Pairs:	4
Junior Ladies:	18
Junior Men:	12
Junior Pairs:	4
Senior Ladies:	18
Senior Men:	18
Senior Pairs:	12
Senior Ice Dance:	10

The organizing committee reserves the option in the competition to allow late entries in Senior Ladies and 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 2332. 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 **January 1, 2021** to the **Organizing Committee Rabo Challenge Cup** by e-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl.

In case no entry is received by **January 1, 2021** it will be assumed that your federation will not participate.

c) Entries by Name

Entries by name must be made not later than **January 28, 2021** to

Organizing Committee Rabo 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/ice dance couple (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior), € 100,- per Basic Novice 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.

When we receive entries after the entry deadline of January 28th 2021, the entry fee will be increased to:

€ 70,- per Basic Novice skater

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

€ 150,- per pair/ice dance couple

€ 110,- per Basic Novice pair

e) Transportation package

We will inform you about the transportation package at the end of January when we have the time schedule available.

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 28, 2021.**

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 **February 1st, 2021** whether Judges have been drawn or not drawn. For the Ice Dance panel, first priority will be given to Judges who are qualified as International- or ISU Judge in both Singles & Pairs and in Ice Dance.

3.3 Draw for starting order

The draw will be held online (online is approved by the ISU) on Wednesday evening February 24, 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 24, 2021** and ending with lunch on **February 28, 2021.**

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 25, 2021 / 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 or 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 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 digital 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 uploaded in the google doc form via <https://forms.gle/EXehBSvgaQzmfdi58> before the entry deadline of **January 28, 2021**. Competitors must provide 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. The Planned Program Content Sheet must be uploaded in the google doc form via <https://forms.gle/EXehBSvgaQzmfdi58> before the entry deadline of **January 28, 2021**.

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 28, 2021**, 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

All information about hotel accommodation will follow at the end of January 2021.

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 team leader per ISU member. Because of COVID-19 there will be no chaperones allowed.

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 Rabo 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 6 points, the fourth place 5 points, the fifth place 4 points, the sixth place 3 points, the seventh place 2 points and the eighth 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 RABO CHALLENGE CUP

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

The best placed team will be announced and honored with the International Rabo 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 honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists.

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. MEDIA ACCREDITATION

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

14. FOOTAGE PURCHASE INFORMATION

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

15. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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

E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

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16. DRAFT EVENT SCHEDULE*

Depending on the developments of the COVID-19 measures we are expected to publish the time schedule at the end of January.

17. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

		To be submitted via
	Deadline	Form
Preliminary Entry Form	01.01.2021	A1
Hotel Reservation	23.01.2021	Reservation link
Entry by name for Judges	28.01.2021	B1
Entry by Name for Competitors and Delegation Members	28.01.2021	C1
Travel Details	28.01.2021	C2
Press Information	28.01.2021	From ISU portal→ to be uploaded in the google doc form via https://forms.gle/EXehBSvgaQzmfdi58
Competition Music Information	28.01.2021	From ISU portal→ to be uploaded in the google doc form via https://forms.gle/EXehBSvgaQzmfdi58

Ice Dance Music Information	28.01.2021		From ISU portal→ to be uploaded in the google doc form via https://forms.gle/EXehBSvgaQzmfdi58
Planned Program Content	28.01.2021		From ISU portal→ to be uploaded in the google doc form via https://forms.gle/EXehBSvgaQzmfdi58
Visa Request Form	28.01.2021		C6
Payment entry fee/transportation fee	24.02.2021		Bank transfer