

ANNOUNCEMENT



Challenge Cup

Supported by *Rabobank*

February 25-28, 2021

The Hague, The Netherlands

An International Competition for

Senior

Ladies

Men

Pairs

Ice Dance

Supported By:



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Please note: The Organizing Committee reserves the right to cancel the Challenge Cup 2021 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 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 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

COVID-19 MEASURES

This is subject to Government restrictions at the time of publication.

General rules

- It is MANDATORY during the duration of your stay in The Netherlands to stay between the official hotel and ice rink. DO NOT GO to the supermarket in the local area. All shops are closed.
- Keep 1,5-meter distance from each other, except athletes when they are on the ice. Don't come to the competition if you have health issues, even as small as a sore throat or nose cold.
- Please cough and sneeze in your elbow, not your hands.
- If you have been in contact with someone carrying the COVID-19 virus you are not welcome to come to the ice rink, and you must go into self quarantine for a period of 10 days.
- If you have had the COVID-19 virus yourself you must be at least 24 hours free of complaints before you can come to The Netherlands.
- Encouraging athletes through shouting is not allowed. No high fives will be given.
- Wearing a mouth mask is MANDATORY for all persons in the ice rink, shuttle bus and hotel. Solely the use of a face shield is not sufficient.

We have strict protocols and safety and hygiene measures for teams, media, officials and organization. The final COVID-19 protocols will be sent separate from this announcement.

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);

There are no spectators in the stands. A special zoning plan will be in place for entrance to the venue and different area's inside the venue. The zoning maps will be sent to you prior to the event.

2.1 TECHNICAL DETAILS

CATEGORIES

SENIOR LADIES	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>
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>
SENIOR PAIRS	Short Program	<p>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.</p> <p>Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.</p>

	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
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

Senior Ladies:	24
Senior Men:	24
Senior Pairs:	12
Senior Ice Dance:	10

The organizing committee reserves the option in the competition to allow late entries, 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.

When we receive less entries than 30 entries in total on February 18th, 10:00 CET, we have to cancel the competition. We will keep you informed.

Substitutes

You can enter substitutes for the competition. Keep in mind that substitutes on site are subject to the COVID-19 testing procedure as outlined in section 8 of this Announcement as well. You cannot replace entries by alternates that are not officially entered as substitutes. Deadline for entering substitutes:

- Men & Ice Dance: Sunday 21 February 2021, 20:00 CET
- Ladies & Pairs: Tuesday 23 February 2021, 20:00 CET

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

d) **Entry fee**

An entry fee of € 85,- per single skater and € 140,- per pair/ice dance couple will be asked and has to be paid after confirmation of the official entry by name.

Invoices will be sent 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:

€ 95,- per single skater

€ 150,- per pair/ice dance couple

e) **Transportation package**

We will provide transportation (paid) between Schiphol and The Hague for the teams and between the official hotel and ice rink. Travelling with public transport is **not allowed** due to Covid-19.

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 Tuesday Feb 23 until Monday March 1st..

- shuttle service from Thursday Feb. 25 till Sunday Feb. 28 between the official hotel and the ice rink (€ 40,-).

The shuttle will run at 30 minutes intervals and the transfer will take about 20 minutes.

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 5th, 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 Team Leaders meeting

The Team Leaders meeting will be held online on **Thursday 18 February, 19.30 hrs.**

Each participating team must enter a Team Leader and send his/her **email address** and **mobile phone number** to the OC by email challengecup@knsb.nl. Team Leaders will receive an invitation by email.

3.4 Draw for starting order

The draw will be held online (online is approved by the ISU) on **Wednesday February 24, at TBA** 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**, in accordance with their travel plan and scheduled activities.

For invited Officials the organizer will cover in addition the expenses for travel and COVID-19 tests for entering The Netherlands.

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.

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. 13:00 hrs.** The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT / PRESS FORMS

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.

All skaters` information (Press, Music, PPC) are collected by the ISU via the online tool ISU Portal. The usual forms are not in use anymore. These forms must be uploaded by the Team Members 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 and Coaches taking part in the competition are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible 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.

We request you to come no earlier than necessary. We recommend the arrival day for Men and Ice Dance couples on Tuesday evening 23 February and for Ladies and Pairs on Thursday evening 26 February, while the COVID-19 tests will be on Wednesday and Friday (see paragraph 8 below). When you travel by car it's possibly possible to arrive on Wednesday or Friday, provided you arrive in time in the morning. We will keep you informed about the time slots for these tests.

Take into account that when you arrive not in time e.g. due to delay of your flight and you cannot do the PCR test before 14.00 hrs you will be excluded from the competition.

All team members are required to carefully read the [Negative COVID-19 test result and declaration on arrival in the Netherlands | Coronavirus COVID-19 | Government.nl](#)

In the event of a competition cancelation, (due to COVID-19) the host organizer will NOT be responsible for costs (travel, hotel etc.) made by an invited member.

We will continue to keep you informed about important news and any changes.

8. COVID-19 TESTS

- All Team members (incl. Officials) need to be able to show a negative PCR-test result that is not older than 72 hours before arrival in The Netherlands. **The test result must be sent to the OC before traveling to the event by email challengecup@knsb.nl.** Without such negative PCR test you will be **excluded from the competition.**

- All Team members (incl. Officials) must return the signed Waiver Form C9 before 28 January 2021.

- All Team members (incl. Officials) will receive a special invitation from the NOC in The Netherlands. You will need to be able to show this upon arrival in The Netherlands. **Please fill in the Invitation Request Form C7.**

- The RIVM COVID-19 clinical active screening questionnaire must be completed daily by competitors, coaches, team leaders 5 days in advance.

- All Team members shall undergo a COVID-19 PCR test (paid by the Team á € 52.50) at the hotel.

Men – Ice Dance on 24 Feb, Wednesday morning from 08.00 - 14.00 hrs.

Ladies – Pairs on 26 Feb, Friday morning from 08.00 – 14.00 hrs.

All team members will remain in his/her hotel room while awaiting the PCR test result.

- Lunch/Diner/Breakfast will be serviced to the rooms. It is not allowed to leave the room.
- Results will be received within 12 hours maximum.
- The result will be communicated by the doctor to the team leader. Team Leaders must inform their team members accordingly.

Only upon receipt of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result Team members can pick up their accreditation, enter the bubble and start their training.

All accredited persons are obliged to stay within the official Event locations only (ice rink, hotel, official transportation).

9. OFFICIAL HOTEL

For Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches

Hotel Best Western Plus Grand Winston
Generaal Eisenhowerplein 1
2288 AE Rijswijk (Den Haag)
Phone: +31 70 4141 500
Email: reservations@denhaag.plazahotels.nl

- Hotel reservation, meals and lodging expenses are at the responsibility of the participating members.
- To create a safe bubble between the official hotel and ice rink **you are obliged** to book only in the official hotel.
- Please make your hotel reservation directly with the hotel, only by **using the enclosed Hotel Reservation Form**.
- Single room: € 133,- (full board) per person per day, including city tax.
- Double room (only king size bed): € 189,- (full board) per person per day, including city tax.
- Most rooms have a king size bed and not separate beds, so due to COVID-19 it's recommended to book **single rooms - full board** in the hotel.
- In The Netherlands all restaurants are closed, also the restaurant on the ice rink. We also request you to stay only in your hotel or the ice rink. A little walk outside is allowed but come not close with persons outside the bubble.
- Healthy snacks are available for purchase at the hotel.
- 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.

Cancellation policy:

- More than 14 days before arrival (28.01 – 09.02.21) 50 % of the stay will be charged (only room price*).
- More than 8 days before arrival (09.02 – 15.02.21) 75 % of the stay will be charged (only room price*).
- Less than 7 days before arrival (16.02 – 23.02.21) 100 % of the stay will be charged (only room price*).
- Up to 24 hours before arrival only the room price* will be charged, within 24 hours 100 % will be charged (room price full board).

*room price for cancellation is € 99,- single/€ 116,- double

For invited Officials, Judges

Hotel NH Atlantic
Deltaplein 200
2554 EJ Den Haag
Phone: +31 70 448 2482

We have blocked single rooms, full board from Wednesday 24 February until Sunday 28 February.
We request you to stay only in your hotel or the ice rink. In The Netherlands all restaurants are closed, also the restaurant on the ice rink.

10. ACCREDITATION

The accreditation office is located in the official hotel Best Western Plus Grand Winston for Teams.

Due to the COVID-19 measures all Competitors, Team Leaders (1 per ISU member) and Coaches (1 per skater) will receive their accreditation after their negative PCR-test result on Thursday morning 25 February (Men and Ice Dance couples) and on Friday evening 26 February (Ladies and Pairs). Because of COVID-19 there will be no chaperones allowed.

11. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2018, Rule 352 will be in place.

12. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

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.

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. COMMUNICATION | SPORTITY APP

For all communication concerning the competition we use the "Sportity" app. You can download the "Sportity" app in your app store on your mobile device. After downloading you will have the option to add a channel. Submit the following password to gain access to the channel regarding the information for this event:

PASSWORD: CC2021

Please allow push notifications of the app to keep informed of all communication regarding the Challenge Cup.

17. 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/kalender/2021/2/challenge-cup-rabobank/>

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18. DRAFT EVENT SCHEDULE*

February 18, Thursday	19:30	Online Team Leaders meeting
February 24, Wednesday	TBA	Draw (online)
February 25, Thursday	13:00	Official Practice Senior Men SP
	15:30	Official Practice Senior Ice Dance RD
	16:45	Senior Men SP
	20:00	Senior Ice Dance RD
	21:30	End of competition day
February 26, Friday	08:00	Official Practice Senior Men FS
	11:15	Official Practice Senior Ice Dance FD
	12:30	Senior Men FS
	16:00	Senior Ice Dance FD
	17:30	Victory Ceremony
	18:00	End of competition day
February 27, Saturday	08:00	Official Practice Senior Ladies SP
	10:30	Official Practice Senior Pairs SP
	12:15	Senior Ladies SP
	15:30	Senior Pairs SP
	17:45	End of competition day
February 28, Sunday	08:00	Official Practice Senior Ladies FS
	11:15	Official Practice Senior Pairs FS
	13:00	Senior Ladies FS
	16:45	Senior Pairs FS
	18:45	Victory Ceremony

* Draft; subject to change.

19. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

		To be submitted via	
	Deadline		Form
Preliminary Entry Form	01.01.2021		A1
Entry by name for Judges	28.01.2021		B1
Entry by Name for Competitors, Coaches and Team Leaders	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
Invitation Request Form	28.01.2021		C7
Hotel Reservation Form	28.01.2021		C 8
Waiver	28.01.221		C9
Payment entry fee/transportation fee	24.02.2021		Bank transfer