

ANNOUNCEMENT



Challenge Cup

February 22-25, 2024
Tilburg, The Netherlands

An International Competition and Dutch Championship for

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



1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Challenge Cup will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2022, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2022 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 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2526, 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: IJssportcentrum Tilburg

Stappegoorweg 3, 5022 DA Tilburg

<https://www.sportintilburg.nl/>

(an indoor heated ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m);

(practice rink covered rink non-heated 60 x 30 m)

Warming-up area heated (near practice rink, high enough for lifting (pairs/ice dance couples).

2.1 TECHNICAL DETAILS

CATEGORIES

SENIOR WOMEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 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 2022, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR WOMEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 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 2022, 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 2562. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2562. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A GIRLS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2562 for Basic Novice. 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 2022 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 2022, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022 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 2022, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.
ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2562. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2562. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
BASIC NOVICE A BOYS	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2562 for Basic Novice. 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 2022 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 2022 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 2022 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 2022 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec
SENIOR ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2560, 2564 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2560, 2564 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 sec
JUNIOR ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2560, 2564 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2560, 2564 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 sec

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entries of Competitors

Each ISU Member can enter **up to two (2)** 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 daily. In case of too many entries, the Organizer may reduce the final entries.

a) Limitation of number of entries

Basic Novice A Girls:	16
Basic Novice A Boys:	8
Adv. Novice Girls:	24
Adv. Novice Boys:	8
Junior Women:	18
Junior Men:	12
Junior Pairs:	4
Junior Ice Dance:	5
Senior Women:	18
Senior Men:	18
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 (Junior) World Figure Skating championships, and/or needing the competition to obtain the minimum technical score as written in ISU Communication 2570 and/or any updates.

A reserve-list will be kept up to date on a daily basis.

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for ISU in Figure Skating 2023/24. All entries for the Challenge Cup, must be done through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) by the deadline indicated. Travel information should also be entered into ORS:

<https://fms.sportresult.com/isu/>

b) Entries by Number

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: **December 31, 2023** by entering the information through the ORS.

c) Entries by Name

The Entries by names must be done through the ORS not later than **January 22, 2024 – 20:00 h (CET)**.

d) Entry fee

An entry fee of € 100,- per single skater (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior), € 75,- per Basic Novice skater and € 170,- per pair/ice dance couple (Junior/Senior) 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 22, 2024, the entry fee will be increased to:

€ 85,- per Basic Novice skater

€ 110,- per single skater (Adv.Novice/Junior/Senior)

€ 180,- per pair/ice dance couple

e) Transportation

We will provide transportation (paid) between Schiphol airport/Eindhoven airport return way for the teams and between the official hotels and the ice rink.

The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival at these airports. Please accept that we have to ask for a transportation fee of € 80,- (return way) for all persons, including Judges (except invited Officials) participating in this shuttle service. Please fill in the Team Travel Form and your travel details on the dedicated ISU platform (ORS).

We will also provide a shuttle service from Thursday February 22 till Sunday February 25 between the official hotels and the ice rink for € 60,- per person. This shuttle will run regularly.

Separate invoices will be send to the federations in advance.

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

3.2 Entries of Judges

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

The Entries of Judges must be done through the ORS not later than **January 22, 2024**.

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 9, 2024** 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

There will be NO team leaders meeting. We publish all the necessary information in the Sportity app.

We are creating a groups app so that questions can be asked via the team leader at the OC.

We ask all the team leaders to forward your mobile phone number by email to challengecup@knsb.nl so that we can add you in the groups app.

By sending this information you agreed with the privacy regulations.

3.4 Draw for starting order

The draw will be held online (online is approved by the ISU) on **Wednesday February 21, at 15.00 (CET)** in presence of one of the Referees, in accordance with Rule 512 and 513 of the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2022.

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 21, 2024** and ending with lunch on **February 25, 2024**, in accordance with their travel plan and scheduled activities.

Officials hotel (only for Judges and invited Officials): Auberge du Bonheur, Bredaseweg 441, 5036 NA Tilburg, website: Auberge-du-Bonheur

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 22, 2024 / appr. 08:00 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 MP3, M4A or WAV format, in accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations, paragraph 2. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Program for Single and Pairs, must be entered on the ISU Portal.

This Music files must be labeled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment and Competitor`s name and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration.

The competition music, **only MP3, M4A or WAV format**, must be uploaded in the google doc form via this link [Music Form](#) before the entry deadline of **January 22, 2024**. Competitors must provide a backup drive (USB stick) for each program. This USB stick must also be labeled with your data. CDs will not be accepted by the OC.

If music information is not complete and **MP3, M4A or WAV** not provided, accreditation will not be given. Please note: Files in MP3 format may have a significant difference in the music quality when reproduced. The Organizing Committee in this case is not responsible if the music quality would be insufficient.

The Planned Program Content, Music and Press forms must also be entered by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform before the entry deadline of **January 22, 2024**. It is mandatory that the Program Content information 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, Coaches and Chaperones taking part in the competition are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **22 January 2024** the date and time of arrival at the airport or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information need to be submitted on the Team Travel Form and the dedicated ISU platform (ORS). Updates about travel information after the deadline, please mail to challengecup@knsb.nl.

8. OFFICIAL HOTELS for Teams (competitors, coaches, team leaders, chaperones)

1. IBIS HOTEL TILBURG***

Dr. Hub van Doorneweg 105, 5026 RB Tilburg | Phone: +31 13 463 6465 | Email: groups@heuvelpoort.nl

Rates for standard room, single use € 108,-, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for standard room, double use € 124,-, including breakfast, internet.

Above rates are excl. city tax of 3,5% per room per night.

Hotel reservations for this hotel must be booked by yourself directly at the hotel, **latest by January 22, 2024** via

Link

[IBIS](#)

Business client code SCP4245745

Access code DE684NL138

Please note: no spaces before and after the code.

2. MERCURE HOTEL TILBURG (City Centre) ****

Heuvel 37, 5038 CP Tilburg | Phone: +31 13 535 4675 | Email: groups@heuvelpoort.nl

Rates for standard room, single use € 124,-, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for standard room, double use € 148,-, including breakfast, internet.

Above rates are excl. city tax of 3,5% per room per night.

Hotel reservations for this hotel must be booked by yourself directly at the hotel, **latest by January 22, 2024** via

Link [MERCURE](#)

Business client code SCP4245740

Access code KN538NL115

Please note: no spaces before and after the code.

3. VAN DER VALK HOTEL TILBURG****

Dokter Bloemenlaan 8, 5022 KW Tilburg | Phone: +31 13 8000800 | Email: tilburg@valkhotel.nl

Rates for standard room, single use € 192,-, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for standard room, double use € 211,50, including breakfast, internet.

Above rates are excl. city tax of 3,5% per room per night.

Hotel reservations for this hotel must be booked by yourself directly at the hotel, **latest by January 22, 2024** by sending an email to sales@tilburg.nl and using code **GF10408**.

4. NEO KVL HOTEL OISTERWIJK****

Almystraat 12, 5061 PA Oisterwijk | Phone: +31 13 208 8099 | Email: info@neokvl.com

Rates for Comfort room, single/double use € 150,- per room, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for Comfort Deluxe room, triple use € 170,- per room, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for Premium Suite, triple or quadruple use € 190,- per room, including breakfast, internet.

Rates for Grand Suite, triple or quadruple use € 250,- per room, including breakfast, internet.

Above rates are excl. city tax of € 2,20 per person per night.

Hotel reservations for this hotel must be booked by yourself directly at the hotel, **latest by January 22, 2024** via this link: [Neo KPL Hotel](#)

After January 22, 2024, we can no longer guarantee this special price and availability.

All hotel payments are made personally at the hotel. Only from these 4 hotels there is a shuttle bus from and to the ice rink. Hotel rooms can be booked based on availability, so it is advisable to do this as soon as possible to avoid disappointments.

You can book also other hotels but these will not be served by the shuttle bus.

9. ACCREDITATION

The accreditation office is located at the ice rink upon arrival. Accreditation will be given to each official, skater, 1 coach per skater, 1 team leader per ISU member plus 1 chaperone per skater only for basic novice and advanced novice.

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Figure Skating Manager) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2022, Rule 352 will be in place.

11. 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.

The best placed team will be announced and honored with the International Challenge Cup. In case of a draw the highest number of first and/or second 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 is not responsible and/or liable for and 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 Hans Nieuwenburg: persaccreditatie@knsb.nl

14. FOOTAGE PURCHASE INFORMATION

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

15. 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: CC2024

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

16. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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

E-mail: challengecup@knsb.nl

Website: Dutch version: [Challenge Cup / NK Kunstrijden | Schaatsen.nl](https://www.challengecup.nl)

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17. DRAFT EVENT SCHEDULE*

February 21, Wednesday	15:00 Draw
February 22, Thursday	08:00 Start Official Practice
	TBD Referees' and Technical Panel meetings
	TBD Initial Judges' meeting
	11:45 Opening Ceremony Challenge Cup
	12:00 Advanced Novice Boys Short Program
	13:00 Advanced Novice Girls Short Program
	16:15 Junior Men Short Program
	18:00 Junior Dance RD
	19:00 Senior Dance RD
	20:15 End of competition
February 23, Friday	08:00 Start Official Practice
	08:00 Basic Novice Boys Free Skating
	08:15 Basic Novice Girls Free Skating
	10:00 Advanced Novice Girls Free Skating
	13:45 Junior Men Free Skating
	15:15 Victory Ceremony
	16:15 Senior Men Short Program
	18:45 Junior Dance FD
	19:30 Senior Dance FD
	21:00 Victory Ceremony
	21:15 End of competition
February 24, Saturday	08:00 Start Official Practice
	08:00 Advanced Novice Boys Free Skating
	09:15 Junior Woman Short Program
	11:45 Senior Men Free Skating
	14:30 Victory Ceremony
	15:15 Senior Woman Short Program

17:45 Junior Pairs Short Program
 18:15 Senior Pairs Short Program
 20:15 End of Competition

February 25, Sunday

08:00 Start Official Practice
 08:00 Junior Woman Free Skating
 11:00 Senior Woman Free Skating
 13:45 Junior Pairs Free Skating
 14:30 Senior Pairs Free Skating
 16:15 Victory Ceremony
 Award Challenge Cup 2024
 End of Competition

Draft: subject to change

18. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

Form	Deadline	To be submitted via
Preliminary Entry Form	31.12.2023	ORS
Entry by Name for Judges	22.01.2024	ORS
Entry by Name for Competitors	22.01.2024	ORS
Composition of Delegation	22.01.2024	ORS
Travel Form	22.01.2024	ORS and separate Travel Form
Press Information	22.01.2024	ISU Portal
Competition Music Information	22.01.2024	ISU Portal and via this link Music Form
Ice Dance Music Information	22.01.2024	ISU Portal
Planned Program Content	22.01.2024	ISU Portal
Visa Request Form	22.01.2024	Form C6
Hotel Reservations	22.01.2024	By reservation link or email
Payment invoices for entry fee, transport fee	21.02.2024	Bank transfer, invoices will be sent in due time