

Announcement



19.-24. November 2013
Graz, Austria

International Figure Skating Competition for
Single, Pairs and Ice Dance
TEAM Trophy

organized by



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sanctioned by

Austrian Figure Skating Association



According to ISU Constitution and ISU Judging System

1 WELCOME

Grazer Eislaufverein and Trixi Schuba (head of the Organizing Committee, Olympic Champion 1972) are glad to invite you and your club to participate in ICECHALLENGE 2013.

2 GENERAL

The „Icechallenge 2013 - 40. Leo Scheu Memorial“ will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012, the Special Regulations for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2012 and the Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012 and the Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012 as well as all relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in „Icechallenge 2013 - 40. Leo Scheu Memorial“ is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member, 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 relevant ISU Communication or any update of it.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations 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 produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must to be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification..

Competitors taking part in Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior category must be entered through their respective Member Federation.

Entries for young categories (Basic Novice and younger) may be accepted by clubs, which are members of National Figure Skating Federations, associated with the ISU.

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3 TECHNICAL DATA

All competition events will take place at the “Eishalle Graz - Liebenau” (main arena 30 m x 60 m) and /or practice arena, (30 m x 60 m). These two facilities are located next to each other in the same complex. The Main Arena is indoor, heated with artificial ice surfaces, the practice rink is covered and with artificial ice surface.

Place of Competition: **Liebenauer Eishalle:**
Zoisweg 2, 8041 Graz, Austria

Date: **19.-24. November 2013**

Categories: **ELITE, JUNIOR NOVICE: Single, Pairs and Ice Dance**
Young Categories, - Single Skating

3.1 Draws

Draws of the first segment will take place, by computer, on 18.11.2013 and will be published on the 18th Nov. 2013. There will be no draw after the first segment - starting orders, for the second segment will be according to the reverse of the results of short programs.

3.2 ELITE Categories

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and all pertinent ISU Communications Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and all pertinent ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4.30 min., +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and all pertinent ISU Communications. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4 min +/- 10 sec.
PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and all pertinent ISU Communications. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Short Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012 rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec The composition of the Short Dance in the season 2013/14 will contain the following Required Elements: Rule 609, paragraph 1. a) provides that rhythm(s) and/or theme(s) are selected by the Ice Dance Technical Committee annually for the season. For the season 2013/14, the following Rhythms were selected: Quickstep or Quickstep plus one or two of the following Rhythms: Foxtrot, Charleston, Swing. The Pattern Dance Elements must be skated on the Quickstep Rhythm, in the style of Quickstep. The Tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance Elements must be constant and in accordance with the required Tempo of the Pattern Dance Finnstep, i.e. 52 measures of two beats or

104 beats per minute, plus or minus 2 beats per minute.

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012 Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communications. For the values of the required elements and components see the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.

ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (well balanced program and required elements) and the relevant ISU Communication must be observed.

3.3 JUNIOR Categories

Junior MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
Junior LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.
Junior PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
Junior ICE DANCE	Short Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1721 & 1738, and subsequent update. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 610. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1721 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

3.4 ADVANCED NOVICE Categories

Novice Categories will be held in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and ISU Communication 1760 and all respective ISU Communications.

In International Competitions, a Novice is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the event (the specific date: before July 1st, applies to all indicated dates):

- has reached at least the age of ten (10)
- has not reached the age of fifteen (15)

Duration of the Programs:

Short Program max. 2:30 min

Free Skating 3:00 min, +/- 10 sec. for girls

Free Skating 3:30 min, +/- 10 sec. for boys + pairs

Advanced Novice BOYS	Short Program	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications
Advanced Novice GIRLS	Short Program	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications.
Advanced Novice PAIRS	Short Program	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and th respective ISU Communications.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications.

3.5 **BASIC NOVICE and YOUNG Categories**

Basic Novice Categories will be held in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 and ISU Communication 1760 . Age requirements (Rule 108, paragraph 2. d) and paragraph 3. new c) and subsequent updates

BASIC NOVICE B

Basic Novice B

- a) has reached at least the age of thirteen (13)
- b) has not reached the age of fifteen (15) for Girls and Boys

Duration 3min +/- 10 sec for boys and girls
Well balanced Free Skating according ISU Comm. 1760

BASIC NOVICE A

Basic Novice A

- a) has reached at least the age of ten (10)
- b) has not reached the age of thirteen (13) for Girls and Boys in singles competitions

Duration 2:30 min, +/- 10 sec.
Well balanced Free Skating according ISU Comm. 1760

CUBS

Cubs

- a) has reached at least the age of eight (8)
- b) has not reached the age of ten (10) for Girls and Boys in singles competitions by 1st July 2012

Duration 2:00 min +/- 10 sec

CHICKS

Chicks

- has not reached the age of eight (8) for Girls and Boys in singles competitions by 1st July 2012

A well balanced Free Skating program for Chicks & Cubs Singles Boys + Girls must contain:

- a) Maximum of 4 jump elements for Girls and Boys. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. Jump combinations can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Triple jumps are not permitted.
- b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination with or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total) and one spin with no change of position and with or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total). Flying Entry is allowed.
- c) There must be a maximum:
 - (i) for Girls one (1) Choreographic sequence which includes at least one spiral position of at least 3 seconds. The sequence will have a fixed Base value and evaluated in GOE only.
 - (ii) for Boys maximum of one (1) step sequence with a fixed Base value and evaluated in GOE only.

The Program Components are only judged in

- Skating Skills
- Performance/Execution

The Factor of the Program Components is 2.5.

Levels explanations:

For Cubs Singles, in all elements which, are subject to Levels, only features up to **Level 2** will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

3.6 ICE – TEAM - CHALLENGE

Each ISU Member can announce one Men Single Skaters, one Lady Single Skaters, one Pair Skating couple and/or one Ice Dance couple. Each team nominates a Captain from team skaters who represents the team including during the medal giving ceremony.

To determine the final result of the ICE – TEAM - CHALLENGE the following rule will be used:

For each category points will be awarded assigning 10 points to the first placed Single Skater/Pair Skating, Ice Dance couple and decreasing in descending order by one point, i.e. 10, 9, 8, 7, etc.

The team having earned the highest number of aggregate points is the winner; the team having earned the second highest number of aggregate points is ranked second and so on.

When forming the final result, in case of a tie between teams, the tie breaking procedure will be used taking in consideration the 2 best places of the concerned teams in different categories. The highest total points from the 2 best places will prevail and the respective placements recorded accordingly

4 ENTRIES

Entries in the “Icechallenge 2013 – 40. Leo Scheu Memorial”

All Members / clubs, which are members of National Figure Skating Federations associated with the ISU, are invited to take part in the competition. Each club / federation may enter two (2) competitors in each category.

In case of too many entries, the organizer reserves the right to limit the number of participants to one (1) entry each category. The maximum entries accepted in senior categories will be 30 for singles, 20 for dance and 20 for pairs.

In case of more than the mentioned entries the organizer reserves the right to skate a final with 24 skaters in singles, and 16 couples in Ice Dance and 16 Pairs in the Free Program. This will concern to categories Advanced Novice, Junior and Elite.

Entries should be done by online entry system. By sending your Pre-Entry by SEPTEMBER 15th 2013 each ISU Member or Club will get ID and password to enter via the Icechallenge online entry system.

Entries must be done either with the attached Entry Forms for Teams and Judges or the Online Entry System! With the entry forms, the “Program Content Sheet” must be returned 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.

With the close of Entries Entry Fees have to be transfered to the following bank account:

Bank: Raiffeisen-Landesbank Steiermark

BLZ: 38000

Kontonr.: 7.129.778, EUR

Kontoinh.: Grazer Eislaufverein

BIC: RZSTAT2G

IBAN: AT20 3800 0000 0712 9778

Entries will not be accepted, if the Entry Fee had not arrived at the Organizers account in time. Entries will be confirmed to the Members/Clubs concerned.

4.1 Entries by Number

Entries indicating the number of skaters in the disciplines concerned and judges must be made not later than **SEPTEMBER 15th 2013, 20:00 Graz local time.**

4.2 Entries by Name

Entries by name of Skaters and Judges must be made not later than
October 20th 2013 20:00 Graz time by online entry system or to: **mail: info@icechallenge.at**

4.3 Entries of Judges

Each ISU Member entering the competition is entitled to nominate one (1) International or ISU Judge for Single / Pairs, and one Judge for Ice Dance, double duty Judges are welcome, who have participated in one of the ISU Judges Seminars for the ISU Judging System.

For Basic Novice and Young Categories Judges (National Championships) will be accepted. (ISU Comm. 1760)

The Panels will be drawn immediately after the closing of entries. The members concerned will then be notified of the result of the draw.

Each panel of Judges in Elite, Junior and Novice categories will consist of 5 judges.

In young groups the panel of judges will consist of 3 judges.

5 PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The three best-placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winner will be played.

The three best placed Teams will be awarded the Icechallenge Team Trophies.

6 ENTRY FEES

€ (EURO) 60 for single skaters, € 90 for couples (pairs, dance) Entry fee have to be paid before the competition by banktransfer to the organizing committee.

For young categories (Basic Novice, Cubs) € (EURO) 45 have to be paid before the competition by banktransfer to the organizing committee.

Invoices will be sent after Entries.

After deadline of entries there is no pay back of entry fee's!

Entry Fees must be paid on the following account – we kindly ask to mention Icechallenge 2013, Name & Category of the skater, and Federation!

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7 MUSIC

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all discs 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, short dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

8 REGISTRATION

Accreditation will be given to all Event Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data / Video Operator, all accepted Judges, Participants, one Team Leader and one Coach per Skater / Couple. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport. Accreditation will be given in the Ice Rink at the Accreditation–Office just when the entry fee is paid.

9 EXPENSES

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

The expenses of the hotel accommodation on full board basis will be covered for Referees, the judges drawn for panels, one judge of each entered ISU Member, for the nominated Technical Controllers and the Technical Specialists, Data / Video Operators.

Travel fees will only be paid to the nominated Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data / Video Operators based on economy fare.

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

10 TRANSPORTATION

All Referees, Technical Panel, Judges, Participants and Coaches are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but not later than **October 30th 2013** all arrival information (flight number, date, time etc.) therefore the Travel form should be used!

The Airport is "Graz Thalerhof" which is about 25 minutes from Graz City Center.

The railway Station is "Graz Hauptbahnhof". The organizing committee provides a shuttle upon arrival and departure for the teams at the airport Graz / station Graz.

A transportation fee both ways of € 36 / person of the teams will be asked.

11 ACCOMODATION

The official Hotels have all 4 **** standard and will be the

Hotel Amedia
Conrad von Hötzendorfstrasse 60
A-8010 Graz

Hotel Roomz
Conrad von Hötzendorfstrasse 96
A-8010 Graz

Single Room € 82 / Person / Night
Double Room € 51 / Person / Night
including rich breakfast buffett

The Deadline for hotel bookings is October 30th 2013

The room reservations for all team members have to be done exclusively with the hotel form or the online system through the organizing committee to provide the special room rates. **A credit card number has to be presented or there must be done a prepayment of 50% after the reservation.** All final hotel payment shall be made latest upon arrival at the hotel. All extra

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

Both Hotels are within walking distance to the Icerink, and in front of both hotels are tram stations.

12 MEALS

The organizer will offer buffet of lunch and dinner at the "Icechallenge Lounge".

Meal hours:

Lunch: Icechallenge Lounge from 11:30 to 14:30,

Dinner: Icechallenge Lounge from 18:00 to 23:30

There is the possibility to preorder mealtickets!

13 LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the ICECHALLENGE 2013, 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 Organizer 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 ICEGALA

The Icegala will take place on Sunday November 24th 2013.

We kindly ask all medal winners of senior category and invited skaters to participate at the gala. For skaters finished before Sunday, accommodation will be provided and covered by the organizing committee

All Icegala participants will be invited to the VIP Buffet at the VIP Lounge.

15 Preliminary Timetable Subject to change!

Tuesday 19 th Nov. 2013	1 st TC & R & Judges Meeting, Practice Day (Short Program Novice / Basic B if high number of entries)
Wednesday 20 th Nov. 2013	Basic Novice / Young Group, Ad.Novice SP, Junior SP
Thursday 21 st Nov. 2013	Basic Novice / Young Group, Ad.Novice FP, Junior FP,
Friday 22 nd Nov. 2013	Basic Novice / Young Group, Ice Dance SD, Ladies SP, Pairs SP, Men SP
Saturday 23 rd Nov. 2013	Basic Novice, Ladies FP, Pairs FP; Ice Dance FP
Sunday 24 th Nov 2013	Men FP
	16:30 ICEGALA

This Schedule is subject to change!
After closing of Entries a detailed schedule will be published on the website www.icechallenge.at