

Four Nationals Championships

Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic

Budapest, Hungary

18-21 December, 2014



ANNOUNCEMENT



Four Nationals Championships 2015 (4NC)

National Championships of Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovak Republic

for the following categories

Senior – Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance,

Junior – Pairs and Ice Dance,

Advanced Novice – Pairs.

Organized by the

**Hungarian National Skating Federation
(HNSF)**

Budapest, Hungary
18 December 2014 – 20 December 2014

WELCOME

The Hungarian National Skating Federation and the Organizing Committee of the 4NC are honoured to organize the „Four Nationals Championships 2015” in Budapest.

1. GENERAL

The Four Nationals Championships will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulation 2014, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2014, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications and valid decisions of the ISU Congress 2014.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place of the competition	All practice and competition events will take place at the Budapest Olympic Centre Ice Rink (H-1143 Budapest, Stefánia street 2.) Rink is indoor, heated ice rink with a surface of 60x30 meters, located near the centre of Budapest.
Date:	December 18-20, 2014
Categories	SENIOR Ladies, Men, Pairs, Ice Dance JUNIOR Pairs, Ice Dance ADVANCED NOVICE Pairs
Draws	The Draws will be held on 18 December after the Opening Ceremony. The time and venue of the Draw will be published in the Official Time Schedule.

SENIOR CATEGORIES

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rule Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: maximum 2 min. 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min. 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.
LADIES	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rule Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: maximum 2 min. 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min +/- 10 sec.
PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rule Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2, group for 2014/15 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: maximum 2 min. 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min. 30 sec +/- 10 sec.
ICE DANCE	Short Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules for Ice Dance 2014, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min. 50 sec., +/- 10 sec.
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.

JUNIOR CATEGORIES

PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rule Single and Pair Skating 2014 Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3, for 2014/15 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: maximum 2 min. 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2014, Rule 621 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 for Ice Dance 2014, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min. 50 sec., +/- 10 sec.
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

ADVANCED NOVICE CATEGORIES

PAIRS	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1886 paragraph 3.2. and subsequent updates. Duration: maximum 2 min. 30 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1886 paragraph 3.2. and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

3. ENTRIES

There are two different ways entries can be made.

- A./ Electronic – web based – entry
- B./ Traditional entry (filling traditional forms – word file)

A./ **Electronic – web based – entry**

Please visit the following website and please follow the instructions to set your entries.

<http://www.skateadmin.com/4NC2015>

In case of any problems, or if you need any help to submit your entry electronically, please contact entries@hunskate.hu

B./ **Traditional entry**

Forms must be sent to:

Hungarian National Skating Federation - 4NC Organizing Committee
e-mail: entries@hunskate.hu
fax: +36-1-251-2279

The 4NC Organizing Committee would prefer receiving the entries electronically, thus we kindly request all the participating members to go for version A./ Electronic – web based – entry.

Deadline for entries: 05 December 2014 – 20:00 h

4. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD format in accordance with Rules 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 / short dance, free skating / free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors / couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

If music information is not completed and discs are not provided, accreditation will not be given.

It must be mentioned here, that using the Electronic – web based – entry system (Point 3. version A./) – music can also be uploaded to the system and OC will check the quality of the uploaded music and will keep the CDs only for backup purposes.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT CD FORMAT IS NEEDED IN THIS CASE AS WELL FOR BACKING UP.

Planned Program Content Sheet (PPCS) can also be uploaded using the Electronic – web based – entry system (Point 3. Version A./).

It is mandatory that the PPCS must be completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the terminology listed in the respective ISU Communication.

In case of any problem uploading PPCS using the Electronic – web based – entry system, please send the PPCS by e-mail to entries@huns skate.hu.

5. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2014, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

The three best placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced at the official Victory Ceremony. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the medallists. The National Anthem of the winner will be played.

The Victory Ceremony for the best three placed skaters/couples of each Nation, as a result of the participating Federations' National Championships, will be organized off ice by the Federations themselves. 4NC OC will provide the podium.

Team Trophy – result of the Nations' competition – is introduced first time in the 4NC. The result of the Team Trophy will be done as follows.

- a.) All Nations participating in the 4NC, will participate in the Team Trophy.
- b.) Participating events in the Team Trophy on 4NC 2015 will be those categories where minimum 5 participants finish the competition.
- c.) The three best final results will be counted, but the three best final results have to come at least from two different events.
- d.) Each medal and placement in each participating categories has a point value – see the table below. These points will be allocated to the Nation.
- e.) The highest points earned by a Nation will win the first place of the Team Trophy, the second highest points earned by a Nation will win the second place of the Team Trophy and the third highest points earned by a Nation will win the third place of the Team Trophy.
- f.) In case the earned points will match, the skaters'/couples' final scores will be added to the Nations' points and the highest overall points will earn the Team Trophy placement in question.
- g.) The three best Nations will be announced and honoured at the official Victory Ceremony.
- h.) The Organizing Committee launches "4NC-Visegrad Cup" granted to the winning nation of Team Trophy. "4NC-Visegrad Cup" is planned to be travelling around, every year it would be given to the first place winner of the Four Nationals Championships Team Trophy.

Categories	Final result	Points allocated to the Nation
Senior MEN	1st. Place	90
	2nd. Place	70
	3rd. Place	50
	4 – 7th. Place	30
	8-12th. Place	20
	+ 12th. Place	10
Senior LADIES	1st. Place	90
	2nd. Place	70
	3rd. Place	50
	4 – 7th. Place	30
	8-12th. Place	20
	+ 12th. Place	10
Senior Ice Dance	1st. Place	90
	2nd. Place	70
	3rd. Place	50
	4 – 7th. Place	30
	8-12th. Place	20
	+ 12th. Place	10
Junior Ice Dance	1st. Place	80
	2nd. Place	60
	3rd. Place	40
	4 – 7th. Place	20
	8-12th. Place	10
	+ 12th. Place	5
Junior Pairs	1st. Place	80
	2nd. Place	60
	3rd. Place	40
	4 – 7th. Place	20
	8-12th. Place	10
	+ 12th. Place	5
Advanced Novice Pairs	1st. Place	70
	2nd. Place	50
	3rd. Place	30
	4 – 7th. Place	10
	8-12th. Place	5
	+ 12th. Place	3

Visegrad 4 Young skaters' result – results of the young participants of the 4NC - is introduced first time in the 4NC

The result of the young skaters will be done as follows:

Those skaters will be counted in the Visegrad 4 Young Skaters' Result, who has not reached the age of nineteen (19) for Ladies and Men in singles competition; and has not reached the age of nineteen (19) for Ladies and the age of twenty-one (21) for Men in Pair Skating and Ice Dance competition.

All categories (Ladies, Men, Ice Dance, Pairs including ALL categories) will have an overall "young skaters" result, based on the final competition points they earned in their event.

6. RESPONSIBILITY / INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 4NC 2015, 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 of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means. It is an internal matter of each participating Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

7. OFFICIAL HOTELS

Please be aware that all reservations should be handled through their own Federation which will cooperate with the OC to fulfil the booking.

LIONS' GARDEN HOTEL****

Address: H-1146 Budapest, Cházár András u. 4

Phone: +36-1-273-2070

Fax: +36-1-221-4274

DANUBIUS HOTEL ARENA****

Address: H-1148 Budapest, Ifjúság útja 1-3

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HOTEL HÍD***

Address: H-1143 Budapest, Szobránc street 10-12.

Phone: +36-1-460-2000

Fax: +36-1-460-2001

8. CANCELLATION

Please, be informed that the Organizing Committee can only accept hotel cancellations till 7 December in writing. In case OC does not receive your cancellation all costs will be charged on the participant.

9. EXPENSES AND PAYMENT

Costs and expenses for organizing the Four Nationals Championships 2015 will be divided among the participating Federations. Costs and expenses distribution will be done according to the agreement of the Federations.

Reimbursement for travel, lodging and per diem for Referees, Technical Panel, Judges, Athletes and Coaches shall be determined by each participating country according to their own rules and decisions.

The cost of accommodation, meals and transfer is requested to be paid either by bank transfer or in cash at accreditation the latest

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

Please be aware that the OC cannot accept credit cards or bank cards at the venue, in case the payment does not happen by bank transfer at the venue only CASH payment is possible.

Banking information:

Name of the Bank:	HUNGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE BANK
Address of the Bank:	Váci street 38, Budapest, 1056 Hungary
Bank account name:	MOKSZ
Bank swift code:	MKKB HU HB
Bank account number:	10300002-50100124-21004884
IBAN code:	HU94 10300002-50100124-21004884

10. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for the Competitors is planned at the Ice Rink during the first official practice on 18 December 2014.

Please be aware that a photo based accreditation system will work during the competition. As a part of the preparation process you can upload your accreditation photo using the electronic web based system (Point 3.A).

The exact time will be announced in the detailed Time Schedule.

11. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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Four Nationals Championships 2015

Organizing Committee

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For topics in connection with entries, please contact:

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For all other topics please contact:

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12. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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Preliminary Time Schedule

Thursday, Dec 18, 2014	8:00 - 19:00	Official practice
	18:00	Official opening
	19:00	Draw
	19:30	TL meeting
Friday, Dec 19, 2014	7:00	Judges meeting
	9:00	PAIRS - Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior - Short
	9:45	MEN – Short Program
	12:45	LADIES – Short Program
	16:45	Opening on Ice
	17:15	ICE DANCE – Short junior
	18:55	ICE DANCE – Short senior
	20:15	end
Saturday, Dec 20, 2014	9:00	Pairs – Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior Free
	9:50	MEN – Free Skating
	13:20	LADIES – Free Skating
	17:35	ICE DANCE – Free junior
	21:15	ICE DANCE – Free senior
	22:55	end
	23:00	awarding ceremony
Sunday, Dec 21, 2014	8:00-10:00	Round Table Discussion