

Four Nationals Championships

Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic

Třinec, Czech Republic

18-20 December, 2015



ANNOUNCEMENT



Four Nationals Championships 2016 (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

Czech Figure Skating Association

(CFSA)

and

Figure Skating Club HC Oceláři Třinec kraso

(HCOT)

WERK ARENA Třinec, Czech Republic

December 18 – 20, 2015

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.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place of the competition	All practice and competition events on Saturday, December 19 and Sunday, December 20, 2015 are taking place at the WERK ARENA Třinec (address Frýdecká 850, Třinec) Rink is newly built, indoor, heated ice rink with a surface of 58 x28 meters, located near the centre of Třinec.
Date:	December 18-20, 2015
Categories	SENIOR: Ladies, Men, Pairs, Ice Dance JUNIOR: Pairs, Ice Dance ADVANCED NOVICE: Pairs
Draws	The Draws will be held on December 18, 2015 after the Opening Ceremony. The time and venue of the Draw will be published in the Official Time Schedule. Official Ceremony is planned in Hotel Vitality on December 18, 2015 at 19:00 pm.

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.
	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.
	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 2015/16 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: maximum 2 min. 50 sec.
	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 1932 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 1932 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 2015/16 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: maximum 2 min. 50 sec.
	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 1932 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 1932 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 1947 paragraph 3.2. and subsequent updates. Duration: maximum 2 min. 30 sec.
	Free Skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1947 paragraph 3.2. and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

3. ENTRIES

The Preliminary Entry Form and Preliminary Hotel Sheet must reach CFSA **not later than Friday, October 30, 2015 using the respective "4 Nationals Entries by Numbers Form"**.

Entries by names must be made to:

Czech Figure Skating Association
Václavské nám. 838/9
110 01 Praha 1 – Nové Město
Czech Republic

Tel.: + 420 230 234 505
E-mail: sekretariat@czechskating.org

Deadline for entries: Monday, December 7, 2015 – 16:00 h. CET

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.

Planned Program Content Sheet must be send to:

E-mail: sekretariat@czechskating.org

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.

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 for the second 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 2016 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 and the winning Nation will receive “4NC – Visegrad Cup” which the Nation has right held until next 4NC..

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

Visegrad 4 Young skaters' result

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 including BOTH categories and Pairs including ALL categories) will have an overall "Visegrad 4 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 2016, 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 CFSA to fulfil the booking.

HOTEL VITALITY****

Address: Vendryně 1217, Vendryně

Phone: +420 595 530 611

e-mail: recepce@hotelvitality.cz

Distances: 5km from WERK ARENA, 200m Train station, 200m Bus station

Prices:

DR: EUR 92 3BedR: EUR 126

Prices per room per night included buffet breakfast, local taxes, Aqua Zone free entry, Car Parking, Free Internet.

Double-bed rooms can be used as a single rooms, but only in a very limited number of rooms. The price for such a usage is EUR 75 per room per night.

HOTEL STEELHOUSE***

Address: Náměstí Svobody 527, Třinec

Phone: +420 595530611

e-mail: recepce@hotelvitality.cz

Distances: 2km from WERK ARENA, 500m Train station, 100m Bus station

Prices:

SR: EUR 45 DR: EUR 56

Prices per room per night included breakfast and local taxes. Parking is limited (only 10 pl.) and will be charged in the hotel (app. 100 Czech crowns per day). Parking lots has to be booked in advance. Number of rooms in this hotel is limited.

Meals: EUR 8 (will be served in the Arena restaurant/Hotel Vitality)
Selection from 2 menus (including soup, main dish, water, salad and fruits)

All hotel and meals bookings must be sent to:

E-mail: sekretariat@czechskating.org

using the Preliminary Hotel and Meals Request Form P02 and/or Hotel Sheet Form 03 and/or Meals Plan Form 04.

8. PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Upon sent Preliminary Hotel Sheets and Meals Plan each Federation will receive Pre-Invoice for 50% of the expenses. The due date of bank transfer will be November 15.

The remaining 50% has to be paid immediately after the entry deadline upon Final Invoice issued by CFSA.

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 CFSA 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.

Please, be informed that CFSA can only accept Hotel cancellations till December 7, 2015. In case OC does not receive your cancellation all costs will be charged on the participants. After the entry deadline the Federations have to act directly with the Hotel.

9. ORGANIZING EXPENSES AND PAYMENT

Costs and expenses for organizing the Four Nationals Championships 2016 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 invoices for organizing expenses will be issued after the entry deadline.

10. TRANSPORTATION

Organizing Committee will provide transportation (shuttle bus) between official hotels "VITALITY" and "STEELHOUSE" and the WERK ARENA on hour to hour basis upon practices and competitions schedule.

There will be no pick up service at the airports, bus or train stations.

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for the Competitors, Judges, Technical Panels members, Coaches and other Team Members is planned in the Hotel Vitality on Friday, December 18, 2015 and in the WERK ARENA on Saturday, December 19, 2015 and Sunday, December 20, 2015.

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

12. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Czech Figure Skating Association

Václavské nám. 838/9
110 01 Praha 1 – Nové Město
Czech Republic

Tel.: + 420 230 234 505

E-mail: cfsa@czechskating.org

and (during the event days) to:

HC Oceláři Třinec kraso
ZS Lesní
739 61 Třinec VI.
Czech Republic

Tel: +420 737 273 106 (Mr. Radek Drozd)

or: +420 723 539 385 (Mrs. Jana Lubojacka)

13. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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Preliminary Time Schedule

Friday, Dec 18, 2015	19:00	Opening Ceremony + EC 2017 OSTRAVA!!! Presentation
	19:45	Draws (short programmes / short dances)
	20:15	Banquet

Saturday, Dec 19, 2014	11:00	PAIRS (Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior) - Short
	11:30	LADIES – Short Program
	16:00	ICE DANCE Junior – Short Dance
	17:00	ICE DANCE Senior – Short Dance
	18:00	MEN – Short Program

Sunday, Dec 20, 2014	09:00	PAIRS (Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior) - Free
	09:40	LADIES – Free Skating
	14:40	Victory Ceremony PAIRS, LADIES
	15:30	ICE DANCE Junior – Free Dance
	16:30	ICE DANCE Senior – Free Dance
	17:30	MEN – Free Skating
	21:30	Victory Ceremony ICE DANCE, MEN, Team Tr.

Judges and Technical Panels meetings are to be held one hour before the start of the first segment in each category.

Judges Round Table Discussions are to be held immediately after the end of each category.

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