



World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2008

Budapest, Hungary

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Announcement



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An ISU Championships

organized by Hungarian National Skating Federation

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under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. General Regulations

The ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2008 is an Event of the International Skating Union (ISU) and will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2006, ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2006, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2008 is open to all teams who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 130, paragraph 7) and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided the ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3 a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements according to Rule 109, paragraphs 1 and 2 d.

Each participating team must consist of sixteen (16) skaters and may have up to a maximum of four (4) alternates listed on the Team Entry Form (Rule 701, paragraph 3 c) and 3 d).

2. Technical Data

The ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2008 will take place at the “Papp Laszlo Budapest Sport Arena” with the ice surface of 30m x 60m. Official practices will also take place at “Papp Laszlo Budapest Sport Arena” and also at the “Budapest Olympic Center Practice Rink”, which is 30m x 60m. Both rinks are indoor, heated and artificial ice rinks. The distance between the two rinks is app. 500 m or 6-8 minutes to walk.

SHORT PROGRAM

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less, Rule 904, paragraph 1. a).

The required elements to be skated are listed in Rule 905, paragraphs 1 and 2, Group C.

FREE SKATING

Duration: 4 minutes, 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds, Rule 904, paragraph 2 a.

Composition in accordance with Rule 911

FACTORS

In accordance with Rule 738, paragraph 1 p) the factors for the Program Components are

Short Program	0,8
Free Skating	1,6



3. Entries

3.1 Entries of Teams:

In accordance with Rule 768, paragraph 1, ISU Members must enter teams and their substitutes by name on the official entry forms. Entries and substitutes must be sent simultaneously by registered mail or fax/e-mail to:

ISU WORLD SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2008

Organizing Committee
Hungarian National Skating Federation
Stefania ut. 2
H-1143 Budapest
Phone: +36 1 252 23 69
Fax: +36 1 251 22 79
E-mail: sysworlds2008@hunskate.hu

And to

ISU Sports Director Figure Skating

Mrs. Felicitas Babusikova
Dankovskeho 11
811 03 Bratislava, Slovak Republic
Phone: +421 2 5441 4279
Fax: +421 2 5441 4279
E-mail: felicitas.babusikova@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

(Secretariat)
Chemin de Primerose 2
CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland
Fax: +41 21 612 66 77
E-mail: info@isu.ch

Preliminary Entries of the participants must be sent to all of the above addresses not later than **15 November, 2007.**

Entries (see Package Summary at the end of the Announcement) must reach the ISU Sports Director Figure Skating, the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat no later than **March 6th, 2008** (see Rule 768, paragraph 1. For detailed deadline description please, see Package Summary of this document.

Entries must be made by the Member concerned and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail. **Entries by fax or e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously.**

3.2 Entries of the Official Team Delegations

The names of the Team Leaders, Team Managers, Coaches, the official Team Service personnel, and Team Medical Personnel must be listed on the ISU Member Entry Form.

The names of all requested Team Members must be listed on the official Entry Form "Composition of Delegation". All forms must also be returned by **March 6th, 2008.**

Each Team must turn in to the Organizing Committee together with the entry forms the "Program Content Sheet". It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.



4. Judges

4.1 Nomination of Judges

According to ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2006, Rule 972, the official entry form for Judges by number must reach the ISU Director General by October 1st, 2007.

In accordance with the draw results the official entry form for Judges by name must reach the ISU Sport Director Figure Skating, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizer not later than **February 11th, 2008** (See ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2006 Rule 972)

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Entries must be made by the Member concerned and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail. **Entries by e-mail must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously.**

4.2 Judges Meetings

The first Judges' Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27th, 2008 at 17:00 hours at the Hotel STADION, Budapest.

The Judges' Round Table Discussion will be held on Saturday, March 29th, 2008 at 20:30 hours at the Hotel STADION, Budapest.

5. Meals, Lodging and Travel Expenses

In accordance with ISU General Regulations 2006, Rule 137, paragraph 15. b) the Organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals to the Referee, Assistant Referee Ice, and for the Judges beginning with lunch on Wednesday, March 26th, 2008 through breakfast on Sunday, March 30th, 2008.

In accordance with ISU General Regulations 2006, Rule 137, paragraph 15. c) the Organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals to the Technical Controller, Technical Specialists and Data and Replay Operators beginning with dinner on Tuesday, March 25th, 2008 through breakfast on Sunday, March 30th, 2008. The official practice will begin on Wednesday,



March 26th, 2008.

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with ISU General Regulations 2006, Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for the Referee, Assistant Referee Ice, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operator, OAC Members and the Judges will be paid in accordance with the ISU Memorandum for Guidance in Hosting the ISU Synchronized Skating Championships and ISU Communication 1401. These expenses will be provided at the time of accreditation.

All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person. Should any Official arrive at the hotel before or stay after the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be their responsibility and must be paid upon arrival.

6. Official Practice

Official Practice for teams will begin on Wednesday, March 26th, 2008.

Each participating team will be given a 20-minute period of official practice ice at the Practice Rink at the Budapest Olympic Center Practice Rink, followed by a 20-minute period of official practice ice at the "Papp Laszlo Budapest Sport Arena" on Wednesday, March 26th, 2008, and Thursday, March 27th, 2008.

Each participating team will be given a 10-minute period of official practice ice for the Short Program on Friday, March 28th, 2008 and a 12-minute period for the Free Skating on Saturday, March 29th, 2008 on the competition ice surface at the "Papp Laszlo Budapest Sport Arena".

7. Music

The music of each Team must be furnished in excellent quality on magnetic tape, either analogue (conventional) or DAT (Digital Audio Tape) format, or disc either MD (Mini Disc) or CD (Compact Disc) format in accordance with Rule 724, paragraph 1.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short and Free Skating programs must be listed for each team on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Forms as per Rule 768, paragraph 7.

In accordance with Rule 724, paragraph 1, all tapes and cassettes must:

- be properly inserted in their original container
- be clearly identified with the name of the team
- indicate the type of program (Short Program/Free Skating)
- show the exact running time of the music (not skating time)

Each program (Short Program/Free Skating) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc or cassette.

A back-up drive or cassette for each program must be provided.

The tapes shall be certified by the team and by the coach, when submitted at the time of accreditation.

If the music information is not complete and tapes or discs not provided, the accreditation will not be given.



8. Arrival of Participants

All the Referees, Judges, members of the Official Team Delegation taking part in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® 2008 are requested to inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **March 6th, 2008**, on the enclosed forms, about the names of the airline company, flight numbers, dates and time of arrival in Budapest, Hungary.

Transportation will be provided between the Budapest International Airport and the Official Hotel(s) for Teams, ISU Office Holders, Referees and Judges. The accredited members of the Official Team Delegation (coaches, team service and medical personnel) will only have transportation provided they travel with the Team.

9. Accreditation

Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizing Committee.

Please be advised that accreditation will be given to:

- all ISU Office Holders
- Referee and Assistant Referee Ice
- Technical Controller
- Technical Specialists
- Data and Video Operators
- Judges
- OAC Members
- Official Team Delegations composed of Skaters, Team Leaders (one per country), Team Managers (1 per Team), Official Coaches (2 per Team), Team Service Personnel (2 per Team), Team Medical Personnel (1 per Team – OC might request a document upon accreditation)
- Federation / Association Representatives (2 per country including the President).

Accreditation will be provided as follows:

Wednesday, March 26th, to Thursday, March 27th, 2008

at Hotel STADION, Budapest and

Wednesday, March 26th to Saturday, March 29th, 2008

at “*Papp Laszlo Budapest SportArena*”.

For accreditation/ID purposes, all the mentioned persons, except the ISU Office Holders, Officials and Guests, must submit, no later than **March 6th, 2008**, a passport type colour photograph together with the Entry Forms (please print the name on the back of the photo). The Team Leaders/Managers are requested to bring copies of passports of all the skaters (a team-folder, sorted in the alphabetical order) and present all the passports at the time of registration. These will be checked before the Opening Draw.



10. Official Hotels

The official hotel for the Officials, ISU, Judges and Teams is:

Hotel Stadion

H-1143 Budapest
Ifjúság útja 1-3.

The room rates refer per person per night, including full board (three meals) and all local taxes.

HOTEL	Single room	Double room	Triple Room
HOTEL STADION	137 Euro	112 Euro	112 Euro

Please, be informed that the above prices are only available in case of booking through the Organizing Committee.

The Teams must make all requests for reservations of rooms at the Official Hotel directly to the Organizing Committee by November 15th, 2007. The request shall include a rooming list. The Official Hotel will not reserve rooms without the authorization by the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee will authorize the Official Hotel to reserve rooms, in accordance with the rooming list for the teams once the request is received. The Organizing Committee will confirm each request with the designated Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation. As soon as the Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation receives notification from the Organizing Committee, the Team Manager/Team Leader/Federation must transfer the advance deposits for all reservations of 50% to the Organizing Committee **by November 30th, 2007 at the latest**. The remaining 50 % are to be paid to the Organizing Committee latest by **March 25th, 2008**.

The Organizing Committee must receive teams' requests for rooms by November 15th, 2007.

Cancellation Procedure:

Any cancellation before January 31 receives 80% refund of deposit

Cancellations received after January 31, but before February 29, receives 50% refund of deposit

Cancellations received after February 29, forfeits the deposit in full.

11. Transportation

Transportation will be provided between Hotel Stadion and the "Practice rink" only at days with bad weather condition.

12. Liability & Insurance

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 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 ISU, the Hungarian National Skating Federation and the Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the Championships by Competitors and Officials.

13. Anti-Doping Controls

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1447 and 1448 or any further update of this Communication).

14. Title and Medals

The winner will bear the title:

World Synchronized Skating Champion for 2008 (see ISU Regulations, Rule 133).

The Synchronized Skating Championships gold medals will be awarded to the Champion Team and silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed teams at the end of the Championships.

In accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3g), a small ISU gold medal will be awarded to the winner of each event (Short Program and Free Skating)) and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third teams, but no anthem will be played or flags raised. The small medals for Short Program will be awarded on the occasion of the Draw for the starting order Free Skating, and the small medals in Free Skating will be awarded at the Press Conference directly after the conclusion of the Victory Ceremony on Saturday, March 29th, 2008 in the Press Center, Interview Area.

15. National Anthem

The Organizing Committee asks all Members to bring a copy of their national Anthem on audio cassette, CD, MD or DAT.

16. Information

For further information, please contact:

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18. Preliminary Event Schedule - (Subject to change)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Wednesday, March 26th	09:00 – 20:00	Accreditation	Hotel Stadion and Papp Laszlo Arena
	08:00 – 21.00	Official Practice	Papp Laszlo Arena & Budapest Olympic Center Practice Rink
	17:00	Team-Leaders Meeting	Hotel Stadion
	TBD	Coaches Seminar	Hotel Stadion
Thursday, March 27th	09:00 – 20:00	Accreditation	Hotel Stadion and Papp Laszlo Arena
	07:00	Official Practice	Papp Laszlo Arena & Budapest Olympic Center Practice Rink
	16:00 – 16:45	Techn. Controller/Referees Meeting	Hotel Stadion
	17:00 – 18:00	Judges Meeting	Hotel Stadion
	19:30 – 21.30	Opening Draw & Reception	Hotel Stadion
	21.30	ISU and Judges Dinner	tbd
Friday, March 28th	09:30	Official Practice – Short Program	Papp Laszlo Arena
	10:00 – 20:00	Accreditation	Papp Laszlo Arena
	17:30	Opening Ceremony	Papp Laszlo Arena
	18:10	Competition - Short Program	Papp Laszlo Arena
Saturday, March 29th,	08:00	Official Practice – Free Skating	Papp Laszlo Arena
	09:00 – 18:00	Accreditation	Papp Laszlo Arena
	15:00 – 19:00	Competition – Free Skating	Papp Laszlo Arena
	19:00	Award Ceremony	Papp Laszlo Arena
	20:30	Judges Round Table Meeting	Hotel Stadion
	21:30 – 01:00	Closing Party	t.b.d.
	21:30	Officials Dinner	t.b.d.
Sunday, March 30th,		Departures	



PACKAGE SUMMARY

	To be completed and returned to	Applicable Deadline
Event Announcement	--	--
Entry Forms		
Preliminary Entry Form	Hungarian National Skating Federation ISU Director Figure Skating ISU Secretariat	November 15 th , 2007
Form A: Composition of ISU Member Federation	Hungarian National Skating Federation ISU Director Figure Skating ISU Secretariat	March 6 th , 2008
Form B: Team Entry Form (Separate Entry form for Each Team is required)	Hungarian National Skating Federation ISU Director Figure Skating ISU Secretariat	March 6 th , 2008
Form C: Judges Entry	Hungarian National Skating Federation ISU Director Figure Skating ISU Secretariat	February 11 th , 2008
Form D: Hotel Sheet	Hungarian National Skating Federation	November 15 th , 2008
Form E: Travel Information	Hungarian National Skating Federation	March 6 th , 2008
Form F: Press Information Sheet	Hungarian National Skating Federation	March 6 th , 2008
Form G: Competition Music Information Sheet	Hungarian National Skating Federation	March 6 th , 2008
Form H: Publicity Waiver	Hungarian National Skating Federation	March 6 th , 2008
Form I: Team Declaration	Hungarian National Skating Federation	March 6 th , 2008
Form J: Referees/Judges Declaration	Hungarian National Skating Federation	March 6 th , 2008
Form K: Medical Notification Sheet	Hungarian National Skating Federation	March 6 th , 2008
Form L: Closing Party Request Form	Hungarian National Skating Federation	March 6 th , 2008
Form M: Program Content Sheet	Hungarian National Skating Federation	March 6 th , 2008