

24th Winter Universiade

HARBIN 2009

SYNCHRONIZED



ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION



GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Synchronized Skating competition events at the 2009 Winter Universiade will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2008, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation is open to all ISU Members according to Eligibility Rule 102, and they also meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements according to Rule 109, paragraph 1 and 2. d)

Each participating team must consist of sixteen (16) skaters (may include both ladies and men) and may have up to a maximum of twenty four (24) persons accredited. The team composition may not exceed the sixteen (16) skaters plus four (4) alternates and four (4) individuals including coach(s), team-leader(s) and Judge at the discretion of the team.

Selection criteria for Synchronized Skating for Harbin 2009 were set up according to ISU ranking at the last World Championships 2008. Maximum eight (8) teams may participate and these teams must fulfill all FISU registration obligations (deposit – deadline September 18th, 2008). If teams do not fulfill mentioned obligations, they will be replaced by another teams that fulfills FISU obligations at the mentioned time. All participating teams in Synchronized Skating selected for the Winter Universiade will be known after the Head of Delegation at the end of September 2008.

Participation (FISU Regulations)

According to the FISU Regulations, the skaters must fulfil the following requirements to participate as competitors in the Universiade (art 5.2.1):

- a. **students who are officially registered** for and pursuing a full time course of study at a university or similar institute whose status as a university is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country;
- b. **former students** of the institutions mentioned in a) **who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event.**

All competitors must satisfy the following conditions:

- a. **be a national** of the country they represent;
- b. **be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on January 1st in the year of the event**, (the participants must have been born between January 1st 1981 and December 31st, 1991).

Deposit for Team sports (FISU Regulations)

In accordance with the FISU Regulations, para 5.4.4, the final engagement deadline for the Synchronized Skating (all team sports) is September 18, 2008.

Countries entering in a team sport (including Synchronized Skating) must confirm their entry with the payment of a deposit per registered team of 5000 USD (concerning Curling, Ice Hockey and Synchronized Skating).

The selection of the Teams will take place in Harbin, in conjunction with the Head of Delegation's advance trip **on September 25-27, 2008.**

Synchronized Skating - Team selection criteria (FISU Regulations)

The Winter Universiade Supervision Committee will consider the following criteria: the date of the payment, the receipt of the form duly completed, the past ISU ranking (World Synchronized Skating Championships placement) and a continental distribution.

Should the Team be selected and compete, FISU will credit your team sports deposit(s) to the Organizing Committee for the relevant participation fees of your country.

1. TECHNICAL DATA

All events as well as some official practices will take place at Harbin International Conference, Exhibition and Sports Center with the ice surface of 30m x 60m. The remainder of the official practices will take place at the Practice rink with the ice surface 30m x 60m. Both are indoor, heated artificial ice surfaces. The two arenas are 15 min driving distance of each other.

1.1 Synchronized Skating

The competition will be held according to the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating 2008 and all pertinent ISU Communications

Short Program

The prescribed elements to be skated are those are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008, Rules 904, 905, paragraph 2 – Group A and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: max. 2 min, 50 sec., but may be less

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2008, Rules 911 and 912 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 4 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Entries Teams and Judges

The ISU Members must enter their Teams and Judges on the official entry forms to the Organizing Committee of the Winter Universiade 2009.

All forms are available on FISU web - http://www.fisu.net/site/page_1071.php

Entry forms must be sent simultaneously by registered mail or fax to:

Original	Copy
Organizing Committee Head Office 116 Huanghe Rd., Nangang Dist., Harbin China 150090 TEL: +86-451-87003703 FAX: +86-451-87006504 E-mail: sports@harbin2009.org Internet: www.harbin2009.org	Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire - International University Sports Federation Château de la Solitude, 54 Avenue Charles Schaller, 1160 Brussels – Belgium Tel:(32.2) 6406873, Fax: (32.2) 6401805 E-mail: fishu@fishu.net , Internet: http://www.fisu.net

Entries / Final engagement form must reach the FISU secretariat not later than **September 18, 2008**. Procedure is described on Team Procedure document launched June, 2008 to NUSF.

The Quantitative Entry for Judges must reach the Organizing Committee and FISU not later than **November 18, 2008**.

TYPE	NAME	DEADLINE
PI	Intention of Participation	18/02/2008
G-1	General Entry	18/08/2008
G-2	General Entry	18/08/2008
FE Synch. Skating	Final Engagement - Team sport Synchronized Skating	18/09/2008
	Payment of Team Deposit for Team sports to FISU Synchronized Skating	18/09/2008
N-15	Nominative Judges Figure Skating, Synchronized Skating	18/11/2008
Q-1	Quantitative Entry - ice sports	18/11/2008
	Payment of 25% of total cost of the stay per athlete in individual sport and officials of the delegation	18/01/2009
N-5	Nominative Figure Skating	18/01/2009
N-12	Nominative Synchronized Skating	18/01/2009
N-14	Nominative Officials	18/01/2009
N-16	Travel Schedule	18/01/2009
I-5	Individual Entry Figure Skating	18/01/2009
I-12	Individual Entry Synchronized Skating	18/01/2009
I-14	Individual Officials	18/01/2009
I-15	Individual Judges and Referees	18/01/2009
	Athlete Biography	18/01/2009

2.2 Nomination Judges / Referees / Technical Panel

Each participating ISU Member with a Synchronized Skating Team at the Winter Universiade may at least three (3) months before the start of the Winter Universiade forward to FISU and to the OC the name (s) of one (1) International or ISU Judge listed on the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating 2008-2009.

The OC will send the list of nominated Judges to FISU CTI and ISU for their final decision regarding the composition of the Judges Panel for each category.

If the names are not received by this time, the OC with ISU and FISU CT, shall have the right to arrange for substitute Judges. The OC will inform all participating countries about the Judges Panel for each category.

Referees and Technical Panel (Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers) as well as Data and Replay Operators will be appointed by the OC after approval from ISU and the Chair of the Technical Committee of FISU.

The total amount of the Judges and Referees costs for their stay, travel and daily allowance will be divided according to the number of participants and all countries will pay on ratio of the number of their participants (skaters and number of teams).

The OC will fix the estimated sum after deadline for the Quantitative Entries three (3) months before the start of the Winter Universiade.

The Technical Panel will be at the charge of the Organizing Committee. It consists of Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists (for Synchronized Skating) as well as Data Operator, Video Operator and Cameraman.

The Referees and Technical Panel, Data Operator and Video Operator must be invited by the OC not less than three (3) months before the start of the Winter Universiade.

2.3 Judges' Meeting, Draw and Round Table Discussions

The draw for the seating order of the panel of Judges will be made 45 minutes prior to each segment in the Judges Room.

Judges' Round Table Discussions are scheduled after the Free Skating event, on Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

3. MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Skaters, Delegation officials and Additional officials will be accommodated in the Athlete's village. **Officials** (Judges, Referees, Technical Panel, Data Operator and Video Operator) will be accommodated out of the athletes village in a separate hotel (see Regulation Art.5.2.4) published on the website:

http://www.fisu.net/medias/fichiers/fisu_regulations_for_harbin_english_version_2.pdf
or www.harbin2009.org

Applied fee for Skaters, Delegation officials and Additional officials, will be \$ 45 for Board & Lodging per day per person from the day of arrival to the day of departure. **For Judges and Referees the same fee of 45 \$ will be applied.**

The Organizer will provide and cover the expenses of full board, accommodation and daily allowance for the **Technical Panel** (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Cameraman), beginning with lunch on the day preceding the first official practice that is **from Wednesday, February 18, 2009 until breakfast on Wednesday, February 25, 2009**.

Also rooms and meals for **Judges and Referees** will be provided beginning with lunch on the day preceding the first official practice that is **from Wednesday, February 18, 2009 until breakfast on Wednesday, February 25, 2009**. Daily allowance will be paid for all days of stay including travel days.

Should any of the mentioned Officials arrive before or stay longer than the period described above, their room and meals expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival.

All expenses (including travel, lodging, meals and daily allowance) for Technical Panel (Controllers, Technical Specialists), Data and Replay Operators and Cameraman **will be paid by the Organizer**. Economy air fare will be paid for the travel.

All expenses (including travel, lodging, meals and daily allowance) for Judges and Referees will be divided among the participants, teams and travel cost will be based on the travel in economy class (see para 2.2 above).

Financial operation will be handled by the Organizing Committee after the payment of the delegations to the Organizing Committee.

4. ACCREDITATION

The Main Accreditation Centre will be located at the Athletes' Village of Harbin. A numbered accreditation card will be issued for each Team's member and Official whose individual dossier will be approved by the International Control Commission of FISU, CIC, whose task is to verify the eligibility of the athletes with documents described on Nominative and Individual Entries.

5. PRACTICE

Official Practice for Synchronized Skating begins at the practice ice rink on Thursday, February 19, 2009 (preliminary at 19:00 p.m.; final time and location tbd).

The detailed time schedule will be issued later and communicated to all participants **in the Sport Manual at latest 1 month before the start of the Winter Universiade 2009**.

6. MUSIC / PROGRAM CONTENT SHEET

6.1 Music

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD, MD or in any other approved format (in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1).

The music covers/discs must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the competitor and by the coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short/free) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc. Competitors must provide a back-updrive for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Synchronized Skating and for the Exhibition, must be listed for each Team on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Teams, according to Rule 724.

In accordance with Rule 724, paragraph 1, all discs must show the Competition event, Competitors 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.

If music information is not complete and disks not provided, accreditation will not be given.

6.2 Program content sheet

The "Program Content Sheet" must be submitted ***at the time of accreditation***. The Planned Program Content Sheets must be signed by a Coach or Team Representative. However, the program contents may be changed at the time of the competition.

It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

7. RESULTS

All results for Synchronized Skating will be calculated according to the ISU Regulations, Rule 738.

8. DOPING CONTROL

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the most recent FISU Doping Control Regulations in accordance with the WADA Doping procedure.

9. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events, as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, Officials and all other members of the ISU 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 of the ill or injured person. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

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

10. DRAWS - ORDER OF SKATING

The draws for the starting order of Short Program will be held individually per discipline in the place at Harbin International Conference, Exhibition and Sports Center - Interview and Draw room.

For the Synchronized Skating, the Draw will take place during the Team Leaders Meeting **on Friday, February 20, 2009**. The places and the exact time will be announced later on in the Sport Manual or provided at Registration.

11. INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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or

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Wednesday, February 18		Arrival Accreditation of Teams	Athletes Village
Thursday, February 19	10:00	Official Practice	Practice Rink
Friday, February 20	18:00 18:30	Team Leaders Meeting Official Practice	Competition Rink
Saturday, February 21	14:00	Official Practice	Practice Rink
Sunday, February 22	09:00	Official Practice	Practice Rink
Monday, February 23	21:30	Short Program	Competition Rink
Tuesday, February 24	20:00	Free Skating Awards	Competition Rink
Wednesday, February 25	18:30	Exhibition	Competition Rink

- Schedule of Events subject to change