



**ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating® Final**

and

**ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final**

**2021/22**



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**2021 OSAKA**

**December 9 – 12, 2021**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

## 1. GENERAL

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2021/22 will be held with the approval and the assistance of the International Skating Union, organized under the responsibility of the Japan Skating Federation (JSF) and in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2021, ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2021 and relevant ISU Communications and the Memorandum for guidance in holding an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (combined Senior & Junior) as well as the announcements for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2021/22 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2021/22, as well as ISU Communication no. 2431.

Qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2021/22 is based on the results of the point system established for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and the procedure as outlined in ISU Communication 2431 for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating. As with the six ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and the seven ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events, all Competitors must 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 3. a) for participants in the Senior Final and Rule 108, paragraph 3. b) for participants in the Junior Final and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements as per Rule 109 and ISU Communication 2030 (or any update of this Communication).

Passports of the Skaters have to be presented at the accreditation for verification. In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 2030, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. All Competitors, Team Members and Judges must be entered through their ISU Member Federation.

## 2. TECHNICAL DETAILS

### Venue:

All competitions and practices will take place at Towa Pharmaceutical RACTAB Dome 3 Chome-7-16 Mitsushima, Kadoma, Osaka 571-0015, with an ice surface of 30 m x 60 m. The facility is indoor, air-conditioned and heated.

### 2.1 Technical Details – Junior Final

<b>JUNIOR MEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2021/22 (and listed in ISU Communication no. 2382)  Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 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.
<b>JUNIOR WOMEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2021/22 (and listed in ISU Communication no. 2382)  Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 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 PAIR SKATING**

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2021/22 (and listed in ISU Communication no. 2382)

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2021, Rule 621 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 ICE DANCE**

Rhythm Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2021, Rule 709.

Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2371 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. +/- 10 sec

Free Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2021, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2371 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 3 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

**2.2 Technical Details – Senior Final**

**MEN**

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

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

<b>WOMEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.  Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value.  Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
<b>PAIR SKATING</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2021/22.  Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pair Skating 2021, 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.
<b>ICE DANCE</b>	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2021 Rule 709.  Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2371 and subsequent updates.  Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2021, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2371 and subsequent updates.  Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

### 2.3 Starting Order Procedure

Further to ISU Communication 2395, point 11, considering the current Covid-19 situation and to avoid unnecessary gatherings in each Grand Prix event, the participating Skaters will be listed according to their qualification order for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (Senior and Junior). The starting order in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance segment will be the reverse order of the qualification order. The wild card skaters in Junior Men and Junior Women will skate as starting number 1 in the Short Program.

For the Free Skating/Free Dance the starting order will be the reverse order of the result after the previous segment.

For Junior Men and Junior Women the warm-up group will be enlarged by 1 skater and will consist of 7 skaters.

### 2.4 Calculation of Results

The calculation will be done according to Rule 352 and 353 for each individual discipline. The medallists will be announced and honoured on the podium.

## 2.5 Music / Planned Program Content

In accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, the following method to submit the Competitor's music to the Organizing Committee must be followed:

- the ISU Member is responsible for submitting their Competitor's music as direct attachment to an email to the Organizing Committee ([music@skatingjapan.or.jp](mailto:music@skatingjapan.or.jp)) until **December, 1, 2021 at 20:00 JST (local time Osaka/JPN)**.  
*Please note: some music files might exceed the size of a regular email. In this case, an email-based transfer service which allows to send large files could be used to send the file to the OC.*
- each submission shall be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment and the name(s) of the competitor(s):

Example:

GER\_Men\_SP\_MUSTERMANN-Max

GER\_Men\_FS\_MUSTERMANN-Max

SUI\_Pairs\_SP\_MUSTERMANN-Erika\_MUSTERMANN-Max

- the music files must be sent as **WAV or MP3** file formats. Any other format is not acceptable.  
*Please note: Files in MP3 format may have a significant difference in the music quality when reproduced. The Organizing Committee in this case is not responsible if the music quality would be insufficient.*
- Each Competitor must have an own back-up drive (USB Stick) for each program in the format of a WAV or MP3 file.
- The exact running time of the music (not skating time) must be communicated to the Organizing Committee when submitting the music and shall be certified by the Competitor/Coach/Team Leader at the time of registration.
- During the first practice a skater/couple is attending, the music will be played as indicated in the Practice Schedule and will allow to verify the correctness of the submitted music. If there is an issue with the music, the Team Leader/Coach may be allowed to change the music by presenting an acceptable reproduction to the Organizing Committee's Music Team (USB Stick with file format of WAV or MP3 file).

If the music files have been submitted within the above-mentioned deadline to the Organizing Committee, then the music team of the Organizing Committee is entirely responsible for the correct execution of the music. In case of issues with submitted music files the Organizing Committee may request at the time of registration a secondary copy of the music files. In case the music files have not been submitted in time to the Organizing Committee, the skater(s) must present their music latest at the time of registration on the above defined mean and in the defined format.

Please note: CDs will **not** be accepted by the Organizing Committee.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Singles and Pairs, for the Rhythm and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition must all be entered, in detail, by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the ISU PORTAL.

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

The "Program Content Sheet" must also be submitted before the competition via the ISU PORTAL. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

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

## 2.6 Official Practice

Official practices for Junior and Senior Competitors begin on **Wednesday, December 8, 2021**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

The Organizing Committee will provide limited ice-time in a practice facility on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 for the purpose of unofficial practice. The times for the unofficial practice will be communicated to the teams prior to arrival.

### **3. POINT SYSTEM FOR QUALIFICATION**

#### **3.1 Junior Grand Prix Final Qualification Procedures**

All the individual winners of each ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating in each Discipline will be given the chance to participate at the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2021/22 in Osaka / Japan. See also ISU Communication No. 2431 paragraph 3.

##### **3.1.1 Junior Men and Junior Women**

- A. The 7 winners of each individual ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Event will qualify for the Final.
- B. Should there only be 6 different individual winners out of the 7 individual ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Events because a Skater has won 2 JGP Events, the 6 different individual winners will qualify for the Final.
- C. Should there be less than 6 different individual winners out of the 7 individual ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Events because more Skaters have won 2 JGP Events, all the different individual winners will qualify for the Final. In addition, the best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Skater(s), 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Skater(s) and so forth by total score, who are not yet qualified as a winner, would be invited to the Final to reach the number of 6 entries.
- D. Japan as the host Member will be granted 1 Wild Card Entry.

##### **3.1.2 Junior Pairs**

- A. The 4 winners of each individual ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Event will qualify for the Final.
- B. Should there be less than 4 different individual winners out of the 4 individual ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Events because a Pair has won 2 JGP Events, all the different individual winners will qualify for the Final. In addition, the best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed pairs(s), 3<sup>rd</sup> placed pairs(s) and so forth by total score, who are not yet qualified as a winner, would be invited to the Final to reach the number of 4 entries.

##### **3.1.3 Junior Ice Dance**

- A. The 7 winners of each individual ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Event will qualify for the Final.
- B. Should there only be 6 different individual winners out of the 7 individual ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Events because a Couple has won 2 JGP Events, the 6 different individual winners will qualify for the Final.
- C. Should there be less than 6 different individual winners out of the 7 individual ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Events because more Couples have won 2 JGP Events, all the different individual winners will qualify for the Final. In addition, the best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed couple(s), 3<sup>rd</sup> placed couples(s) and so forth by total score, who are not yet qualified as a winner, would be invited to the Final to reach the number of 6 entries.

##### **3.1.4 Substitutes (applicable for all Disciplines)**

The 3 best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Skater(s)/Couple(s), 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Skater(s)/Couples(s) and so forth by total score, who are not yet qualified in accordance with the above, will be substitutes for the Final.

Substitution of Skaters will only come in force if the minimum number of entries of 6 Men (not counting the Wild Card), 6 Women (not counting the Wild Card), 4 Pairs and 6 Ice Dance Couples cannot be reached anymore with the qualified Skaters.

#### **3.2 Point System for Qualification of the Senior Final**

Skaters qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2021/22 by accumulating points through the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2021/22. The ranking by points will be published immediately after the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating with qualification to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final as follows:

**the top 6 Men, Women, Pairs and Ice Dance couples**

If there is a tie by added points, the following criteria will be taken into consideration for tie-breaking:

- a) the best place obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- b) the higher total of the added total scores obtained in the designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- c) participation in two events will be considered better than having participated in only one event;

If there is still a tie,

- d) the higher total of the added scores in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- e) the higher total score in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in one of the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- f) the higher total of the added scores in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- g) the number of participants finishing the two individual events in which the tied Skaters/Couples have completed, will be added to the total. The higher number of participants will count for the better place/ranking.

If there is still a tie, all Skaters tied are qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

#### **4. PRIZE MONEY AND PARTICIPATION BONUS**

##### **4.1 Junior Final**

##### **4.1.1 Participation Bonus – Junior Final**

A Skater/Couple (except Wild Cards) will receive an extra bonus of

**US\$ 2,500.00**

for participation in the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, provided the Skater/Couple

- a) completes the Final, including the Exhibition;
- b) takes part in all social events of the Final, if asked by the ISU and/or the Organizing Committee;
- c) participates in the final Exhibition Gala if asked with at least one exhibition number (show number or similar) plus an "encore" if so requested. Only complete programs are accepted (no part or fraction of a program).

In case of injury or illness of any participant in the Final the extra bonus may be granted as an exception also for those Skaters/Couples who are unable to finish their event but have completed at least one initial round, provided the injury or illness is confirmed through the official doctor and, if needed, through one of the ISU Medical Advisors.

The bonus will be paid at the end of the Final through the Organizing ISU Member and through the ISU Members of the awarded Skaters. The withholding taxes, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the host country taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded Skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

##### **4.1.2 Prize Money – Junior Final**

The Prize Money made available by the ISU for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final is:

**US\$ 100,500.00**

The prize money in favor of the awarded Skaters will be paid at the end of the Final through the Organizing ISU Members and through the ISU Members of the awarded Skaters. The withholding taxes, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the host country taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded Skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

The individual prize money will be as follows:

<b>Men and Women</b>		<b>Pair Skating (per Couple)</b>		<b>Ice Dance (per Couple)</b>	
1st place	US\$ 6,000.00	1st place	US\$ 9,000.00	1st place	US\$ 9,000.00
2nd place	US\$ 5,000.00	2nd place	US\$ 7,500.00	2nd place	US\$ 7,500.00
3rd place	US\$ 4,000.00	3rd place	US\$ 6,000.00	3rd place	US\$ 6,000.00
4th place	US\$ 3,000.00	4th place	US\$ 4,500.00	4th place	US\$ 4,500.00
5th place	US\$ 2,000.00			5th place	US\$ 3,000.00
6th place	US\$ 1,000.00			6th place	US\$ 1,500.00

Skaters/Couples qualified for the exhibition of the Final must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of US\$ 1,000.00 from the awarded prize money.

Skaters/Couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and to participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or JSF. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce Prize Money will be made by the ISU Representative attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

## **4.2 Senior Final**

### **4.2.1 Participation Bonus – Senior Final**

There is no participation bonus for participants of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

### **4.2.2 Prize Money – Senior Final**

The Prize Money made available by the ISU for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final is:

**US\$ 272,000.00**

The prize money in favor of the awarded Skaters will be paid at the end of the Final through the Organizing ISU Members and through the ISU Members of the awarded Skaters. The withholding taxes, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the host country taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded Skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

<b>Men, Women, Pair Skating and Ice Dance (Men/Women per Skater – Pair Skating/Ice Dance per Couple)</b>	
1st place	US\$ 25,000.00
2nd place	US\$ 18,000.00
3rd place	US\$ 12,000.00
4th place	US\$ 6,000.00
5th place	US\$ 4,000.00
6th place	US\$ 3,000.00

Skaters/Couples qualified for the exhibition of the Final must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of US\$ 5,000.00 from the awarded prize money.

Skaters/Couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and to participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or JSF. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce Prize Money will be made by the ISU Representative attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

## **5. ENTRIES OF TEAMS**

### **5.1 General**

All entries, hotel request and travel information for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

### **5.2 Entries of Competitors – Junior Final**

Confirmation of entries will be forwarded to the ISU Member of the qualified Skaters/Couples by the ISU Secretariat.

The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

If a Skater or Couple cannot participate due to injury or illness, the respective ISU Member must inform the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee in writing immediately so that the ISU Secretariat can extend an invitation to the next ranked Skater/Couple.

The Skater or Couple will be required to forward a medical certificate to the ISU Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 6.2 of this announcement.

The ISU Members concerned must enter and confirm the participation of the qualified Competitors and the qualified substitutes by **Monday, November 1, 2021 – 20:00 JST (local time Osaka/JPN)**.

### **5.3 Entries of Competitors – Senior Final**

Confirmation of entries will be forwarded to the ISU Member of the qualified Skaters/Couples by the ISU Secretariat.

The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

If a Skater or Couple cannot participate due to injury or illness, the respective ISU Member must inform the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee in writing immediately so that the ISU Secretariat can extend an invitation to the next ranked Skater/Couple.

The withdrawn Skater or Couple will be required to forward a medical certificate to the ISU Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 6.2 of this announcement.

The ISU Members concerned must enter and confirm the participation of the qualified Competitor and the qualified substitutes by **Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – 20:00 JST (local time Osaka/JPN)**.

### **5.4 Entries of Team Members**

Official entries of Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer and ISU.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater/Couple will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only one Team Official of each ISU Member (including the ISU Member President) provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their ISU Member, will be accredited. One (1) Member Press Officer, provided he has been previously approved by the ISU, will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. The ISU Members shall guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team. **No chaperones will be accepted except for Junior Skaters.** All chaperones for Junior Skaters must stay in the competition bubble. The Member entering Chaperones in ORS will need to send an email to [entries@isu.ch](mailto:entries@isu.ch) as well as to [entries@skatingjapan.or.jp](mailto:entries@skatingjapan.or.jp) indicating exactly which Junior Grand Prix Skater the chaperone is related to.

For teams qualified for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final all entries must be made no later than **Monday, November 1, 2021 – 20:00 JST (local time Osaka/JPN)**.

For teams qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final all entries must be made no later than **Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – 20:00 JST (local time Osaka/JPN)**.

ISU Members qualified for both the Senior and Junior Grand Prix Final are requested to enter in ORS all the team members concerning the Junior Final by **Monday, November 1, 2021 – 20:00 JST (local time Osaka/JPN)** and enter in ORS all team members of the Senior Final by **Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – 20:00 JST (local time Osaka/JPN)**.

## **5.5 Contact Information for submitting of Entry Forms**

All entries submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fms.sportresult.com/isu> will automatically also go to:

**Japan Skating Federation**  
Email: [entries@skatingjapan.or.jp](mailto:entries@skatingjapan.or.jp)

and to

**International Skating Union**  
Email: [entries@isu.ch](mailto:entries@isu.ch)

## **6. REPLACEMENT OF QUALIFIED SKATERS**

### **6.1 Replacement Procedure**

A qualified Skater/Couple for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and or ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, unable to participate, will be replaced by the immediate following Skater/Couple based on the ranking order of points of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating or the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2021/22.

The first three substitute Skaters/Couples must imperatively stay on “stand-by” until **Friday, December 3, 2021 – 12:00 (noon) JST (local time Osaka/JPN)**. The ISU Members concerned are responsible for the necessary visa and/or travel documents.

### **6.2 Injury or Illness of Qualified Skaters**

In the case a Skater is withdrawn for injury or illness a Medical Certificate is required to be submitted to the ISU as per Rule 140, paragraph 5. The Certificate must be issued on the stationary of a Medical Doctor or on an ISU withdrawal form in case of in-competition withdrawal and duly signed by the Medical Doctor. If the certificate is not in English a translation signed by the President or General Secretary of the ISU Member of the respective Skater must be attached;

In addition, upon request of the Vice President Figure Skating the Certificate must be received by the ISU within 72 hours after the notice of withdrawal and the following information must be included or attached:

- i) the history which clearly indicates the date of injury or date of onset of illness, the type of injury or illness and severity of injury or illness as well as the physical findings on examination;
- ii) copies of laboratory or radiological reports that were conducted in the investigation of the injury/illness;
- iii) the recommended treatment by the physician including medications, therapy, advice on training frequency and intensity, date for follow-up examination (a copy of this assessment should then be forwarded to the ISU), expected date of return to full activity, planned further investigations and/or criteria for return to full activity.

### **6.3 Decision for Replacement**

The ISU Vice President of Figure Skating will make the final determination of any replacement for the Final in accordance with paragraph 6.1 of this announcement.

## **7. ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES**

### **7.1 ISU appointed Officials**

The ISU President will appoint all ISU Event Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Assistant Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) for the Final in accordance with the 2021 Regulations. All ISU Event Officials must have the qualification for ISU Championships.

The ISU Secretariat will inform the Organizing Committee of the names of the Officials assigned to the Final. No changes will be accepted unless confirmed by the ISU Secretariat.

### **7.2 Composition of Panels of Judges**

The panel of Judges will consist of 9 Judges of different ISU Members in each discipline, if possible, but not less than 7 Judges. Judges must have the qualification of "ISU Judge". The invitations to the Judges will be issued by the ISU Secretariat.

No Judge may serve in more than two disciplines of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and two disciplines of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2021/22 each, if possible.

The composition of the panels of Judges in each category will be made in accordance with the following procedure:

- a) first priority will be given to the participating ISU Members in the Senior Final;
- b) second priority will be given to the participating ISU Members in the Junior Final;
- c) third priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating organizing ISU Members of individual ISU Grand Prix events (Senior);
- d) fourth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Judges present at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (Junior and Senior), but not mentioned under a) and b);
- e) fifth priority, if necessary, will be given to the host ISU Member of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final;
- f) sixth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples qualified as alternates in the Senior Final;
- g) seventh priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples qualified as alternates in the Junior Final;
- h) eighth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples not qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, with priority to the discipline concerned, starting from that Skater/Couple with the highest total amount of points but not being alternate for the final.

### **7.3 Invitation of Judges**

The ISU Secretariat will inform the respective ISU Members immediately following the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2021/22 (Rostelecom Cup), if a judge of this ISU Member has qualified to serve in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

The respective ISU Members entitled to nominate a Judge must submit the name of the Judge(s) no later than **Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – 20:00 JST (local time Osaka/JPN)**.

The selection of Judges will be made by the respective ISU Member. The ISU Members are responsible for providing all selected and stand-by Judges with the appropriate travel documents in time.

Judges entries must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

#### **7.4 Officials Remuneration**

The Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Judges, the Data & Replay Operators, will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2096 (or any update of this Communication). Only hard currencies are acceptable. The remuneration must be paid upon accreditation.

### **8. TRAVEL EXPENSES AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

The Organizing ISU Member will pay travel expenses for air-fare (economy rates) for all Competitors qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, and for the Judges, from the country of the ISU Member they represent, to Osaka and return, or alternatively in the case of skaters, from their training site and return. The travel expenses of the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators are covered by the ISU.

The Organizing ISU Member is the only authorizing body for airline tickets. All participants must agree to the acceptance of the provided tickets when the invitation is accepted. No reimbursement will be made on any airline ticket issued by any other agency or any other airline unless written permission is received from JSF prior to its ticketing.

Skaters/Judges, who wish to purchase their air tickets directly or make other individual travel arrangements, must first have a confirmation from the Organizing Committee concerning the acceptance of the travel costs. For the Technical Panel, these should have the confirmation of the ISU before purchasing their tickets.

Once flights have been booked any changes to air tickets and related expenses will be the responsibility of the traveler.

The ISU will book all flights for Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators.

All Team members, Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible for their own travel documents (visa, insurance, etc.).

**Due to the limited time between the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (Rostelecom Cup 2021) and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final as well as the required procedures to obtain visas for Japan, all ISU Members with skaters potentially having a chance to qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final are asked to submit a long list of names for visa purpose only, including all potential team members (team leaders, coaches, team officials, team medical staff and alternate persons of such functions) by Monday, November 8, 2021 – 20:00 JST (local time Osaka/JPN) using the “Visa Application Form”.**

For details regarding the visa and entry procedures to Japan for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final please refer to the First Information of the event.

### **9. MEALS AND LODGING**

#### **9.1 Meals and Lodging for ISU Event Officials and Judges**

The Organizing ISU Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all Judges, Referees and Technical Officials (Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers and Data & Replay Operators) from dinner on **Monday, December 6, 2021** through breakfast on **Monday, December 13, 2021**.

If any longer period is agreed upon with the Organizing Committee, the period of coverage will be prolonged accordingly.

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

#### **9.2 Meals and Lodging for Competitors**

The Organizing ISU Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all competitors from dinner on **Monday, December 6, 2021** through breakfast on **Monday, December 13, 2021**. Each individual period may be extended due to individual flight arrangements.

If any longer period is agreed upon with the Organizing Committee, the period of coverage will be prolonged accordingly.

All extra expenses incurred by any Competitor will be the responsibility of respective team leader and must be paid prior to departure.

### **9.3 Meals and Lodging for other Team Members**

All expenses for rooms and meals for any other team member will be the responsibility of the respective team leader or of the respective team member and must be paid prior to departure.

## **10. ARRIVAL OF TEAMS**

All ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders and Team Officials, Judges, Coaches, and Team Medical personnel taking part in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2021/22 are requested to announce as soon as possible but no later than **Tuesday, November 30, 2021** in ORS, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at Kansai International Airport (KIX).

**Please note that all participants MUST arrive to Japan on Monday, December 6, 2021 and depart no later than Monday, December 13, 2021.**

## **11. OFFICIAL HOTEL**

Hotel information will be available in the first information document which will be forwarded to the ISU Members at the time of publication of this announcement. Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee. Hotel reservation requests need to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

## **12. REGISTRATION**

All ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and one Coach/Choreographer (per Competitor) taking part in the Final are requested to register as follows:

Accreditation for the Skating Family will be located in the **Official Hotel**.

All Skaters and Judges will be required to present their passport (and clearance certificate if passport is not the same as the ISU Member entering the Skater) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport.

## **13. 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 mean. 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 with the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2021/22 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2021/22.

## **14. ANTI-DOPING**

The Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (ISU Communications No. 2344 and 2366 or any further update of these Communications).

## **15. 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 and the flags of the medal winners will be hoisted.

## **16. EXHIBITION**

All medalists of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final as well as the Gold Medalists of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and other selected Competitors will be required to participate in the Gala Exhibition on **Sunday, December 12, 2021**.

Show exhibition numbers different from the competition programs are expected (see also paragraph 4.1.2 and 4.2.2). A Short Program/Rhythm Dance or a Free Program or a part of it or a competition program in another costume or skated to a different music is not to be considered a „show number“. Each gold medalist (Senior only) will be expected to provide an encore in addition to their regular exhibition programs. There will be no extra exhibition fee awarded.

## **17. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES**

Please see the dates and times for all official meeting in the attached schedule. ISU Event Officials and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective Round Table Discussions. If the event Organizing ISU Member or any other party makes the flight arrangements, the ISU Event Officials and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 20.

## **18. COVID-19**

During the current Covid-19 pandemic the health and safety of all participants at ISU Events including the athletes, team members, officials, volunteers, service providers, guests, broadcasters, media, and spectators needs to be given additional attention. Therefore, the ISU has created some Guidelines to help ISU Event Organizers.

These ISU Guidelines describe the minimum sanitary measures that must be put in place to host an ISU Event during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These Guidelines do not, in any case, supersede additional requirements established by the National or Local Public Health Authorities of the hosting country which must be implemented in full.

The Event Health Regulations and information will be send to the participating ISU Members in due time and must be strictly followed by every Event Attendee.

At the current stage the event is planned to be held as a “bubble” event. For further details, please refer to the First Information document of the event.

## **19. ISU GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING FINAL ORGANIZING STRUCTURE & CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Any late changes regarding an event (entries etc) must be communicated simultaneously to the ISU Secretariat ([entries@isu.ch](mailto:entries@isu.ch)) and the Organizing Committee ([entries@skatingjapan.or.jp](mailto:entries@skatingjapan.or.jp)).**

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**Organizing ISU Members of the 6 individual events:**

Canada Skate Canada

France Fédération Française des Sports de Glace

Italy Federazione Sport del Ghiaccio

Japan Japan Skating Federation

Russia The Figure Skating Federation of Russia

United States The United States Figure Skating Association

**Organizing ISU Member 2021/22 – ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final:**

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20. Preliminary Event Schedule (subject to change)

Monday, Dec. 6, 2021	All day	Arrival of Teams
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021		Unofficial Practice
Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021	All day	Official Practice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	10:00	MEN - Technical Panel Meeting
	11:00	PAIRS - Technical Panel Meeting
	11:15	Medical Meeting
	12:00	ICE DANCE - Technical Panel Meeting
	13:00	WOMEN - Technical Panel Meeting
	17:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:45	SINGLE and PAIR SKATING - Judges Meeting
	18:45	ICE DANCE - Judges Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021	14:15	<b>JUNIOR PAIRS – Short Program</b>
	15:15	<b>JUNIOR MEN – Short Program</b>
	16:30	<b>JUNIOR WOMEN – Short Program</b>
	17:40	Opening Ceremony
	18:30	<b>SENIOR PAIRS – Short Program</b>
	19:50	<b>SENIOR MEN – Short Program</b>
	21:00	<b>SENIOR ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance</b>
Friday, Dec. 10, 2021	14:55	<b>JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance</b>
	16:15	<b>JUNIOR PAIRS – Free Skating</b>
	17:15	JUNIOR PAIRS – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	17:20	<b>JUNIOR WOMEN – Free Skating</b>
	18:55	<b>SENIOR WOMEN – Short Program</b>
	20:00	JUNIOR WOMEN – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	20:10	<b>SENIOR ICE DANCE – Free Dance</b>
		Victory Ceremonies Senior Ice Dance, Junior Women, Junior Pairs
	21:30	SENIOR ICE DANCE - Technical Panel Review Meeting
Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021	08:00	JUNIOR PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion
	09:15	JUNIOR WOMEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:30	SENIOR ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion
	13:10	<b>JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Free Dance</b>
	14:30	JUNIOR ICE DANCE - Technical Panel Review Meeting
	14:35	<b>JUNIOR MEN – Free Skating</b>
	16:00	JUNIOR MEN – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	16:00	<b>SENIOR PAIRS – Free Skating</b>
		Victory Ceremonies Senior Pairs, Junior Ice Dance, Junior Men
	17:30	PAIRS - Technical Panel Review Meeting
	18:30	<b>SENIOR WOMEN – Free Skating</b>
	19:56	<b>SENIOR MEN – Free Skating</b>
	20:00	SENIOR WOMEN - Technical Panel Review Meeting
		Victory Ceremonies Senior Women, Senior Ice Dance
	21:15	SENIOR MEN - Technical Panel Review Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021	08:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion
	09:15	JUNIOR MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:30	SENIOR PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion
	11:45	SENIOR WOMEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	13:00	SENIOR MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	14:30	<b>EXHIBITION</b>