



MEDIA INFORMATION PACKAGE

ISU WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2020 MONTREAL, CANADA MARCH 16-22, 2020



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Skate Canada looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU World Figure Skating Championships® in Montreal, Canada. The event will be held at the Centre Bell from March 16-22, 2020.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Montreal and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure media have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The press centre and press tribune will be open and operational for the first practice session on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:00 a.m.

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Media Accreditation

All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (www.isu.org) under «[Media Accreditation](#)».

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only.

Writing press, photographers, non-right holding media and freelancers

- **Writing Press** (newspaper, magazine, internet, agencies and ISU Member Federations): maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)
- **Photographer**: maximum one professional per organization (agencies and major newspapers: maximum two professionals)
- **Television non-right holder**: maximum three professionals per organization
- **Radio non-right holder**: maximum one professional per organization
- **Freelancer**: A freelance journalist or photographer is a full-time professional editor or photographer, who is not employed by an agency or newspaper – a self-employed professional. A freelance editor or photographer must provide written evidence that he/she operates on behalf of a clearly identified media. A freelance editor or photographer operating under his/her own account will not be accepted.

The total number of accredited media representatives will be subject to capacity. The Organizing Committee (OC) and ISU reserve the right to refuse any accreditation should the number of applications exceed given space or if any requested information / documentation has not been provided in due time.

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **February 24, 2020**. All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information can be requested:

1. Endorsement Letter in .pdf, .jpg, .png or .jpeg
2. Copy of current professional media or journalist card in .pdf,.jpg,.png,.jpeg
3. ID photo in .pdf, .jpg, .png or .jpeg

Rights holding TV and radio

All right holding media must also apply for accreditation via OMAS. Access to the Right Holders area is restricted, therefore Right Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team media@isu.ch in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)

Sibel Saunders
Senior Production Manager, CBC Sports
phone: 416-205-8528
sibel.saunders@cbc.ca

Jeff Pearlman
Executive Producer, CBC Sports
phone: 416-200-8217
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Accreditation Confirmation

If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic email of confirmation will be issued. You may be asked to present a copy of the email of confirmation to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. Please note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation with or without justification.

Media personnel can pick up their accreditation at Centre Bell starting on Monday, March 16 at 6:00 a.m. Photo identification will be required for the duration of the event.

Visa Application

The Government of Canada requires that all travelers carry a valid passport as the only universally accepted travel and identification document for the purposes of international travel. People who live in countries where a visa is needed to enter Canada must obtain one from a Canadian embassy abroad before coming to Canada.

Canada does not have a visa office in every country so it is important that delegates visit the website of the Canadian visa office responsible for processing their visa application. Information is available on the website on how to submit a visa application and the documentation required. Processing times for visa applications vary depending on the visa office and the time of the year. Participants are encouraged to apply approximately **12 weeks** in advance of their departure date to ensure they receive the visa in time.

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives. Please email entries@montreal2020.com to request a visa letter.

Please Note: Depending on your nationality, you may be required to give your biometrics:

- ◆ Starting July 31, 2018, the biometric requirement becomes mandatory for nationals of Europe, Middle East and Africa, and
- ◆ Starting December 31, 2018, the biometric requirement becomes mandatory for nationals of Asia, Asia Pacific and the Americas.

For additional information on whether you require a biometric, please refer to our [fast facts about Biometrics](#).

Visitors must have valid travel documents to enter Canada. Document requirements vary depending on which country you are travelling from. For specific information on travel documents and to find out if you require a visa to enter Canada as a visitor, please refer to <http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/> and <http://www.cic.gc.ca/>.

Important Notice: As of March 15, 2016, an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is mandatory for visa-exempt foreign nationals travelling to Canada by air (not by land or sea). The authorization is electronically linked to your passport, so no additional documents are

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necessary. It is valid for five years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first. To avoid any issues at the airport, you should get your eTA as soon as you begin planning your trip to Canada. It only costs \$7 CAD. To find out if you need an eTA or to apply online, visit this [website](#).

Additionally, note that any related costs for processing visa and/or eTA applications are not covered by the OC and are subject to the individual Member Federation.

Media Facilities at the Venue

- The Media Centre is located at Centre Bell and will provide a working area for media with fully equipped internet (wireless and hard-line), printing stations and a small catering station.
- A press conference room will also be located at Centre Bell.
- A small media working room and mix zone will also be set-up at the McConnell Arena (practice rink).

Competition Rink - Centre Bell

1909 Avenue des Canadiens-de-Montréal

Montréal, QC, Canada H4B 5G0

Telephone: +1 855 310 2525

<https://centrebelle.ca>

Practice Rink - McConnell Arena (McGill University)

3883 Rue University

Montréal, QC, Canada H3A 2B4

Telephone: +1 514 398 7017

<https://mcgillathletics.ca/sports/2012/11/5/1105124936.aspx>

Media Centre Hours:

(subject to change)

- Monday, March 16: **06:00 – 24:00**
- Tuesday, March 17: **06:00 – 24:00**
- Wednesday, March 18: **06:30 – 24:00**
- Thursday, March 19: **06:30 – 24:00**
- Friday, March 20: **07:45 – 24:00**
- Saturday, March 21: **08:15 – 01:00**
- Sunday, March 22: **09:00 – 20:00**
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Media Tribune and TV Commentator positions

- The media tribune and commentator positions are located at Centre Bell and will provide a working area for media with fully equipped internet (wireless and hardline), and printing stations. The media tribune overlooks the ice on the Upper Concourse.

Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition.

The Mixed Zone is split into five main sections and follows a pre-determined priority order:

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- Quick Quotes available through the ISU website
- Rights holders TV and radio broadcasters who have pre-booked positions
- ENG crews
- Written press
- Non-rights holders

A mixed zone has been created at Centre Bell. Skaters will access this zone on the way to their dressing rooms from the Kiss & Cry exit. The Mixed Zone will be located at ice level and media will be able to access this area by taking the stairs that are located by the Media Tribune.

There will also be a small mix zone set-up at the McConnell Arena (practice rink).

Material Available

- Press Conference: All draws, and press conferences will take place at Centre Bell in the Press Conference & Draw Room. Following the conclusion of the short program/rhythm dance for all men's, ladies, pairs, and ice dance there will be a brief press conference for the skaters who place first, second, and third. Following the free program/dance for pair and ice dance the gold, silver and bronze medallists will participate in a post-event press conference. The free program press conferences for men's and ladies will be held following their victory ceremonies.
- [Press Conference Highlights](#)
- [Quick Quotes](#)
- Press Releases: To receive ISU Press Releases please subscribe [here](#). To join the Skate Canada press release distribution list please email media@skatecanada.ca.
- [Results & Entries](#)
- [Media Guide](#)
- Image Gallery: Pictures are available in [News Items](#) with credit as mentioned / media@skatecanada.ca
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Media Accommodation

The OC has designated three official media hotels. Transportation will be provided for all accredited persons between the Centre Bell (Competition rink) and the McConnell Arena (Practice rink). There is no shuttle from the media hotels to the rink, as the **Marriott Montreal Chateau Champlain** and **Sheraton Centre** are a short walk to the Centre Bell.

Please be advised that the **Fairfield Inn and Suites Montreal Downtown** is NOT walking distance to the Centre Bell and shuttle transportation is NOT available from this hotel.

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Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

Media Hotels

Marriott Montreal Chateau Champlain

Address: 1050 de la Gauchetiere West, Montreal, Quebec

Phone: 514-878-9000

Rates

Standard: \$224.00 per room, per night (plus taxes). Two double beds only.

All rates are in CAD.

Room Amenities

- Internet Access
- On-site Parking
- Business Centre
- Fitness Centre
- Miscellaneous Services
- Indoor pool/hot tub
- No pets
- Luggage storage
- Restaurant on-site
- Hotel Bar on-site

Distance from Airport to Marriott Hotel: Approximately 19 kilometres/25 minutes (traffic dependent)

Distance from Marriott Hotel to CentreBell: Approximately 1 kilometre/10 minutes (traffic dependent)

Distance from Marriott Hotel to Practice Rink: Approximately 2.7m/13 minutes (traffic dependent)

Sheraton Centre

Address: 1201 Rene-Levesque West, Montreal, Quebec

Phone: 1-514-878-2000

Rates

Standard: \$249.00 per room, per night (plus taxes) One king with Pull Out Sofa.

All rates are in CAD.

Room Amenities

- ◆ Complimentary Internet Access
- ◆ Free Parking
- ◆ Studio Pressurat, Inc.
- ◆ Fitness Centre
- ◆ Miscellaneous Services
 - ◆ Indoor pool/hot tub
 - ◆ Luggage storage
 - ◆ Restaurant on-site

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- ◆ Multilingual staff
- ◆ Pet friendly

Distance from Airport to Sheraton Hotel: Approximately 18 km/25 minutes (traffic dependent)

Distance from Sheraton Hotel to Centre Bell: Approximately 200 m/5 minutes (traffic dependent)

Distance from Sheraton Hotel to Practice Rink: Approximately 2.3km/11 minutes (traffic dependent)

Fairfield Inn and Suites Montreal Downtown

***no shuttle transportation from this hotel and NOT walking distance.**

Address: 1199 Rue Berri, Montreal, Quebec

Phone: 1-514-845-9236

Rates

\$179.00 per room, per night (plus taxes) One king bed or two queen bedrooms.
All rates are in CAD.

Room Amenities

- Accessible rooms available
- Fridges available in most rooms
- Iron /Iron board in rooms
- Wireless Internet connection available in most rooms
- Hospitality Rooms available upon request (charges may apply)
- Laundry Facilities available
- Microwave available for use in lobby/breakfast area
- Parking charges

Cancellation Policy

If one or more room nights are cancelled after February 8, 2020, any costs incurred will be the responsibility of the guest.

Booking deadline is February 1, 2020.

Rooms are reserved on a first come first serve basis and rooms may sell-out prior to the booking deadline.

Link to book for all media hotels:

<https://secure.htgsports.com/hrms.nsf/StdMarathonVisitor?OpenForm&eventid=18BFC8CA84CC55628525845D005CC6D7>

Transportation & Telecommunications

Transportation

Transportation will be provided for all accredited persons between the Centre Bell (Competition rink) and the McConnell Arena (Practice rink). Media must walk a short distance from the media hotels (Marriott Montreal Chateau Champlain/Sheraton Centre) to the Centre Bell in order to

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catch the shuttle to the practice rink. The shuttle bus service will commence on **Monday, March 16, 2020** and run until **Saturday, March 21, 2020**, departing every 30 minutes. A detailed schedule will be available at Accreditation.

Telecommunications

Media looking to book additional internet lines or other telecommunications services are asked at email media@skatecanada.ca for further details and rates.

Useful Information

Language

French is the predominant language throughout Québec, although both English and French are the official languages in Canada. Most government services are available in either language.

Montreal Public Transit (Société de transport de Montréal - STM)

Plan your trip with the user-friendly Google Maps Trip Planner.

Financial Services and Banking Hours

Regular banking hours are Monday to Friday from 10:00 until 16:00 with extended hours including weekends at many locations. Many banks are open Saturdays until 15:00 and closed Sundays and on holidays.

Major credit cards are honoured in most business establishments. Automated teller machines (ATMs) marked with a Plus sign or Interac symbol will accept automated banking cards from outside Canada. Banks charge a fee of approximately \$3 for international transactions. The visitors' bank sets the exchange rate.

For currency conversions refer to: <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/daily-converter/>
The currency is the Canadian dollar (CAD). For denominations under five dollars, Canadians use coins, including what are affectionately known as the "Loonie" (one-dollar coin) and "Toonie" (two-dollar coin).

Taxes

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a five percent (5%) federal tax that is applied to most supplies of goods and services made in Canada. Almost all services and products are subject to a 5% GST. The Province of Québec also has a provincial sales tax (Québec Sales Tax - QST) of 9.975%. Most prices posted in stores do not include taxes. Visitors to Canada may be eligible for tax rebates. Rebate forms are available at the airport or Tourism Office. There is no rebate on consumable items such as meals, liquor, tobacco, transportation costs and gasoline.

Tipping

While tipping is not mandatory in Canada, it is customary in many circumstances for good service, especially in sit-down restaurants, which offer table service. If you're happy with the service you receive, a 15-20% tip on the pre-tax bill is a standard expression of appreciation.

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Electricity

Electricity sockets are 120V plug type A. Visitors with appliances of different voltages should bring adapters.

Tobacco and Alcohol

The legal drinking age in Québec is 18 years old; a driver's license is considered a valid form of identification. You must also be at least 18 years of age to purchase cigarettes. Smoking is banned in public spaces and workspaces in Québec, including schools, restaurants, bars, and private clubs. The ban extends to outdoor public areas such as playgrounds, sport fields and restaurant and bar patios.

Business Hours

In general, stores are open from 09:00 until 17:00 from Monday to Saturday, Sunday from 12:00 until 17:00. Some shopping malls are open from 10:00 until 21:00. Some large pharmacies, grocery stores and bookstores stay open late all week, and some smaller boutiques may open their doors later in the morning.

Emergency Services

The emergency number for all health, safety, police and crime emergencies is 9-1-1.

Competition information

Schedule: <https://montreal2020.com/event-info/event-schedule/>

Entry List: <https://montreal2020.com/event-info/entries/>

Results: <http://www.isureresults.com/events/fsevent03111969.htm>

Rankings: <https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/entries-results/standings>

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