



**WORLD TEAM TROPHY
in Figure Skating**

2023

A N N O U N C E M E N T

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. GENERAL

The ISU World Team Trophy (in Figure Skating) is an ISU Event announced in respect of the current ISU Constitution and Regulations. As per ISU Regulations, Rule 100, paragraphs 3. a) & b) the ISU owns all rights to the ISU World Team Trophy. The ISU World Team Trophy will be held with the approval and the assistance of the International Skating Union, under the responsibility of the organizing ISU Members concerned (in this case the Japan Skating Federation – JSF) and in accordance with the current ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2022, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2022 and all relevant ISU Communications.

The 8th edition of the ISU World Team Trophy has been allotted by the ISU Council to the Japan Skating Federation to be held in Tokyo Japan on April 13-16, 2023.

2. BASIC EVENT FORMAT AND QUALIFYING SYSTEM

- a) The ISU World Team Trophy format is based on a competition consisting of the six (6) best national Teams from ISU Members with a special provision for the host ISU Member to be included as Qualified Member. Each Team will be composed of 2 Men Single Skaters, 2 Women Single Skaters, 1 Pair and 1 Ice Dance Couple, i.e. a total of 8 Skaters per Team. Each Team nominates a Captain from Team Skaters who represents the Team including during the medal giving ceremony.
- b) Six (6) ISU Members will qualify based on the scoring scale used for the ISU World Standing points (see applicable scale in sub-paragraph e) below) scored by its best 2 Women Single Skaters, best 2 Men Single Skaters, the best Pair and the best Ice Dance Couple primarily at ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final season 2022/23 and the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023, plus possibly the ISU European Figure Skating Championships / ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2023, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2023 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating season 2022/23.
- c) The 6 Teams, having accumulated the highest number of points by the above-mentioned number and discipline of Skaters/Couples in the above-mentioned ISU Events and the criteria outlined below, will qualify. If a Team would qualify by points with less than the above-mentioned number and disciplines of Skater/Couples contributing to the qualification points, such Team would only be considered qualified, if points are achieved in at least 3 disciplines, otherwise the Team with the next highest amount of points fulfilling the criteria will be considered qualified. If there is a tie among Teams' subject to qualify, the Team having earned the higher number of points at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023 will be qualified. If a tie persists, the qualifying ISU Member will be decided by draw. The Team of the host ISU Member, if not qualified under the applicable Qualifying System, will receive a wild card entry as Team number 6 replacing the Team finishing in that place in the Standings.
- d) For the purpose of the ISU World Team Trophy Qualifying System, the basis is to attribute to each ISU Member points according to the scale below (sub-paragraph e) on the basis of **the two best results** (the highest number of points earned) of **two different** Single Skaters **Men**, of **two different** Single Skaters **Women**, of **one Pair** and of **one Ice Dance couple** at each of the two (2) groups of ISU Events listed below (the applicable Events):
 - i) in one of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events or Final (senior) season 2022/23. If Skaters/Couples of an ISU Member have not obtained points in the above-mentioned ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events and Final (senior) season 2022/23, then the best result in one event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events (only in individual events but not the Final) season 2022/23 can be considered.
 - ii) in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023. If Skaters/Couples of an ISU Member have not obtained World Standing points in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023, then it is possible to use the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2023 respectively the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2023 and if needed the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2023.

It must be understood that in spite of the fact that the Qualified ISU Members for the ISU World Team Trophy can only participate with two Single Skaters each Women and Men, one Pair and one Ice Dance couple, for the ISU World Team Trophy qualifying system the highest number of World Standing points*) per discipline (Women, Men, Pair Skating/Ice Dance) earned at each of the two above-mentioned applicable Events will be

used when cumulating the World Standing points*) earned per ISU Member. This means that more and different Skaters/Couples per ISU Member may contribute to the cumulative number of World Standing points*) per ISU Member. Practically, two to four different Single Skaters Women and two to four different Single Skaters Men (the maximum four different Skaters would be two different Skaters each at two Events) could contribute to the cumulative number of World Standing points*) per ISU Member. For Pair Skating and Ice Dance couples it could be one to two Pairs respectively one to two Ice Dance couples per ISU Member that could contribute to the cumulative number of World Standing points*) per ISU Member (the maximum two different couples would be one couple each at the two applicable Events).

*) World Standing points are granted and calculated only for the events described as in paragraph 2.d) and 2.e). The corresponding ranking and ISU World Team Trophy qualification list indicating the respective qualified ISU Members for the ISU World Team Trophy 2023 (hereafter called the "Qualified ISU Members") will be published on the ISU website immediately after the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023, which will be held in Saitama, Japan, on March 20-26, 2023.

e) ISU World Standing points - allocation of points:

Place	WC	EC/FC	WJC	GPF	GP	JGP
1.	1200	840	500	800	400	250
2.	1080	756	450	720	360	225
3.	972	680	405	648	324	203
4.	875	612	365	583	292	182
5.	787	551	328	525	262	164
6.	709	496	295	472	236	148
7.	638	446	266		213	133
8.	574	402	239		191	120
9.	517	362	215			108
10.	465	325	194			97
11.	418	293	174			
12.	377	264	157			
13.	339	237	141			
14.	305	214	127			
15.	275	192	114			
16.	247	173	103			
17.	222	156	93			
18.	200	140	83			
19.	180	126	75			
20.	162	113	68			
21.	146	102	61			
22.	131	92	55			
23.	118	83	49			
24.	106	74	44			
Event	11043	7729	4601	3748	2278	1628

WC = World Championships

EC = European Championships

FC = Four Continents Championships

WJC = World Junior Championships

GPF = Grand Prix Final

GP = Grand Prix individual events

JGP = Junior Grand Prix individual events

3. CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION AND ENTRIES OF SKATERS/COUPLES

3.1. Skaters/Couples participation/eligibility requirements

The ISU World Team Trophy is only open to Skaters/Couples/individuals who belong to ISU Members that have qualified for participation in the ISU World Team Trophy according to the Qualifying System outlined above. The Skaters/Couples entered by the respective Qualified ISU Members must satisfy the ISU eligibility requirement in accordance with the current ISU Constitution and General Regulations, Rule 102, their age must be within the limits specified in ISU Rule 108, paragraph 3. a) and they must meet the citizenship, residency and participation

requirement stated in ISU Rule 109 as well as ISU Communication No. 2526 or any update of this Communication. Entries can only be made through the Qualified ISU Members.

ISU Members whose Teams qualified for the ISU World Team Trophy have the obligation to give priority to ISU Events under Rule 136, paragraph 6 and therefore are committed to send their Teams to the competition.

In case that any Qualified ISU Member cannot send its Team to the competition for whatever reason, the ISU may invite the ISU Member whose Team is ranked next in the ISU World Team Trophy qualification list.

Furthermore, in case that one or more of the best ranked Skaters/Couples (in the ISU World Standings valid after the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023) of a Qualified ISU Member elects not to participate, the ISU reserves the right to exclude such Team from the competition and to invite instead the ISU Member/s whose Team is ranked next in the ISU World Team Trophy qualification list.

The ISU in consultation with JSF may authorize to invite to take part in the Exhibition a total of four Skaters/Couples who achieved the best results in the applicable Grand Prix of Figure Skating and World Championships among Skaters/Couples of the respective discipline but who belong to an ISU Member or ISU Members whose Team(s) did not qualify for the ISU World Team Trophy competition. The relevant expenses will be at the charge of the organizing ISU Member (JSF).

3.2. Consequences of non-participation

It is of the highest importance that Rule 136 paragraph 6 of the ISU General Regulations be respected and implemented by all ISU Members and Skaters.

3.3. Confirmation and Entry Procedure

3.3.1. Entries of Skaters/Couples, Judges and Team members

The Qualified ISU Members will be officially informed by the ISU Secretariat latest shortly after the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023 and must enter their Skaters/Couples plus one substitute and Judges, via the Online Registration System (ORS) by **Thursday March 30, 2023 – 20:00 (JST), local time Tokyo / JPN.**

The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS):

<https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the

Organizing ISU Member
Japan Skating Federation
Japan Sport Olympic Square,
4-2, Kasumigaokamachi, Shinjuku-ku,
Tokyo, 160-0013, Japan
e-mail: entries@skatingjapan.or.jp

and to
ISU Secretariat
e-mail: entries@isu.ch

Additional team members are strictly limited to one (1) Team Leader per Team, one (1) Coach per Skater/Couple, two (2) Team Official including the Member President, one (1) Team Doctor, one (1) Team Physiotherapist, one (1) Member Press Officer and must also be entered via the Online Registration System (ORS) by **Thursday March 30, 2023 – 20:00 (JST), local time Tokyo / JPN.**

3.2.2. Music / Program Content Sheet

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) until **Wednesday, April 5, 2023 – 20:00 JST (local time Tokyo/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.

3.4. Withdrawals & substitute Skaters/Couples attendance

If an entered Skater or Couple cannot participate due to injury or illness, he/she/they must immediately inform the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat in writing through the respective ISU Member. The concerned Qualified ISU Member must ensure that the substitute Skater/Couple nominated shall attend.

The substitute Skaters/Couples must remain on stand-by as possible alternates until three (3) days before the opening of the ISU World Team Trophy, i.e. until Monday, April 10, 2023 – noon (12:00) local time in Japan (JST). These substitute Skaters/Couples are responsible to keep readily available their own necessary visa and possibly the travel documents.

Withdrawals are permitted only for illness or injury duly confirmed by a timely Medical Certificate as outlined below and subject to review by an ISU appointed Medical Doctor and/or for other justified serious reasons, such as e.g. bereavement in the close family.

In the case an entered Skater/Couple 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 ISU 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.

The Skater/Couple withdrawn for any reason, including injury or illness, cannot take part in any skating event until the date decided and published by the ISU.

Replacements do not influence the invitation of Judges or the composition of the panel of Judges.

3.5. Travel Documents and Permits

Due to the limited time between the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023 and the ISU World Team Trophy, all qualified Team members are requested to take care of their individual travel documents and permits (visa, etc.) on a timely basis. ISU Members who, based on the results of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating season 2022/23 are likely to qualify for the ISU World Team Trophy (pending the results of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023) are strongly recommended to make the necessary visa arrangements (if necessary for travel to Japan) in due time, i.e. before the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023.

In case of restrictions and enhanced visa procedures to enter Japan under the Covid-19 or similar conditions the Organizing Committee will inform all participants in due time about the detailed requirements to enter Japan.

A meeting with Representatives from the ISU Members of the qualified Teams will be organized on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at the site of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023 in Saitama/Japan. The exact time and location of such meeting will be announced in due time.

3.6. Insurance/Liability

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events, 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 to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The ISU and the Organizing Committee (Organizing ISU Member) assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred by Skaters/Couples and Officials.

4. EXPENSES

The organizing ISU Member (JSF) will pay travel expenses based on economy airfare rates for all participating Skaters/Couples to the ISU World Team Trophy, for all Judges invited, for all appointed Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and 2 persons per Team as support personnel (which may be Coaches, Team Leaders, choreographers etc.) from their domicile to the event and return.

Participating Team members and Judges are requested to arrange their own air tickets by themselves but to inform the OC as soon as possible about the planned details (flight schedule, airlines, fares, etc.) and get the OC's approval before issuing the tickets.

The travel expenses shall be paid by the OC through wire-transfer upon receipt of the detailed expense reimbursement request that must include a copy of the corresponding invoice and copy of air ticket. Alternatively, the travel expenses can be reimbursed by the OC on site in Tokyo upon presentation of the expense reimbursement request including a copy of the respective invoice and air ticket.

Air tickets for appointed Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators will be arranged directly by the OC through its official travel agent in consultation with each Official.

The organizing ISU Member (JSF) will pay accommodation and meal expenses for the above-mentioned persons from dinner on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**, through breakfast on **Monday, April 17, 2023**. This period may be extended in case of reasonable individual flight arrangement necessities.

Traveling substitute Skaters/Couples will not be at the charge of the organizing ISU Member (JSF). The respective ISU Member is responsible for their expenses.

5. ANTI-DOPING TESTS

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications No. 2344 & 2366 or later updates).

6. PRIZE MONEY – APPEARANCE FEES

a) Prize Money – Appearance Fee

j) Prize Money

The organizing ISU Member (JSF) will make available the Global Prize Money amount (that is secured through the ISU agreements) for the ISU World Team Trophy of:

US\$ 1'000'000

to the Skaters/Couples of the awarded teams. All prize money in favor of the Skaters/Couples will be paid via bank transfer by the organizing ISU Member (JSF) to the ISU Members of the Skaters/Couples of the awarded teams immediately after the ISU World Team Trophy based on the following scale:

1 st placed team:	US\$ 200'000
2 nd placed team:	US\$ 170'000
3 rd placed team:	US\$ 160'000
4 th placed team:	US\$ 150'000
5 th placed team:	US\$ 140'000
6 th placed team:	US\$ 130'000.

ii) Appearance Fees

Competitors from the Qualified Teams for the ISU World Team Trophy having ranked either in the top 3 of the preceding ISU World Figure Skating Championships and/or being ranked in the ISU Seasonal World Ranking (status after the preceding ISU World Figure Skating Championships) in the top 3 positions, will receive the following Appearance Fees:

Ranked 1st:	US\$ 30'000
Ranked 2nd:	US\$ 20'000
Ranked 3rd:	US\$ 10'000

In case Competitors are ranked among the top 3 in both, the preceding ISU World Championships and in the ISU Seasonal World Ranking, then the better ranking among the two options applies. For example, a World Champion who in the ISU Seasonal World Ranking is ranked second, would receive an Appearance Fee of US\$ 30'000, hence the two options are not cumulative. Consequently, the maximum Appearance Fees for each Event amounts to US\$ 480'000, namely the maximum for four disciplines and the hypothetical case that all ISU World Figure Skating Championships medalists and World Ranking top 3 positions are all different.

The payment of the Appearance Fee is subject to the concerned Competitors completing the two segments during the ISU World Team Trophy. If the concerned Competitors compete only in one segment, then the applicable Appearance Fee shall be reduced by 50%.

iii) Appearance Fees for invited Skaters to the exhibition

The Skaters/Couples being invited and participating in the exhibition only (see paragraph 3.1) above), will receive the following appearance fees (Total US\$ 50'000)

2 Single Skaters:	US\$ 10'000 each per Skater
1 Pair Skating Couple / 1 Ice Dance Couple:	US\$ 15'000 each per Couple

- b) If a team completes the competition (both segments for each discipline) with fewer than the foreseen 8 Skaters (2 Women Single Skaters, 2 Men Single Skaters, 2 partners for one Pair Skating Couple and 2 partners for one Ice Dance couple) for other than justifiable reasons (injury/illness or other serious reasons such as bereavement in the close family and/or other reasons outside the Skaters control and responsibility as accepted by the ISU Referee), the above mentioned Prize Money amounts will be reduced by 12.5% per Single Skater or 25% per Couple not having completed the competition.
- c) The ISU Member of Skaters who have been awarded Prize Money may retain a maximum of 10 %. No deduction by ISU Members is allowed for the appearance fees of the Skaters/Couples only participating in the exhibition.
- d) The allocation of the Prize Money within a Team among the competing Skaters/Couples shall be as follows: Pursuant to paragraph b) above, each Skater (Single Skater or each partner of a Pair Skating/Ice Dance Couple) will receive an **equal share** of the Prize Money awarded to the Team as per paragraph a), b) & d) above.

For example, a Team having completed the competition with all the 8 Skaters, each Skater will receive 1/8 of the Prize Money awarded to the Team, i.e. 1st place US\$ 200'000 less possibly 10% for the ISU Member = US\$ 180'000 with 1/8 being US\$ 22'500. A Team having completed the competition with 7 Skaters, each Skater will receive 1/7 of the Prize Money awarded to the Team, i.e. 1st place US\$ 200'000 less possibly 10% for the ISU Member less 12.5% for one Skater not having completed the competition = US\$ 157'500 with 1/7 being US\$ 22'500, and so forth.

- e) All costs and taxes related to the amount transferred to the awarded ISU Members are under the control, responsibility and charges of the organizing ISU Member (JSF), respectively the ISU Member for the part of the respective position of the awarded Skaters/Couples as well as the Skaters/Couples. The organizing ISU Member (JSF) transferring the Prize Money/Appearance Fees in US Dollars to the ISU Member of the awarded Skaters/Couples shall deduct the applicable withholding tax, if any, according to the respective law of the host country, taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded ISU Members/Skaters/Couples. Only actually occurred bank charges and fees may be deducted, i.e. no arbitrary lump-sum deductions for the processing of the payment are allowed. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other cost.

The awarded ISU Members, after having made the respective transfer to the awarded Skaters, shall confirm in writing, on a special ISU form, that the money has been made available to the Skaters concerned. The form shall be signed by the President, the General Secretary and the Skater(s) concerned and must be returned to the ISU Secretariat at the latest two months after the ISU World Team Trophy.

- f) Skaters/Couples qualified for the exhibition must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of US\$ 10'000 for Single Skaters and US\$ 15'000 for Pairs/Ice Dance Couples from the awarded Prize Money.
- g) 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 the event's Organizer. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded Prize Money. The decision to reduce Prize Money will be made by an entitled ISU Representative, subsequently to be ratified by the ISU Council.

7. VENUE AND LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE ISU WORLD TEAM TROPHY

Organizing Committee: **Japan Skating Federation**

Place: **Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium** (Tōkyō Taiikukan)
1 Chome-17-1 Sendagaya, Shibuya City, Tokyo 151-0051, Japan
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m, air-conditioned and heated)

8. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

MEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, 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.
WOMEN	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, 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.
PAIR SKATING	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2022/23. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2468 and subsequent updates.
		Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communications 2468 and subsequent updates.
		Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

9. STARTING ORDER

The participating Skaters/Couples will be listed according to their ISU World Standing placement at time of the ISU World Team Trophy. The starting order in the Short Program or Rhythm Dance segment will be the reverse order of the ISU World Standing placements. In the case of any tie, there will be a draw to determine who skates first.

Skaters/Couples, not having earned any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the ISU World Standing list in country order. There will be a separate draw between those Skaters/Couples with no World Standing points to determine the starting order, following the basic principles of ISU Rule 513.

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

10. ISU JUDGING SYSTEM – RESULT DETERMINATION

The ISU Judging System as described in current ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating/Ice Dance shall apply, in particular but not limited to Rule 352 and Rule 353.

To determine the final result of the ISU World Team Trophy the following rule will be used:

The Team event consists of 2 phases of competitions. The 1st phase the Short Programs and Rhythm Dance and the 2nd phase the Free Skating and Free Dance.

Teams are awarded 12 to 1 Team point(s) for Men and Women and respectively 12 to 7 Team points for Pair Skating and Ice Dance in the 1st phase and the 2nd phase.

Place	Points awarded for Men and Women in SP and FS	Points awarded Pair Skating and Ice Dance in SP/RD and FS/FD
1 st	12	12
2 nd	11	11
3 rd	10	10
4 th	9	9
5 th	8	8
6 th	7	7
7 th	6	-
8 th	5	-
9 th	4	-
10 th	3	-
11 th	2	-
12 th	1	-

The intermediate and the final Team Standings are calculated according to the sum of the team points achieved in each phase of the Team event of each discipline.

Tie Breaking within a segment

- If two or more Skaters, Pairs, or Ice Dance Couples have the same rank in the Short Program or Rhythm Dance, the Total Technical Score will be used to break ties.
- If two or more Skaters, Pairs, or Ice Dance Couples have the same rank in the Free Skating or Free Dance, the Program Components Score will be to break ties.
- If these results do not break the tie, the competitors concerned will be considered tied. The Team points will be awarded according to the placement of the Skaters/Couples in each discipline.

Tie Breaking within the Team Standings

In cases of ties between Teams, the following tie breaking procedure will be used. This is only applicable after the second discipline of the current phase has started.

- The highest total Team points from the two best places **in different disciplines** of the current phase will break the ties.
- If they remain tied, the highest total segment scores of the two best places according to the Team points **in different disciplines** of the current phase will break the ties.
- If they remain tied, the highest total Team points from the three best places **in different disciplines** of the current phase will break the ties.
- If they remain tied, the highest total segment scores of the three best places according to the Team points **in different disciplines** of the current phase will break the ties.

If these criteria fail to break the ties, the Teams will be considered as tied.

11. AWARDS ON ICE

The winning Team will be awarded with the ISU World Team Trophy. All participating Skaters/Couples will receive a medal. The national anthem of the country of the winning Team will be played and the flags of the countries of the three best Teams will be hoisted.

12. ISU APPOINTED OFFICIALS

The ISU will appoint all Event Officials (ISU Referees, ISU Technical Controllers, ISU Technical Specialists and ISU Data & Replay Operators) and may appoint an Event Management Team for the ISU World Team Trophy. The ISU Secretariat will inform the organizing ISU Member (JSF) of the names of the Officials assigned to their Event. No changes will be accepted unless confirmed in writing by the ISU Secretariat.

An OAC Team will also be appointed, which is performing the Officials' evaluation at home.

13. PANEL OF JUDGES

The panel of Judges will consist of a maximum of 9 ISU Judges but not less than 7 Judges of different ISU Members in each discipline. Judges must have the qualification ISU Judge. Each participating ISU Member may send 1 ISU Judge for Single & Pair Skating plus 1 ISU Judge for Ice Dance, total 2 Judges per participating ISU Member. The 2 Judges must be able to cover all disciplines, i.e. Single Skating, Pair Skating and Ice Dance.

To complete the panels of 9 Judges, up to 8 additional ISU Judges (up to 4 additional Judges qualified to judge both Single & Pair Skating as well as up to 4 additional Judges for Ice Dance) will be invited from other and different ISU Members. These additional needed Judges from ISU Members not participating with Skaters in the ISU World Team Trophy will be selected by the ISU on the basis of the official ISU World Standings valid after the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023, i.e. among at least the 4 ISU Member with the highest placed Singles Skaters/Pairs, Ice Dance couple regardless of the discipline, in the current World Standings subject to availability of the necessary qualified Judges. The composition of the panel of Judges including seating order for each category will be drawn on site.

14. OFFICIALS REMUNERATION

The Judges, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2096 (or any update of this Communication), the same remuneration as for the (senior) Grand Prix. Only hard currencies are acceptable. The remuneration should be paid upon accreditation.

15. EXHIBITION

The final Exhibition is a part of the ISU World Team Trophy. The Organizing Committee together with the ISU will select the participants of the Exhibition from each discipline (Men, Women, Pair Skating and Ice Dance) of the ISU World Team Trophy plus the invited Skaters/Couples as per paragraph 3.1 above, who are expected to participate in the final Exhibition with an appropriate show performance. Encores are expected and must be of different nature as the original show performances (different music, different performance). Skaters/Couples who fail to meet these requirements will have their Prize Money reduced by US\$ 10'000 for Single Skaters and by US\$ 15'000 for Pair Skating/Ice Dance Couples.

Maximum 4 Skaters/Couples who are nominated by the organizing ISU Member (JSF) can skate in the Exhibition in addition to those Japanese Single Skaters/Pairs/Ice Dance Couple from the JSF Team who qualified to skate in the Exhibition.

Japanese Skaters/Couples not part of the JSF Team having competed in the ISU World Team Trophy will neither receive expense reimbursement nor Appearance Fees. In addition, the Team from Japan plus one selected Team will be asked to perform a Team exhibition number.

16. 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).

Please enter all room requirements including those of the Team Leader, Coaches, Team Officials, Team Medical Staffs in the respective section of the Online Registration System (ORS). The hotel will not accept individual reservations within the reserved Organizing Committee block. The hotel requests need to be submitted via the Online Registration System (ORS) to the Organizing Committee by **Thursday, March 30, 2023**, at the latest.

17. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

The participating Teams and all respective Team members as well as all Event Officials are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Thursday, March 30, 2023** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at the **Tokyo International Airport Haneda (HND) or Narita International Airport (NRT)** or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals using the Online Registration System (ORS).

The Organizing Committee will provide a bus shuttle to meet the Teams on arrival.

18. PRACTICE

Official practice begins on **Wednesday, April 12, 2023, in the morning**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

19. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation is planned at the official hotel upon arrival. Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and ISU Office Holders.

Accreditation will only be granted to persons officially entered and named through their ISU Member. For applicable payments of expenses by the OC, point 4 above applies.

The ISU Member certifies with submitting the entry data via the Online Registration System (ORS) the correctness of the indicated functions of the indicated Team members. Any misleading information and/or misuse of any function will be subject to sanctions as per ISU Regulations.

20. INFECTIOUS DISEASE GUIDELINES

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 the [Infectious Disease Guidelines](#). These ISU Guidelines describe the minimum sanitary measures that must be put in place to host an ISU Event.

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.

21. ISU WORLD TEAM TROPHY ORGANIZING STRUCTURE & CONTACT INFORMATION

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22. EVENT SCHEDULE (subject to changes)

Tuesday, April 11, 2023	All day	Arrival of Teams
Wednesday, April 12, 2023	07:30	Official Practice
	08:30	Technical Panel Meeting ICE DANCE
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	10:30	Technical Panel Meeting PAIR SKATING
	11:15	Team Medical Meeting
	11:30	Technical Panel Meeting MEN
	12:45	Technical Panel Meeting WOMEN
	16:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:00	Initial Judges Meeting
	19:30	Welcome Reception
Thursday, April 13, 2023	09:00	Official Practice
	14:55	Opening Ceremony on Ice
	15:50	ICE DANCE - Rhythm Dance
	17:15	WOMEN - Short Program
	19:25	MEN - Short Program
Friday, April 14, 2023	09:30	Official Practice
	16:00	PAIR SKATING - Short Program
	17:25	ICE DANCE - Free Dance
	19:00	WOMEN - Free Skating
	19:00	Technical Panel Review Meeting ICE DANCE
	21:00	Technical Panel Review Meeting WOMEN
Saturday, April 15, 2023	08:00	Round Table Discussion WOMEN
	09:15	Round Table Discussion ICE DANCE
	10:00	Official Practice
	15:15	PAIR SKATING - Free Skating
	16:50	MEN - Free Skating
	17:00	Technical Panel Review Meeting PAIR SKATING
	18:50	Victory Ceremony
	19:00	Technical Panel Review Meeting MEN
	21:00	Closing Banquet
Sunday, April 16, 2023	08:30	Exhibition Practice
	09:00	Round Table Discussion PAIR SKATING
	10:15	Round Table Discussion MEN
	14:00	GALA EXHIBITION