

 **Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2023/24**



Trophy d'Ecosse

Dumfries, Scotland

26th & 27th January 2024

ANNOUNCEMENT



Trophy d'Ecosse

An International Competition

for

Junior & Senior

organised by

British Ice Skating

In cooperation with

Trophy d'Ecosse Local Organising Committee

Dumfries, Scotland

26th & 27th January 2024

A competition as part of the



Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2023/24

under the authorisation of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **Trophy d'Ecosse** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2022, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Trophy d'Ecosse** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 4 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

All Teams must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation.

2. CHALLENGER SERIES IN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

The **Trophy d'Ecosse** is part of the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2023/24 and will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as specified in the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2022/23 as well as ISU Communication 2540.

If the requirements specified in the above-mentioned documents are fulfilled the event will count towards ISU World Standing Points, Minimum Total Technical Score, ISU Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating Ranking.

There is a limitation for the Teams to two (2) participations in the events of the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating.

CHALLENGER SERIES IN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING RANKING

At the end of the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating, after the last event of the season has been concluded, the highest final score in the up to two (2) different Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating events of each Team will be added and taken into consideration to form a Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating Ranking which will be published on the ISU website.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE **Main arena: Dumfries Ice Bowl, King Street, Dumfries, DG2 9AN**
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 29 x 56m, air-conditioned and heated)

JUNIOR Short Program Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, but may be less,

The General Short Program Elements and requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1 a), 2 and 3, Rule 992, paragraphs 1 a), and 2. The Short Program Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2023/24 are listed in ISU Communication 2553.

Free Skating Duration: 3 minutes and 30 seconds +/- 10 seconds

The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1 b), 2 and 4, Rule 992, paragraph 1 b) and 2. The Free Skating Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2023/24 are listed in ISU Communication 2553.



SENIOR Short Program	Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, but may be less, The General Short Program Elements and requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1 a), 2 and 3, Rule 992, paragraphs 1 a) and 2. The Short Program Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2023/24 are listed in ISU Communication 2553.
Free Skating	Duration: 4 minutes +/- 10 seconds The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1 b), 2 and 4, Rule 992, paragraph 1 b) and 2. The Free Skating Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2023/24 are listed in ISU Communication 2553.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 General

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2023/24.

All entries for the Trophy d'Ecosse must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

4.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: 17th November 2023 by entering the information through ORS.

4.3 Entries by Name

4.3.1 Entries of Teams

Participation is open to all Teams of ISU Members.

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:

Trophy d'Ecosse Organising Committee
e-mail: trophydecosse@outlook.com

and to:

ISU Secretariat
e-mail: entries@isu.ch

not later than: **29th December 2023 – 20:00 (Local time city of event).**

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions".

In case of too many nominated judges the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the



closing date for the entries. The result of such draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than: 29th December 2023

Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 7 Judges. In exceptional cases and if there is no possibility to compose a panel of judges with at least 7 Judges, the ISU Vice-President Figure Skating may exceptionally authorize the panel in question to have a minimum of 6 Judges.

In case that at the time of the competition more Judges will be available and entered as required to compose the panels of Judges, the Organising Member in consultation with the ISU will conduct on site, a draw for the panel of judges for the first segment. The Judges, not drawn for the first segment will be seated for the second segment.

The panel for the second segment (Free Skating) will in this case be completed by an open draw amongst the Judges serving in the first segment.

4.3.3 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organiser.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Team will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted. Only one Team Official of each Member, including the Member President provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation, 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 Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and must reach the Organising Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than: **29th December 2023 - 20:00 (Local time city of event)**.

4.3.4 Entry Fee

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

£450.00 per Team

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

All payments should be made by Direct Bank Transfer to the following account:

Account Name: D&G Council Income

Sort Code: 83-18-06

Account: 15084800

International Payments

Swift BIC: RBOSGB2L

IBAN Number: GB97RBOS83180615084800

Clearly indicate reference: TDE 2024/name of Team/Country

Commissions and any bank transaction fees will be at the cost of the Entrant and should be paid directly to the bank. Surcharge may apply at the event where this is not covered.



5. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

This Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2023/24 as well as ISU Communication 2540 and principles of Rule 910, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Special Regulations Synchronized Skating 2022 for appointing the event officials.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member. At least two (2) Technical Panel members will have the qualification "ISU", however one of the three members may have the qualification "International".

The Referee will have at least the qualification "International" and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "International".

6. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organiser will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Thursday 25th January** until breakfast on **Sunday 28th January 2024** for those not officiating at the club international event, Monday 29th January for those who are.

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

The Organising Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators.

In accordance with the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2023/24 as well as ISU Communication 2540, all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges officiating in the "Junior" and "Senior" competitions of a Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating event will, at the expense of the organizing ISU Member, receive pocket money of CHF 200.00 or the equivalent in the local currency.

7. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on Friday 26th January 2024. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD in any other approved format, in accordance with Rule 823, paragraph 2. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program must be listed for each Team on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Teams.

In accordance with Rule 823, paragraph 2, all covers/discs must show the Competition event, Team's name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short program and free skating) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program.

If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given. With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organising Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be filled in precisely by each Team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

Please upload all team music to the google form below no later than the 29th December 2023.

<https://forms.gle/Su6MJu9zJYXoytLn7>



9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airports to **Dumfries** is **Glasgow International Airport (GLA)** and **Edinburgh Airport (EDI)** with a distance of **82 miles (GLA)** and **78 miles (EDI)** to the official hotel.

The Organising Committee can provide a shuttle bus to meet the teams on arrival. Please accept that we have to ask for a transportation fee from all persons participating in this shuttle service. Please inform the Organising Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

Transport Request Form - [TDE Transport Requests \(office.com\)](#)

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches are requested to announce to the Organising Committee as soon as possible but no later than **29th December 2023** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information needs to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

10. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

All the official hotels listed have the same agreed rate with the organising committee. Please use the for below if you would like to book.

The Cairndale Hotel

132 – 136 English Street, Dumfries, Scotland, DG1 2DF

Phone: + 441387 254111

Email: info@cairndalehotel.co.uk

Web: <https://www.cairndalehotel.co.uk/>

Holiday Inn

Hillhead House, The Crichton, Bankend Road, Dumfries, DG1 4UQ

Phone: + 441387272410

Email: reception@hidumfries.co.uk

Web: [Hotel in Dumfries | Holiday Inn Dumfries Hotel \(ihg.com\)](#)

Mercure Dumfries

Cargenholm House, New Abbey Road, Dumfries, DG2 8ER

Phone: + 441387 216758

Email: HB8H3@accor.com

Web: [Mercure Dumfries Cargenholm House | Mercure Hotels | Accor - ALL](#)

Friars Carse Country House Hotel

Auldgirth, Dumfries, DG20SA

Phone: +441387740388

Email: reception@friarscarse.uk

Web: [Friars Carse Country House Hotel - Stunning Scottish Wedding Venue](#)

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organising Committee. Booking requests have to be sent to the organiser by the latest of **17th November 2023**. The organiser cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are received after that date. All payments must be made 14 days prior to arrival at the hotel.

For all booking enquires please email trophydecosse@outlook.com.

Official hotel booking form - [TDE Accommodation 2024 \(office.com\)](#)



11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams will take place at Dumfries Ice Bowl. Teams can request accreditation at their hotels by contacting the organising committee.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, Two Coaches per Team, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their ISU Member. **The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.**

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

12. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Synchronized Skating 2022, Rule 842 and Rule 843 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

13. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Teams in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winners will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

14. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in ISU Events, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The ISU and the Organising Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

15. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 17.



16. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For further information, please contact the Organising Committee:

Email: trophydecosse@outlook.com

16.1 Team Photos and Further Information

Please complete the below form and return by the 17th November 2023

Team Photo form - <https://forms.gle/uHF1fKERJxWB1Pp4A>

16.2 Extra Practice Ice

Please complete the form below if you would like to book extra practice ice on Wednesday 24th or Thursday 25th. The Ice Bowl will do their best to accommodate all requests.

Extra Practice Ice Form - [TDE Practice Ice Booking \(office.com\)](#)

16.3 Skaters Ceilidh & Social

There will be a skaters Ceilidh on Saturday 27th January. Further information and booking forms will be available nearer the preliminary closing date of the event.



17. EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday 24 th January, 2024	All day	Extra Practice Ice & Registration – Dumfries Ice Bowl
Thursday 25 th January, 2024	All Day	Registration – Dumfries Ice Bowl
	All Day	Extra Practice Ice
	17:30	Team Leader Meeting
	18:00	Technical Panel Meeting
	19:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	19:30	Judges Draw and Meeting
Friday, 26 th January, 2024	TBC	JUNIOR – Short Program – Official Practice
	TBC	SENIOR – Short Program – Official Practice
	TBC	Opening Ceremony
	TBC	JUNIOR – Short Program – Competition
	TBC	SENIOR – Short Program – Competition
Saturday, 27 th January, 2024	TBC	JUNIOR – Free Skating – Official Practice
	TBC	SENIOR – Free Skating – Official Practice
	TBC	JUNIOR – Free Skating – Competition
	TBC	SENIOR – Free Skating – Competition
	TBC	Victory Ceremonies JUNIOR and SENIOR

Please note:

This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.



FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Preliminary Entry Form	ORS	17.11.23
N/A	Composition of Delegation	ORS	29.12.23
N/A	Entry Form for Teams	ORS	29.12.23
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	ORS	29.12.23
N/A	Hotel reservation request	ORS	17.11.23
N/A	Team Travel Form	ORS	17.11.23
N/A	Press Information	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24
N/A	Competition Music Information	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24
N/A	Program Content Form	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24
Form 1	Team Music Google Form https://forms.gle/Su6MJu9zJYXoytLn7	Section 8	29.12.23
Form 2	Team Photo Form https://forms.gle/uHF1fKERJxWB1Pp4A	Section 16	17.11.23
Form 3	Extra Practice Ice TDE Practice Ice Booking (office.com)	Section 16	29.12.23
Form 4	Airport pick up and Shuttle Bus Form TDE Transport Requests (office.com)	Section 9	17.11.23
Form 5	Hotel Booking Form TDE Accommodation 2024 (office.com)	Section 10	17.11.23