



Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final[®]

and



Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

2015/16



December 9 – 13, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. GENERAL

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 will be held with the approval and the assistance of the International Skating Union, organized under the responsibility of Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo (FEDH) and in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2014, ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2014 and relevant ISU Communications and the Memorandum for guidance in holding an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (combined Senior & Junior) (2014 edition) as well as the announcements for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2015/16 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2015/16.

Qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 is based on the results of the point system established for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and 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, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420 (or any update of this Communication).

The ISU Council in agreement with the organizing Member (FEDH) decided to include a Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition in the program of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Details may be found in the Appendix to this Announcement.

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. 1420, all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another 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: CCIB - Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona
Plaça de Willy Brandt, 11-14, 08019 Barcelona, Spain

All competitions and practices will take place at the CCIB – Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona. The facility is a 30 meters x 60 meters indoor heated, air-conditioned and temporary artificial ice surface.

2.1 Technical Details – Junior Final

JUNIOR MEN

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2014 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2015/16.

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

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2014, 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.

JUNIOR LADIES

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2014 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2015/16.

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

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2014, 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 2014, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2015/16.

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

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2014, 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.

JUNIOR ICE DANCE

Short Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1932 and subsequent updates.

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

Free Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1932 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 2014 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

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

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2014, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

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

LADIES

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2014 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

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

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2014, 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 2014, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2015/16.

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

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2014, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

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

ICE DANCE**Short Dance**

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 709.

Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1932 and subsequent updates.

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

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1932 and subsequent updates.

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

2.3 Starting Order Procedure

Skaters/Couples will start the Short Program/Short Dance in reverse order of the ranking order in which they have qualified for the Final. In the case of a tie, there will be a draw to determine who skates first. Rule 513 will be observed.

The starting order for the Free Skating/Free Dance portion is the reverse order of the ranking order in the Short Program or the Short Dance. In the case of a tie, there will be a draw to determine who skates first. Rule 513 will be observed.

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, Music Information and Planned Program Content Sheets

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD (Compact Disc) or in any other approved format.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all discs must show the Competition event, Competitors name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music - not skating time - including any starting signal, which shall be certified by the Competitor and by the coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Competitors must provide a back-up drive for each program.

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 Short Dance and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition, must be listed for each Competitor on the official Competition Music Form.

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

With the entry forms, the “Program Content Sheet” must be returned to the Organizing Committee. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be completed precisely by each Skater/Couple in English using the terminology listed in the respective ISU Communications. 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 9, 2015**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. Rule 344, paragraph 4 must be observed.

3. POINT SYSTEM FOR QUALIFICATION

3.1 Point System for Qualification Junior Final

Skaters qualify for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 by accumulating points through the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2015/16. The ranking by points will be published immediately after the last event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating with qualification to the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final as follows:

the top 6 Men, Ladies, 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 one of the two 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 two 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 added scores in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in the two 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 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/Short Dance obtained in the two 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 competed, will be added to a total. The higher number of participants will count for the better place/ranking.

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

3.2 Point System for Qualification of the Senior Final

Skaters qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 by accumulating points through the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2015/16. 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, Ladies, 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/Short 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 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\$ 105,000.00

The prize money in favour 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:

Men and Ladies		Pair Skating and Ice Dance (per Couple)	
1st place	US\$ 6,000.00	1st place	US\$ 9,000.00
2nd place	US\$ 5,000.00	2nd place	US\$ 7,500.00
3rd place	US\$ 4,000.00	3rd place	US\$ 6,000.00
4th place	US\$ 3,000.00	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 Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce prize money will be made by the Members of the Grand Prix Coordination Group 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.

Men, Ladies, Pair Skating and Ice Dance (Men/Ladies per Skater – Pair Skating/Ice Dance per Couple)	
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 Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce prize money will be made by the Members of the Grand Prix Coordination Group attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

5. ENTRIES OF TEAMS

5.1 General

Please note that the procedures in regard to declaration forms as outlined in ISU Communication 1628 need to be strictly observed.

5.2 Entries of Competitors – Junior Final

Confirmation of entries will be forwarded to the Member of the qualified Skaters/Couples by the ISU Secretariat. The respective Member must forward on the official entry form, the entries for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, to Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo.

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 **November 2, 2015**.

5.3 Entries of Competitors – Senior Final

Confirmation of entries will be forwarded to the Member of the qualified Skaters/Couples by the ISU Secretariat. The respective Member must forward on the official entry form, the entries for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final to Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo

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 **December 3, 2015**.

5.4 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 ISU and Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo .

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Team Officials of each Member (including the Member President) provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their ISU Member 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. A partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted for restricted accreditation. The Member Federations shall guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team.

The names of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches must be listed on the Entry Form "Composition of Delegation". Judges and Judges' partners or relatives are to be listed on the same form.

For teams qualified for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final all Forms must be returned to Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo and the ISU Secretariat no later than **November 2, 2015**.

For teams qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final all Forms must be returned to Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo and the ISU Secretariat no later than **December 3, 2015**.

ISU Members qualified for both the Senior and Junior Grand Prix Final are requested to provide a set of preliminary forms with all the team members concerning the Junior Final by **November 2, 2015** and provide an updated set of forms including all team members of the Senior Final by **December 3, 2015**.

5.5 Contact Information for submitting of Entry Forms

The entries must be made on the official entry forms and must be sent to:

Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo

C/ Tuset, 28 2° 1a, 08006 Barcelona, Spain

Fax: +34 93 368 37 59

E-mail: gpf2015@fedhielo.com

and to:

International Skating Union

Fax: +41 21 612 6677

Email: entries@isu.ch

Peter Krick

ISU Sport Manager Figure Skating

Fax: +49 8158 928 650

Email: peter.krick@eventint.com

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 2015/16.

The first three substitute Skaters/Couples must imperatively stay on "stand-by" until **Monday, December 7, 2015 – 12:00 (noon) local time Barcelona**. 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 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 Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Assistant Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) for the Final in accordance with the 2014 Regulations. All 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 2015/16 each.

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 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 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 invitations to the Judges will be issued by the ISU Secretariat immediately following the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2015/16 (NHK Trophy).

The respective ISU Members entitled to nominate a Judge must submit the name of the Judge(s) no later than **December 3, 2015**.

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

The name(s) of the Judge(s) must be submitted on the official entry form to:

Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo

C/ Tuset, 28 2º 1a, 08006 Barcelona, Spain

Fax: +34 93 368 37 59

E-mail: gpf2015@fedhielo.com

and to:

International Skating Union

Fax: +41 21 612 6677

Email: entries@isu.ch

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Sports Manager Figure Skating

Fax: +49 8158 928 650

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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. 1910 (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 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 member they represent, to **Barcelona-El Prat airport (BCN)** 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, the Data & Replay Operators are covered by the ISU.

The Organizing 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 Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo 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 traveller.

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 (NHK Trophy) and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, all qualified Team Members are requested to take care of their individual travel documents and permits (visa, etc.) on a timely basis.

9. MEALS AND LODGING

9.1 Meals and Lodging for ISU Event Officials and Judges

The Organizing Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all Judges, Referees and Technical Officials (Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data & Replay Operators) from dinner on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015** through breakfast on **Monday, December 14, 2015**.

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 Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all competitors from dinner on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015** through breakfast on **Monday, December 14, 2015**. 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 2015/16 are requested to announce as soon as possible but no later than **December 3, 2015** to the Organizing Committee, on the enclosed forms, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at **Barcelona-El Prat airport (BCN)**.

All announced team members will be met by the Organizing Committee at **Barcelona-El Prat airport (BCN)** which is located approx. 20 km from the official hotel. Coaches and Team Medical Staff are only met if they travel with the team.

11. OFFICIAL HOTEL

All ISU Event Officials, ISU Guests, Competitors, Judges and other Team Members will be accommodated at:

Hotel Barcelona Princess

Avinguda Diagonal, 1,
08019 Barcelona, Spain

Phone: +34 933561000

Fax: +34 933561022

Web: <http://en.hotelbarcelonaprincess.com/>

Chaperons will be accommodated at:

Hotel AC Marriott Barcelona Forum

Passeig del Taulat, 278,
08019 Barcelona, Spain

Phone: +34 934 89 82 00

Fax: +34 93 489 8201

Web: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bcnfo-ac-hotel-barcelona-forum/>

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 ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, and Teams will be located in the **Hotel Barcelona Princess**. Accreditation for Media will be at the **CCIB - Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona** (competition venue). All Skaters and Judges will be required to present their passport (and clearance certificate if passport is not the same as the 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. 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 2015/16 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16.

14. ANTI-DOPING

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1922 and 1941 or any further update of this Communication).

The tests will be carried out on the best placed Skater/s in all categories (Juniors and Seniors) in Singles (after the final Free Skating), Pair Skating (after the final Free Skating) and Ice Dance (after the final Free Dance). One Skater from the remainder of the Skaters shall be selected by random draw also in the Junior as well as the Senior category in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dance. In Pair Skating and Ice Dance, either the man or the lady, but not both, shall be tested and shall be selected by random draw.

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 13, 2015**.

Show exhibition numbers different from the competition programs are expected (see also paragraph 4.1.2 and 4.2.2). A Short Program/Short 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 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 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 19.

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Any late changes regarding an event (entries etc) must be communicated simultaneously to the ISU Secretariat (entries@isu.ch), Mr. Peter Krick (email: peter.krick@eventint.com) and the Organizing Committee (gpf2015@fedhielo.com).

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France

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Japan

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19. Preliminary Event Schedule (subject to change)

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015	All day	Arrival of Teams
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015	All day	Official Practice
	10:30	ICE DANCE - Technical Panel Meeting
	12:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	13:00	PAIRS - Technical Panel Meeting
	14:00	LADIES - Technical Panel Meeting
	15:00	MEN - Technical Panel Meeting
	16:30	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:15	SINGLE and PAIR SKATING - Judges Meeting
	18:15	ICE DANCE - Judges Meeting
	20:30	ISU and Judges Dinner
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015	14:05	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Short Dance
	15:20	JUNIOR LADIES – Short Program
	16:25	JUNIOR PAIRS – Short Program
	17:40	JUNIOR MEN – Short Program
	19:45	Opening Ceremony
	20:30	SENIOR PAIRS – Short Program
	21:45	SENIOR MEN – Short Program
Friday, Dec. 11, 2015	11:00	SYNCHRONIZED SKATING – Technical Panel Meeting
	12:00	SYNCHRONIZED SKATING – Judges Meeting
	15:45	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Free Dance
	17:05	JUNIOR MEN – Free Skating
	18:05	Victory Ceremonies Junior Men, Junior Ice Dance
	19:05	SENIOR ICE DANCE – Short Program
	20:20	SENIOR PAIRS – Free Skating
	21:25	SENIOR LADIES – Short Program
	22:35	Victory Ceremony Senior Pairs
Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015	09:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:15	JUNIOR MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	11:30	SENIOR PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion
	13:30	JUNIOR LADIES – Free Skating
	14:45	JUNIOR PAIRS – Free Skating
	16:10	SYNCHRONIZED SKATING – Free Skating
	16:15	PAIRS - Technical Panel Review Meeting
	17:25	SENIOR ICE DANCE – Free Dance
	18:30	Victory Ceremonies Senior Ice Dance, Junior Ladies, Junior Pairs
	19:00	SYNCHRONIZED SKATING – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	19:45	SENIOR LADIES – Free Skating
	19:45	ICE DANCE - Technical Panel Review Meeting
	21:00	SENIOR MEN – Free Skating
	21:00	LADIES - Technical Panel Review Meeting
	22:00	Victory Ceremonies Senior Men, Senior Ladies, Synchronized Skating
Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015	07:00	SYNCHRONIZED SKATING – Judges Round Table Discussion
	08:00	JUNIOR LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion
	08:00	MEN - Technical Panel Review Meeting
	09:15	JUNIOR PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:30	SENIOR ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion
	11:45	SENIOR LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion
	12:00	EXHIBITION
	13:00	SENIOR MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	20:00	Closing Party



Appendix to the announcement ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition

Explanation Note

This appendix serves as addition and amendment to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 announcement to regulate the Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition in the given structure of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16.

The below details refer in its numbering to the main document of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 announcement and list only additions necessary for the inclusion of the Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition.

All other relevant items regulated in the announcement will also prevail for the Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition and need to be strictly observed.

1. GENERAL

The Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 will be conducted in accordance with ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2014.

Qualification for the Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 is based on the results of the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2015.

For Synchronized Skating skaters comprising a team must fall within the age limits as specified in Rule 108, paragraph 4. a).

2. TECHNICAL DETAILS

Venue: CCIB - Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona
Plaça de Willy Brandt, 11-14, 08019 Barcelona, Spain

All competitions and practices will take place at the CCIB – Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona. The facility is a 30 meters x 60 meters indoor heated, air-conditioned and temporary artificial ice surface.

2.2 Technical Details – Senior Synchronized Skating

Synchronized Skating

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2014, Rule 991, paragraph 4 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

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

2.3. Starting Order Procedure

Synchronized Skating Teams will start the Free Skating in reverse order of the ranking order of the ISU Member at the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2015.

2.4. Calculation of Results

The calculation will be done according to Rule 842 and 843. The medallists will be announced and honoured on the podium.

2.5. Music, Music Information and Planned Program Content Sheets

In accordance with Rule 823, paragraph 1, all discs must show the Competition event, Teams name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music - not skating time - including any starting signal, which shall be certified by the Team and by the coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program.

2.6. Official Practice

Official practices will begin on **Friday, December 11, 2015**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. Rule 830, paragraph 4 must be observed.

4.2.3 Prize Money – Senior Synchronized Skating

The Prize Money made available by the ISU for the Synchronized Skating Event is:

US\$ 17,500.00

The prize money in favor of the awarded Synchronized Skating Team will be paid at the end of the Final through the Organizing ISU Members and through the ISU Members of the awarded Teams. 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 Teams. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

Synchronized Skating Teams

1st place	US\$ 5,000.00
2nd place	US\$ 4,250.00
3rd place	US\$ 3,500.00
4th place	US\$ 2,750.00
5th place	US\$ 2,000.00

The Team 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\$ 3,000.00 from the awarded prize money.

Teams 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 Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce prize money will be made by the Members of the Grand Prix Coordination Group attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

5.3 Entries of Synchronized Skating Teams

Confirmation of entries will be forwarded to the Member of the qualified Teams by the ISU Secretariat. The respective Member must forward the official entry form to the Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo

If a Team cannot participate due to any reason, 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 Team.

The ISU Members concerned must enter and confirm the participation of the qualified Teams and the qualified substitutes by **November 2, 2015**.

The following ISU Members are qualified for participation or as substitute in accordance with the criteria of the placement of the ISU Members at the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2015 and in case of a tie the better place of the respective ISU Member in the ISU World Standings for Synchronized Skating:

ISU Member country	Order of qualification
Canada	1 st
Finland	2 nd
Russia	3 rd
Sweden	4 th
United States of America	5 th
Substitutes	
Germany	1 st substitute
Japan	2 nd substitute
Italy	3 rd substitute

Each ISU Member, qualified for participation as above, may enter with one Team, who has participated in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2015 or is ranked amongst the top 10 places of the ISU World Standings for Synchronized Skating at the time of the entry deadline **November 2, 2015**.

A Team will consist of 16 skaters plus 2 alternate skaters.

5.4 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of the Synchronized Team related team members will be accepted as following per team:

- one (1) Team Manager,
- one (1) Coach and one (1) Assistant Coach
- two (2) Team Service Personal
- one (1) Medical Staff (for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation)

AND

Only in case the ISU Member of the participating Synchronized Team is not represented at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

- one (1) Team Leader
- one (1) Team Official, provided that this person is the Member Federation President, a Council Member or Board Member, Technical Committee Member or Member of the Head Office of their ISU Member Federation.

Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the ISU and Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo.

For Synchronized Skating Teams qualified all forms must be returned to Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo and the ISU Secretariat no later than **November 2, 2015**.

6. REPLACEMENT OF QUALIFIED SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAMS

6.1 Replacement Procedure

A qualified Synchronized Skating Team for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, unable to participate, will be replaced by the immediate following Synchronized Skating Team based on the ranking as listed under paragraph 5.3 of this announcement. It is important that the first three substitute Synchronized Skating Teams must stay on "stand-by" until **Thursday, November 19, 2015 – 12:00 (noon) local time Barcelona**. The ISU Members concerned are responsible for the necessary visa and/or travel documents.

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 Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Assistant Technical Specialists) for the Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition in accordance with the 2014 Regulations. All Officials must have the qualification for ISU Championships.

7.2 Composition of Panels of Judges

The panel of Judges will consist of 5 Judges of different ISU Members. 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, two disciplines of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 and the ISU Synchronized Skating Event, means in total not more than 5 activities.

The composition of the panel of Judges for Synchronized Skating will be made in accordance with the following procedure:

- i) first priority will be given to the ISU Members present with a Judge and qualified with the qualification "ISU Judge Synchronized Skating";
- j) second priority will be given to the participating ISU Members in the Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition;
- k) third priority, if necessary, will be given to the host Member of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final;

7.3 Invitation of Judges

The invitations to the Judges will be issued by the ISU Secretariat immediately following the last event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2015/16.

The respective ISU Members entitled to nominate a Judge must submit the name of the Judge(s) no later than **November 2, 2015**.

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

7.4 Officials Remuneration

The Referee, the Technical Controller, the Technical Specialists, the Judges if only serving in the Synchronized Skating Free Skating completion but not in any other capacity of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final will receive remuneration of CHF 150.00. This remuneration will be covered by the ISU.

8. EXPENSES AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

The OC will pay travel expenses for air-fare (economy rates) for all additional invited Judges for the Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition, from the country of the Member they represent, to **Barcelona-El Prat airport (BCN)** and return. The travel expenses (economy air fare) of the Referee, the Technical Controller, the Technical Specialists, will also be covered by the OC. The Honorarium for those additional Event Officials and Judges for the Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition are covered by the ISU and the amount will be US\$ 150 per Official.

The Referee, the Technical Controller, the Technical Specialists and Judges are responsible for their own travel documents (visa, insurance, etc.).

The participating Synchronized Skating Teams and all related team members will cover their air tickets or the respective travel expenses by themselves. The Teams will inform the Organizing Committee upon their arrival and departure details **no later than November 2, 2015**.

9. MEALS AND LODGING

9.1 Meals and Lodging for ISU Event Officials and Judges

The Organizing Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all additional Judges, the Referee and Technical Officials (Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers) for the Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition from dinner on **Thursday, December 10, 2015** through breakfast on **Monday, December 14, 2015**.

9.2 Meals and Lodging for Synchronized Skating Teams

The participating Synchronized Skating Teams and all related team members will cover their costs for accommodation and all meal expenses themselves.

The ISU will support each participating Synchronized Skating Team with a gross amount of **US\$ 4,200.00** towards travel, accommodation and meal expenses.

9.3 Meals and Lodging for other Synchronized Skating 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 announced Synchronized Skating Team members will be met by the Organizing Committee at **Barcelona-El Prat airport (BCN)** which is located approx. 20 km from the official hotel. Coaches and Team Medical Staff are only met if they travel with the team.

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 means. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to 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 2015/16, the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 and the ISU Synchronized Skating Free Skating Competition.

14. ANTI-DOPING

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1922 and 1941 or any further update of this Communication).

The tests will be carried out on one skater of each of the three best placed Teams. The skaters will be drawn at random.

15. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

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

16. EXHIBITION

The best placed Synchronized Skating Team will be required to participate in the Gala Exhibition on **Sunday, December 13, 2015**. Show exhibition numbers different from the competition programs are expected (see also paragraph 4.1.3).

17. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

Please see paragraph 19 of the announcement “ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16.” on page 15.