



**2019 SKATE AMERICA
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, USA
OCTOBER 18-20, 2019**

Media Information



U.S. Figure Skating looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Skate America 2019 in Las Vegas. The event will be held at the Orleans Arena Oct. 18-20, 2019.

#SkateAmerica #GPFigure

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

The press centre and press tribune will be open and operational for the first practice/ training session on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

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If you require further information or have any questions, please contact:

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Media Accreditation

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

Accreditation will be granted to professional journalists and photographers only.

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

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

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

The deadline to apply for media accreditation is **Thursday, October 3, 2019**. All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation and further information can be requested:

1. Copy of current professional media or journalist card
2. ID photo in .jpg.
3. *If not in possession of a professional media card, a comment must be added to the note box provided and a letter from your editor confirming your assignment must be uploaded to your application.*

Rights holding TV and radio

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

Accreditation Confirmation

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

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

Media accreditation should be picked up at the Orleans Hotel or ORLEANS Arena at the time detailed below. Media will not be permitted to enter the arena without their media credential visible.

ACCREDITATION HOURS

Room TBD, Orleans Hotel (subject to change)

Wednesday, Oct. 16	12:00 - 22:00
Thursday, Oct. 17	08:00 - 16:00
Friday, Oct. 18	07:00 - 16:00
Saturday, Oct. 19	08:00 – 12:00
Sunday, Oct. 20	Arena Only

Gate C, Orleans Arena (subject to change)

Thursday, Oct. 17	09:00 - 14:00
Friday, Oct. 18	07:30 - 19:00
Saturday, Oct. 19	11:00 – 19:00
Sunday, Oct. 20	12:00 – 14:00

Visa Application

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

Media Facilities at the venue

The Orleans Arena will provide a media tribune (rooms Gold B and C), as well as tabled and non-tabled media seating. Wireless internet will be available throughout the venue. Wired internet will be made available to a few assigned photographers.

Media Tribune Positions

General: Section 113, Rows Q/R/S (1-18)

Tabled: Section 111-112 on the floor

Photographer Positions

Front row: Section 102/103 – stools along rink boards

Mid-level: Behind ADA seating around concourse

Remote cameras may be installed on the catwalk with permission from U.S. Figure Skating and the ORLEANS Arena.

Unless otherwise specified, these positions will be first-come, first-served. More information will be available on-site.

Mixed Zone

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

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

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

All athletes must pass through the Mixed Zone on completion of every event. Media may also approach coaches for interviews in their designated section, if required. The Media Operations team will make sure that skaters go through the mixed zone, fulfil any media requests but are also responsible to make sure that the medalists get to their ceremony on time and will return to the Mixed Zone to finish TV interviews, and will then attend the press conference.

The Mixed Zone is located just outside of the press conference room on the event level. There will be signage on-site directing members of the media to the mixed zone.

Material Available

- Press Conference: Room Gold A – event level
- [Press Releases](#): to receive ISU Press Releases or Newsletter please subscribe [here](#)
- [Media Guide](#)
- [Social Media](#):
 - ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Skate America: [Facebook](#)
 - U.S. Figure Skating: [Instagram](#) / [Facebook](#) / [Twitter](#) / [YouTube](#)
 - ISU: [Instagram](#) / [Facebook](#) / [Twitter](#) / [YouTube](#) / [Weibo](#)
- Image Gallery
 - [US Figure Skating](#): Password: skating15
 - Pictures available on [ISU News Page](#) (credit as mentioned)
- Hashtags: #SkateAmerica #GPFigure

Media Accommodation

The Orleans Hotel is the official hotel of 2019 Skate America. There is a media block available on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in taking advantage of this block, should contact Marissa Pederson (mpederson@usfigureskating.org) to get the booking code.

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

Competition information

Check back here for future updates:

[ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating - Skate America 2019 Event Page](#)
[Schedule](#)
[Entries and Results](#)

For any additional questions or information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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