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## Media Information



**INTERNATIONAL  
SKATING UNION**

Finnish Figure Skating Association looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships in Helsinki, Finland. The event will be held at the Helsinki Ice Hall from April 12-13th, 2019.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Helsinki 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 official practice session on Thursday, 11 April, 2019 at 7 am.

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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](http://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 two professionals per organization
- **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 26 March 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](mailto:media@isu.ch) in order to obtain a username and password. To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the host Broadcaster:

Joel Helenius  
Videpe  
[joel.helenius@videpe.fi](mailto:joel.helenius@videpe.fi)  
+358 44 096 77 17

## 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.

## Accreditation pick up

Accredited media will receive press accreditation badges at the entrance of the Press Center at the Helsinki Ice Hall. You may be asked to present a copy of the email of confirmation to receive your accreditation badge.



## Press Center opening times

Thursday 11 April	7 am - 8 pm
Friday 12 April	9 am - 11 pm
Saturday 13 April	7 am - 9.30 pm

## 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. Please verify with the Embassy or Consulate of Finland in your country on whether you need a Visa. You can visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland -website to obtain information: <http://formin.finland.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=15720&contentlan=2>

## Media Facilities at the venue

Work tables, wireless internet, TV-screens are provided as well as limited amount of lockers in the Press Center for camera storage - "first come first served" policy is applied. Coffee and tea is served at the Press Center free of charge.

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## 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.

## Material Available

- Press Conference: TBD
- [Flash quotes](#)
- [Press Releases](#)
- [Media Guide](#)
- [Image Gallery Available in News Item \(Credit as indicated\)](#)
- Social Media:
  - Facebook
    - [ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships](#)
    - [International Skating Union \(ISU\)](#)
  - Twitter
    - [International Skating Union \(ISU\)](#)
    - [Skating Finland](#)
  - Instagram
    - [International Skating Union \(ISU\)](#)
    - [Skating Finland](#)
  - [YouTube](#)
  - Hashtags: #WorldSynchro, #SkatingFinland, #Helsinki2019, #SynchroSkating

## Media Accommodation

The OC has designated one official media hotel. Shuttle transportation will be arranged from the official media hotel to the Helsinki Ice Hall. Shuttle schedules will be provided on site.

Please be advised that the transportation service will only be available for the designated official media hotel. Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.



### **Scandic Simonkenttä\*\*\*\***

Simonkatu 9, Helsinki

Tel: +358 9 68 380

Web: [www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Finland/Helsinki/Scandic-Simonkentta/](http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Finland/Helsinki/Scandic-Simonkentta/)

This hotel is located 200 m from Helsinki Central Train Station in the middle of the City and has an effortless public transportation access to the Arena. Free Wi-Fi and free access to the sauna and gym are offered. Scandic Simonkenttä's air-conditioned rooms have wooden floors and satellite TV. The lobby restaurant and bar offer city views. Simonkenttä has an organic breakfast buffet and is certified as an environmentally-friendly hotel.

Use this link to have a special price of the day:

[https://www.scandichotels.com/?bookingcode=FIARB&\\_ga=2.134957879.790743524.1549390750-1674152853.1549390750](https://www.scandichotels.com/?bookingcode=FIARB&_ga=2.134957879.790743524.1549390750-1674152853.1549390750)

Please note that the special price is valid for now or as long as the hotel has capacity. Early bookings recommended, latest 14 days before arrival. Breakfast and VAT are included in the prices.

## **Transportation**

Helsinki Arena is easily accessible with public transportation: from the city centre the most convenient is to take a tram 2, 4 or 10 from city center (stop number 0101 "Lasipalatsi") to Töölö (stop number 0641 "Kansaneläkelaitos") and just walk a couple of minutes to the arena. Travel time from the city center to the arena is approximately 15 minutes. For further information about public transportation, please visit <http://www.reittiopas.fi>.

## Telecommunications

### TEMPORARY TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR BROADCASTERS AND MEDIA

Datalatu has the exclusive right to provide all data, video, audio and telecom network services within Helsinki Ice Hall. All sockets or connections to RF, ISDN, LAN and telephone services shall be ordered from Datalatu.

Internet access, internal dynamic IP (DHCP, NAT)

#### Rate card

Basic wired Internet connection. Own switch not allowed  
(min) 10M/10M (maks) 100M/100M RJ45 650,00  
€

Streaming 10, own network switch allowed  
(min) 10M/10M (maks) 10M/10M RJ45 750,00 €

Streaming 20, own network switch allowed (min) 20M/20M (maks) 20M/20M RJ45 850,00  
€

Streaming 50, own network switch allowed (min) 50M/50M (maks) 50M/50M RJ45 1150,00  
€

Streaming 100, own network switch allowed (min) 100M/100M (maks) 100M/100M 1250,00  
€

All others telecommunication services price will be given upon request. Orders should be made by email to [tilaukset@datalatu.fi](mailto:tilaukset@datalatu.fi). Orders will be confirmed within two days via e-mail. **The deadline for requests is 26 March.**

#### 2019 Rates for late request

Starting from 27 March, the late request fee and availability will be confirmed on request.

Request must contain the following information End user information:

Contact person, phone number  
Type and quantity of services and description of intended use Invoicing address/information  
VAT-number

Location for installation within arena (Media Working Room, Media Tribune, Mixed Zone) and/or Map for the installation in the Arena (if location is outside the media areas above).

## Useful Information

### Tourist information

[www.myhelsinki.fi/en/info](http://www.myhelsinki.fi/en/info)

### Arrival

The driving time from Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to Helsinki Ice Hall is around 20-35 minutes depending on the traffic conditions. All trains from the airport stop at Helsinki Railway Station.

### Practice rink

The main arena and the practice arena are located in the same complex with an easy access.

### Climate

In April average high is (°C) +5 and Average low (°C) +2.

### Clothing

April is considered early springtime in Helsinki. Visitors and guests are advised to dress in layers as to be prepared for all weather. Despite listed average temperatures, days can be warm, evenings are cool and spring showers are always possible. Most nightlife and dining places do not require formal attire.

### Credit Cards

All major credit cards are accepted in Finland. Most hotels, shops, restaurants and taxi accept VISA and Master Card. American Express, Diners Club and Discover may not be accepted in all places.

### Tax

Taxes are included in sales prices in shops, hotels, restaurants etc. Value added tax (VAT) is 24%.

### Tipping

While tipping is not mandatory in Finland, it is customary in many circumstances for good service, especially in sit-down restaurants.

### ATM

ATM machines are available throughout the city of Helsinki. There is no ATM at Helsinki Ice Hall.

### Grocery Store

There are several grocery stores around the city. K-market, S-market and Alepa are the names of the grocery stores.

### Tap water

Finland's tap water is among the highest quality in the world and it is safe to drink.



## Competition information

### Schedule

Thursday, April 11	All Day	Official Practice
	18:30	Opening and Draw Ceremony
Friday, April 12		Official Practice
	16:30	Opening Ceremony on Ice
	17:00	Competition - Short Program
Saturday, April 13		Official Practice
	13:45	Competition - Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony

### Useful links

Updated list of entries, results and timetable

ISU: [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org)

OC: [www.helsinki2019.fi](http://www.helsinki2019.fi)

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