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**Media Information**



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Swiss Ice Skating looks forward to hosting media attending the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championship 2019 in Neuchâtel, Switzerland. The event will be held at the Patinoires du Littoral from 15 - 16 March 2019.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Neuchâtel 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, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 07:30 (practice starts at 08:00).

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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 **Friday, March 1, 2019**.

All media must provide the following documentation when applying for media accreditation. 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:

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## 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.

The accreditations can be picked up at the Accreditation Office, located in the Patinoires du Littoral (room number 13 on the map "Ice level").

Opening hours will be the following:

- Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 09:00 to 18:00
- Thursday, March 14, 2019 from 09:00 to 12:30

## Visa Application

We recommend you verify with the Swiss Embassy or Consulate in your country whether you need a Visa. Please visit the website of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs for more information: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home.html>.

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

- Media centre (room number 26 on the map "Ice level") equipped with work desks, power, wired and wireless internet.
- Photographer's areas along the rink side, on the same side as the main public tribune (area number 27 on the map "Ice level") and on the tribune on the judges' side (area number 44 on the map "Tribune level").

## Media Tribune and TV Commentator positions

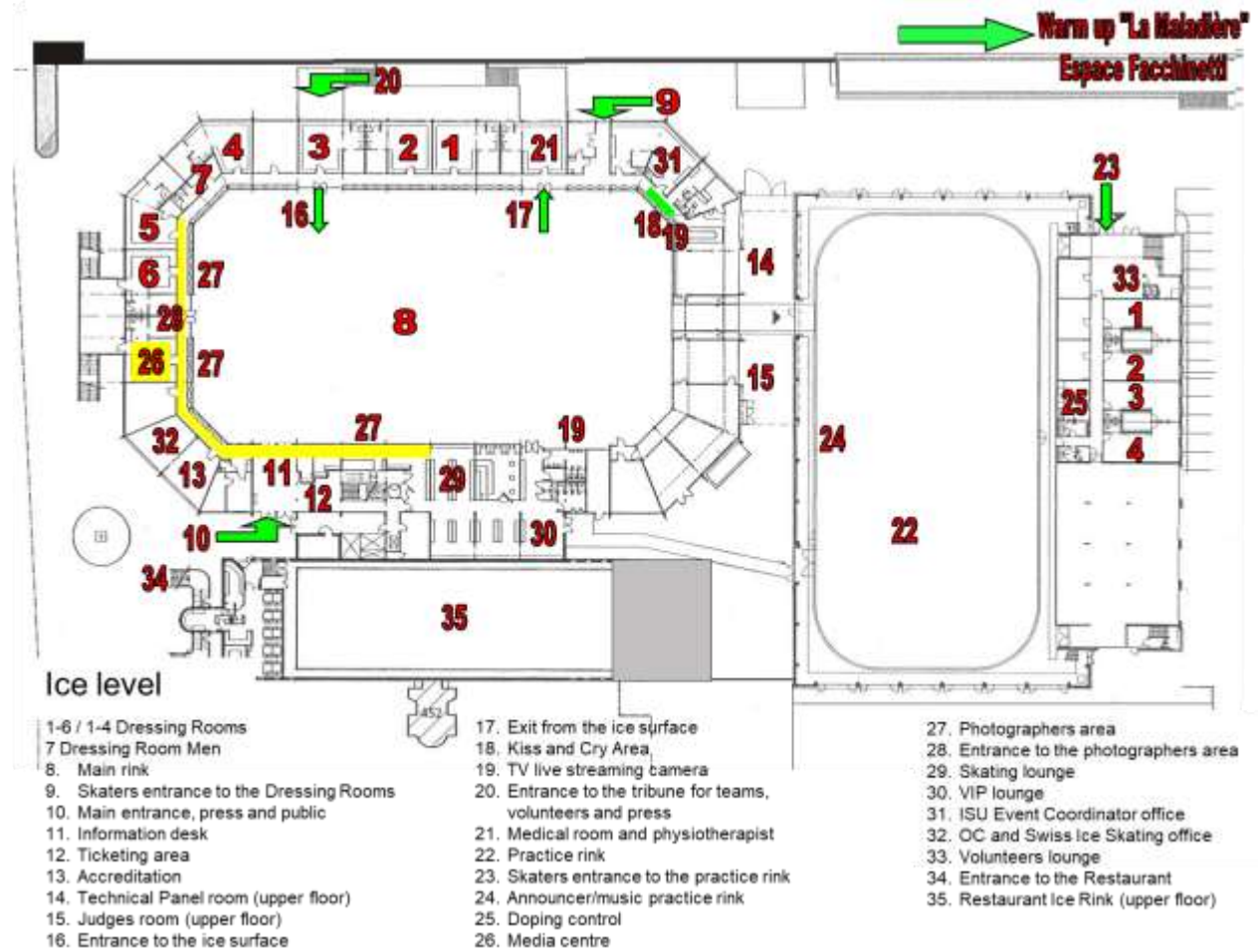
The Media Tribune and TV Commentator positions are located above the "tribune for volunteers" (area number 47 on the map "Tribune level") and can be reached through the "entrance to the tribune for volunteers and teams" (spot number 20 on the map "Ice level"). There are 8 tabled positions, equipped with power and wireless internet.

## Mixed Zone

Due to space constraints, there will not be any Mixed Zone for media to interview athletes immediately after competition. Media representatives are requested to contact the coaches through their own means for interviews.

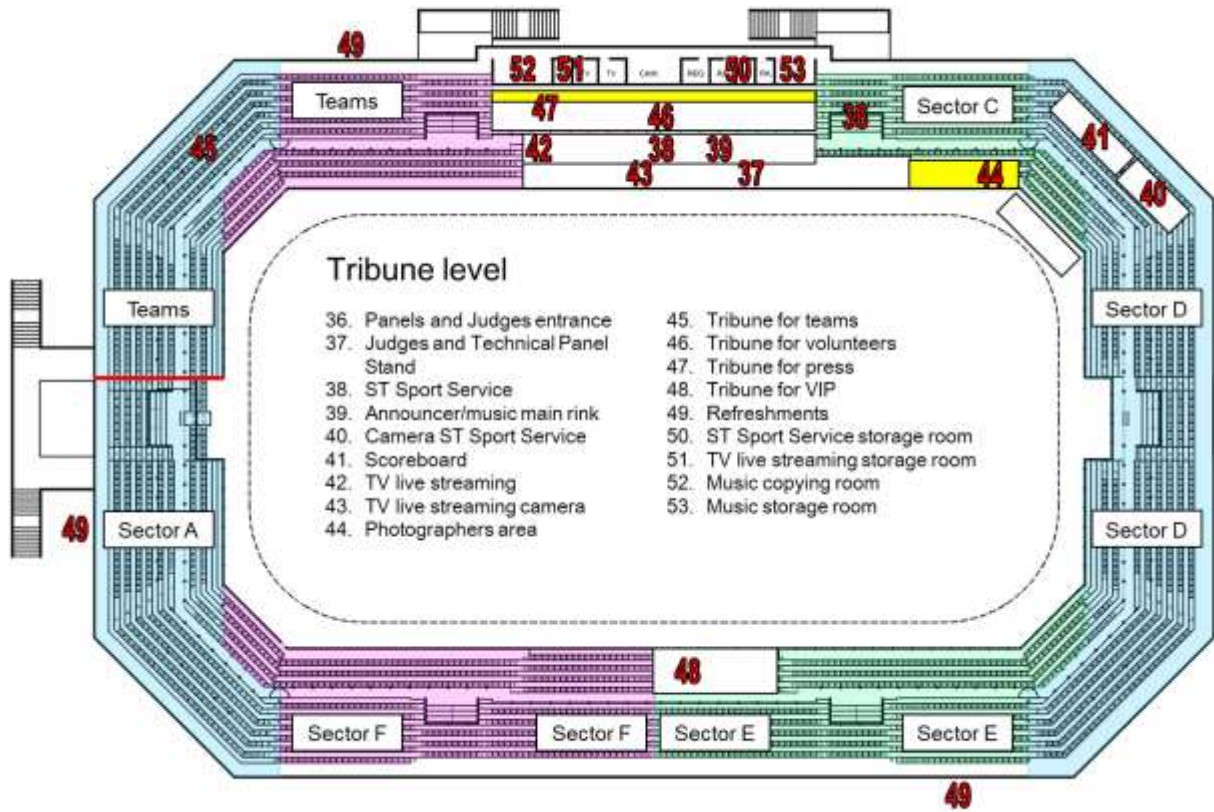
The Media Operations team will however help to fulfil any media requests but are also responsible to make sure that the medallists get to their ceremony and press conference on time.

Map 1: Ice level



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Map 2: Tribune level



## Material Available

- [Press Releases](#)
- [Media Guide](#)
- [Image Gallery Available on News Item \(Credit as indicated\)](#)
- Social Media
  - Facebook
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## Media Accommodation

Every individual media person is responsible for booking their accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees. The OC has not designated any official media hotel, but will help by providing suggestions if needed. Otherwise, you may want to go through your own travel agency or the Neuchâtel Tourist Office.

The address of the Neuchâtel Tourist Office is:

Tourisme neuchâtelois

Hôtel des Postes

2001 Neuchâtel

Switzerland

Phone: +41 (0) 32 889 68 90

E-mail: [info@ne.ch](mailto:info@ne.ch)

Website: <https://www.neuchateltourisme.ch/en/contact/offices.html>

The Neuchâtel Tourist Office opens on:

Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 13:30 to 17:30

Saturday from 09:00 to 12:00

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## Transportation

### From the Airport

Geneva International Airport (GVA) is the primary gateway to Neuchâtel.

Direct trains to Neuchâtel leave Geneva International Airport train station every hour at XX:05 minutes. The approximate journey time is 1 hour and 20 minutes.

As an indication, a one way train ticket from the Geneva International Airport train station to Neuchâtel train station costs CHF 48.- per person.

### From Hotels

As the Patinoires du Littoral are within walking distance of most hotels in the city of Neuchâtel, or reachable by public transportation, the Organizing Committee will not provide shuttle services for the media representatives.

All participants to the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships® 2019 will receive a “Neuchâtel Tourist Card” upon request. This pass enables each visitor, staying for a minimum of one night in a hotel, bed & breakfast or holiday apartment in the canton of Neuchâtel, to benefit from free public transport in the Neuchâtel region (trains, funicular and busses). This card is given by the host on the guest's arrival. It is valid from the time of check-in until midnight on the day of departure.

Further information on the “Neuchâtel Tourist Card” is available on:

<https://www.neuchateltourisme.ch/en/transport/public-transport.10009/neuchatel-tourist-card.12058.html>

### Buses

The main bus lines connecting most hotels in the city of Neuchâtel to the ice rink are lines 101 and 121.

**Line 101** “Cormondrèche, Grand'Rue - Place Pury - Marin-Epagnier Gare” runs at least every 10 minutes.

**Line 121** “Place Pury – Piscines” (with the stop “Maladière” very close to the ice rink) every 15 minutes. The trip takes about 6 minutes from the city centre (“Place Pury”).





Further information about the public transportation system is available on:  
<http://www.transn.ch/>.

You will find a map of the public transportation system on  
<http://www.transn.ch/reseau-horaires/littoral-val-de-ruz/>

## Competition information

### Preliminary Event Schedule (subject to change)

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> 2019	All day	Arrivals and Accreditation
Thursday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> 2019	08:00	Official Practice
	19:00	Opening Ceremony & Draw Ceremony
Friday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> 2019	08:30	Official Practice
	15:00	Opening Ceremony
	15:50	Competition Short Program
Saturday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> 2019	07:30	Official Practice
	14:30	Competition Free Skating
	19:00	Victory Ceremony

For the final Entry List, Results and Rankings, please refer to the [ISU Event page](#)

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