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BUDAPEST CUP 2026

INTERNATIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMPETITION

ISU Categories, 21-22 February 2026

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Icy-Events as the organiser has the great pleasure to invite all ISU members to participate in the BUDAPEST CUP 2025 international and interclub synchronized skating competition.

International competition categories

- Senior
- Senior Elite 12
- Junior
- Advanced Novice
- Basic Novice

In case of low registration, the Senior and Senior Elite 12 categories may be combined into one Senior Combined category.

Competition date and venue

- 21-22 February 2026
- Address: to be confirmed later the exact venue
 - Venue: MET ARÉNA

Address: 8000 Székesfehérvár, Rozmaring utca 14.

An indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60m, air-conditioned and heated. The layout of the arena where the entrance and exit are marked, along with the judges place, will be forwarded to each participant following the entry deadline.

ENTRIES Each ISU Member Association or club may enter any number of teams per category. The organizer reserves the right to limit the number of teams per category.

- Deadline for the entries: Friday 30th November 2025
- Deadline for the entry fee: Friday, 30th November 2025

Entry fee

- €700 - Junior, Senior
- €650 -Basic Novice, Advanced Novice

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason. If a team withdraws from the event after the specified deadline, the entry fee will not be returned.

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All payment details, including **bank account information will be available exclusively in the Team Registration System (TRS)**.

Extra Practice

The extra practice ice costs: 75€/15 minutes.

Extra practice ice will be available on Friday and Saturday. If you require extra practice ice, please make your reservation in our online Team Registration System (TRS).

Planned Schedule

Friday, 20th February 2026 • 08.00-20.00 Unofficial practice

- 17.00 Draw Ceremony for ISU Junior, Senior teams
- 17.30 Team Leader Meeting
- 18.00 Technical Panel Meeting
- 18.00-21.20 Official practice
- 18.30 Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
- 19.00 Judges Draw and Meeting
- 19:30 Opening Dinner

Saturday, 21st February 2026

- 08.00-20.00 Registration
- 07.00-15.00 Official practice (Unofficial practice for non competing teams 12.00-20.00)
- Opening ceremony 15.00-15:30
- Competition 15.30-21.30
- Award Ceremony on ice 21.45
- Adult, Advanced Novice, Mixed Age, Junior, Senior

Sunday, 22nd February 2026

- Registration 08.00-14.00
- Official practice 07.00-14.00
- Competition 14.30-22.00
- Award Ceremony 22.15
- Prejuvenile, Juvenile, Basic Novice, Junior, Senior

General Rules

The Budapest Cup 2026 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating as well as relevant ISU Communications for Season 2025/2026. All teams and competitors must belong to an ISU Member and qualify regarding eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in the ISU Rules 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.

Categories

- **Senior**

At least age of 17 before July 1, 2025

The Team shall consist of 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates.

Short Program: maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds, Factor 1,33

Free Skating Program: 4 minutes (+/- 10 seconds), Factor 2,67

Well Balanced Program Content according to Communication 2692 Senior Short Program and Senior Free Skating.

If an injury/illness should occur during official practice or during Competition, the Team will be permitted to skate with not less than 14 Skaters.

- **Senior Elite 12**

Shall consist of 12 skaters, who must have reached at least the age of 17 by July 1, 2025

Short Program: maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds

Free Skating Program: 4 minutes ($\pm$ 10 seconds)

Well Balanced Program Content according to Communication 2692 Senior Short Program and Senior Free Skating.

If an injury/illness should occur during official practice or during competition, the Team will be permitted to skate with not less than 11 skaters.

- **Junior**

At least age of 13 but have not reached the age of 19 before July 1, 2025

a Team shall consist of twelve to sixteen Skaters - according the rule 800 in the 2024 Special Regulations and Technical Rules

Short Program: maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds, Factor 1,33

Free Skating Program: 3 minutes 30 seconds (+/- 10 seconds), Factor 2,67

Well Balanced Program Content according to Communication 2692 Junior Short Program and Junior Free Skating.

- **Advanced Novice**

Shall consist 12-16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates. At least the age of 10 but not reached the age of 16 before July 2025.

Free Skating program 3 minutes (+/- 10 sec). Factor 2,67

Well Balanced Program Content according to Communication 2692 Advanced Novice Free Skating.

- **Basic Novice**

The skaters must have reached the age of 10 but have not reached the age of 16 by July 1, 2025. The Team shall consist of 12 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates.

Free Skating Program: 3 minutes (+/- 10 seconds), Factor 2,67,

Well Balanced Program Content according to Communication 2692 Basic novice free program The highest difficulty Group of an Additional Feature may be attempted and will be called as executed. At Synchronized Spin level 1 is the max call, according to the Well Balanced Program Content 2025- 2026.

Event Officials And Composition Of The Panel Of Judges

The Organizing Committee Committee is responsible to appoint, at least one Referee, one Technical Controller and two Technical Specialists. The Technical Panel members must have the qualification of "International", however one of the three members may have the qualification "National".

Panel 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 not later than: 30th November 2025. The panel of Judges will include five Judges The qualification of the Judges must be at least "National". EXPENSES The Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges participating from dinner the day prior to the first practice day and ending with lunch the day after the Exhibition (if applicable) or the last Round Table Discussion, whichever is later. The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators.

Team Support Staff

Please be advised that only two (2) Coaches per Team will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted. Only one (1) 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.

RESULTS The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2024, Rule 842 and Rule 843 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

Draws

The Draws for the starting order must follow the ISU Rule 962 and 963. The initial draw for the starting order of the Short Program may only commence on the day prior to the first competition day of the respective ISU Junior and Senior Synchronized Skating event. No electronic Draws can be done in advance. Electronic draw will be done for the interclub categories. The starting order for Free Skating should be conducted as outlined in ISU Rule 963, Paragraph 2.

Award Ceremony, Medals

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. **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 of 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.

Registration

In accordance with ISU requirements, all entries for the Budapest Cup 2026 must also be made through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com>.

Entries must be submitted by ISU Members via the ORS within the deadlines indicated.

Teams must complete their registration in the Budapest Cup Team Registration System (TRS) to provide all required information for the competition and related services, such as music upload, extra practice ice booking, catering, accommodation, and transportation. Access to the TRS will be granted after the team's application has been accepted.

1. Teams may indicate their intention to participate by sending an email to **hello@sysbudapestcup.com**.
2. In reply, the Organizing Committee will provide a link to the **Preliminary Entry Survey**.
3. By completing this survey, teams can apply for participation in the competition. Alternatively, teams may submit the **official Entry Form**, completed with their data, by email to **hello@sysbudapestcup.com** (the Entry Form is available at **www.sysbudapestcup.com**).

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4. After receiving either the completed Preliminary Entry Survey or the Entry Form, the Organizing Committee will process the application.
5. Once the application is accepted, teams will receive an email with access to the **Team Registration System (TRS)**, through which the full registration process will be completed, including team music uploading, booking extra practice ice time, ordering catering services (lunch and dinner), hotel room reservations, bus transportation arrangements, and other related services.

You can find the entry form on our website and on Sportitivity, Code: BpCup2026.

