



ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

FINNISH ICE DANCE OPEN

16–18 February 2024

Interclub Competition in Ice Dance
for
Senior, Junior, Advanced Novice, Intermediate Novice and
Basic Novice Categories

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Helsingin Luistelijat is pleased to announce the Finnish Ice Dance Open 2024, an interclub event in Figure Skating for Ice Dance.

The Competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2022, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the Finnish Ice Dance Open 2024 is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member, and qualify with regards to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3. All competitors must present an official identity document at the accreditation for verification.

Organising Club: Helsingin Luistelijat, Finland
Email: jt.kilpailut@hl.fi
Website: <https://hl.fi/fido2024>

Type of Competition: Interclub

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place of the event:

Pirkkola ice rink
Plotinrinne 8
00630 Helsinki

Size of the ice rink is 30m x 60m. The ice rink is heated.



3. ENTRIES

Entries of Competitors

All Competitors must be entered through their clubs, which are members of National Figure Skating Federations, associated with the ISU. Each club may enter as many skaters as they would like to. The Organising Committee reserves the right to allow more, or less skaters in each category depending on the number of provisional entries.

Entries for the Finnish Ice Dance Open 2024 must be submitted to the Organising Committee via [electronic entry form](#) no later than on 16 January 2024.

Confirmation of entries will be sent no later than on 19 January 2024. Please do not make any travel arrangements until you receive the confirmation of the entries.

The Organising Committee will not cover any expenses for competitors, team leaders, coaches, or chaperons. The "Program Content Sheet" for all categories must be returned to the Organising Committee no later than on 29 January 2024 by e-mail to jt.kilpailut@hl.fi. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet will be filled precisely by each couple in English using terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

Entry fee for competitors

All categories: 110 EUR / couple

The entry fee will be refunded only in cases when the withdrawal of the athlete(s) happens seven (7) days before the closing date of the draw, 6 February 2024, or upon presenting an official certificate stating a medical reason preventing the participation.

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The entry fees will be invoiced and sent via e-mail to the clubs after confirmation. The invoice must be paid at latest on the due date, 6 February 2024. In case of non-payment, the Organising Committee reserves the right to consider the pertinent entries withdrawn.

In case a couple has been entered in the competition, but cannot participate, they can be replaced by another couple in the same category and class until the draw. Participating clubs are asked to immediately inform of any changes in their entries by emailing jt.kilpailut@hl.fi

Entries of Judges and Technical Panel



Each participating club may propose members to the judging and technical panels. ISU, International and National level officials will be accepted.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to limit the number of judges in accordance with the number of the entries. Proposals may be sent via e-mail to jt.kilpailut@hl.fi

4. MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES

Judges and Technical Panel

The Organising Committee will only cover the board and lodging for accepted judges and invited officials from the dinner before the day of their activity until the end of their activity, or in the days when the judge/official is on duty. Confirmation for panels will be published on the competition website.

The Organising Committee will provide and cover the expenses for travel (based on economy fare), rooms and meals in accordance with Finland's general travel policy for the invited Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialist, and Data Operators. Should any Judge arrive at the Hotel before or stay longer than the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival.

Teams

The Organising Committee will not cover any expenses for competitors, team leaders, coaches or chaperons. Travel, board and accommodation expenses must be paid by each participant.

5. MUSIC

In accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, the following method to submit the Competitor's music to the Organising Committee must be followed:

The participating clubs are responsible for submitting their competitor's music as a direct attachment to an email to the Organising Committee jt.kilpailut@hl.fi by 6 February 2024.

Please note: *some music files might exceed the size of a regular email. In this case, an email-based transfer service which allows to send large files could be used to send the file to the Organising Committee.*

- Each submission shall be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment and the names of the competitors:

Example:



FIN_IceDance_JR_RD-LAHTI-Erika_LAHT-Max

FIN_IceDance_JR_FD-LAHTI-Erika_LAHT-Max

FIN_IceDance_AN_Starlight_LAHTI-Erika_LAHT-Max

- The music files must be sent as WAV or MP3 file formats. Any other format is not acceptable.
- The Organising Committee will take due care to delete received music files immediately after the competition.

Please note: Files in MP3 format may have a significant difference in the music quality when reproduced. The Organising Committee in this case is not responsible if the music quality would be insufficient.

- Each Competitor must have their own back-up drive (USB Stick) for each program in the format of a WAV or MP3 file.
- The exact running time of the music (not skating time) must be communicated to the Organising Committee when submitting the music and shall be certified by the Competitor/Coach/Team Leader at the time of registration.

NB. CDs will not be accepted by the Organising Committee.

6. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation point will be at the Ice Rink, from 1pm on Friday 16 February 2024.

Accreditations will be given to all Competitors, Coaches, Officials, Team leaders and other Team members. An official identity document must be presented at the accreditation for verification.

Accreditation will be made only for skaters whose entry fees have been paid. It is not possible to pay the entry fee on site.



7. OPENING DRAW

The Starting Order draw will take place electronically on 11 February 2024. The Starting Order for Free Dances will be the reverse of the Pattern Dances and Rhythm Dances results.

8. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The first three best placed Competitors in each event will be announced and honoured.

9. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the competition, 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 to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The Organising Committee assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors or Officials. The Organising Committee will provide Medical Emergency Aid during the Competition.

10. ACCOMMODATION

All teams must cover their accommodation expenses by themselves. Official hotels of the event are the following:

Hotel Haaga Central Park

Nuijamiestentie 10, 00320 Helsinki (2 km from the venue, several bus options available)

+358 440111192, www.hotelhaaga.fi

- 20% discount on daily rate is available to the FIDO participants. Mention FIDO (Finnish Ice Dance Open) when making the reservation either via telephone (+358 9 5807 877) or email to hotel@haaga.fi

SCANDIC PASILA

Maistraatinportti 3, 00240 Helsinki (4,5 km from the venue, direct bus line 23 available)

Phone: +358 9 4282 6210

E-mail: pasila@scandichotels.com

- Discount on daily rate is available to the FIDO participants. Reservations can be made at www.scandichotels.com using the booking code FIARB ([direct link for reservation](#)).

11. YOUR TRAVEL



The nearest airport to Helsinki is Vantaa Airport (HEL), with a distance of 45mins approximately to the city centre and 20mins from the venue.

Transfer from the Airport to the Helsinki main railway station is frequent and easy. Local train lines “I” and “P” take 45mins from door to door. Bus number “615” also provides a quick transfer.

Please download the HSL mobile app for easy journey planning and ticket purchase.

12. COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Senior Ice Dance

Rhythm Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2560 and subsequent updates.

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

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2560 and subsequent updates.

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

Junior Ice Dance

Rhythm Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2560 and subsequent updates.

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

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2560 and subsequent updates

- Duration: 3 min. 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.



Advanced Novice Ice Dance



Pattern Dances

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 711, ISU Communication 2555 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

- Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated: Rocker Foxtrot and Starlight Waltz
- Couples shall provide their own music for all Pattern Dances.

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710 The required elements to be performed are those listed in ISU 4 Communication 2555 and subsequent updates.

- Duration: 3 minutes, +/- 10 sec

Intermediate Novice Ice Dance

Pattern Dances

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 711, ISU Communication 2555 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

- Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated:
Group 2: Fourteenstep and Tango
- Couples shall provide their own music for all Pattern Dances.

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be performed are those listed in ISU Communication 2555 and subsequent updates.

- Duration: 2 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

Basic Novice Ice Dance

Pattern Dances

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 711, ISU Communication 2555 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

- Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated: Willow Waltz and Tango Canasta
- Couples shall provide their own music for all Pattern Dances.

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be performed are those listed in ISU Communication 2555 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 minutes, +/- 10 sec.

PRELIMINARY TIME SCHEDULE FOR ALL CATEGORIES



Friday 16 February 2024: 14.00-22.30 Unofficial practice

Saturday 17 February 2024: 07.30-22.30 Competition

Sunday 18 February 2024: 07.30-20.00 Competition

A provisional schedule will be sent out to all participating clubs upon the confirmation of the competition. Paid unofficial practice may be available on site. Information will be provided after the confirmation of entries.

WELCOME TO HELSINKI!

Distribution: Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Sweden, UK
Cc: Finnish Figure Skating Association
Appendix: Planned program content form

Director of the event: Oana Ceciu

Please note: The Organising Committee reserves the right to cancel FIDO 2024 if national/local officials' recommendation or suggestion prevents conducting the event. The Organising Committee will also comply with any requirements and suggestions provided by national/local officials at the time of the event e.g. EU COVID pass might be required upon entry. The Organising Committee will inform of the requirements closer to the event – situation can change also on a short notice.