ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION Solo Ice Dance Open 6-7 April 2024

Ice Dance Competition For Beginners, Hobby A & Hobby B And for Adult Solo Ice Dance

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Helsingin Luistelijat is pleased to announce the Solo Ice Dance Open 2024 an International Interclub event in Figure Skating for Ice Dance and Ice Dance Adults.

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2023, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Ice Dance 2023, the relevant ISU Communications and the Solo Ice Dance Rules and Requirements for Season 2023-2024. https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/solo-ice-dance

The Adult Solo Ice Dance event will follow the Finnish Solo Ice Dance Adult Rules & Regulations.

For a copy of the International Solo Ice Dance Rules and Requirements for 2023-2024 and the Finnish Solo Ice dance Rules & Regulations please email: <u>solo.icedance.international@gmail.com</u>.

Participation in the Solo 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 the Solo Ice Dance age requirements for Season 2023-2024 and the Adult Category age requirements.

Organising Club: Helsingin Luistelijat, Finland Email: <u>sido2024.contact@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>https://hl.fi/tapahtumat/kilpailut/jaatanssikilpailut-ice-dance-competitions/soloice-dance-open-2024</u>

Type of Competition : International Interclub

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place of the event: Herttoniemi Jäähalli Abraham Wetterin tie 1, 00810, Helsinki, Finland Size of the ice rink is 28m x 58m. The ice rink is heated.



3. ENTRIES

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 Organizing Committee (OC) reserves the right to allow more or less skaters in each category depending on the number of provisional entries.

Entries for the Solo Ice Dance Open 2024 must be submitted to the OC via electronic entry form no later than Friday 23rd of February 2024.

Confirmation of entries will be sent no later than Friday 8th of March 2024. Please do not make any travel arrangements until you receive the confirmation of entries.

The OC will not cover any expenses for Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches, or Chaperones. The Program Content Sheet for all categories must be returned to the OC no later than Monday 18th of March 2024 by e-mail to <u>sido2024.contact@gmail.com</u>. It is mandatory that the Program Content sheet be filled precisely by each Skater in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective Solo Ice Dance Scale of Values.

Entry fee for competitors

All Solos: 90€ / skater Late Entry Fee: 180€

The entry fee will be invoiced and sent via e-mail to the clubs after confirmation. The invoice must be paid at latest on the due date: Monday 18th of March 2024. In case of non-payment, the OC reserves the right to consider the pertinent entries withdrawn.

In case a skater(s) has been entered in the competition, but cannot participate, they can be replaced by another skater(s) in the same category and class until the draw. Participating clubs are asked to inform immediately of any changes in their entries by emailing <u>sido2024.contact@gmail.com</u>.

The entry fee will only be refunded in cases when the withdrawal of the skater(s) occurs seven (7) days before the closing date: Friday 15th of March 2024, or upon presentation of an official certificate stating a medical reason preventing the participation.

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 OC reserves the right to limit the number of judges in accordance with the number of entries.

Proposals are to be sent via email to sido2024.contact@gmail.com

4. MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES



Teams

The OC will not cover any expenses for Competitors, Coaches, Team Leaders or Chaperones. Travel, board and accommodation expenses must be paid by each participant.

Officials

The OC will cover the board and lodging for accepted judges and invited officials as of the dinner on the day before the start of their activity until the end of their activity, or for the day when the official is on duty. Confirmation of the panels will be published on the competition website.

The OC 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 Specialists and Data Operators. Should any Official arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period afore-mentioned, the expenses will be their own responsibility and must be paid upon arrival.

5. MUSIC

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

The participating clubs are responsible for submitting their skaters' music(s) as a direct attachment to an email to the OC (<u>sido2024.contact@gmail.com</u>) by March 18th, 2024.

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

Each Skater must have their own back-up drive (USB stick) for each program in the format of a WAV or an MP3 file.

The exact running time of the music (not skating time) must be communicated to the OC when submitting the music and shall be certified by the Competitor/Coach/Team Leader at the time of registration.

Example for music files: AN_FD_Michael_GRANT_FIN AN_Rocker_Foxtrot_Michael_GRANT_FIN

NB: CDs will not be accepted by the Organizing Committee.



6. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation point will be at the Sokos Original Hotel Presidentti on Friday April 5th from 6pm and then at the Ice Rink on Saturday April 6th from 7.30am.

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 at the Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti, Eteläinen Rautatiekatu 4, 00100 Helsinki on Friday April 5th at 6.30pm, all participants are invited to attend. The Starting Order for Free Dances will be the reverse of the Pattern Dances and Rhythm Dances results.

8. PRESENTAITON OF MEDALS

The first three best placed Competitors in each event will be announced and honored on the ice. Group pictures with all the competitors will take place following the reward ceremony.

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 including the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person(s).

The OC assumes no responsibility nor liability with regards to bodily or personal injury nor is the OC liable for any property damage incurred by Competitors or Officials. The OC will provide Medical Emergency Aid during the Competition.



10. ACCOMODATION

All Teams must cover their accommodation expenses by themselves.

Hotel Options:

Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti Eteläinen Rautatiekatu 4	112€ 112€	Standard Single Standard Twin	
00100 Helsinki	132€	Standard Twin with extra bed	
Booking Code "BSIDO24"			
https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/hotels/helsinki/original-sokos-hotel-presidentti			
Original Sokos Hotel Tripla	99€	Standard Single	
Fredikanterassa 1 B	99€	Standard Double /	
00520 Helsinki		Standard Twin	
Booking Code "BSIDO24"	120€	Standard Double with extra bed	
https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/hotels/helsinki/original-sokos-hotel-tripla			

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11. TRANSPORTATION

The nearest airport to Helsinki is Vantaa Airport (HEL), with a distance of 45 mins approx. to the city center.

Transfer from the airport to the Helsinki main railway station is frequent and easy. Local train lines "I" and "P" take 45mins door to door.

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

12. COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Beginner Solo Ice Dance:

Adult

Dutch Waltz
Free Dance (1"30 +/- 10 sec)

Adult Solo Ice Dance (Hobby Class A):

-	Viennese Waltz
-	Free Dance (3"00 +/- 10 sec)
Solo Ice Dance (Hobby Class B):	
-	Tango Canasta
-	Free Dance (2"30 +/- 10 sec)



Adult Solo Ice Dance Bronze:

- European Waltz
- Tango Canasta
- Free Dance (1"50 +/- 10 sec)

Adult Solo Ice Dance Gold:

- Argentine Tango
- Blues
- Free Dance (3"00 +/- 10 sec)

For information about required elements please refer to the International Solo Ice Dance Rules & Requirements <u>https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/solo-ice-dance</u> and the Finnish Solo Adult rules.

PRELIMINARY TIME SCHEDULE

Friday March 8 th , 2024:	Confirmation of entries
Friday April 5 th , 2024:	Starting Order Draw
Saturday April 6 th , 2024	Pattern Dances and Rhythm Dances
Sunday April 7 th , 2024	Free Dances
	Podiums

A provisional schedule will be sent out to all participating clubs upon the confirmation of the competition. Additional information will be provided after the confirmation of entries.

Welcome to Helsinki!

