



ANNOUNCEMENT

TROPHY D'ECOSSE 2018

ISU International Synchronized Skating Competition

Incorporating

Club International

&

Sk8scotland Scottish Synchronized Skating Championships 2018

Dumfries Ice Bowl Leisure Complex,

Dumfries

Scotland

Preliminary Closing Date for Entries 1st December 2017

Final Closing Date for Entries 1st January 2018

Registration opens from 7th February 2018

Draw 8th February 2018

Events 9-10-11th February 2018



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Sk8scotland, on behalf of The National Ice Skating Association of GB and NI, is delighted to invite ISU Members to the Trophy D'Ecosse 2018 ISU International Skating Competition & Club International. The ISU International Trophy D'Ecosse 2018 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution, the ISU General Regulations 2016, ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2016, as well as all subsequent pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU International Trophy D'Ecosse 2018 is open to all Teams that belong to an ISU Member. All participation and Team Composition must fall within the requirements of ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2016

DATES

Preliminary Entry Form	1 st December 2017
Closing Date	1 st January 2018
Registration	from 7 th February 2018
Draw	8 th February 2018
Competitions	9-10-11 th February 2018

VENUE

Dumfries Ice Bowl

King Street,
Dumfries,
DG2 9AN
(0)1387 251 300



Dumfries Ice Bowl has a seating capacity for 500+
The size is 29 metres x 56 metres.
The facility is heated.

INVITED MEMBERS

All members of the International Skating Union listed on ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016 are invited to enter Teams at Trophy d'Ecosse 2018. Individual Clubs of Members may enter Teams into the Club International Events.

CATEGORIES

The competition will include the following categories: (for full details please see **TECHNICAL DATA** below)

ISU INTERNATIONAL

SENIOR/JUNIOR	Short Programme and Free Skating Programme
ADVANCED NOVICE	Free Skating Programme
BASIC NOVICE A	Free Skating Programme
BASIC NOVICE B	Free Skating Programme

CLUB INTERNATIONAL – These categories as for ISU Senior and Junior

SENIOR B & JUNIOR B	Short Programme and Free Skating Programme
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These categories programmes as for Advanced Novice –

ADVANCED NOVICE B	Free Skating Programme
MIXED AGE	Free Skating Programme
PRELIMINARY	Free Skating Programme
JUVENILE	Free Skating Programme

CLUB INTERNATIONAL – These categories programmes as for Basic Novice

ELEMENTARY	Free Skating Programme
ADULT	Free Skating Programme

The composition of Teams for ISU Categories is determined by ISU Rules from **SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SYNCHRONIZED SKATING 2016**

No team may compete in more than one category within each of the two events. – ie ISU International and Club International

No team may comprise of more than 50% skaters who are competing in another team. ie teams may have up to 50% crossovers within either the ISU International or the Club International.

Only those skaters whose names are listed on the registration forms will be allowed to skate. Before an Alternate may be substituted into a team the Organiser or Referee must be informed.

ENTRIES

Entry Dates – ISU International Events: Entries of Teams to the ISU International, nominated Judges, Team Leaders and Team Managers may only be made by the respective members on the enclosed Official Forms and must reach the Organising Committee by:

Preliminary Entry Form	1 st December 2017
Full set of Entry Forms & Fee by Closing Date	1 st January 2018

Entry Dates – Club International Events: Entry to the Club International events may be made by individual Team Managers/Coaches but must meet the same deadlines please.

Documentation: All documents that require signatures may be scanned and e-mailed to trophydecosse2018@gmail.com ensuring that all email correspondence clearly shows team and country **or** a hard copy can be sent to:

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Chairman LOC, Trophy d'Ecosse 2018
Dumfries Ice Bowl,
King Street,

Dumfries. DG2 9AN

Entry Fees* are:

Senior and Junior Teams £395

Senior B and Junior B Team £395

All other categories £375

**Entry Fees do not include charges for Unofficial Practice Ice*

All payments should be made by Direct Bank Transfer to the following account:

Bank: Bank of Scotland, 8 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh EH12 9DJ

Account Name: NISA Scotland

Sort Code: 12-24-81

Account Number: 06199357

International Entries should additionally quote:

BIC Code: BOFSGBS1BBL

IBAN No: GB34 BOFS 1224 8106 1993 57

Clearly indicate reference: Trophy D'Ecosse 2018/name of Team/Country

Commissions and any bank transaction fees will be at the cost of the Entrant and should be paid directly to the bank. Surcharge may apply at the event where this is not covered.

All Entries Forms and Fees must be received by 1st January 2018.

If a Team withdraws after the closing date the entry fee will not be refunded.

Sk8scotland reserves the right to accept late entries, and to limit the number of participating teams.

In the event of any queries please contact: trophydecosse2018@gmail.com

OFFICIAL PRACTICE

The official practices will begin on the Friday morning of 9th February 2018, unless numbers dictate that practices need to commence the evening before.

There will be a 10-minute Official Practice for Junior and Junior B and Senior and Senior B Short Programmes and 12-minute for Advanced Novice, Advanced Novice B, Junior and Junior B and Senior and Senior B, Free Skating Programmes.

All other categories will have 10-minute Official Practices.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE FOR THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY – Applications for ice to be received on the Preliminary Entry Form by 1st December 2017 in order to confirm final bookings enabling Team Management to submit the correct funds when completing the Payment Summary Form. (£30 per 15 minutes) UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE PRIOR TO THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY TO BE APPLIED FOR DIRECTLY TO trophydecosse2018@gmail.com

The bookings will be in blocks of 15 minutes.

No extra practice ice will be permitted after the Official Draw. (**SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SYNCHRONIZED SKATING 2016**)

TECHNICAL DATA

Category	Programme Time	Requirements	Min-Max No Skaters and max of 4 alternates	Ages by/before 1st July 2016
Senior	Short Program: 2 mins 50 secs (Max) Free Program: 4 mins 30 sec (-/+10 secs)	Per ISU	16 (+4 Alts)	Must have reached 15 yrs. or over by July 1st 2017
Junior	Short Program: 2 mins 50 secs (Max) Free Program: 4 mins (-/+ 10 secs)	Per ISU	16 (+4 Alts)	Must have reached 13 yrs. but not 19 yrs. by July 1st 2017
Advanced Novice	Free Program: 3 mins 30 secs (-/+ 10 secs)	Per ISU	16 (+4 Alts)	Must have reached 10 yrs. but not 15 yrs. by July 1st 2017
Basic Novice A	Free Program: 3 mins (-/+ 10 secs)	Per ISU	12 (+ 4 Alts)	Must have reached 10 yrs. but not 15 yrs. by July 1st 2017
Basic Novice B	Free Program: 3 mins (-/+ 10 secs)	Per ISU	16 (+4 Alts)	Must have reached 10 yrs. but not 15 yrs. by July 1st 2017
For non-ISU categories the 80% / 20% age rule applies to the total number of skaters involved. At least 80% of those actually performing the programme in the event must meet the age category while 20% or less may be outside the age criteria of the category.				
Senior NISA Category B	Short Program: 2 min 50 secs (Max) Free Program: 4 mins 30 secs (-/+10 secs)	Per ISU	12-16 (+4 Alts)	Of the members of the team actually performing the programme, if the team comprises of 12, 13 or 14 skaters – 2 skaters with no age restrictions are allowed. If the team comprises of 15 or 16 skaters – 3 skaters with no age restrictions are allowed. Balance of the team must have reached 15 yrs. or over by July 1st 2017
Junior NISA Category B	Short Program: 2 mins 50 secs (Max) Long Program: 4 mins (-/+ 10 secs)	Per ISU	12-16 (+4 Alts)	Of the members of the team actually performing the programme, if the team comprises of 12, 13 or 14 skaters – 2 skaters with no age restrictions are allowed. If the team comprises of 15 or 16 skaters – 3 skaters with no age restrictions are allowed. Balance of the team must have reached 13 yrs. but not 19 yrs. by July 1st 2017
Advanced Novice NISA Category B	Free Program: 3 mins 30 secs (-/+10 secs)	Per ISU	12-16 (+4 Alts)	Of the members of the team actually performing the programme, if the team comprises of 12, 13 or 14 skaters – 2 skaters with no age restrictions are allowed. If the team comprises of 15 or 16 skaters – 3 skaters with no age restrictions are allowed. Balance of the team must have reached 10 yrs but not 15 yrs before 1 July 2017
Juvenile	Free Program: 3 mins 30 secs (+ 10 secs)	Advanced Novice	9-16 (+4 Alts)	Must not have reached 13 yrs. before July 1st 2017
Elementary	Free Program: 3 mins (+ 10 secs)	Basic Novice	9-16 (+4 Alts)	Must not have reached 16 yrs before July 1st 2017
Preliminary	Free Program: 3 mins 30 secs (-/+ 10 secs)	Advanced Novice	9-16 (+4 Alts)	Must not have reached 21 yrs before July 2017

The **Referees** will be invited by the Organising Committee and chosen from the current ISU list of Referees and Judges for the ISU International events

The **Technical Controllers** will be invited by the Organising Committee and chosen from the current ISU list of Referees and Judges for ISU International events

The **Technical Specialists** will be invited by the Organising Committee and chosen from the current ISU list of Technical Specialists for Synchronized) for ISU International events

The **Data/Replay Operators** will be invited by the Organising Committee and chosen from the current ISU list of Data/Video Replay Operators for Synchronized Skating for ISU International events

The Organising Committee will pay travel expenses for the invited Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers (2), Technical Specialists (4), and the Data/Replay Operators only and will provide ground transportation, accommodation and meals throughout the event (from Lunch on Thursday 8th February till breakfast on the morning of departure) for the invited Referees/Technical Controllers/Technical Specialists/ Data-Replay Operators and nominated Judges.

Accommodation will be reserved for all judges and officials at the Station Hotel, Dumfries.

<http://www.stationhoteldumfries.co.uk/>

Initial Judges Meeting / Referees – Technical Panel Meeting / Round Table Discussion (All timings are subject to possible change once the final timetable is released)

Initial Judges Meeting for ISU categories Senior, Junior and Advanced and Basic Novice A&B events will be held on Thursday 8th February at 16:30 hrs at the Station Hotel.

Meeting for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators will be held on Thursday 8th February at 18:45 at the Station Hotel, Dumfries.

Initial Judges Meeting for all other categories will be held on Thursday 8th February (at a time to be confirmed) at the Station Hotel, Dumfries. All judges are advised to arrive by 16:30 hrs on this day.

Round Table Discussion for ISU categories Senior, Junior and Advanced and Basic Novice A&B will be held on Saturday evening 10th February (venue to be confirmed – either at the Ice Bowl or the Station Hotel).

Round Table Discussion for all other categories will be held on Sunday following the Presentations at the Dumfries Ice Bowl.

Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists are kindly requested to carefully plan well in advance their travel arrangements in order to attend the mandatory meetings as above. Any adjustments/confirmations to these timings will be made with Judges and Officials travel in mind and new schedules will be circulated if changes are made.

REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

Registration and Accreditation for Referees, Judges, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators, Teams, Accredited Coaches, Team Leaders, Team Managers and Chaperones will take place at the Dumfries Ice Bowl Reception and will be open from midday from Wednesday 7th February 2018 and throughout the event.

A maximum of three chaperones per team will be accepted for the accreditation.

The National Passport for each skater of the Teams taking part in the ISU International will be checked during the Registration. Any skater who is not a National of the Country for which they are competing must have a release certificate. Teams from Great Britain will be checked by the NISA Office.

OFFICIAL DRAW

The Official Draw will take place on Thursday 8th February at a time tbc at the Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries.

All team members will be welcome. Captains and Vice Captains are asked to take seats in the front row and on the aisles for ease of access to the draw.

The Intermediate Draws will take place immediately after the end of the Short Programme for each category, at the Dumfries Ice Bowl in a room to be confirmed at the competition.

For each category, the starting order will be determined by draw, on team names in alphabetical order. The draw will be made by the Referee/s in accordance with ISU regulations.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony will take place at the Dumfries Ice Bowl 45 minutes before the beginning of the competition. Three skaters from each team are invited to take part in the ceremony.

MEDALS AND TROPHIES

Trophy D'Ecosse Trophies will be awarded to the winners of all the categories. Medals will be presented to all teams in first, second and third places. Highest placed Scottish Teams will receive Trophies and medals in recognition of the Sk8scotland Scottish Championships.

ORGANISATION

The organisation of the competition is the responsibility of Sk8scotland on behalf of NISA and it reserves the right to take any measures, in agreement with the Referee, necessary to ensure that the competitions run smoothly.

LIABILITY

According to ISU Rules, NISA, and the Sk8scotland Organising Committee accepts no liability or responsibility with respect to bodily or personal injury or for property loss or damage incurred by Competitors or Officials in connection with the Trophy D'Ecosse 2018 International Synchronized Skating Competition or any other part of the non-ISU events taking place at this event.

A medical service will be on duty at the ice rink during all the time of the competition and at the Official Practices.

DOPING

An anti-doping control may be carried out during the competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (See ISU Rules and Regulations for 2016) and for the non-ISU events according to the regulation of UK Sport.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

Full details on accommodation and travel may be found at:

www.trophydecosse.co.uk

CATERING FOR TEAMS

Teams may order meals at the Dumfries Ice Bowl on the Order Forms which will be available on the Event website **as above**

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Please send a Team photograph together with your entry or at your earliest convenience, ideally digital images in good resolution and by email to trophydecosse2018@gmail.com – **Clearly stating Team Names AND Category.**

not later than the closing date of 1st January 2018 – There will be full colour programmes so the earlier you can send your photos the better – thank you.

PUBLICITY WAVER

Members, Teams and Competitors hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that Team Photos, Team info and results will be published, as well as parts of Trophy D'Ecosse 2018 may be televised for showing on a worldwide basis.

According to the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016 both Members and Competitors (in this particular case Teams) hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the Competitors have been fully cleared and authorised for public use and consent to use of his or her name, biography and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio programme broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicising of such programme, without further clearance or payments of any kind on the side of the ISU, the Organising Member NISA and the Sk8scotland Organising Committee and the relevant television network or broadcasters being required. At the time of registration at the Trophy D'Ecosse 2018 all Team Leaders, or other representatives of the Member entering, must present a compliance signed by the Team Manager and/or Team Leader.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Event Director – Judy Clinton – judy.clinton@outlook.com

Local Organising Committee – Chairman – Anne-Marie Coxon – trophydecosse2018@gmail.com

Local Organising Committee – Vice Chairman – Barbara Haining

Event Publicity – To Be Confirmed

Supporting Organising Committee details will be available in due course on the event website.

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Preliminary (Provisional) Official Practice and Competition Schedule

This schedule may be changed dependent on the number of entries

Thursday 8th February

16:30	Initial Judges Meeting – ISU International	Station Hotel, Dumfries
19:00	Official Draw	Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries
TBC	Technical Meeting	Station Hotel
From 20:00	Dinner for Officials	Station Hotel
TBC	Initial Judges Meeting – Club International	Station Hotel

PLEASE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL PRACTICES TAKING PLACE THE EVENING BEFORE YOUR EVENT IF TIME CONSTRAINTS DEMAND.

Friday 9th February – Timings below dependent upon entries ALL PROVISIONAL

07:00 onwards	Official Practice	Elementary Juvenile Junior B Short Senior B Short Junior Short Senior Short	Dumfries Ice Bowl
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Competition In order as above

20:30		Official Dinner	Station Hotel
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Saturday 10th February

07:00 onwards	Official Practice	Mixed Age Basic Novice B Basic Novice A Advanced Novice B Junior B Free Programme Senior B Free Programme Advanced Novice Junior Free Programme Senior Free Programme	Dumfries Ice Bowl
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Competition In order as above

Following the event

Dinner for Officials

Round Table Meeting for ISU International

Sunday 11th February

07:00 onwards

Official Practice

Adult

Preliminary

Competition In order as above

The award Ceremony will be followed by Round Table Meeting for the Club International – to be held at the Dumfries Ice Bowl