



**2024 John Nicks Pairs International
Challenger Series**

New York City, USA

September 3 & 4, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENT



2024 John Nicks Pairs International

An International Senior Competition

for

Pair Skating

organized by

U.S. Figure Skating

New York, New York, USA

September 3-4, 2024

A competition as part of the



Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2024/25

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **John Nicks Pairs International** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **John Nicks Pairs International** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3 a) 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.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2526 all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All competitors must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation.

2. ISU CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING

The **John Nicks Pairs International** is part of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2024/25 and will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as specified in the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2024/25 as well as ISU Communication 2614.

If the requirements specified in the above-mentioned documents are fulfilled the event will count towards ISU World Standing Points, Minimum Total Technical Score, Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking and Prize Money.

There is a limitation for the Skaters/Couples to three (3) participations in the events of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating. Participation in any of an ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events or an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events does not limit the participation in events of the Challenger Series.

CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING RANKING AND PRIZE MONEY

At the end of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating, after the last event of the season has been concluded, the two highest final scores in the up to three different Challenger Series in Figure Skating events of each competitor/couple will be added and taken into consideration to form a Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking which will be published on the ISU website.

The top three placed Skaters/Couples of the annual Challenger Series Ranking in Figure Skating after the last event of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating will receive ISU Prize Money as outlined in the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2024/25 as well as ISU Communication 2614.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE **Main arena:** Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers, Pier 61, New York, NY 10011

(The West Rink is an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 29m, air-conditioned and heated)

Practice arena: West Rink - 195' x 95'
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 29m, air-conditioned and heated)

Main and Practice Rink are in the same rink



PAIR SKATING

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2024/25.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2024, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

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



4. ENTRIES

4.1 General

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2024/25.

All entries for the John Nicks Pairs International must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

4.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: A by entering the information through ORS.

4.3 Entries by Name

4.3.1 Entries of Competitors

There is a maximum of 3 entries by discipline per Federation, except the Host ISU Member (4).

The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS):

<https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

The Skating Club of New York
59 Chelsea Piers, Suite 5925
New York, NY 10011
e-mail: events@thescny.org

and to:

ISU Secretariat
e-mail: entries@isu.ch

not later than: **Friday August 9, 2024 – 20:00 (local time)**

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one 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 via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than: **Friday, August 9, 2024 – 20:00 (local time)**

Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 7 Judges. In exceptional cases and if there is no possibility to compose a panel of judges with at least 7 Judges, the ISU Vice-President Figure Skating may exceptionally authorize the panel in question to have a minimum of 6 Judges.

In case that at the time of the competition more Judges will be available and entered as required to compose the panels of Judges in one or more disciplines, the Organizing Member in consultation with the ISU will conduct on site, a draw for the panel of judges in the discipline in question for the first segment. The Judges, not drawn for the first segment will be seated for the second segment.



The panel for the second segment (Free Skating) will in this case be completed by an open draw amongst the Judges serving in the first segment of the discipline in question.

4.1.4 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Team Officials 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. An accompanying person to a Judge will only be accepted for accreditation if this person is a partner in life or a relative of the Judge. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and must reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than: **Friday August 9, 2024 – 20:00 h (local time)**

4.1.5 Entry Fee

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

\$ 113.40 per pair

One official 30-minute practice ice sessions (OPI) will be included with registration.

Unofficial 25-minute practice ice session (UPI) will be offered at \$25 per skater

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

If requested in advance, member federations will be allowed to wire funds directly to The Skating Club of New York. Please email events@thescny.org transfer information.

Payment is required by Saturday, August 10, 2024, for entry fees. Failure to pay entry fees in full by Monday, August 4, 2024, may result in removal from the competition.

5. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

This Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2024/25 as well as ISU Communication 2614 and principles of Rule 420, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating 2024 for appointing the Event Officials.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member. At least two Technical Panel members will have the qualification "ISU", however one of the three members may have the qualification "International".

The Referee will have at least the qualification "International" and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "International".



6. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Tuesday, September 3, 2024** until breakfast on **Thursday, September 5, 2024**

Should any of the above-mentioned persons 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.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators.

In accordance with the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2024/25 as well as ISU Communication 2614, all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges officiating in the "senior" competitions of a Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will, at the expense of the organizing ISU Member, receive pocket money of CHF 200.00 or the equivalent in the local currency. Any Official officiating besides in the "senior" category also in another category (for example junior), will at the expense of the organizing ISU Member receive an additional amount of CHF 100 (or equivalent in another currency) of pocket money per additional day of service.

7. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT –

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD in any other approved format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single and Pairs, for the Short and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition must be entered on the ISU Portal. Members can download the entered information to send to the Organizing Committee.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2, all covers/discs must show the Competition event, Competitor's name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short program, free skating, short dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

The Planned Program Content must also be entered by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform. It is mandatory that the Program Content information be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The two closest international airports to **Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers** are John F. Kennedy International **Airport (30.5km)** **Newark Liberty international Airport (38.6km)** to the Rink.

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Thursday, August 1, 2024** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information need to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).



10. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

OFFICIALS HOTEL:

W Hotel Times Square
1567 BROADWAY, New York, NY 10034
phone: +1 212 930-7400
website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/nycwh-w-new-york-times-square/overview/>

COMPETITOR HOTEL:

Courtyard New York Manhattan/Chelsea
135 West 30 Street, New York, NY 10001
phone: 1 212 867-6000
Link to competitor block: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1720759804414&key=GRP>
Rate: \$339/night

COACHES/TEAM OFFICIALS HOTEL:

Courtyard New York Manhattan/Chelsea
135 West 30 Street, New York, NY 10001
phone: 1 212 867-6000
Link to coach block: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1720760352232&key=GRP>
Rate: \$339/night

All reservations and payments for competitors and coaches/team officials shall be made directly with the hotel. *Link to reservations will be supplied*

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Registration Desk at Sky Rink on September 3rd** upon arrival.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their ISU Member. **The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.**

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

Chaperons will not receive accreditation.

12. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

13. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

First Place team will receive trophies and a prize package from Chique Sport.



14. 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 who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The ISU and the Organizing 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.

15. EXHIBITION

There will not be an exhibition.

16. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 18.

17. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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59 Chelsea Piers • Room 5925 • New York, NY 10011
phone: +646638.0030
website: www.thescny.org
e-mail: events@thescny.org



EVENT SCHEDULE

<u>Tuesday</u> September 3	2:15 PM	Senior Pairs Official Practice
	TBA	Team Leader Meeting
	TBA	Technical Panel Meeting
	TBA	Referee and Tech Controller Meeting
	TBA	Judges Draw (if necessary) & Meeting
	5:50 PM	Senior PAIRS – SHORT PROGRAM
<u>Wednesday</u> September 4	TBA	Unofficial Practice Available
	1:15 PM	Senior PAIRS – FREE SKATING
	TBA	Technical Panel Review
	TBA	Judges Roundtable

Please note:

This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.

**FORMS AND DEADLINES**

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Preliminary Entry Form	ORS	<i>August 4, 2024</i>
N/A	Composition of Delegation	ORS	<i>August 4, 2024</i>
N/A	Entry Form for Competitors	ORS	<i>August 4, 2024</i>
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	ORS	<i>July 26, 2024</i>
N/A	Hotel reservation request – Officials only	ORS	<i>August 8, 2024</i>
N/A	Team Travel Form	ORS	<i>August 4, 2024</i>
Letter	Visa request form	Upon Request from OC	Please request immediately
N/A	Press Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 24/25
N/A	Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 24/25
N/A	Ice Dance Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 24/25
N/A	Program Content Form	ISU Portal	Valid for season 24/25