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Media Information



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The French Ice Sports Federation (FFSG) looks forward to hosting media attending the GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE in Angers, France. The event will be held at the Angers IcePark from Oct 31st 2024.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Angers and applying for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The Press Centre and press tribunes will be open and operational from the first practice/ training session **on October 31st, 2024** according to the following time schedule (it may be subject to changes and needs to be verified on-site):

	Press Center Opening times
Thursday 31 October	11:00 – 19:00
Friday 1 November	08:30 – 23:00
Saturday 2 November	07:30 – 23:00
Sunday 3 November	09:00 – 19:00

1. Media Accreditation

All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (www.isu.org) under «[Media Accreditation](#)».

! When registering/applying, please make sure to upload all requested press credentials and to update these at the start of each season.

Accreditation is exclusively reserved for professional journalists employed by or representing media organizations (including agencies, print/web, TV/Radio), photographers, and, in some cases, content creators and social media reporters covering ISU Events for editorial or news purposes.

Representatives from ISU Member Federations involved in press and communication activities and which have been officially approved by the ISU are also eligible for accreditation.

Please note that individuals affiliated with sponsors, brands, or agencies will not be considered for media accreditation.

1.1 Accreditation Requirements

All media must provide the following up-to-date credentials when applying for media accreditation:

1. **Endorsement letter** confirming the journalist's affiliation with the registered media company or activity. The letter must include the date, the media company's logo, details about the role/function, and a signature from the editor-in-chief - * *Mandatory*
2. Copy of current **professional media or Press Card** - *if available*
3. Copy of a **valid ID/passport + headshot picture** - * *Mandatory*
4. Examples of **published work/portfolios** (e.g., past articles or photographs) - * *Mandatory*

1.2. Quotas

If space is limited the following quota will be enforced:

Type of Media	Number of people per media organization
Writing Press	Media Organization (newspaper, magazine, web, agencies, ISU Member Federations): 1 journalist
	Major Agency or Newspaper: 2 journalists
Photographer	Media Organization: 1 photographer Major Agency or Newspaper: 2 photographers
	For Figure Skating, Synchronized Skating and Short Track Speed Skating: limited to one rink side position, the other in an elevated position. For Speed Skating, 2 rink side positions (if space permits).
TV Non-Right Holder	Media Organization: 3 persons crew max. (e.g. one reporter, one camera person, one editor)
Radio Non-Right Holder	Media Organization: 1 reporter (max.)
Freelancer	Freelance journalist or photographer: 1 person Freelancers must provide written evidence that they are assigned to cover the ISU Event on behalf of a media organization. In case a freelancer is operating under its own account, they may be requested to submit additional written evidence (presentation letter, copy of past editorial pieces, etc).

1.3. Accreditation types and deadlines

The International Skating Union (ISU) and the Organizing Committee (OC) work diligently to ensure there will be ample coverage opportunities available to media outlets wishing to cover the ISU Events.

There are two types of available media accreditations:

1. **On-site** media accreditation (subject to capacity)
2. **Virtual media accreditation will not be available for this event**

The deadline to apply for media accreditations:

- **On-site** media accreditation requests: **22 October 2024**

⚠ No late media accreditation applications will be accepted for on-site requests.

1.4. Restrictions to Media Non-Right Holders during ISU Events

Non-Right Holders media – print/web journalists, TV/Radio, photographers, content creators and social media reporters – who have not negotiated any special production rights – need to abide and agree to the following rules in the conduct of their editorial work during ISU events ([see Terms and Conditions here](#)).

1.4.1. Restricted areas

Filming in the below listed areas is strictly forbidden:

- Competitions / Field of play
- Training sessions (at the Practice or Main rinks)
- Warm-up zone
- Changing rooms
- Mixed Zone area
- From public seats at all times (even during ice resurfacing)

The transgression of any of these rules may result in the exclusion from ISU Events, removal of accreditation, and legal actions.

1.4.2. Authorized areas

Non-Right Holders media are only allowed to produce video, audio-recorded material for editorial/news purposes in the following areas:

- In the Press Conference room
- Outside the venue

/! Special filming permissions, including permission to conduct interviews in the Mixed Zone, may be granted to Non-Rights Holders media on a limited and case-by-case basis. Requests must be made through a form ([available for download here](#)) and submitted to the ISU Media Team (media@isu.ch) at least one week prior to the start of the event.

1.5. TV and Radio Rights Holders Accreditation / Services

All Rights Holders media must also apply for accreditation via [OMAS](#). Access to the Rights Holders online area is restricted, therefore Rights Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team (media@isu.ch) in order to obtain a username and password.

To book any broadcasting services or facilities, please contact the Host Broadcaster:

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1.6. Accreditation confirmation and pick-up

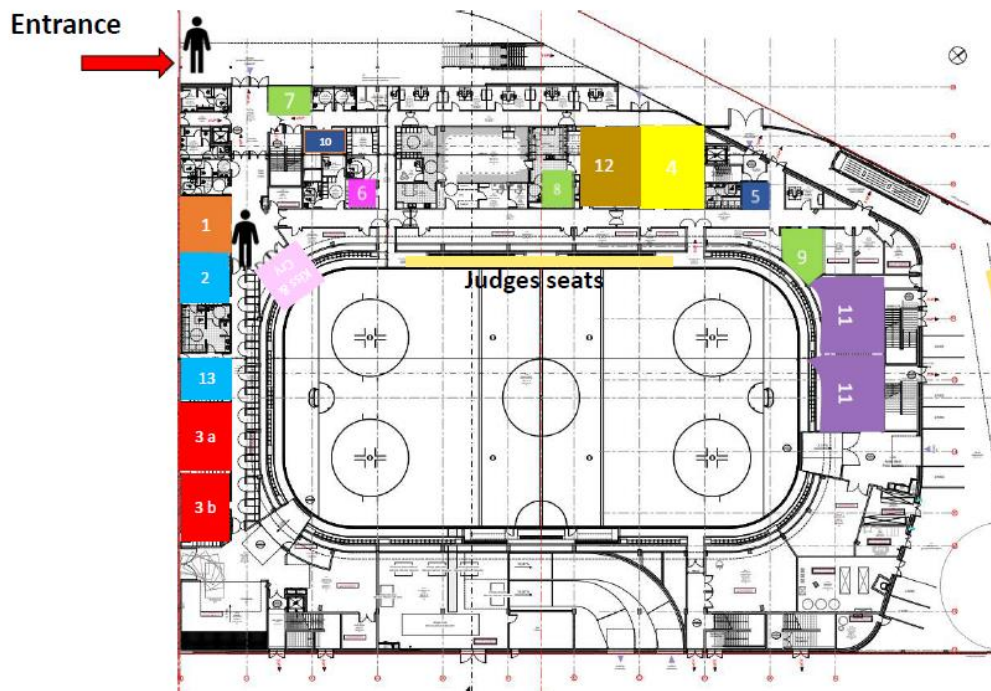
If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic confirmation email will be issued. For on-site attendance, you may be asked to present a copy of the confirmation email at the accreditation desk to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. **Note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation requests with or without justification.**

The accreditation centre for all accredited media will be located at the ice rink. **It will be open non-stop from 08:00 to 20:00 from October 31 to November 2.**

Access to the accreditation centre will be possible on the left-hand side of the ice rink building. The accreditation centre is located on the right side after entering the rink (*number 1 on the map below*).

Niveau 0 – Ice Level



No accreditation will be issued without the presentation of a valid travel ID (passport or EU ID card).

Lost Accreditation Cards

Forgotten, lost or stolen accreditation cards must be reported and can only be replaced at Accreditation/OC Office for a fee of 150€. Replacement is provided upon approval by the ISU and the OC.

2. Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee communication@ffsg.org. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

For visa requests, please provide passport details and the name of the Embassy where it will be applied.

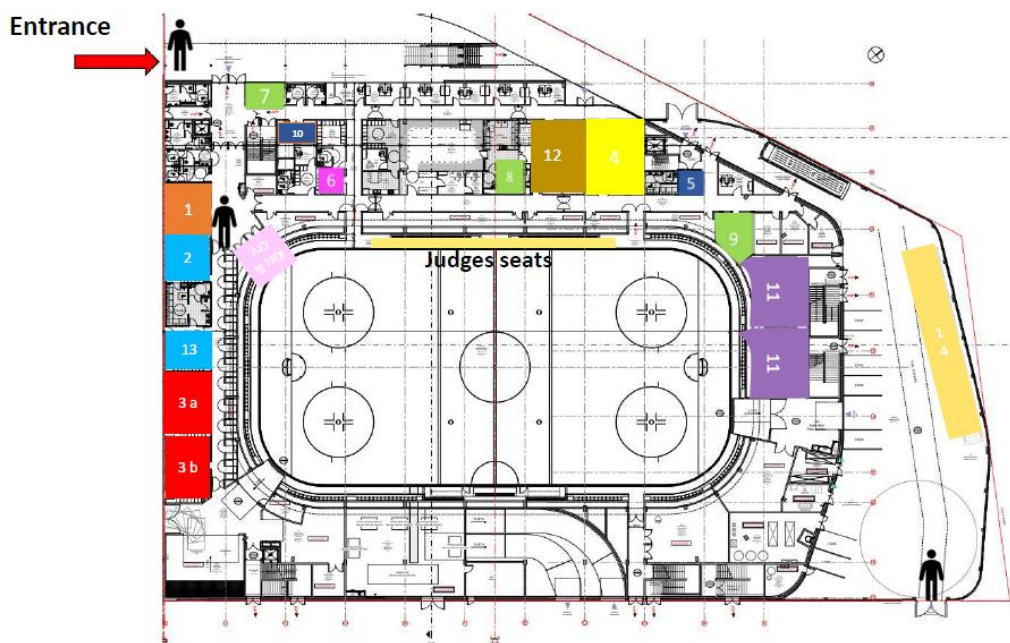
3. Media Facilities at the venue

The venue will provide the following media facilities:

- 25 work desks in the Press Centre
- Power plugs availability
- Wired and/or wireless internet in the different press areas
- 1 TV screen (75 inches / 190cm) in the Press Centre
- Availability of lockers for photographers
- Press information desk open non-stop during the Press Centre's opening times.

The Press Centre as well as photo lockers are located on the ground floor of the rink (see number 12 on the map below).

Niveau 0 – Ice Level



To book additional internet connectivity services and rink side for agency photographers, contact communication@ffsg.org and evenements@ffsg.org before October 22nd.

4.1. Media Tribunes and TV Commentator positions

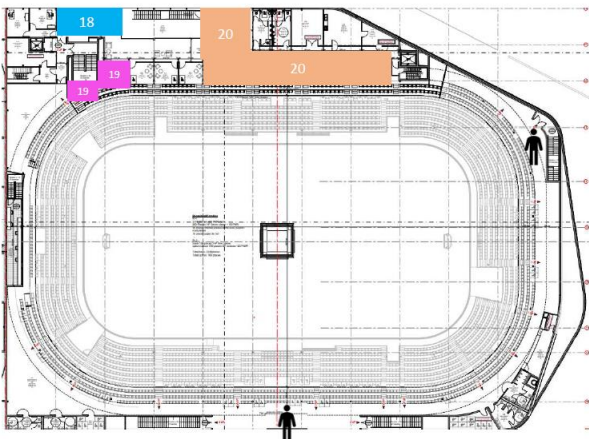
The Press Tribune can contain a total of 22 people at once. It contains a standing as well as seating area. The number of tabled and non-tabled seats will be communicated at a later stage.

Only wireless internet will be available in the press tribune.

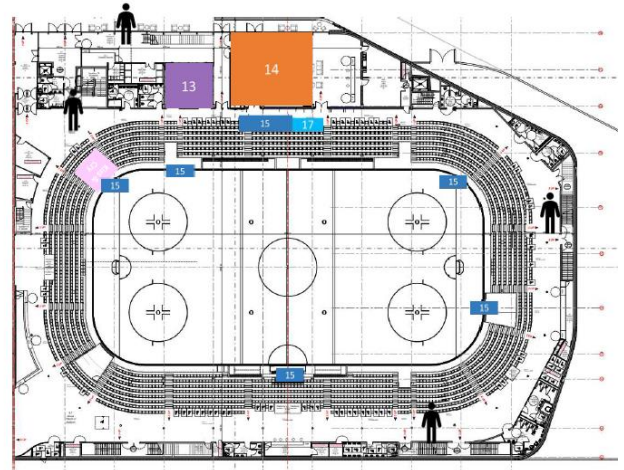
Commentary positions will be set up by the host broadcaster. CIS stations will be provided as well as all necessary materials according to the rate card.

The Media Tribune is located on the second floor of the ice rink (see number 19 on map below). Commentary positions are located on the first floor of the ice rink (see number 17 on map below).

Niveau 2



Niveau 1

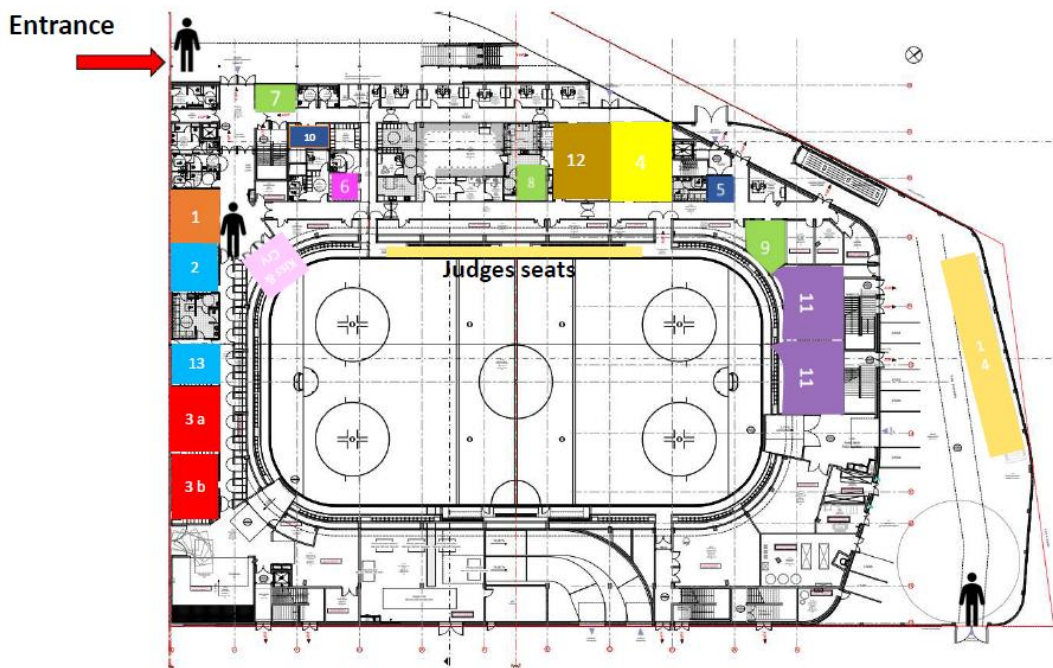


4.2. Mixed Zone & Press Conferences

4.2.1 Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition. The Mixed Zone is located on the ground floor of the ice rink (see number 2 on the map below).

Niveau 0 – Ice Level



The Mixed Zone area is split into six main sections and follows a pre-determined priority order:

1. Quick Quotes (made available on the ISU website)
2. TV / Radio Rights Holders (with pre-booked positions)
3. ISU Production/Social Media crew
4. TV / Radio Rights Holders with ENG positions
5. Non-Rights Holders (print/web, TV/Radio, social media without any production rights)

Athletes will go through the Mixed Zone on completion of every competition/race. Coaches may also be requested for interviews. The media operations team onsite will do its best to make sure the requested skaters go through the Mixed Zone for media interviews, however it is not mandatory for the athletes to give interviews.

⚠️ Priority will be given to medal ceremonies and TV Right Holders.

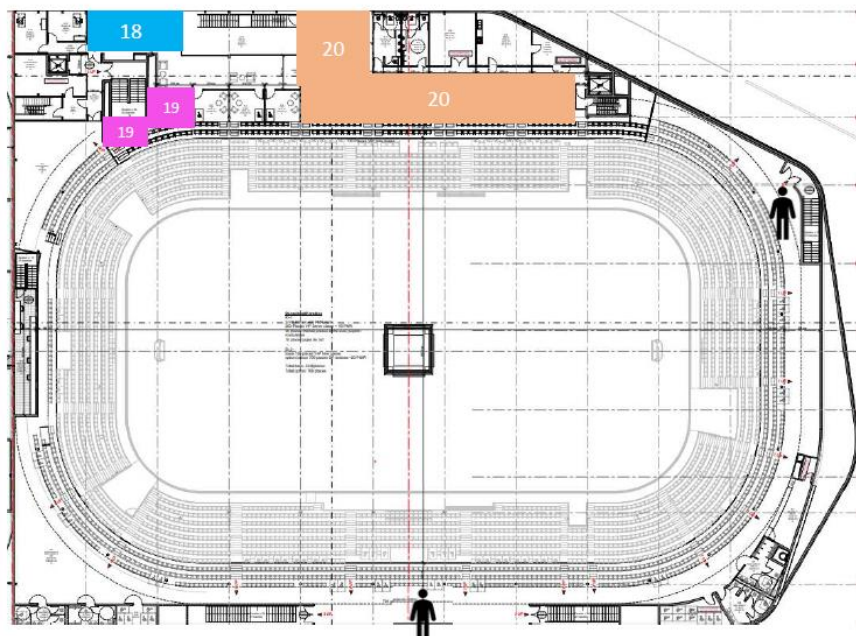
As the timing between the end of medal ceremonies and the start of press conferences is quite tight, note that medallists will go through the TV Right Holders' Mixed Zone for interviews and, if time permits, they could spend a limited time in the Non-Rights Holders area. If interviews in the Non-Rights holders area must be cut short, all questions should then be asked during the press conferences.

4.2.2. Press Conferences

Press conferences will feature the top-3 finishers after each competition/race and/or after victory ceremonies on final competition days.

Press conferences will take place on the second floor of the rink (*number 18 on the map below*).

Niveau 2



5. Media Digital Services

The ISU provides relevant and live media information through a number of digital channels:

ISU Website:

- [Homepage](#)
- [News section](#)
- [Media section](#) that includes the [OMAS accreditation portal](#), [Press Releases](#), [Media Guides](#), [ISU Photo Collection](#) as well as video libraries ([Ice Skating Channel](#), [Archives](#)).
- [ISU Newsletter](#)
- [Event webpage](#) with access to all competition information

ISU Photo Event Gallery

- Password details to the ISU Picdrop photo galleries for editorial and non-commercial purposes will be accessible on the Inside ISU Events App.
- When using a picture, the ISU must be credited as follows: **©International Skating Union (ISU)** and must be tagged or mentioned in any social media post.

ISU Social Media Accounts:

- Facebook: [@ISUFigureSkating](#) / [@ISUSpeedSkating](#) / [@ISUShortTrackSpeedSkating](#)
- Instagram: [@ISUFigureSkating](#) / [@isuspeedskating](#)
- Youtube: [Skating ISU](#)
- X (Twitter): [@ISU_Figure](#) / [@ISU_Speed](#)
- Tik Tok: [@isuskating](#)
- Weibo: [weibo.com/isuofficial](#)
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-skating-union>

Inside ISU Event App:

- The Inside ISU Event App is the main source of information and means of communication for media attending ISU Events on-site or remotely (if available).
- It gathers all the key media-related information constantly updated live with push notifications alerts.
- The password to access the Media App of the relevant Event is provided via OMAS once an accreditation is approved.

The OC also offers media information relevant to the Event on the following digital channels:

- Event Website: <https://www.ffsg.org/Evenements>
- Event Hashtags: #GPFRA
- Social Media Accounts:
 - Facebook: [@sportsdeglace](#)
 - Instagram: [@ffsportsdeglace](#)
 - TikTok: [@ffsportsdeglace](#)
 - Twitter: [@ffsportsdeglace](#)

6. Media Accommodation

Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

6.1. Media Hotels

The Organizing Committee suggest the following hotels:

Mercure Angers Centre De Congres

1 place Mendes France
49100 ANGERS
France

Ibis Angers Centre Château

Rue de la Poissonnerie
49100 ANGERS
France

6.2. Reservation Payment Conditions

Hotel conditions apply.

7. Transportation

No transportation will be provided.

8. Useful Information

Language

French is the official language. English can be used within the government services and structures that welcomes tourists (hotels, restaurants, museum, etc.).

Climate

Angers has an oceanic climate, with moderate rain year-round. Winters have scarce frosts and snowfalls, and summers are warm and sunny. The average temperature in November is between 10 and 14°C (50 and 57 °F) and can be rainy and windy.

Currency

The official domestic currency is the Euro (€).

Banking Hours

Most banks are open Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 18:00. Most of them are closed during the weekends but some are open for a short amount of time on Saturday morning. ATMs are available 24/7 inside banks and do not take any commission. We advise using the inside ATMs rather than those situated outside to avoid any risks of robbery.

Money exchange

Foreign currency can be exchanged at the airport, in banks and exchange offices.

Emergency Services

Use these emergency numbers to get through to the emergency services free of charge, 24/7.

Please note that you may call any of the following numbers for any emergency and they will redirect you to the relevant service as needed upon description of your emergency.

15 = SAMU: The French Emergency Medical Assistance Service. To call out a medical team to a medical emergency as well as to be referred to a round-the-clock health facility.

17 = EMERGENCY POLICE: To report a crime requiring an immediate police response.

18 = PARAMEDICS and FIREFIGHTERS: in case of medical emergency that might not need a doctor present, as well as for any fire emergency.

112 = EUROPEAN EMERGENCY NUMBER: If you are a victim or witness of an accident in a country in the European Union.

114 = EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING PEOPLE: If you are a victim or witness of an emergency and require emergency assistance.

Public transportation

Angers operates its own public transport services, run by the company Irigo. Two tram lines as well as several metro lines are covering the metropolis.

Transportation coverage can be consulted here: <https://plan-dynamique.irigo.fr/>.

You may also use Destineo to find quite itineraries by public transport in Angers and in the whole region: <https://destineo.fr/fr/>.

A single ticket costs 1,60€. A 10 ticket bundle costs 15,00€. A 24h-ticket costs 4,50€. Ticket machines can be found at transportation stops.

Tram Line A connects the main train station, Mercure hotel, and the ice-rink.

Lines B and 3 also stop close to the ice-rink.

Tourism offices

Angers' tourism office is Destination Angers. Its physical location is in the centre of town, near the castle. Visit the website [here](#). They can be reached by phone at +33 2 41 23 50 00 or by email at contact@destination-angers.com.

For information about travel and tourism in France, [Explore France](#) is the recommended platform. For anything related to visas, safety, and transit, consult the page of the [Foreign Affairs Ministry](#).

9. Competition Information

- Schedule: https://results.isu.org/schedules/gpfra2024_ColouredTimeSchedule.pdf
- Entry List, Results and Rankings: <https://results.isu.org/events/fsevent00120606.htm>

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