



6th Denis Ten Memorial Challenge

Astana, Kazakhstan

October, 1–4, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENT

Denis Ten Memorial Challenge

An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Women and Ice Dance

organized by

**Denis Ten Foundation
Kazakhstan Skating Union**

Astana, Kazakhstan

October, 1-4, 2025

A competition as part of the



Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2025/26

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **Denis Ten Memorial Challenge** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Denis Ten Memorial Challenge** 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 **Denis Ten Memorial Challenge** is part of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2025/26 and will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as specified in the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2025/26 as well as ISU Communication 2683.

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 2025/26 as well as ISU Communication 2683.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE	Main arena: “Barys Arena” Ice Palace, Astana, Turan Ave, 57 (an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)
	Practice arena: “Barys Arena” Ice Palace, Astana, Turan Ave, 57 (an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)
	Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex / building.

**MEN**

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2025/26.

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

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

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

WOMEN

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2025/26.

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

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

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

ICE DANCE

Rhythm Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2704 and subsequent updates.

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

Free Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2704 and subsequent updates.

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 2025/26.

All entries for the Denis Ten Memorial Challenge, 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: **Friday, 22nd August, 2025** 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 ISU Member.

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

<https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com>

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

Address of organizing committee

1, 11 Koktem Street

Almaty, Kazakhstan

e-mail: tendenis.memorial@gmail.com

and to:

ISU Secretariat

e-mail: entries@isu.org

not later than: **Friday, 5th September, 2025 – 20:00 h (local time Astana).**

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one judge per discipline 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, 5th September, 2025 – 20:00 h (local time Astana).**

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 / Free Dance) 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, 5th September, 2025 – 20:00 h (local time Astana).**

4.1.5 Entry Fee

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

70.00 USD per single skater
100.00 USD per ice dance couple

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

Payment by cash or by card will be accepted upon arrival at the accreditation desk.

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 2025/26 as well as ISU Communication 2683 and principles of Rule 420, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 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, 30th September, 2025** until breakfast on **Sunday, 5th October, 2025**.

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 2025/26 as well as ISU Communication 2683, 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 USD 240.00 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 USD 120 (or equivalent in another currency) of pocket money per additional day of service.

7. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on Thursday **Wednesday, 1st October, 2025**. 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 nearest airport to **Astana** is **Nursultan Nazarbayev Airport (NQZ)** with a distance of **11 km** to the official hotel.

The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival. Please accept that we have to ask for a small transportation fee from all persons participating in this shuttle service. Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

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 **Friday, 5th September, 2025** 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). **A shuttle service will be provided only if the information has been submitted within the deadline.**

10. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS ASTANA – TURAN

Turan Ave 44

010000 Astana

phone: + 7 7172 47 65 65

web: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/astana/tseat/hoteldetail>

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee. There is a special rate for those who booked through the Organizing Committee. Booking requests have to be sent to the organizer by latest **Friday, 5th September, 2025**. The organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are received after that date.

All payments shall be made upon arrival at the hotel.

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Barys Arena** 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. Entry to the competitions will be free of charge.

Official hotel is located in walking distance of the Barys Arena.

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.

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 be no 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:

Address of organizing committee
“Barys Arena” Ice Palace
Turan Ave, 57
Astana, Kazakhstan
e-mail: tendenis.memorial@gmail.com

Please note, that all entries must be made through ORS. E-mail entries will not be accepted.

18. EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 30, 2025	All day	Arrival of teams
Wednesday, October 1, 2025	All day	Official practice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	TBA	Individual Technical Panel Meetings per Discipline
	16:30	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:30	Judges Draw and Meeting
Thursday, October 2, 2025	10:30	WOMEN – Short Program MEN – Short Program
Friday, October 3, 2025	10:30	ICE DANCE – Short Dance WOMEN – Free Skating Victory Ceremony WOMEN
Saturday, October 4, 2025	07:00	WOMEN – Technical Panel Review
	07:30	WOMEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	10:00	MEN – Free Skating ICE DANCE – Free Dance
	16:00	MEN – Technical Panel Review
	19:30	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review Victory Ceremonies MEN and ICE DANCE
	19:00	MEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	20:30	ICE DANCE – Round Table Discussion for Judges

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	22.08.2025
N/A	Composition of Delegation	ORS	05.09.2025
N/A	Entry Form for Competitors	ORS	05.09.2025
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	ORS	05.09.2025
N/A	Hotel reservation request	ORS	05.09.2025
N/A	Team Travel Form	ORS	05.09.2025
Form 1	Visa request form	e-mail	A.S.A.P.
N/A	Press Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 25/26
N/A	Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 25/26
N/A	Ice Dance Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 25/26
N/A	Program Content Form	ISU Portal	Valid for season 25/26