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## **Media Information**



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Skate Canada looks forward to hosting media attending Skate Canada International in Saskatoon, Canada. The event will be held at the SaskTel Centre from October 31 to November 2, 2025.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Saskatoon and apply 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.

## 1. Media Accreditation

All media must apply for media accreditation through [Skate Canada's Media Accreditation Form](#).

Media accreditation is reserved for **professional journalists and photographers** employed by or representing recognized media organizations (including agencies, print/online publications, TV/radio broadcasters) covering ISU events for **editorial or news purposes**. Under specific conditions, content creators and social media reporters may be considered.

**/\ Individuals affiliated with sponsors, brands, or marketing/advertising agencies are not eligible for media accreditation.**

### 1.1. 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: 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.).
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## 1.2. 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 is one type of media accreditation available:

### 1. On-site media accreditation (subject to capacity)

The accreditation deadline for the Non-Right holders Media is **October 16, 2025**.

**/A** No late media accreditation applications will be accepted for on-site requests.

## 1.3. Non-Right Holders Media Restrictions 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 by and agree to the rules in the conduct of their editorial work during ISU events.

### 1.3.1. Restricted areas

Filming in the below listed areas is strictly forbidden:

- Competitions / Field of play
- Training sessions (at the Main/Practice 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.

### 1.3.2. 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

**/A** 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.org](mailto:media@isu.org)) at least one week prior to the start of the event.

#### 1.4. TV & Radio Rights Holders Accreditation / Services

All Rights Holders media must also apply for accreditation via [OMAS](#) through the [ISU Press webpage](#).

Access to the Rights Holders online area is restricted. Therefore, Rights Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team ([media@isu.org](mailto:media@isu.org)) in order to obtain a username and password.

To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the Host Broadcaster: Don Peppin ([broadcast@skatecanada.ca](mailto:broadcast@skatecanada.ca)).

#### 1.5. Accreditation confirmation and pick-up

If the accreditation request is accepted, an email of confirmation will be issued. For on-site attendance, you may be asked to present a copy of the confirmation email and your passport 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 Desk at the SaskTel Centre will be located at the South Entrance at Ramp 3, and will be open according to the following schedule (subject to change):

Date	Hours
Thursday, October 30, 2025	9:00-16:00
Friday, October 31, 2025	9:00-19:00
Saturday, November 1, 2025	9:00-19:00
Sunday, November 2, 2025	9:00-14:00

## 2. Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee at [2025sci@skatecanada.ca](mailto:2025sci@skatecanada.ca). Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

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

The Government of Canada requires that all Foreign Nationals carry a valid passport as the only universally accepted travel and identification document for the purposes of international travel. People who live in countries where a visa is needed to enter Canada must obtain one from a Canadian embassy abroad before coming to Canada.

Canada does not have a [visa office](#) in every country, so it is important that delegates visit the website of the Canadian visa office responsible for processing their visa application. Information is available on the website on how to submit a visa application and the documentation required.

[Processing times for visa applications](#) vary depending on the visa office and the time of the year. Participants are encouraged to apply approximately 12-weeks in advance of their departure date to ensure they receive the visa in time.

- Starting July 31, 2018, the biometric requirement becomes mandatory for nationals of Europe, Middle East and Africa, and
- Starting December 31, 2018, the biometric requirement becomes mandatory for nationals of Asia, Asia Pacific and the Americas.

For additional information on whether you require a biometric, please refer to our [fast facts about biometrics](#).

Foreign Nationals must have valid travel documents to enter Canada. Document requirements vary depending on which country you are travelling from. For specific information on travel documents and to find out if you require a visa to enter Canada as a visitor, please refer to <http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/> and <http://www.cic.gc.ca/>.

Important Notice: Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is mandatory for visa-exempt Foreign Nationals travelling to Canada by air (not by land or sea). To avoid any issues at the airport, you should get your eTA as soon as you begin planning your trip to Canada. To find out if you need an eTA or to apply online, visit [this website](#).

## Media Facilities at the venue

The Press Centre will be open and operational as from the first practice/ training session on Thursday, October 30, 2025, according to the following time schedule (it may be subject to changes and needs to be verified on-site):

### Press Centre Hours

Date	Hours
Thursday, October 30, 2025	9:00-18:00
Friday, October 31, 2025	9:00-22:00
Saturday, November 1, 2025	6:00-22:30
Sunday, November 2, 2025	6:00-16:00

The Press Centre is located at the Sasktel Centre on the event level (South) and will provide a working area for media with fully equipped internet (wireless and hardline), power, televisions, and a small catering station. Please note that no lockers or any dedicated areas for photographers will be planned.

The Press Centre will have seating for approximately 40 and there will be approximately 60 seats reserved for members of the press in the bowl of the rink.

## 2.1. Media Tribunes and TV Commentators' positions

In addition to the media seating in the bowl of the SaskTel Centre, there will also be Media Tribunes on the Mezzanine Level.

## 2.2. Mixed Zone & Press Conferences

### 2.2.1. Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition. The Mixed Zone will be located at the SaskTel Centre on the event level (South) behind skater off.

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

1. Quick Quotes (made available on the [ISU Event webpage](#))
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, content creators 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 on-site 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.

**/A 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 medalists 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.

### **2.2.2. Press Conferences**

Press conferences will be held at the SaskTel Centre on the Mezzanine Level (O16). Press conferences will feature the top-3 finishers after each competition and will be held after victory ceremonies on final competition days.

## **3. Media Digital Services**

### **3.1. ISU Digital Press Services**

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

#### **ISU Website:**

- [Home of Skating](#)
- [Inside ISU](#)
- [News Section](#)
- [Press Section](#)
- [ISU Event Webpage](#)

#### **ISU Photo Event Gallery**

- Password details to the ISU 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: [@ISU\\_Figure / @ISU\\_Speed](#)
- TikTok: [@isuskating](#)
- Weibo: [weibo.com/isuofficial](#)
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-skating-union>
- Naver: <https://tv.naver.com/isuofficial>

### **ISU Press Newsletter**

Stay up to date with the latest news on ISU sports and governance by subscribing to our [Press Newsletter here](#).

### **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.

### **3.2. Organizing Committee Digital Press Services**

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

- Event Website: [2025 Skate Canada International](#)
- Event Tickets: [ticketmaster.ca](#)
- Event News Releases: [SkateCanada.ca](#)
- Social Media Accounts:
  - Facebook: [Skate Canada / Patinage Canada](#)
  - X (Twitter): [@SkateCanada](#)
  - Instagram: [@skate\\_canada](#)
  - TikTok: [@skate\\_canada](#)
- Event Hashtags: #SCI25 (English) #IPC25 (French)
- OC Photographer: Danielle Earl – [photos@danielleearlphotography.com](mailto:photos@danielleearlphotography.com)

## **4. Media Accommodation**

The Organizing Committee has designated one official media hotel.

Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees. The deadline for reservations is **Monday, September 22, 2025**.

To reserve your accommodation, please use [this booking link](#). For any questions about media accommodation, please contact [media@skatecanada.ca](mailto:media@skatecanada.ca).

### **4.1. Media Hotels**

[Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel](#)

612 Spadina Crescent East  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 3G9

Includes:

- Free wireless standard internet



- Parking (fee of \$20+ taxes/day)
- Health and fitness services: fitness centre, pool, bicycle rentals
- Restaurants and shop

Distance from Airport to Hotel: Approximately 20-minute drive (traffic dependent)  
Distance from Hotel to Venue: Approximately 15-minute drive (traffic dependent)

#### **4.2. Reservation Payment Conditions**

Please use [this link](#) to book your accommodation.

### **5. Transportation**

A shuttle is planned to provide transportation from the official media hotel to the competition arena. It will depart every 2 hours from the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel to the SaskTel Centre. Schedules will be provided on site and on the Inside ISU Events App.

Please note that the shuttle service may be cancelled if there is not sufficient demand at the media hotel.

### **6. Useful Information**

#### **Language**

English is the predominant language of Saskatoon; however, Tagalog, Mandarin, and German are also commonly spoken. English and French are the official languages in Canada, and most government services are available in these languages.

#### **Financial Services and Banking Hours**

Regular banking hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 until 16:00 with extended hours including weekends at many locations. Some banks are open on Saturdays for a brief amount of time, but most are also closed on Sundays and holidays.

Major credit cards are honoured in most business establishments. Automated teller machines (ATMs) marked with a Plus or Interac symbol will accept automated banking cards from outside Canada. Banks charge a fee of approximately \$2 for international transactions. The visitors' bank sets the exchange rate.

For currency conversions refer to: <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/daily-converter/>

#### **Taxes**

The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) is a fifteen percent (15%) tax that is applied to most supplies of goods and services made in Canada. Most prices posted in stores do not include taxes. Visitors to Canada may be eligible for tax rebates. Rebate forms are available at the airport or Tourism Office. There is no rebate on consumable items such as meals, liquor, tobacco, transportation costs and gasoline.

#### **Currency**

The currency is the Canadian dollar (CAD). For denominations under five dollars, most Canadians use coins, including what are affectionately known as the "Loonie" (one-dollar coin) and "Toonie" (two-dollar coin). Daily currency exchange rates appear in newspapers, are posted online, and are posted at banks and currency exchange businesses.

#### **Tipping**

While tipping is not mandatory in Canada, it is customary in many circumstances for good service, especially in sit-down restaurants, which offer table service. If you're happy

with the service you receive, a 15-20% tip on the pre-tax bill is a standard expression of appreciation. It is also customary to tip bellhops, luggage handlers and taxi drivers at your discretion.

**Electricity**

Electricity sockets are 120V plug type A. Visitors with appliances of different voltages should bring adapters.

**Tobacco and Alcohol**

The legal drinking age in Saskatchewan is 19; a driver's license is considered a valid form of identification. You must be at least 19 years of age to purchase cigarettes. Smoking is banned in all public spaces and workspaces in Saskatchewan, including restaurants, bars and private clubs. The ban extends to outdoor public areas such as playgrounds, sport fields and spectator areas.

**Time Zone**

Central Standard Time (CST) is 6 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

**Climate**

In October, Saskatoon typically experiences cold weather with average high temperatures around 10°C and average low temperatures around 0°C. For the current weather forecast, please visit [this website](#).

**Emergency Services**

The emergency number for all health, safety, police and crime emergencies is 9-1-1.

**7. Competition Information**

- Schedule, Entry List, Results and Rankings can all be found on the [ISU event page](#) when they are published.

**For any additional questions or information, please do not hesitate to contact:**

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