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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 Angers ICEPARC from October 16th, 2025

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Angers 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 the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (www.isu.org) under the Press section.

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

Media accreditation is strictly 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.

Additionally, **ISU Member Federation representatives** officially designated for press and communication duties may be eligible for accreditation.

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

1.1. Accreditation Process & Requirements

To create your account and apply for ISU events, please fill in all required fields and follow the five-step registration process:

- **Step 1:** Enter or verify your personal details and media organization contact information.
- **Step 2:** Provide information about your media organization's digital presence and outreach.
- Step 3: Upload all the required documents (see the full list of required data fields here).
- **Step 4:** Review and accept the Terms and Conditions, then click on "Confirm" to complete your profile or save any updates.
- **Step 5:** Proceed to the Event Application section by selecting first the disciplines and then specific events you wish to cover. You may apply to multiple events across different disciplines.
- ⚠ If you already have an account, please ensure all personal information and press credentials are updated and renewed at the start of each season.

Only complete applications submitted before the respective deadlines will be considered.

All application deadlines are listed on the ISU Press webpage here.



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
	Media Organization: 1 photographer
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Photographer	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.)
	Freelance journalist or photographer: 1 person
Freelancer	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 will be only type of media accreditations for this event:

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

The accreditation deadline for the Non-Right holders Media is Wednesday 3 October 2025

/!\ No late media accreditation applications will be accepted for on-site requests.

1.4. 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.



1.4.1. 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.

1.4.2. 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

1.5. TV & Radio Rights Holders Accreditation / Services

All Rights Holders media must also apply for accreditation via <u>OMAS</u> through the <u>ISU Press</u> webpage.

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

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

IPA Production

Séraphin MAUVOISIN

Email: seraphin@ipa-prod.tv

Tel: +33.6.77.90.11.77

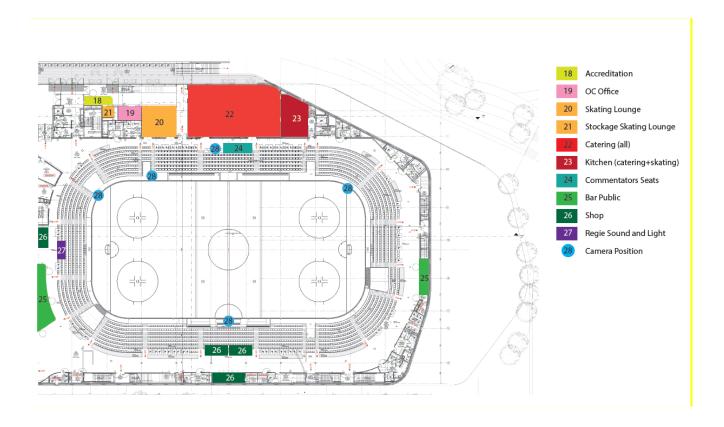
1.6. Accreditation confirmation and pick-up

If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic 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. <u>Note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation requests with or without justification.</u>

The Accreditation Desk at the venue will be located on the 1st Floor of the Angers ICEPARC (number 18 on the map). It will be open non-stop from 08:00 to 20:00 from October 15th to 19th.





2. Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee presse@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 name of the Embassy where it will be applied.



3. Media Facilities at the venue

The Press Center and press tribunes will be open and operational as from the first practice/training session on Thursday October 16th, 2025 according to the following time schedule (it may be subject to changes and needs to be verified on-site):

Thursday October 16 th	9:00 – 18:00
Friday October 17 th	9:00 – 22:30
Saturday October 18 th	6:00 – 23:00
Sunday October 19th	6:00 – 23:00

The venue will provide the following media facilities:

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

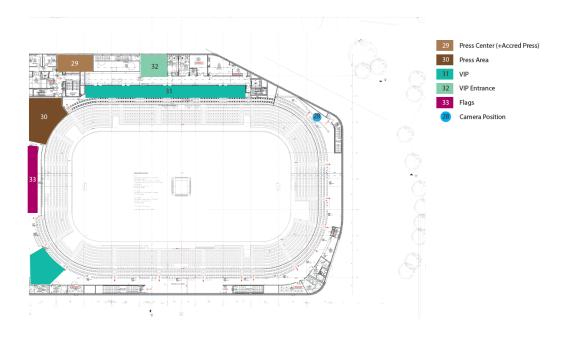
To book additional internet connectivity services and rink side for agency photographers, contact presse@ffsg.org and evenements@ffsg.org before October 1st.

The Press Center is located on the second floor of the ice rink (number 29 on the map below)

3.1. Media Tribunes and TV Commentators' positions

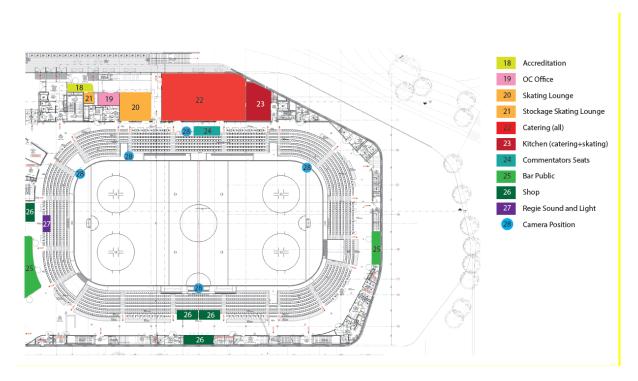
Commentary positions will be set up by the host broadcaster. CIS stations will be provided as well as all necessary materials according to the rate card.

The Media Tribune is located on the second floor of the ice rink (see number 30 on map below).





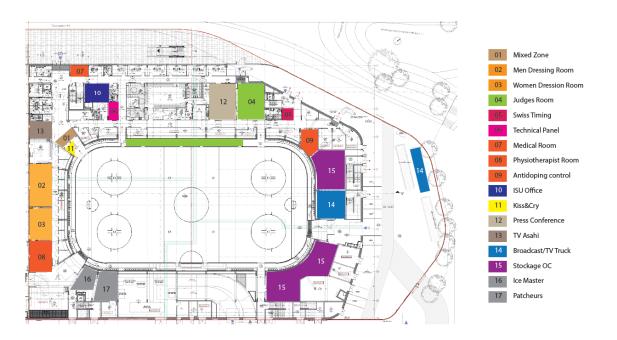
Commentary positions are located on the first floor of the ice rink (see number 24 on map below).



3.2. Mixed Zone & Press Conferences

3.2.1. 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 (number 1 on the map).





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

- 1. TV / Radio Rights Holders (with pre-booked positions)
- 2. ISU Production/Social Media crew
- 3. TV / Radio Rights Holders with ENG positions
- 4. 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.

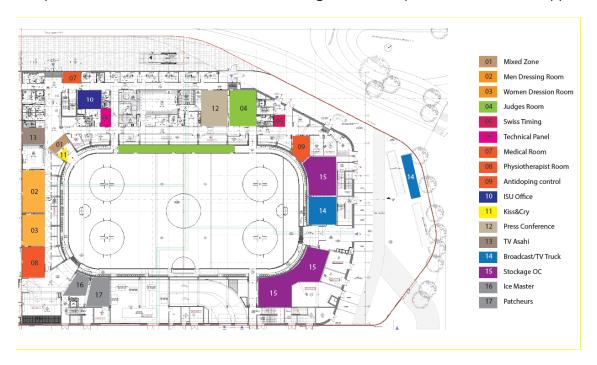
/!\ Priority will be given to medal ceremonies and TV Right Holders.

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.

3.2.2. Press Conferences

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

The press conference room is located on the ground floor (number 12 on the map)



No remote services will be available for this event.



4. Media Digital Services

4.1. 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: <u>@ISUFigureSkating</u> / <u>@isuspeedskating</u>
- Youtube: <u>Skating ISU</u>
- X: @ISU_Figure / @ISU_Speed
- Tik Tok: @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 <u>Press Newsletter here</u>.

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.

4.2. Organizing Committee Digital Press Services

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



- Event Website: https://www.ffsportsdeglace.fr/evenement/isu-grand-prix-de-france/
- Event Tickets: https://www.billetweb.fr/masters-de-patinage-2025
- Social Media Accounts:
 - o Facebook: <u>@sportsdeglace</u>
 - o Instagram: offsportsdeglace
 - o TikTok: @ffsportsdeglace
 - o Twitter: offsportsdeglace
- Event Hashtags: #GPFRA

5. Media Accommodation

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

6. Transportation

No transportation will be provided.

The closest Airport is Nantes.

Angers is well served by high speed train services (TGV). You can reach the station of Angers-Saint-Laud in one and a half hour from Paris Montparnasse station.

There is also a direct TGV service from CDG Airport Station. You can reach Angers in about two and a half hours.

Information and booking: https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en

7. 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 October is between 9 and 18°C 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/.

Tram Line A connects the main train station 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.



8. Competition Information

• Schedule, Entry List, Results and Rankings can be found here

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

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ISU Event Webpage