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Skating Finland looks forward to hosting media attending the Finlandia Trophy Helsinki in Helsinki, Finland. The event will be held at the Helsinki Ice Hall from November 21st to 22nd, 2025.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Helsinki 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	
	Major Agency or Newspaper: 2 photographers	
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 are two types of available media accreditations:

- 1. On-site media accreditation (subject to capacity)
- **2. Virtual** media accreditation allows to cover the event digitally with no access to the venue (only available for specific events)

The accreditation deadline for the Non-Right holders Media is 07/11/2025.

/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> <u>webpage</u>.

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:

Grassmark

lida Laihonen +358 50 4089448 <u>iida.laihonen@grassmark.fi</u>

1.6. Accreditation confirmation and pick-up

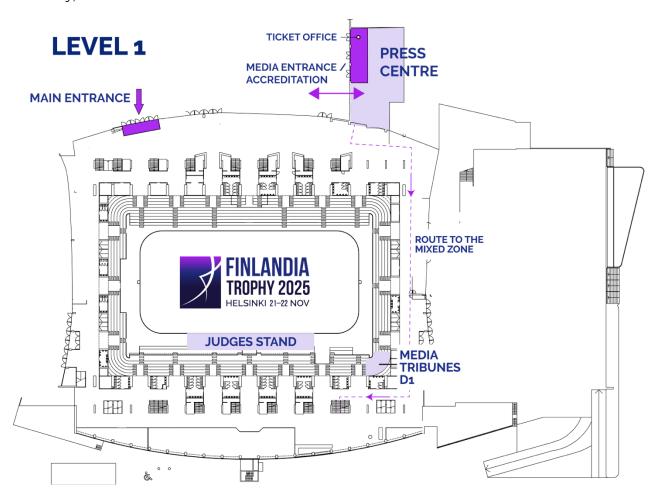
If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic email of confirmation will be issued. For on-site attendance, you may be asked to present a copy of the confirmation email and your passport at the accreditation desk to receive your accreditation badge.

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 by the Press Centre and will be open according to the following schedule:

Thursday, **November 20**th: 9:00 –16.00 Friday, **November 21**st: 9:30 – 20:30 Saturday, **November 22**nd: 9:00 – 12:30



2. Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee entries_finlandiatrophy@skatingfinland.fi. 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.

https://migri.fi/en/visiting-finland

3. Media Facilities at the venue

The Press Centre and press tribunes will be open and operational as from the first practice/ training session on November 20th according to the following time schedule (it may be subject to changes and needs to be verified on-site):

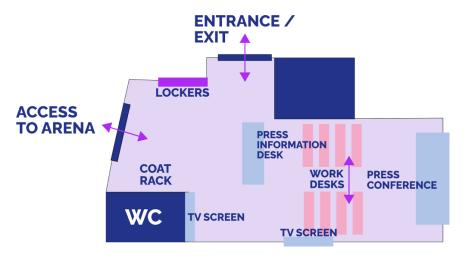


Thursday, November **20**th: 9:00–16:30 Friday, November **21**st: 7:45–22:30 Saturday, November **22**nd: 6:15–23:00

The Press Centre is on the 1st floor, next to the main door.

The Press Centre includes the media working stations, an area for photographers (incl. lockers), the Press Cafeteria, the Press Information desk and boxes. Currently approximately 80 working spaces are planned.

Journalists and photographers will also have free internet access (Wi-fi and/or LAN access – LAN access preferably for Photographers) in the Press Centre. Dedicated Wi-fi should be available for Press in the Press Centre, Press Tribunes and Mixed Zone.



3.1. Media Tribunes and TV Commentators' positions

A total of 100 Media Tribunes are available at the venue in section D1. There will be 20 tabled seats and approx. 80 seats without tables.

At the moment 4 commentary positions are planned. The TV commentary positions will be located in section F4 and F6. Requests for commentary positions should be included in the Rights Holders questionnaire. Should there be additional requests for commentary positions from TV Right Holders, these would be placed in the same location.

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 will be located on the ice level. Media will use a stairway to go one floor down from the floor of Press Centre.

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.

/!\ 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.

Press Conferences will be held in the Press Centre.

In case remote services are available, media holding a remote accreditation will be able to access the virtual press conferences through links provided on the Inside ISU Events App.

Once in the meeting room, those wanting to ask a question will be asked to notify the moderator by using the chat or raise hand function. The moderator will call on those wanting to ask a question.

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
- <u>Inside ISU</u>
- 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: <u>@ISUFigureSkating</u> / <u>@ISUSpeedSkating</u> / <u>@ISUShortTrackSpeedSkating</u>
- Instagram: <u>@ISUFigureSkating</u> / <u>@isuspeedskating</u>
- Youtube: <u>Skating ISU</u>
- X: <u>@ISU_Figure / @ISU_Speed</u>
- 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 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.

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.finlandiatrophy.com/en/
- Event Tickets: https://www.lippu.fi/
- Social Media Accounts:
 - o Instagram @skatingfinland
 - o TikTok @skatingfinland.fi
 - o Facebook @Skating Finland
- Event Hashtags: #finlandiatrophy #skatingfinland

5. Media Accommodation

The Organizing Committee recommends the following hotel:

Scandic Meilahti

Tukholmankatu 2

00290 Helsinki

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

Booking contacts:

Room reservations can easily be made through the following link: BOOK ACCOMMODATION



5.1. Media Hotels

Scandic Meilahti is located 850 m from Helsinki Ice Hall.

Guests can choose their preferred room type and receive an additional discount by paying at the time of booking.

5.2. Reservation Payment Conditions

The cancellation policy for individual reservations depends on the type of booking selected. To confirm the reservation, guests must provide the hotel with valid credit card details. Rooms can be booked subject to availability no later than 10 days prior to arrival.

6. Transportation

Transportation will not be arranged from recommended media hotels to the main venue and the practice arena.

7. Useful Information

- Climate
 - o The weather in November is cold with a gentle breeze. The daily mean temperature is 4°C.
- Currency
 - o The currency of Finland is the euro (EUR)
- Electrical plug types
 - European two-pin plug system is used. The electric current in Finland is 230 V, 50 Hz.
- Time zone
 - o Finland is in the Eastern European Time Zone (UTC + 2 in winter)
- Emergency numbers
 - o Finland uses the European emergency number, which is 112.
- Public transportation system
 - Helsinki Region Transport (HSL) is a joint local authority whose member municipalities include Helsinki, Espoo, Vantaa, Kauniainen, Kerava, Sipoo, Tuusula, Kirkkonummi and Siuntio. Read more: https://www.hsl.fi/en
- Website of local or national tourist office
 - o https://www.myhelsinki.fi/your-local-guide-to-helsinki

8. Competition Information

Schedule, Entry List, Results and Rankings can be found <u>here</u>

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