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Media Information



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Chinese Figure Skating Association looks forward to hosting media attending the in ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating - Cup of China. The event will be held at the **Chongqing BLOOMAGELIVE · YUDONG · ARENA from October 24th to 26th, 2025**.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Chongqing 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.

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.

On-site media accreditation will be available and the accreditation deadline for the Non-Right holders Media is **10/10/2025**.

/\!\ 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 below:

Ms. Jinyi HU

Chinese Figure Skating Association

Email: <u>hujinyi@cfsa.com.cn</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 at Media Hotel and will be open according to the following schedule:

Location: Huaxi HA UP Hotel Lobby (media hotel)

Address: No.19 Pingjiang East Road, Ba'nan District, Chongging, China

October 22nd 14:00 - 17:00 October 23rd 09:30 - 16:00



All media including rights holders must picked up their accreditation card before entering the venue. The media who cannot go to the Accreditation Centre to collect the accreditation card at the designated time can get the accreditation card outside the venue GATE A during the event, please contact hujinyi@cfsa.com.cn in advance.

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 1000.00 CNY. The replacement is upon approval of the ISU and the OC.

2. Visa Application

All international media representatives who come into China for covering the competition should apply for the journalist (J2-Type) visa. Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a J-2 type visa must contact the Organizing Committee. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

Please fill in the <u>visa application form</u> and send it with your **passport copy and endorsement letter** by September 24th to request a visa letter:

Contact: Mr. Gao Jiajun

Email: 729604693@gq.com cc: hujinyi@cfsa.com,cn

Visa Application Deadline: 24th September

For visa request, please refer to the homepage of Chinese embassy/consulates in your country.

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 October 23rd, 2025 according to the following time schedule (it may be subject to changes and needs to be verified on-site):

Thursday, October 23 rd	9:30 – 16:30
Friday, October 24 th	8:30 – 22:30
Saturday, October 25 th	8:00 – 23:30
Sunday, October 26 th	8:30 – 17:30

A press conference room and a press center are located within the arena. Work desks, power, wireless internet, 2 TV screens are available for media.

The above equipment can satisfy 40 writing press and 20 photographers working in the press center at the same time. Media info desk will be located at the press centre.

The Press Centre will have a dedicated wireless network free of charge. An open WLAN will also be available in the press tribune. Please note that the free WLAN has a limited capacity and that transmission, especially in the tribune area, might be slow due to high number of users during the competition.



3.1. Media Tribunes and TV Commentators' positions

- 8 non-tabled seats on the 2nd floor of the venue
- 2 equipped commentary position on the 2nd floor of the venue (refer to Rate card)
- Wireless internet could be supplied in the studio (refer to Rate card)
- TV screens could be supplied in the studio (refer to Rate card)
- CIS terminals could be supplied in the studio (refer to Rate card)

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 at the outer ring corridor near Kiss&Cry, the detailed information and map will be supplied after arrival of the media.

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.

Location: Press conference room on ice level (besides media center) Tentative Schedule (Subject to change)

Friday, Oct. 24 Rhythm dance – Approx. 16:15 - 16:30 Women's short program – Approx. 18:15 - 18:30 Men's short program – Approx. 20:45 - 21:00 Pairs' short program – Approx. 22:10 - 22:30



Saturday, Oct. 25 Ice dance medalists – Approx. 16:15 - 16:30 Women's medalists – Approx. 18:30 - 18:45 Men's medalists – Approx. 20:40 - 20:55 Pairs medalists – Approx. 22:40 - 22:55

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
- 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: Skating ISU
- X: @ISU_Figure / @ISU_Speed
- Tik Tok: @isuskating
- Weibo: <u>weibo.com/isuofficial</u>
- 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: www.cfsa.com.cn
- Event Tickets: TBD
- Event News Releases: Wechat: @cupofchina
- Social Media Accounts:Weibo: @中国杯花样滑冰大奖赛;
- Event Hashtags: #中国杯花样滑冰大奖赛# #2025GPCHN

5. 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.

Booking contacts:

Please fill in the hotel reservation form and send it to **Ms.Yang** by **October 10th** to make your reservation.

Email: yangminjd@bloomage.com

Tel:+862386998888

5.1. Media Hotels

Media Hotel: HUAXI HA Up Hotel

Address: No.19 Pingjiang East Road, Ba'nan District, Chongging, China

5.2. Reservation Payment Conditions

Twin-bed room: CNY 468 per room/night (breakfast included)

One-bed room: CNY 468 per room/night (breakfast included)

After completing the reservation, media will complete the payment at the hotel front desk when checking in. Cash or credit card can be accepted. Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees.

6. Transportation

Since the media hotel is walking distance from the rink(5min), there is no shuttle bus organized for media during this event.



7. Useful Information

7.1. Time Zone

The time zone of Chongqing is China Standard Time (CST), which is 8 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC+8)

7.2. Currency and Exchange

Renminbi (RMB, a.k.a. CNY) is the legal tender of the People's Republic of China. Currency exchange services are available at banks, international airports and certain hotels. The exchange rate is the real-time rate of the day.

7.3. Credit Cards and Payment

Common credit cards issued out of China, such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, etc., can be used to withdraw cash from ATMs and make payments on POS terminals that support these cards. Overseas WeChat users can link their Visa credit card to WeChat Pay, and MasterCard cardholders can also link their credit or debit cards to Alipay digital wallet for payment.

7.4. Climate

November in Chongqing average high (°C) +20, average low (°C) +14.

7.5. Electricity

Electrical sockets are 220 V, usually plug type A and I. Visitors with appliances of different voltages should bring adapters.

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