
ANNOUNCEMENT



2026 Denver Cup International Figure Skating Competition

March 10 - 13, 2026

Men & Women Singles: Senior, Junior & Advanced Novice
Pairs: Senior, Junior & Advanced Novice



HOST (LOC):
Denver Colorado Figure Skating Club
4810 E. County Line Rd
Littleton, CO, USA 80126
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U.S. Figure Skating

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OVERVIEW

2026 Denver Cup International is open to senior, junior and advanced novice singles (men & women) and pairs skaters. The competition is hosted by The Denver Colorado Figure Skating Club at The South Suburban Sports Complex in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, in conjunction with the Denver Invitational competition (a U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competition). This will be an ISU Minimum Technical Score event and skaters may earn World Standing points according to ISU Communication 2550.

GENERAL

The **2026 Denver Cup International** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Singles & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024 and in accordance with all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the 2026 Denver Cup International 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-b). They must meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if application, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

Skaters wishing to participate in the U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competition must register and follow information as stated in the separate announcement.

COMPETITION VENUE

All practice and competition will take place at South Suburban Sports Complex in Littleton, Colorado. The facility features three temperature controlled indoor ice rinks, basketball courts, turf fields and restaurant. All rink surfaces are 60mx25m (NHL size) with rounded corners and hockey barriers, along with locker rooms for each surface. The facility has an Ice Skate shop and will feature other competition vendors.

Rink 2 will be used for competition, which has seating for up to 800.

Rink Name: South Suburban Sports Complex

Address: 4810 East County Line Rd, Littleton, CO 80126

URL: <https://www.ssprd.org/Sports-Complex>

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

EVENT STRUCTURE

The competition will include one (1) official practice for each segment. The competition will feature the following events:

- Singles: Senior, Junior – Men and Women
- Singles: Advanced Novice – Boys and Girls
- Pairs: Senior, Junior, Advanced Novice

Senior Singles - Women and Men

Age Requirements	In accordance with ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024 , Rule 108, paragraph 3.a
Short Program	In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 611. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec., +/- 10 sec (Rule 502)
Free Skate	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 612. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec (Rule 502)

Junior Singles - Women and Men

Age Requirements	In accordance with ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024 , Rule 108, paragraph 3.b
Short Program	In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2025-2026. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec., +/- 10 sec (Rule 502)
Free Skate	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 612, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2025-2026. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec (Rule 502)

Advanced Novice Singles - Girls and Boys

Age Requirements	In accordance with ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024 , Rule 108, paragraph 3.c
Short Program	In accordance with ISU Communication 2699 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 20 sec., +/- 10 sec
Free Skate	In accordance with ISU Communication 2699 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min., +/- 10 sec

Senior Pairs

Age Requirements	In accordance with ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024 , Rule 108, paragraph 3.a
Short Program	In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 620. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec., +/- 10 sec (Rule 502)
Free Skate	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 621. Duration: 4 min, +/- 10 sec (Rule 502)

Junior Pairs

Age Requirements	In accordance with ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024 , Rule 108, paragraph 3.b
Short Program	In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2025-2026. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec., +/- 10 sec (Rule 502)
Free Skate	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 621, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2025-2026. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec (Rule 502)

Advanced Novice Pairs

Age Requirements	In accordance with ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024 , Rule 108, paragraph 3.c
Short Program	In accordance with ISU Communication 2699 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 20 sec., +/- 10 sec
Free Skate	In accordance with ISU Communication 2699 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min., +/- 10 sec

ENTRIES

All entries must be completed through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated.

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, February 5, 2026 11:59pm ET (23:59 ET)

Late Entry Deadline: Sunday, February 15, 2026 11:59pm ET (23:59 ET) + \$50 USD late fee

ENTRIES of COMPETITORS

There is a maximum of 3 entries per event per Federation, except the Host ISU Member may exceed this limit. 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:

Denver Colorado Figure Skating Club

4810 E County Line Rd

Littleton, CO 80125

e-mail: DenverCup@dcfsc.org

not later than: **Thursday, February 5, 2026 –23.59 (ET)**

Expenses of Skaters, Coaches and Additional Federation Officials will not be covered by the competition or LOC.

ENTRY FEE

Upon entry into ORS, we ask all athletes to [complete the Participant Online Information Form](#) for additional steps to collect the \$300 entry fee. Entry fees are required to complete registration and should be paid by credit card online. The entry fee includes one official practice per segment.

Entry deadline is Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 11:59pm ET (23:59 ET).

At the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and Chief Referee, late entries may be accepted and subject to \$50 late fee.

There will be no entry fee refunds under any circumstances (inclusive of medical withdrawals). If requested in advance, member federations will be allowed to wire registration funds directly. Please email DenverCup@dcfsc.org for transfer information.

ENTRIES of JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one international judge or ISU judge educated in the ISU judging system. The organizer decides on the composition of the panel of judges. In case of too many nominated judges, the organizer reserves the right to reduce the number of judges. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result.

The Entries of Judges must be made in ORS no later than **Thursday, February 5, 2026 23:59 ET**. In case too many nominated judges, the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the closing date of entries. The result of such a draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The organizer will provide the following for all officials (judges, referees, technical panel) – housing accommodation, meals will be provided at the hotel (breakfast) and facility (lunch and dinner) during the days of competition and an economy roundtrip airfare.

MUSIC UPLOAD

Music files will be uploaded following steps emailed to participants. Ensure you have filled out the [Participant's Online Information Form](#).

Backup Music at Event

Skaters must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) ENTRY

PPC will be entered online using steps emailed to participants. Ensure you have filled out the [Participant's Online Information Form](#).

PRACTICE ICE

In addition to the two OPI credits with registration, Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI) will be available for purchase. After the close of entries, skaters will be contacted with steps to purchase additional practice ice.

Official Practice Ice: skaters will be assigned; music will be played.

Unofficial Practice Ice: skaters select session based on schedule; skater music is not played.

ONSITE CHECK-IN

Accreditation will take place onsite at South Suburban Sports Complex starting 2pm MT (4pm ET) Tuesday, March 10, 2026. All persons to be accredited are kindly asked to check-in upon arrival – skaters, coaches, officials.

READY ROOMS / CHANGING AREAS

Ready rooms are not available to skaters as dressing/changing rooms at this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costume, hair, make-up etc.) or may change in public restrooms. Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted

in these spaces.

SCHEDULE

Skaters may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition schedule will be posted online in EMS before the start of the competition.

Tentative Schedule, subject to change:

Tues, March 10	Wed, March 11	Thurs, March 12	Fri, March 13
OPI Practice Ice	OPI Practice Ice	UPI Practice Ice	UPI Practice Ice
Official Draw Party	A.Nov, Sr Singles SP All Pairs SP	OPI Free Skates A.Nov FS, Jr SP	Jr/Sr FS, Pairs FS

DRAWS

The draw for the initial starting orders will take place in accordance with ISU Rules 512 & 513 paragraph 1. Times and specific location will be announced and posted on the [Competition Website](#) and [EMS Competition Portal](#) for registered athletes and coaches.

For Free Skating there will be no draws. The reverse order of places in the Short Program will be used for the free skating starting order. The Free Skate will be skated in reverse order of placement after the Short Program.

RESULTS & ISU MINIMUM SCORE

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024, Rule 352 and 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

This will be an ISU Minimum Technical Score event.

MEDICAL STAFF

The Children's Hospital is contracted to provide a professional emergency medical technician rink-side during the event in case of medical emergency. All credentialed persons will be required to sign a Children's Hospital waiver.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places of each event, and will be presented on-ice at the posted times after the official free skate results are certified. Awards not collected by the close of the competition will be forfeited.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The official bulletin board is the EMS Competition Portal where reminders, notices and documents are posted. It is the responsibility of each skater and coach to check EMS competition portal for any schedule changes and/or additional information. A tentative schedule of events will be posted online prior to the competition. Skating orders and event results will be posted online.

LIABILITY

It is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 2026 Denver Cup International Competition 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 to their home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The Organizer (including but not limited to U.S. Figure Skating, the Denver Colorado Figure Skating Club, South Suburban Sports Complex and South Suburban Parks and Rec District) assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection by the skaters, officials or any other participating persons. All entrants, their parents and guardians, and officials agree to assume all risks of injury or illness to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims that they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the Denver Colorado Figure Skating Club and its officers, or South Suburban Sports Complex and its staff.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after the registration deadline date unless the event is canceled. Refunds will not be issued for skater withdrawals under any reason. Credit card processing fees will not be refunded under any circumstance.

PHOTO/VIDEO

Local Motion Photography will be the official videographer and action photographer for the competition. Skater who wish to purchase from LMP can do so at their website; these are not included in the entry fee. Additional information will be posted with EMS competition portal and will be emailed to all skaters and coaches. Information on live streaming will be posted as well.

Spectators are reminded that flash photography is dangerous to skaters and is strictly prohibited. Personal video cameras are permitted but may only be used to film your skater's performance and for personal use only. Only battery-powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted in the arena.

Personal video filming is only permitted from the audience stands. Filming from the coaching area or hockey boxes is not allowed. Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

TRAVEL

Denver International Airport is approximately 37miles (59.5km) from South Suburban Sports Complex. This is approximately a 45-minute drive. There is a toll-road available to use at a cost you may consider when traffic is heavy.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

We have worked to negotiate competitive pricing for those attending the competition. Hotel information, including the booking links, will be posted on EMS competition portal and the competition website.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Competition website: <https://www.dcfsc.org/competitions> For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Co-Chair:	Cassy Papajohn	DenverCup@dcfsc.org	303-919-0303
Competition Co-Chair:	Lisa May	DenverCup@dcfsc.org	720-272-0290