



Announcement International Figure Skating Competition

**CRYSTAL SKATE
14-18 JANUARY 2026
Bucharest – Otopeni
ROMANIA**

ROMANIAN SKATING FEDERATION AND ACS MAGIC SKATE

invites you to **22nd Edition “CRYSTAL SKATE”** International
Figure Skating Competition for categories:

*Advance Novice, Junior & Senior
Men & Women*

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The 22nd Edition of Crystal Skate 2026 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the competition is open to all Competitors who belong to the 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 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2526 all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the ISU Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another ISU Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

GDPR

By registering for the event, all participants acknowledge and accept that personal data are collected by the Organizing Committee (OC) and such data are stored and used by the OC, and when necessary, third parties, for the purposes only of, and to the extent necessary only in relation to facilitate their participation in the competition; personal data may include but will not be limited to full legal name as per national identity documents, address, date of birth, nationality, sex.

All competitors should be entered through their Member or their Club which must be a Member of the ISU Member, based on the age and the level of the Skaters.

Organizer : ACS MAGIC SKATE

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Level of Competition: The 22nd Edition of Crystal Skate it is an International Competition

Deadline for entries: All entries (competitors, judges, team leaders, coaches, other participants) are expected not later than **29th of December 2025**

Cancellation: Cancellation of the competitor entry, if any, has to be done till **4th of January 2026**

For any latter cancellation the Federations will be asked to pay the entry fee. In the event of withdrawal, no refunds will be given following the closing date on the 5th of January 2026. In the case of a “no-show” at the event, entry fee will not be refunded.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Place of the event: Allianz Tiriad Arena - Drumul Garii Odai, Bucharest – Otopeni 075100 (near Henri Coanda International Airport).

The rink is indoor, heated. The size of the rink is 60 m x 30 m.

Ice Rink will offer surcharge a variety of snacks, coffee, and sandwiches. Parking is available at the ice rink surcharge.

Date of competition: 14th - 18th JANUARY 2026

3. ENTRIES

Entries of Competitors :

Members of ISU are invited to take part in this competition. Each Member may enter an unlimited number of skaters in each category. If there are too many entries registered in an individual category and the competition cannot be held according to the published preliminary schedule, the organizer may limit the number of competitors in the free skating up to 30 for Advance Novice, Juniors and Seniors.

Please note: The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit or refuse entries. Acceptance of additional entries will depend on the total number of participants and the capacity of the event.

For international competitions, all required documents must be submitted no later than 29th of December 2025. This includes entries of skaters and officials, music, Program Content Sheets, passports of all skaters, ISU Clearance Certificate or any other applicable declaration.

All documents must be uploaded via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com> and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to: cystalskate.frp@gmail.com

Entries submitted on and after 30th of December 2025 will be considered late. For each skater, the Program Content Sheet must be completed accurately in English, using the official terminology specified in the relevant ISU Communication. Program Content Sheets must not be handed directly to the acting Officials.

Withdrawal from the competition, if applicable, must be communicated no later than 4th of January 2026. Starting from 5th of January 2026, entry fees will not be refunded under any circumstances. If a skater has not been officially withdrawn by this date and the entry fee remains unpaid, the Club or Federation will be held responsible for covering the competition fee.

Official entries of Team Leaders, Team Officials, Coaches/Choreographers, Team Medical staff etc. must be made together with the entries for Competitors and Judges.

Entries of Judges and Technical Panel:

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one judge per discipline who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions". However, the OC reserves the right to limit the number of judges in accordance with the number of the Skaters' Entries. Confirmation for Judges will be sent to each Member immediately after the closing of entries. The members concerned will be notified of the result of the draw.

Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 5 Judges + Referee maximum two from the same country.

The confirmation for Judges will be sent to each Member via E-mail crystalskate.frp@gmail.com

Entries of Team Members: Official entries of Team Leaders and Coaches will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Entry fee for Competitors: Advance Novice, Juniors and Seniors Entry fee: 120 EUR / 625 RON (until 29th of December, 2025) by bank transfer:

Payment made by bank transfer: **ACS MAGIC Skate C.I.F (VAT) .: 29079208**

Bank: UniCredit Bank
Address: Sos Pantelimon 350, București 021661;
RON Bank Account: RO48BACX0000003934887000
EUR Bank Account: RO21BACX0000003934887001
Swift: BACXROBU

Late Entry fee for Competitors: Advance Novice, Juniors and Seniors Entry fee: 145 EUR / 740 RON (after 30th of December, 2025)

All bank charges have to be taken by the payer

In case of payment made by individual: Please use full name and category entered as reference. After the payment was made, please send us the proof of payment and the name of the skater for which the payment was made by email at crystalskate.frp@gmail.com.

In order to reduce the occurring bank charges for the payer, the Organizing Committee recommended one payment per Federation or Club. Please fill in the name of Club/Federation and the name/s of the skater/s in the transfer details!

In order to issue the invoice, please send us the information about the payer (name, address, VAT identification number/fiscal code) by the email to the address crystalskate.frp@gmail.com

4. MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES

Expenses : The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for travel, rooms, and meals, from dinner on 13th of January 2026 until lunch on 19th of January 2026, for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Invited Judges, during the entire period for which they are on duty.

Should any of the above-mentioned persons arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival.

The organizer will not cover any expenses for competitors, team leaders, coaches or chaperons.

5. MUSIC

In accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, the ISU Members are responsible for submitting their Competitor's music until 29th of December 2025 via the following link: <https://forms.gle/W4JzeTacSNVfsEMcA>

Each submission must be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment, the name(s) of the competitor and the exact running time of the music (not skating time).

Example:

- ROU_Senior_Men_SP_POPESCU-Andrei-Radu-2min40sec
- ROU_Senior_Men_FS_POPESCU-Andrei-Radu-4min05sec

The music files must be sent only as MP3 file formats. Any other format is not acceptable.

Please note: MP3 files may vary in playback quality. The Organizing Committee cannot be held responsible for any issues related to insufficient audio quality.

Each competitor must bring a USB stick containing a backup copy of each program's music in MP3 format.

The exact running time of the music (not skating time) must be communicated when submitting the file and will be verified at accreditation.

If music files are not submitted within the official deadline, they must be presented no later than at the time of accreditation, using the format and medium specified above.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single, for the Rhythm and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance must all be entered, in detail, by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform. If music information is not complete and music not provided, accreditation will not be given.

During accreditation, all submitted music will be played to verify its accuracy. If any issues are identified, the Team Leader or Coach may be permitted to replace the file by providing a valid MP3 version on a USB stick, which will be reviewed by the Organizing Committee's Music Team.

6. UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE

Unofficial practice will be available prior to the competition. Fees for additional practice sessions €20 per skater / 25 minutes – group practice, without music.

7. LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each participating Member in The Crystal Skate to ensure that medical and accident insurance is provided for all athletes, officials, and other members of their delegation.

The Organizer assumes no responsibility or liability for any bodily or personal injury, or for property loss or damage incurred by Competitors or Officials in connection with the event.

Such insurance must guarantee full medical coverage and repatriation of the ill or injured person to their home country by air or other expeditious means.

It is the internal responsibility of each ISU Member to determine who will cover the cost of this insurance.

The Organizing Committee will provide on-site medical emergency aid during the competition.

8. ACCOMODATION

All delegations, must cover their accommodation expenses by themselves.

Official hotel of the event: **Vienna House**** (VIENNA HOUSE EASY BY WYNDHAM AIRPORT BUCHAREST)**

- Calea Bucureștilor 283, Otopeni 075100.
- Distance from the ice-rink: 0,5 km.

Reservations for skaters who wish to stay at the Vienna House hotel, will be made upon request, depending on availability, by each guest, in writing to the e-mail address: info.easy-bucharest@hrg-hotels.com or by phone: +40 21 203 6500. In order to benefit of the special discount the following mention should be specified in the reservation request: "CRYSTALSKATE2026VHE".

TYPE OF ROOM	PRICE / NIGHT BREAKFAST INCLUDED
Comfort Single Room	88 euro
Comfort Double Room	104 euro
Lounge Room (for 3 persons)	150 euro

Other hotels in the area

- **Ramada by Wyndham Bucharest Otopeni Airport** <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/en-uk/ramada?CID=LC:wmcic5n98gs1g0r:57933&iata=00093796>
- **RIN Airport Hotel** <https://www.rinairporthotel.ro/>
- **Hotel Otopeni** www.hotelotopeni.ro

9. VENUE ACCESSIBILITY

The Allianz-Tiriac Arena Ice Rink is located directly across the road from Henri Coandă International Airport.

Transportation options:

- By train: Direct connection from the airport to the rink (1 station only, approx. 2 minutes) <https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/aeroport-otopeni-tren-direct/>
- On foot: Approx. 15–17 minutes walking distance, crossing DN1 via pedestrian overpass or crosswalk

Transfers: Each ISU Member or Club is responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the airport. The Organizing Committee will not provide airport transfers for competitors, coaches, Team Leaders, or other delegation members.

10. ACCREDITATION

Accreditation will begin on 13th of January, at the ice rink Allianz Tiriac Arena.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2526 all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

The Organizing Committee has both the right and obligation to verify the passports of all athletes to confirm eligibility to compete and the correct category assignment. Athletes without valid identification documents will be excluded from the competition.

Passports of all skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate (if applicable), must be submitted during registration for verification.

11.DRAW & JUDGES MEETINGS

For Novice Advanced, Juniors & Seniors the opening draw of the starting order of skating will be held on 14th of January 2026.

The exact place and time will be published in the official detailed schedule. It is possible that the draw will be done only by Referee, Technical controller and a representative from the organizer, without any competitors. Starting order for the free skating will be in reverse order of the results of the short program.

The starting order will be available on <https://www.frponline.ro/> and at the ice rink.

Initial Judges Meeting – will be announced in the detailed schedule.

12.AWARDS

The Organizer provides diplomas for all competitors after each event. The three best Skaters in each category will be awarded with medals.

13.LIVESTREAM

Livestream video and photography will be provided during the event

14.ETHICS

All skaters, coaches, judges, and chaperones must comply with the provisions of ISU Communication 2641, or any updated version of this Communication.

Violation of this rule will result in the automatic disqualification of the skater.

15.GALA

No exhibition is planned at this event.

16.PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Please be informed that changes in the event schedule may occur depending on the final number of entries. For organizational efficiency, some categories may be rescheduled to a different day.

The detailed schedule will be published after the closing of entries. We kindly ask all participants to remain flexible and to consult the updated schedule once available.

17.TIMETABLE AND SCHEDULE FLEXIBILITY

The timetable, results, and other official information will be published on the competition website: <https://www.frponline.ro/> and displayed on the information board at the ice rink.

Please note:

- Only the daily starting times are fixed.
- After the morning start, the event schedule remains flexible.
- In case of cancellations or changes, certain categories may begin earlier than indicated in the Preliminary or Final Schedule.

We recommend all participants to regularly check updates and remain available near the rink throughout the day.

18. TECHNICAL DETAILS

SENIOR WOMEN & MEN	❖ Short Program: The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2025/26. ❖ Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec. ❖ Free Skating: In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. ❖ Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR Women & MEN	❖ Short Program: The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2025/26. ❖ Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec. ❖ Free Skating: In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. ❖ Duration: 3 min. 30 sec. +/- 10 sec
ADVANCE NOVICE Women & MEN	❖ According to ISU Communication No. 2699 and subsequent updates. ❖ Short Program Duration: 2 min., 20 sec. +/- 10 sec. ❖ Free Skating Duration: 3 min. +/- 10 sec.

CALCULATION OF THE RESULTS: All results will be calculated in the new ISU Judging System.

PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE OF EVENT

Wednesday 14 January 2026	Draw – Advance Novice
	Official practices : Advance Novice (SP) without music
Thursday 15 January 2026	Draw – Junior & Senior
	Competition: Advance Novice (SP)
	Official practices : Junior (SP) without music + Advance Novice (FS) without music
Friday 16 January 2026	Official practices: Senior (SP) without music
	Competition: Advance Novice (FS)
	Competition: Juniors (SP)
	Competition: Seniors (SP)
	Official practices: Juniors (FS) without music
Saturday 17 January 2026	Official practices: Seniors (FS) with music
	Competition: Juniors (FS)
	Competition: Seniors (FS)

Please, be informed that in the event schedule may occur changes due to the final number of entries and some categories can be moved to other day for proper organization.

Also, only the daily starting times are fixed. Following the morning start the time schedule of the event is flexible, which means that in case of cancellations certain categories may start some time earlier than in the Preliminary/Final Schedule.

The timetable, results and other information will be announced on the official site of the competition www.frponline.ro and on the information board in the ice rink.

Important: We ask all delegations not to make any kind of preliminary reservation regarding accommodation and transport until 29th of December, 2025, when registrations are completed.

Cancellation of the competition is also possible due to insufficient number of registered ISU members or competitors. Notice of cancellation or program changes will be published at least 8 days before the start of the competition. We advise all delegations to take those above into consideration for any travel arrangements.

We hope to welcome you and wish you a lot of success in your participation at this competition!

