



ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

for



19th SANTA CLAUS CUP 2025

International Figure Skating Competition in
Single Skating and Ice Dance for

SENIOR, JUNIOR, NOVICE

Budapest - Hungary
November 26 – 30, 2025

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WELCOME

The Hungarian National Skating Federation and the Organizing Committee are glad to invite you and your club to participate in the SANTA CLAUS CUP 2025 International Competition.

Please note that for minor categories a separate Announcement is available as Santa Claus Cup Interclub competition!

The Organizers reserve the right to change the date, location, and program of the competition. The competitors also acknowledge that in case laws forbid it the Organizers are unable to hold the competition. Furthermore, in case the competition cannot take place due to legal restrictions or public health issues the Organizers bear no responsibility for any damage resulting from the cancellation and thus no claims can be made towards the Organizers. The Organizers are not obliged to assign a new date for the competition if it is cancelled because of the above-mentioned reasons. The competitors acknowledge that upon cancellation of the competition they do not have the right to claim back the already paid entry fee as the Organizers had various costs concerning the competition.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **Santa Claus Cup 2025 International Competition in Figure Skating and Ice Dance** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2025/26 (ISU Communications 2704 & 2700), and the relevant ISU Communications.

All Members of the ISU are invited to take part in the competition. **Competitors participating in Senior, Junior and Novice categories must be entered through their respective Member Federation.**

Participation in the 19th Santa Claus Cup 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 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 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. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All competitors must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

TECHNICAL DATA

All categories according to ISU rules 2025 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Place of competition:	Budapest Practice Rink (H-1146 Budapest, Istvánmezei út 3-5.) Rink is indoor, heated ice rink with a surface of 60 x 30 meters, located near the centre of Budapest.
Date:	November 26 – 30, 2025
Organizer:	Hungarian National Skating Federation H-1146 Budapest, Istvánmezei út 3-5. E-mail: scc@huns skate.hu Web: www.huns skate.hu

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TECHNICAL DETAILS

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.
WOMEN	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.
ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2704 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2704 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
JUNIOR 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.
JUNIOR WOMEN	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.
JUNIOR ICE DANCE	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule 709. Rhythms required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2704 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec.
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2704 and subsequent updates. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

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ADVANCED NOVICE FIGURE SKATING

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.

ADVANCED NOVICE ICE DANCE

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules 2024, Rule 711. Pattern required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication No. 2700 and any subsequent updates.

Pattern Dances

The following Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated for season 2025/26:

Starlight Waltz and Quickstep

- Duration of the Quickstep Pattern Dance (2) sequences and one (1) Choreographic Element must be completed within one 1 minute 10 seconds.

Couples shall provide their own music for all Pattern Dances.

Free Dance Duration: 3 min. +/- 10 sec.

In accordance with Technical Rules Ice dance 2024, rule 710 and all pertinent ISU Communications. The required elements to be performed are those listed in ISU Communications 2700 and any subsequent updates.

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE GIRLS and BOYS

according to ISU Communication No. 2699 and subsequent updates.

Free Skating Duration: 3 min. +/- 10 sec.

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE ICE DANCE

according to ISU Communications No. 2700 and subsequent updates.

Pattern Dances

Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated. These will be drawn before the first practice of the competition:

Rocker Foxtrot, European Waltz, Tango

Couples shall provide their own music for all Pattern Dances.

Free Dance Duration: 2 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

In accordance with Technical Rules Ice dance 2024, rule 710 and all pertinent ISU Communications. The required elements to be performed are those listed in ISU Communications 2700 and subsequent updates.

BASIC NOVICE GIRLS and BOYS

according to ISU Communication No. 2699 and subsequent updates.

Free Skating Duration: 2 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

BASIC NOVICE ICE DANCE

according to ISU Communications No. 2700 and subsequent updates.

Pattern Dances

Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated. These will be drawn before the first practice of the competition:

Willow Waltz, Tango Canasta and Rhythm Blues

Couples shall provide their own music for all Pattern Dances.

Free Dance Duration: 2 min. +/- 10 sec.

In accordance with Technical Rules Ice dance 2024, rule 710 and all pertinent ISU Communications. The required elements to be performed are those listed in ISU Communications 2700 and subsequent updates.

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ENTRIES

ENTRIES BY NAME

All Members / Clubs, which are members of National Figure Skating Federations associated with the ISU, may enter competitors in each category. The OC reserves the right to limit the number of participants to one (1) Entry in each category in case of overcrowding. With the online entry the “Program Content Sheet” must also be filled out in the ISU Portal. It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

ENTRIES OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member may nominate Judges for the event. Only ISU and International Judges will be accepted. The OC reserves the right to limit the number of judges in accordance with the number of the Skaters' Entries. The Organizing Committee will only cover the board and lodging **for judges accepted in the panel only** for the period: from the dinner before the day of their activity until the end of their activity. Please, be aware that judges not involved in the panel have to cover their own expenses (board and lodging).

In case of too many nominated judges, the OC keeps the right to draw the panel of judges within 7 days after the closing date of the judges entries. The result of this draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing till 12nd November the latest. The confirmation of the list of judges will be announced until 14th November 2025.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

The names of all team members must be entered in the ISU ORS (<https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com>) and must reach the Organizing Committee not later than:

23rd October 2025 at the latest

The entries upon submission will reach:

SANTA CLAUS CUP 2025 Organizing Committee

Hungarian National Skating Federation

E-mail: scc@huns skate.hu

Please note that the Organizing Committee will accept entries until the given deadline. It is not possible to make entries after it.

Please note that due to the limitations of participants per category, the entries are not confirmed upon submitting them. The confirmed entries will be announced until October 31st.

Those who will not be confirmed by October 31st, will be added to the waiting list and getting confirmed in case of cancellations.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for categories with two (2) programs: 150 EUR/person, 180 EUR/couple

Entry fee for categories with one (1) program: 90 EUR/person

LATE PAYMENT ENTRY FEE

If you fail to make payment until deadline the following entry fees will apply

Late entry fee for categories with two (2) programs: 180 EUR/person, 200 EUR/couple

Late entry fee for categories with one (1) program: 110 EUR/person

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PAYMENTS

Entry Fees are requested to be paid **via bank transfer until 12nd November 2025 at the latest**. **Please note that all banking charges have to be borne by the sender.** In order to reduce the occurring banking charges, the Organizing Committee welcomes combined payment, as it is allowed to pay the entry fees for more or all skaters per club or Member Federation via one transfer. When making the payment, please use the comment field for: 'FS'+ 3-digit country code + family name of skaters (e.g. FS HUN Kovacs).

Entry fees concerning cancellations arriving after 24:00 o'clock Wednesday, 12nd November 2025 at local time and in case of no-show at the competition will not be paid back.

For accommodation and extra ice time there are three ways for arranging the payment:

Bank transfer before the event

You can make payment directly to the following bank account by putting 'FS' and the country code alongside the name of the skater into the comment field:

Bank information:

Name of the Bank:	MBH BANK NYRT
Address of the Bank:	Váci utca 38, Budapest, 1056 Hungary
Bank account holder:	MOKSZ
Bank swift code:	MKKBHUHB
Bank account number (EUR):	10300002-50100124-21004884
IBAN code (EUR):	HU94 10300002-50100124-21004884

All bank charges are taken by the payer! Please, do not miss to bring the **proof of bank transfer** with you and show it at registration. **Following the event payment by bank transfer is not possible!**

Cash at registration

Accepted currencies: EUR, HUF

Credit card

Accepted credit cards: Visa, Visa Electron, V Pay, Mastercard, Maestro. Please note that American Express is **not** accepted. **In case of credit card payment, the OC will charge +4% for the occurring banking fees.**

Invoices

The Organizing Committee will issue invoices according to Form 05. **Should you not fill in this form, the Organizing Committee will issue the invoice automatically on the name of the Member Federation.** Please fill in as many forms as needed! If you need separate invoices for entry fee and accommodation and/or practice ice, please use separate forms for each.

ACCREDITATION

The accreditation will be at the Ice Rink from Tuesday, 25 November 2025 till Sunday, 30 November 2025.

Opening hours:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Accreditation</u>
November 25, Tuesday	14:00 – 18:00
November 26, Wednesday	08:00 – 20:00
November 27, Thursday	08:00 – 20:00
November 28, Friday	08:00 – 20:00
November 29, Saturday	08:00 – 20:00
November 30, Sunday	08:00 – 14:00

In accordance with the ISU Directive please note that at the time of registration (Entry fee, music, hotel arrangements) we have to copy and file the passport of the Skaters (in case you happen to bring it with you or send it by e-mail beforehand it will make us very happy).

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EXPENSES

The Organizer covers the expenses of competition, organization, awards and board & lodging (in case of judges only for those who are on duty, which will be announced until 12nd November 2025). Travel expenses to and from Budapest, transfer costs to and from the Official Hotel and Airport **will not be covered** by the organizer (with the exception of the officials).

The expenses for rooms and meals, travel and transfer of the Team Leaders, Competitors and other Team officials **will not be covered** by the organizer and are on the account of the Teams.

ACCOMMODATION

The official hotel prices are the following:

HOTEL LIONS GARDEN – hotel for officials and teams

H-1146 Budapest, Cházár András utca 4.

Type of room	Rate with breakfast and taxes
SINGLE ROOM	160 €/night/room
DOUBLE ROOM	190 €/night/room
TRIPLE ROOM	240 €/night

In order to be able to provide the above-mentioned special room rates at the official hotels, **the room reservations for all team members have to be done exclusively submitted in the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) latest by October 23, 2025.**

CANCELLATION OF RESERVED HOTEL ROOMS

Please, be informed that the Organizing Committee can only accept hotel **cancellations 3 weeks before** arrival, in writing. In case the OC does not receive your cancellations 3 weeks before, 100% cost of total booking and entry fee will be charged on the participant.

The cost of accommodation is requested to be paid either by bank transfer or in cash / credit card at the accreditation at the latest (for details about bank transfer payment please, see the 'EXPENSES' and 'PAYMENTS' section). All extra expenses incurred by any person will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior departure at the hotel.

ARRIVAL OF JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

Judges and officials taking part in the Competition are requested to announce the flight/train numbers, dates and times of arrival and departure or any other information concerning transportation to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **12nd November 2025.**

MEETINGS FOR JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

The confirmation of the list of Judges will be announced until **12nd November 2025.** The Initial Judges Meeting will be held on the day of each respective category. Direct e-mails will be sent to all relevant Judges, but also please follow the dates and times at www.hunskate.hu. The date for Round Table Discussion will be agreed on with the respective referees.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Please, be aware that the Organizing Committee **does not provide** any transportation for the participants. However, we suggest that you use the Official Airport Shuttle service, Minibud, which is the official partner of Budapest Airport.

Please find more info at: <https://www.minibud.hu/en>

GDPR

By entering all participants 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.

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INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the Santa Claus Cup 2025, 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 of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

DRAW

The Starting numbers will be drawn by the competitors or team leaders, on Tuesday, 25th November at the main rink and will be published on the same day. Starting orders for the second segment will be reverse order of the result of SP / RD.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE – STARTING TIMES

Please, be informed that only the category starting times are fixed and that all changes in entries and Preliminary Program might be followed at **www.hunskate.hu** and on the information board in the ice rink.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE

For availability, time frames and prices please contact the OC at the scc@hunskate.hu email.

MUSIC

In accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, the following method to submit the Competitor's music to the Organizing Committee must be followed:

- the ISU Member is responsible for submitting their Competitor's music as direct attachment to an email to the Organizing Committee (scc@hunskate.hu) until 12nd November 2025. *Please note:* some music files might exceed the size of a regular email. In this case, an email-based transfer service which allows to send large files could be used to send the file to the OC.
- each submission shall be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment and the name(s) of the competitor(s):
Example:
GBR_Junior Men_SP_EXAMPLE-John
GBR_Junior Men_FS_EXAMPLE-John
- the music files must be sent as MP3 file format. Any other format is not acceptable. Please note: Files in MP3 format may have a significant difference in the music quality when reproduced. The Organizing Committee in this case is not responsible if the music quality would be insufficient.
- Each Competitor must have their own back-up drive (USB Stick) for each program in MP3 format.
- Please note that **CDs will not be accepted** by the Organizing Committee

Program Content Sheets have to be sent to the Organizing Committee latest by 12nd November 2025.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. All participants will receive an electronic diploma with their placement upon request*. The exact time of the Awarding Ceremonies will be announced in the detailed schedule in due time. Please make sure that all skaters are represented at the Ceremony.

***Please write to scc@hunskate.hu after the event to request diploma by email.**

For further information, please contact:

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Wednesday, 26 November 2025	10:00	Competition FS Intermediate Boys Free FS Basic Novice Boys Free FS Basic Novice Girls Free FS Advanced Novice Men Short FS Advanced Novice Women Short FS Junior Men Short FS MEN Short
Thursday, 27 November 2025	11:00	Competition FS Intermediate Girls Free FS Advanced Novice Men Free FS Junior Women Short FS WOMEN Short
Friday, 28 November 2025	10:00	Competition FS Advanced Novice Girls Free FS Junior Men Free FS Junior Women Free FS MEN Free
Saturday, 29 November 2025	09:00	Competition FS WOMEN Free ID Basic Novice Pattern Dance 1 ID Basic Novice Pattern Dance 2 ID Intermediate Novice Pattern Dance 1 ID Intermediate Novice Pattern Dance 2 ID Advanced Novice Pattern Dance 1 ID Advanced Novice Pattern Dance 2 ID Junior Rhythm Dance ID Senior Rhythm Dance
Sunday, 30 November 2025	14:00	Competition ID Basic Novice Free Dance ID Intermediate Novice Free Dance ID Advanced Novice Free Dance ID Junior Free Dance ID Senior Free Dance
