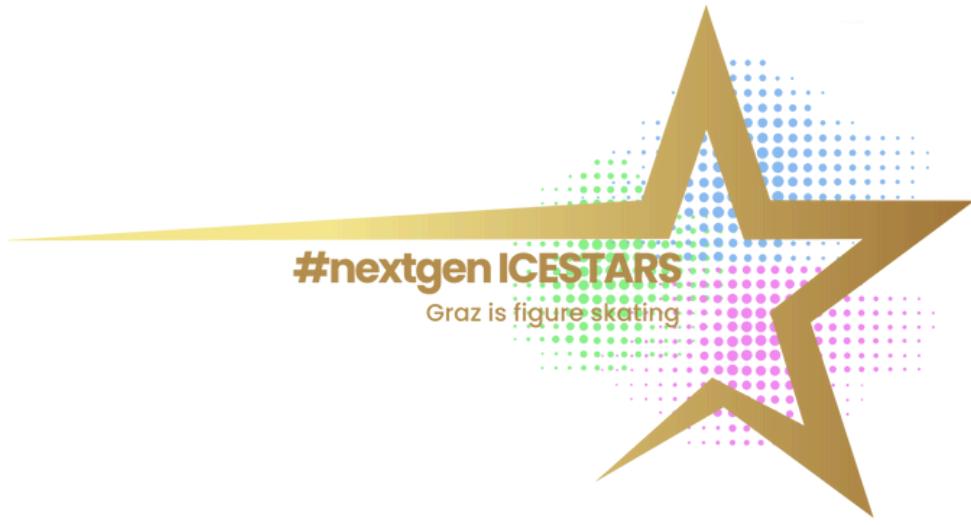




ANNOUNCEMENT



24.-27.03. 2026
GRAZ - AUSTRIA

International

Single & Pairs

Seniors - Juniors - Advanced Novice





1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

General Regulations

The #nextgen Icestars 2026 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Figure Skating as well as the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the Icestars 2026 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) 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.

Technical Data

MERKUR Eisstadion, Zoisweg 15, 8041 Graz

(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)



2.CATEGORIES

SENIOR WOMEN & MEN

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 611

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 Communications. 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,

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 Communications. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 3 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

ADVANCED NOVICE WOMEN & MEN

In accordance with ISU Communication 2699 and the relevant ISU Communication Age requirements:

An Advanced Novice Skater is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the competition:

Advanced Novice - has reached the age of ten (10) and has not reached the age of sixteen (16) for girls and boys.

Duration of the Programs

Single Skating Advanced Novice

Short Program: 2:20 min, +/-10 sec.

Free Skating: 3:00 min, +/-10 sec.



SENIOR PAIRS

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2025/26. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2024, Rule 621 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 PAIRS

Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024 Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2024 and relevant ISU Communication
Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 621.3 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

ADVANCED NOVICE PAIRS

Short Program In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2699 or any subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 20 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Communication 2624 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.
Duration: 3 min. +/- 10 sec.



ENTRIES of Competitors

3.ENTRIES

All entries for the Icestars 2026 , must be done through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered, as well as bank information.

The Entries by names must be done through the ORS not later than March 6th 2026 - 20:00h CET.

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Entry lists, competition schedules, competition results will be published on the website icechallenge.at and at the Sportity-App - password: nextgen
Entries will be on first come first serve principle.

ENTRIES of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge Singles & Pairs who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions". In case of too many nominated judges the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the closing date for the entries. The result of such draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entries of Judges must be done through the ORS not later than March 6th 2026 – 20:00h CET.
Junior and Senior panel of Judges will consist of at least 5 Judges.



3.ENTRIES - Payment

Entry Fee

By paying the entry fee for the competition, your registration is automatically confirmed.

There is no payback of the entry fee for any reason.

SINGLE EUR 100

PAIRS EUR 145

Please indicate Name, Category and Club / Federation by banktransfer.
The full amount of entry fee has to arrive on our account!

If an individual invoice is required please contact:
icestars@icechallenge.at

Grazer Eislauverein
Bank Raiffeisen Landesbank
IBAN AT20 38000 00007129778
BIC RZSTAT2G



4. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

Officials

The Technical Panel members and Referee will have at least the qualification “international” and will be invited by the organizing club.

Meals, Lodging Travel Expenses

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges beginning with dinner earliest one the day before the 1st day of competition involved until lunch on the last day involved.

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 Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators

5. RESULTS

Results

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

6. MUSIC I PPC I DRAWS

Music

The music files must be sent to: icechallenge.music@gmail.com

DEADLINE: March 20th 2026

The music files must show competitor's name, nationality, category, program (short/free skating).

Mandatory music format is .mp3 file format.

We highly recommend to send the music files very soon after confirmation of participation. This will give us time to check compatibility of the music and to contact participating clubs if problems should arise.



Planned Program Content

Skaters must send the Program Content Sheet to the Organizing Committee till March 6th 2026.

Draws

The draw will be held on March 23rd 2026 in presence of one of the Referees, in accordance with Rule 512 and 513 of the ISU Constitution and General Regulations. Competitors/official representatives are welcome to be present in person.

The organizing committee will publish them via the Sportity-App. Starting orders for Seniors, Juniors and Advanced Novice Free Program will be in reverse order to the final result of the Short Programs.

Liability

Liability In accordance with the ISU Rule 119, the Organizer accepts no liability for bodily or personal injury, or for property loss or damage incurred by any Competitors or any kind of Officials.

7. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

ICESTARS GRAZ 2026
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8041 Graz, AUSTRIA
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EVENT SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

24.03.2026

INTERCLUB

SHORT PROGRAM: Advanced Novice

25.03.2026

INTERCLUB

ADVANCED NOVICE FREE PROGRAM
JUNIOR SHORT PROGRAM

26.03.2026

JUNIOR FREE PROGRAM

SHORT PROGRAM PAIRS, SENIORS

27.03.2026

SENIOR FREE PROGRAM

FREE PROGRAM PAIRS

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