

# **International Figure Skating Competition**

for

Senior: Men, Women

Junior: Men, Women

Advanced Novice: Men, Women

organized by

**Estonian Skating Union** 

and

Figure Skating Club IK Tartu

Tartu, Estonia

October 14 to October 19, 2025

# 1. General regulations

The **Lõunakeskus Trophy 2025** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Lõunakeskus Trophy 2025** 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) and they meet the participation 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. Clubs registered at ISU Members Federations can participate in competition or Invited clubs only. The OC can have a final design about over quota for any club/country/federation or refuse to accept the entry (fully or partially).

# 2. Technical data

#### Venue

**Main rink**: Astri Arena, Lääneringtee 39, Tartu, Estonia (Lõunakeskus Shopping Mall) (an indoor ice rink with ice surface of 58 x 28 m, air-conditioned and heated)

# 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.

# **Advanced Novice Boys**

#### **Short Program**

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2699 and any subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 min., 20 sec. +/- 10 sec.

#### **Free Skating**

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2699 and any subsequent updates.

Duration: 3 min. +/- 10 sec

### **Advanced Novice Girls**

### **Short Program**

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2699 and any subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 min., 20 sec. +/- 10 sec.

### **Free Skating**

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, ISU Communication 2699 and any subsequent updates.

Duration: 3 min. +/- 10 sec.

# 3. Entries

#### General

All Entries to the **Lõunakeskus Trophy 2025** must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. The deadline for entries is **Friday**, **September 12th**, **2025 23:00 (local time Tartu)**.

## **Entries of Competitors**

All members of ISU-affiliated National Skating Federations are invited to participate in this competition. Members may enter an unlimited number of skaters in each category. However, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit or refuse participation in the competition.

**Important:** Changes to a skater's category are not permitted after the entry deadline. Please note that any replacements in the entry form must be made within the same class and category, and must be submitted no later than **October 7, 2025**.

The Entries by names must be made via the **ISU Online Registration System** (ORS) (<a href="https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com">https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com</a>).

# **Entries of Judges**

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one judge per discipline 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 made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) no later than **September 15th**, **2025 23:00** (**local time Tartu**). Each panel of Judges will consist of a maximum 7 Judges but with a minimum of 5 Judges, if possible. All Judges will be of at least "Judge for International Competitions" qualification. The seating order of the Judges will be drawn during the Initial Judges meeting.

We will cover hotel, meals, and provide pocket money for judges who serve on multiple panels, except for panels where skaters from their own federation are competing.

### **Entry Fee**

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

• 110€ per single skater

The entry fee must be paid by bank transfer **no later than September 12th**, **2025**. Any payments received after this date will be subject to a late entry fee of **10€** per skater. However, this late fee does not apply if a Member Federation or Club substitutes a skater, provided the original skater's entry fee was paid by the deadline.

Please note that the entry fee is non-refundable after the deadline, regardless of the reason for withdrawal. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to withdraw entries for skaters who have not paid the entry fee by the deadline.

Please ensure that the participation fee payment includes the **name of the skater in the payment details**. Payments that do not clearly indicate the participant's name will not be considered received.

The entry fee for all participants from each country or member federation must be paid in a single transaction and transferred to the following bank account:

#### MTÜ Iluuisutamisklubi Tartu

IBAN: EE842200221051518634

SWIFT/BIC: HABAEE2X

# 4. Appointed Event Officials

The **Lõunakeskus Trophy 2025** event will follow the principles of the International Skating Union for appointing the event officials. The members of each individual Technical Panel and Referees will have at least the qualification "International" and will be from different ISU Members.

# 5. Music and Planned Program Content

All Competitors shall furnish in advance competition music of excellent quality via email to <a href="music@iktartu.ee">music@iktartu.ee</a> until **October 3rd**, **2025**, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2.

A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single, must be entered on the ISU Portal.

The following method to submit the Competitor's music to the Organizing Committee must be followed:

- The participating member is responsible for submitting their Competitor's music as a direct attachment to an email to the Organizing Committee (<a href="music@iktartu.ee">music@iktartu.ee</a>) until **October 3rd**, **2025**. Please note: some music files might exceed the size of a regular email. In this case, an email-based transfer service which allows sending large files could be used to send the file to the OC.
- Each submission shall be labeled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment and the name(s) of the competitor(s).
  - o Example:
    - EST\_Junior\_Men\_FS\_Smith\_John
    - LAT\_Senior\_Women\_SP\_Maxwell\_Max
- The music files must be sent as WAV or MP3 file formats. 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 the format of a WAV or MP3 file.
- The exact running time of the music (not skating time) must be communicated to the Organizing Committee when submitting the music and shall be certified by the Competitor/Coach/Team Leader at the time of registration.

The **Planned Program Content** must also be entered by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform. It is mandatory that the Program Content information be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

# 6. Non-official practice sessions

Non-official practice sessions will be available before the competition begins for the categories scheduled to compete on the same day. Every skater will have the opportunity to take part in one **30-minute** session per day prior to competing. The practice sessions take place on the competition ice.

**Exception:** Skaters in the **Advanced Novice** category will only have one non-official practice session **before the Short Program**. There will be **no non-official practice session before the Free Skating segment** for Advanced Novice.

A maximum of 6 skaters will be on the ice per session, and groups will be formed based on the competition starting order. For the Short Program, groups will be formed based on the Short Program starting order; for the Free Skating segment, groupings will follow the results of the Short Program. The organizer reserves the right to rearrange the groups in case a group does not reach the maximum of 6 skaters.

In order to book your practice sessions, it's mandatory to let us know by **October 10th** latest via email at <a href="mailto:entry@iktartu.ee">entry@iktartu.ee</a> if you would like to take part in the non-official practice sessions and on which days.

The cost of **one 30-minute** session is **25** €, payable **upon arrival** during accreditation.

Practice schedules and groups will be published on our website and Sportity app.

# 7. Accreditation

Please note that, in accordance with the ISU Directive, at the time of registration (including the entry fee and music submission), we are required to make a copy of and file the passport of each skater. If you are able to provide a copy of the passport either upon registration or by email beforehand, it would be greatly appreciated and will help facilitate the process.

During the competition days, the Organizing Committee office will be located at Astri Arena ice rink.

## 8. 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. Intermediate and final results will be published on the competition website and in Sportity App event channel.

There will be no hard-copy distribution of any printed media on this event. All required information will be available on the Information Board at the ice rink and on Digital Info Board (Sportity App).

# 9. Draw

The starting orders for the Short Program will be drawn by a representative from each of two participating teams. The starting orders for the Free Skating segment will follow the reverse order of the Short Program results.

The draw for Senior and Junior categories will take place on **Tuesday**, **October 14th**, **2025 at 18:00** next to the Astri Arena ice rink.

The draw for Advanced Novice categories will take place on **Thursday**, **October 16th**, **2025 at 18:00** next to the Astri Arena ice rink.

Starting orders will be published on the competition website (<u>www.iktartu.ee</u>).

### 10. Insurance and Liabilities

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in events, 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 who shall pay the premium for such insurance. The OC assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

# 11. Expenses

Competitors and all team members are responsible for covering their own travel, accommodation, and meal expenses.

Please note that the Organizing Committee will arrange accommodations only for **invited** officials. Skaters, coaches, and other team members are required to book their own accommodations.

### 12. Official Hotel

Address: Lääneringtee 39, Tartu, 50407, Estonia (located in the same building as the **Lõunakeskus Shopping Mall**)

Website: <a href="https://sophia.tartuhotels.ee/en/">https://sophia.tartuhotels.ee/en/</a>

A limited number of rooms has been reserved at Hotel Sophia for the event dates **October 15–19**, **2025**.

Room Rates (per night):

Single room: 75 €Double room: 85 €

#### **Booking Instructions:**

To reserve a room, please contact the hotel directly:

• Email: sophia@tartuhotels.ee

• Phone: +372 638 0850

• Use the keyword "**Trophee25**" when booking to access the special rates.

### **Payment:**

Each guest is responsible for paying for their own room on-site at the hotel.

# 13. Arrival of Teams

The nearest airports are Tallinn Lennart Meri Airport (TLL), located 175 km from the venue, and Tartu airport (TAY), located 9 km from the venue.

You can travel from the Tallinn airport to Tartu coach station by bus, with departures every 30 minutes. Bus tickets can be purchased through <a href="https://www.luxexpress.eu">www.luxexpress.eu</a>.

Tartu Coach Station is 5.8 km from the venue. Please note that the Organizing Committee will not provide transportation from the airport for competitors, coaches, team leaders, or team staff.

# 14. Competition Schedule

Detailed competition schedule will be announced after the deadline of entries on the competition website (<u>www.iktartu.ee</u>).

## **Preliminary Schedule**

#### **Event Dates**

• **ISU Events:** 15–18 October 2025

• Interclub Events: 16–19 October 2025

### Tuesday, 14 October

- Arrival of Teams
- Accreditation for Junior & Senior at Astri Arena ice rink
- **Draw** for Junior & Senior 18:00 at Astri Arena ice rink

### Wednesday, 15 October

- Non-official practice for Junior & Senior
- Initial Judges Meeting
- Technical Panel Pre-Event Meeting
- Junior & Senior **Short Program**

### Thursday, 16 October

- Non-official practice for Junior & Senior
- Junior & Senior Free Skating

- Accreditation for Advanced Novice
- **Draw** for Advanced Novice 18:00 at Astri Arena ice rink

#### Friday, 17 October

- Non-official practice for Advanced Novice
- Advanced Novice **Short Program**

### Saturday, 18 October

Advanced Novice — Free Skating

# 15. Additional Information

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

#### **FSC IK Tartu**

Lääneringtee 39, Tartu, Estonia (Astri Arena ice rink) e-mail: <a href="mailto:entry@iktartu.ee">entry@iktartu.ee</a> www.iktartu.ee

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