

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating
ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final
2025 / 26



A N N O U N C E M E N T

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. GENERAL

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating consists of six international senior invitational events and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. All six events will be held with the approval and the assistance of the International Skating Union, under the responsibility of the ISU Members concerned and in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024 and all relevant ISU Communications. The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final belongs to the ISU and will be organized by the Japan Skating Federation (JSF).

The six events and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final are only open to Skaters/Couples who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to ISU Constitution and General Regulations Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in ISU Rule 108, paragraph 3.a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirement in ISU Rule 109, and ISU Communication No. 2526 or any update of this Communication. Entries can only be made through the ISU Members.

Skaters/Couples entered for an event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating may not participate in the same discipline of an event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating in the same season. Only Skaters participating in different disciplines may enter into both the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating in the same skating season.

The provisions included in this Announcement do not concern any participation at the ISU Championships or any other international event not included in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating or the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

For the 2025/26 season, the six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating are:

Grand Prix de France	Oct. 17 - 19, 2025	Angers	FRA
Cup of China	Oct. 24 - 26, 2025	Chongqing	CHN
Skate Canada International	Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, 2025	Saskatoon, SK	CAN
NHK Trophy	Nov. 7 - 9, 2025	Osaka	JPN
Skate America	Nov. 14 - 16, 2025	Lake Placid, NY	USA
Finlandia Trophy	Nov. 21 - 23, 2025	Helsinki	FIN

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final will be organized for the 6 best ranked Men, Women, Pairs and Ice Dance Couples in:

Nagoya, Japan
from December 4 to December 7, 2025

A point system within the six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating has been established to qualify the Skaters for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Points will be obtained according to the results in each of the six events comprising the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

2. DESIGNATION OF THE SKATERS

2.1 Seeded Skaters/Couples

- a) Skaters/Couples who have placed 1 – 6 in each of the 4 disciplines (Men, Women, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025 will be considered to be Seeded Skaters/Couples and will be assigned, by draw, to skate in two events.
- b) If any vacancies (less than 6 Seeded Skaters/Couples per discipline) remain, the next ranked Skater/Couple from the results of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025 will be moved up to fill their position as a Seeded Skater/Couple.
- c) **“Come-Back” Skaters/Couples:** Skaters/Couples who were previously seeded (placed 1 to 6 within the past 10 years at a ISU World Figure Skating Championships) and subsequently did not participate in one or more competitive seasons will be given priority consideration to re-enter the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating for selection of up to 2 assignments if they commit in writing to participating in two ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and if such return is announced and confirmed by the date of the annual Selection Meeting. Such so called “Come Back Skaters/Couples” will not substitute any of the Seeded Skaters/Couples, mentioned under a). “Come Back Skaters/Couples” must not fulfil the requirements of the minimum Grand Prix score and would be considered for selection as an Organizing ISU Member Choice. A come back under this clause is allowed only once in their competitive career for any Skater/Couple.
- d) If a Seeded or “Come-Back” Skater/Couple withdraws from an assigned event, even for medical reasons, that Skater/couple will not be assigned to another event.

2.2. Invited Skaters/Couples

- a) Skaters who have placed 7 – 12 in Men and Women and Pairs/Couples who have placed 7 – 10 in Pair Skating and Ice Dance at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025 will be guaranteed to be selected for two ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events, provided that these Skaters/Couples fulfil the requirements of the minimum Grand Prix score as per paragraph 2.3. below. If there are any retirements from placements 7 – 12 (respectively 7 – 10 for Pair Skating/Ice Dance), the vacant places will be completed with the next ranked Skaters/Couples of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025 (placed 13 and below for Singles – placed 11 and below for Pair Skating and Ice Dance) will be moved up to fill their position as Placement 7 – 12 Skaters (respectively 7 – 10 Pairs/Couples).
- b) Return of a Split Couple - “Returning Split Couple”
Pairs or Ice Dance Couples, who were previously in the top 7 to 12 of an ISU World Figure Skating Championships in the past three seasons (2023, 2024 or 2025) but who split and now have a new partner, may always be chosen as an Organizing ISU Member Skater as per paragraph 2.2. f) and in addition, may be considered as an Organizing ISU Member’s Choice as per paragraph 2.2. g). They will be ranked in the list of Grand Prix Season’s Best scores by taking the season’s points of their partnership with their most recent previous partner, if proof is given in writing by their ISU Member that they intend to continue their competitive career and their return is announced and confirmed by the date of the annual Selection Meeting. Such Pairs/Dance Couples are defined as a “Returning Split Couple” and such Returning Split Couples do not need to fulfill the requirement of a minimum Grand Prix score.
- c) Return of a ranked Skater/Couple - “Return Skater/Couple”
A Skater or Couple, not included among those defined in paragraphs a) and b) above, who was previously in the top 7 to 12 at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023 or 2024 but since was injured and/or did not compete at all during the entire 2024/25 season, may be chosen, if applicable, as an Organizing ISU Member Skater, and in addition, may be considered as an Organizing ISU Member’s Choice and will be ranked in the list of Season’s Best scores by taking the Season’s Best points of their most recent season, if proof is given in writing by their ISU Member that they intend to continue their competitive career and their return is announced and confirmed by the date of the annual Selection Meeting. Such Skater or Couple is defined as a “Return Skater/Couple” and such a Return Skater/Couple does not need to fulfill the requirement of a minimum Grand Prix score.
- d) Skaters/Couples with an ISU World Standing placement of 1 – 24 and Skaters/Couples with seasons best scores for 2024/25 in the top 24, who do not hold an ISU World Standing placement of 1 – 24 will be guaranteed one event if they do not otherwise meet the criteria listed in paragraphs 2.1 or 2.2 above and the minimum Grand Prix score.

A listing of seasons best scores for each season will be compiled to include the following events:

- * ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating
- * ISU Senior Grand Prix of Figure Skating
- * ISU Figure Skating Championships

* Olympic Winter Games or Youth Olympic Games (if applicable in the year concerned)

* ISU Challenger Series Events

- e) Medallists from the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2025 and gold medallists from the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final 2024/25 will be included in the selection process. Skaters/Couples who have stated their intention to skate as Senior in the season 2025/26 might be included in the Grand Prix event(s) if they fulfil the requirements of the minimum Grand Prix score.
- f) A maximum of three Skaters/Couples in each discipline from the Organizing ISU Member may skate in the Organizing ISU Member's event. This includes Skaters/Couples selected according to paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 above. If the Organizing ISU Member chooses not to exercise its option for the three Skaters/Couples in any discipline from its own country, the remaining entry spots must be filled as per paragraphs 2.2 a) to e) above. The domestic Skaters/Couples should fulfil the criteria of being on the top 75 Grand Prix Season's Best list when first selected. It is not mandatory for the Organizing ISU Member's Skaters/Couple to fulfil the criteria of the minimum Grand Prix score but it is strongly suggested.
- g) If any entries remain open and if all Skaters/Couples as defined in paragraph 2.2. a), b) and c) above have been selected for one event, the Organizing ISU Member may select any Skater/Couple with a top 75 seasonal best score to fill the open entries.
- h) In addition to the Seeded Skaters/Couples, or "Come-Back" Skaters/Couples and the above-mentioned Invited Skaters/Couples, each Organizing ISU Member may select additional Skaters/Couples in accordance with selection procedures established by the ISU Grand Prix Management Group, provided that such Skaters/Couples have reached the minimum Grand Prix score as required. The maximum number of entries per event, however, is set as follows:
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| Men and Women | not more than 12 but not less than 8 entries |
| Pair Skating | not more than 8 but not less than 6 entries |
| Ice Dance | not more than 10 but not less than 8 entries |
- i) No invited Skaters/Couples may compete in more than two events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating. These events will count for points and prize money will be awarded according to placements.
- j) A maximum of three Skaters/Couples from the same ISU Member may compete in the same discipline of any individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating.
- k) Non-Seeded Skaters/Couples will not be invited to another event in replacement if they choose not to skate in an assigned event.
- l) Non-Seeded Skaters/Couples will not be invited to another event in replacement if, by medical reason, they withdraw from an assigned event.

For the responsibility of the expenses please refer to paragraph 7.5 below.

2.3 Minimum Score for Grand Prix events (Grand Prix Minimum Technical Score)

Each entrant to the six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series must meet a minimum total score from ISU Events (GP, JGP, Championships, and ISU Challenger Series Events) of the previous season. These scores will be published annually and be decided in consultation with the ISU Technical Committee in each discipline and approved by the ISU Grand Prix Management Group.

The minimum total score from ISU Events for this season is 3/5 of highest score per discipline at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025:

Men	191.14
Women	133.78
Pair Skating	131.87
Ice Dance	133.24

Skaters/Couples who have scored at least the above-mentioned limit in an ISU Championships, ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating or ISU Challenger Series Competition between July 1st, 2024 and June 5, 2025 are eligible for selection into the Grand Prix events 2025/26 or in the alternate list.

Skaters/Couples, placed in the top 75 Season's Best are placed on the alternate list. However, those who need to score the minimum Grand Prix score as listed above can do so in the ISU Challenger Series 2025/26.

Note: Entries of Skaters representing the ISU Members of Belarus and Russia are subject to lifting of the protective measures as per ISU Communication 2469

3. CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

3.1 Confirmation of Participation of Seeded Skaters/Couples

The ISU Members must confirm the participation of the Seeded Skaters/Couples in the two events to the ISU Secretariat by **August 15, 2025**. If a Seeded Skater/Couple does not participate in the event(s) for which they are designated, there will be no substitute event(s).

3.2 Confirmation of Participation of Invited Skaters/Couples

The invitations for participation for Skaters/Couples, besides the seeded ones, will be forwarded to the ISU Members concerned through the Organizing ISU Member of the respective ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event. The ISU Members of these Invited Skaters/Couples must confirm participation to the ISU Secretariat, and the Organizing ISU Member by **August 15, 2025**

3.3 Restrictions for Participation in Junior and Senior Grand Prix events

Please refer to paragraph 1 of this announcement.

3.4 Obligation of Seeded Skaters

All Seeded Skaters/Couples as to paragraph 2.1 of this General Announcement are categorized as "Seeded" Skaters/Couples and, as such, will be expected to participate in two ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events during the 2025/26 season. The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events will take place from October 17, 2025 to November 23, 2025. ("the Grand Prix Period").

Seeded Skaters/Couples who agreed to participate in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series and Skaters/Couples who qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final must skate in their assigned events and in the Final. Withdrawals are permitted only for illness or injury duly confirmed by a timely Medical Certificate as outlined below and subject to review by an ISU appointed Medical Doctor and/or for other justified serious reasons, such as e.g. bereavement in the close family.

In the case a Skater/Couple is withdrawn for injury or illness, a Medical Certificate is required to be submitted to the ISU as per Rule 140, paragraph 5. The Certificate must be issued on the stationery of a Medical Doctor or on an ISU withdrawal form in case of in-competition withdrawal and duly signed by the Medical Doctor. If the certificate is not in English a translation signed by the President or General Secretary of the ISU Member of the respective Skater must be attached;

In addition, the Certificate must be received by the ISU within 72 hours after the notice of withdrawal and the ISU Member or the Skater must include or attach the following additional information:

- i) the history which clearly indicates the date of injury or date of onset of illness, the type of injury or illness and severity of injury or illness as well as the physical findings on examination;
- ii) copies of laboratory or radiological reports that were conducted in the investigation of the injury/illness;
- iii) the recommended treatment by the physician including medications, therapy, advice on training frequency and intensity, date for follow-up examination (a copy of this assessment should then be forwarded to the ISU), expected date of return to full activity, planned further investigations and/or criteria for return to full activity.

3.5 Confirmation of Replacements with respect to Invited Skaters/Couples

All Skaters/Couples invited to replace assigned Skaters/Couples in an individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating must be approved by the ISU Grand Prix Management Group in accordance with the procedures outlined in Item 7.6

4. POINTS/RANKING ORDER

4.1 Points

A point system based on the ranking of each individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating is established as follows:

Men and Women

1 st place	15 points
2 nd place	13 points
3 rd place	11 points
4 th place	9 points
5 th place	7 points
6 th place	5 points
7 th place	4 points
8 th place	3 point

Pair Skating and Ice Dance

1 st place	15 points
2 nd place	13 points
3 rd place	11 points
4 th place	9 points
5 th place	7 points
6 th place	5 points

4.2 Points considered

The two results of a Skater/Couple as announced/confirmed will be used to calculate the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating ranking order. The points as to paragraph 4.1 will be added to give a final total to determine the Skater/Couple's ranking for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating with the highest total being first.

4.3 Final Ranking Order

The ranking by points will be published immediately after the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (for the 2025/26 season, Finlandia Trophy). The following will qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final:

- the top 6 ranking Men
- the top 6 ranking Women
- the top 6 ranking Pairs
- the top 6 ranking Ice Dance Couples

Ties

If there is a tie by added points, the following criteria will be taken into consideration for tie-breaking:

- a) the best place obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- b) the higher total of the added total scores obtained in the designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- c) participation in two events will be considered better than having participated in only one event;

If there is still a tie,

- d) the higher total of the added scores in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- e) the higher total score in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in one of the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- f) the higher total of the added scores in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- g) the number of participants finishing the two individual events in which the tied Skaters/Couples have completed, will be added to the total. The higher number of participants will count for the better place/ranking.

If there is still a tie, all Skaters tied are qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

5. PRIZE MONEY FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT AND EXHIBITION FEE

All Prize Money in favour of the awarded Skaters/Couples will be paid at the end of each individual event through the Organizing ISU Members and subsequently through the ISU Members of the awarded Skaters/Couples. Withholding tax, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the Organizing ISU Member taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded Skaters/Couples. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees, or other costs.

The amount of Prize Money to be paid to the awarded ISU Members and Skaters/Couples is subject that the awarded Skaters/Couples and ISU Members have complied with the relevant ISU Regulations and provisions of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Announcement. Possible reductions of the stated Prize Money amounts may apply as outlined in this Announcement.

5.1 Prize Money for Each Individual event

The Global Prize Money per individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be:

US\$ 180,000.00

Awarded to winners and placed Skaters/Couples as follows:

	Men and Women	Pair Skating and Ice Dance (per Couple)
1 st place:	US\$ 18,000.00	US\$ 18,000.00
2 nd place:	US\$ 13,000.00	US\$ 13,000.00
3 rd place:	US\$ 9,000.00	US\$ 9,000.00
4 th place:	US\$ 3,000.00	US\$ 3,000.00
5 th place:	US\$ 2,000.00	US\$ 2,000.00

Skaters/Couples qualified or invited for the exhibition of an event must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of US\$ 3'000 from the awarded Prize Money.

Skaters/Couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or the event's Organizer. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded Prize Money. The decision to reduce Prize Money will be made by the ISU Representative attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

5.2 Exhibition

An Exhibition may be hosted by the Organizing ISU Member, however this is not mandatory. This information will be included in each individual event's announcement.

5.3 Exhibition Fee

If an Exhibition is held, an exhibition fee to be provided by the Organizing ISU Member will only be paid to Skaters/Couples who have competed in the respective Grand Prix event and are not awarded Prize Money. The exhibition fee is set at US\$ 200.00 for Single Skaters (Men and Women) and US\$ 300.00 for Pairs and Ice Dance Couples.

6. TECHNICAL DETAILS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

6.1 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 2. 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 2. 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.
PAIR SKATING	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2025/26. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pair 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.
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: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

6.2 Starting order

As indicated in ISU Rule 513, paragraph c) i), in each ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event the participating Competitors will be listed according to their ISU World Standing placement at the time of the event. The starting order in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance will be the reverse order of the ISU World Standings. In the case of any tie, there will be a draw to determine the starting order.

Skaters/Couples, who have not received any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the ISU World Standing list in alphabetical order of the ISU Member. There will be a separate draw between those Skaters/Couples with no World Standing points to determine the starting order, following the principles of ISU Rule 513, paragraph 1. a).

For the Free Skating / Free Dance the starting order will be the reverse order of the result after the Short Program/ Rhythm Dance.

7. SCORING SYSTEM / OFFICIALS / REPLACEMENTS

7.1 Scoring System

The scoring system as described in ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024, Rule 352 and 353 will apply.

7.2 ISU Appointed Officials

The ISU President will appoint all Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators and OAC members who serve from home) for each individual event and the Final in accordance with the ISU Regulations 2024. In line with Article 38, paragraph 3 of the ISU Constitution, the ISU Council will also assign an ISU Representative to each individual ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event.

The ISU Secretariat will inform the Organizing ISU Member of the names of the Officials and ISU Representatives assigned to their events. No changes will be accepted unless confirmed by the ISU Secretariat.

7.3 Panel of Judges

The panel of Judges in each individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will consist of 9 Judges of different ISU Members in each discipline if possible, but not less than 7 Judges. Only International or ISU Judges are eligible to serve in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events. Each Judge may participate in no more than two ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events plus the ISU Grand Prix of Skating Final.

The Organizing ISU Members will invite the Judges based on a procedure agreed with the ISU.

7.4 Officials Remuneration

The Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators and Judges will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2096 (or any update of this Communication). Only hard currencies are acceptable. The remuneration should be paid upon accreditation.

7.5. Expenses

For the 2025/26 season, the invited ISU Member is responsible for the air ticket(s) of its invited Skaters/Couples and Judges to each ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event. To help offset the expense of the air ticket(s), the Organizing ISU Member will pay a travel contribution determined by the Organizing ISU Member based on economy airfare rate for all Skaters/Couples and Judges invited to its ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event from their training site or gateway city in their country to the event and return. This travel contribution will be determined and communicated to the ISU Members of the Invited Skaters/Couples and Judges at the time of the invitation (see 3.1 and 3.2). The travel contribution will be paid to the ISU Member after the end of the respective ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event, based on the procedures outlined in the invitation. The travel expenses of the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators are covered by the ISU.

Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators must receive confirmation and approval of the ISU Secretariat if they wish to purchase their own tickets.

The Organizing ISU Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all Skaters/Couples, Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data & Replay Operators and Judges from dinner on the day preceding the first official practice through breakfast on the day after the Exhibition (in case of no Exhibition held then the day after the last competition). This period may be extended due to individual flight arrangements.

If a Skater/Couple (seeded or non-seeded) or Judge does not start an event, that Skater/Couple's or Judge's ISU Member is obligated to cover the expenses for travel, accommodation and meals for the Skater/Couple or Judge.

7.6 Replacements

It is mandatory that an Organizing ISU Member replaces any Skater who withdraws from the event with an alternate up to fifteen (15) days prior to the Team Leaders Meeting for that event. A travel contribution for the replacement Skater/Couple will be provided to their respective ISU Member based on the procedures outlined in the invitation for the replacement.

If a withdrawal occurs between fourteen (14) and eight (8) days prior to the Team Leaders Meeting for that event, it is mandatory that an Organizing ISU Member replaces any Skater/Couple who withdraws from the event. However no travel contribution would be provided for that replacement. The travel expenses would be at the cost of the invited skater's Member should the invitation be accepted.

At the seven-day mark, consideration will be given by the ISU Grand Prix Management Group to leaving a position vacant because of visa requirements or unduly high travel costs. If an invitation is issued, no travel contribution would be provided and any travel expenses would be at the cost of the invited skater's Member.

Skater/Couples, who are part of the official Alternate List must be ready to accept an invitation for participation in an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event, even on short notice, except if the reasons for refusal are obvious (injury, illness, conflict with other competitions or with national activities, e.g. seminars, tests, etc.). The benchmark of such short notice is seven (7) days.

The alternate list needs to be worked through in ranking order for the top 75 ranked Skaters/Couples according to their Season's Best score (GP Points). All Skaters/Couples of the alternate list will be chosen in order of their ranking (excluding any skaters from Members already included in a maximum capacity and subject to extenuating circumstances). Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the availability of visas to enter the Host Country. A selection out of strict order must be approved by the ISU. A three (3) day response benchmark is granted for the respective answer of a skater/couple until the host country may pick another skater/couple for participation.

Skaters/Couples, who place first in any of the ISU Challenger Series events for 2025/26 and can prove to have skated the minimum Technical score as mentioned in paragraph 2.3, will be added to the alternate list, bottom ranked according to their scores. Pairs participating in Challenger Series competitions who earn the minimum GP points will be added to the alternate list as well.

8. ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 2344 & 2366 or any updates of these Communications).

9. ISU GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING FINAL 2025/26

According to the ranking order by points

**the top 6 Men and Women
the top 6 Pairs and
the top 6 Ice Dance Couples**

who have participated in two ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events 2025/26 are invited to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, which will take place in

**Nagoya, Japan
December 4 to 7, 2025**

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (for Seniors) and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final will be held during the same time period in the same venue. Details of qualification for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final are available in a separate announcement.

9.1 Prize Money

The ISU will make available the Global Prize Money for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final of:

US\$ 272,000.00

to the Skaters/Couples through their ISU Members. All Prize Money in favour of the awarded Skaters/Couples will be paid immediately after the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final via bank transfer from the Organizing ISU Member to the ISU Member of the awarded Skater. Withholding tax, if any, will be deducted according to the law of the Organizing ISU Member taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded Skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

The amount of Prize Money to be paid to the awarded ISU Members and Skaters/Couples is subject that the awarded Skaters/Couples and ISU Members have complied with the relevant ISU Regulations and provisions of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Announcement. Possible reductions of the stated Prize Money amounts may apply as outlined in this Announcement.

Men and Women

1 st place:	US\$ 25,000.00
2 nd place:	US\$ 18,000.00
3 rd place:	US\$ 12,000.00
4 th place:	US\$ 6,000.00
5 th place:	US\$ 4,000.00
6 th place:	US\$ 3,000.00

Pair Skating and Ice Dance (per Couple)

US\$ 25,000.00
US\$ 18,000.00
US\$ 12,000.00
US\$ 6,000.00
US\$ 4,000.00
US\$ 3,000.00

Skaters/Couples qualified or invited for the exhibition of the Final must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of US\$ 5'000 from the awarded Prize Money (see also paragraph 9.9 below).

Skaters/Couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and to participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or the event's Organizer. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded Prize Money. The decision to reduce Prize Money will be made by the assigned ISU Representative, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

9.2 Technical Details for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

Organizing Committee: **Japan Skating Federation**
Place: **Nagoya, Japan**

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

9.3 Special Regulations for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

See point 6.2 and Rule 513, paragraph 1 and 2.

9.4 Scoring System

The scoring system as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating/Ice Dance 2024, Rule 352 and 353 will apply.

9.5 ISU Appointed Officials

The ISU President will appoint all Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators, and OAC members who serve from home) for the Final in accordance with the ISU Regulations 2024. All Officials must have the qualification for ISU Championships. In line with Article 38, paragraph 3 of the ISU Constitution, the ISU Council will also assign an ISU Representative to the Final.

The ISU Secretariat will inform the Organizing Committee of the names of the Officials and ISU Representative assigned to the Final. No changes will be accepted unless confirmed by the ISU Secretariat.

9.6 Panel of Judges

The panel of Judges will consist of 9 Judges of different ISU Members in each discipline, if possible, but not less than 7 Judges. Judges must have the qualification of "ISU Judge". The invitations to the Judges will be issued by the ISU Secretariat.

No Judge may serve in more than two disciplines of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and two disciplines of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2025/26 each.

The composition of the panels of Judges in each category will be made in accordance with the following procedure:

- a) first priority will be given to the participating ISU Members in the Senior Final;
- b) second priority will be given to the participating ISU Members in the Junior Final;
- c) third priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating organizing ISU Members of individual ISU Grand Prix events (Senior);
- d) fourth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Judges present at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (Junior and Senior), but not mentioned under a) and b);
- e) fifth priority, if necessary, will be given to the Organizing ISU Member of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final;
- f) sixth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples qualified as alternates in the Senior Final;
- g) seventh priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples qualified as alternates in the Junior Final;
- h) eighth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples not qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, with priority to the discipline concerned, starting from that Skater/Couple with the highest total amount of points but not being alternate for the final.

The invitations to the Judges will be issued by the ISU Secretariat immediately following the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2025/26 (Cup of China).

The respective ISU Members entitled to nominate a Judge must submit the name of the Judge(s) not later than **November 26, 2025**.

The selection of Judges will be made by the respective ISU Member. The ISU Members are responsible for providing all selected and stand-by Judges with the appropriate travel documents in time.

9.7 Officials Remuneration

The Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data & Replay Operators and the Judges will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2096 (or any update of this Communication). Only hard currencies are acceptable. The remuneration should be paid upon accreditation.

9.8 Entries

Confirmation of entries will be forwarded to the ISU Member of the qualified Skaters/Couples by the ISU Secretariat. The official entries for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final must be made by the respective ISU Member using the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

If a Skater/Couple cannot participate due to injury or illness, they must inform the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat in writing through the respective ISU Member immediately so that the Organizing Committee can extend an invitation on behalf of the ISU to the next ranked Skater/Couple. The Skater or Couple will be required to forward a medical certificate to the ISU Secretariat as mentioned in paragraph 11.

9.9 Exhibition

The invited Skaters/Couples for the final Exhibition Gala are expected to participate with an appropriate show number. Encores as an additional show number may be asked from the Gold Medallists. Skaters/Couples who fail to meet these requirements will have their Prize Money reduced by US\$ 5'000 in accordance with paragraph 9.1.

The final exhibition is a part of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

9.10 Schedule Combined Final (Subject to Change)

The first official practices are scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

The Team Leaders Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

The Judges Meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

The competitions (Juniors) are scheduled between December 4 and 6, 2025.

The competitions (Seniors) are scheduled between December 4 and 6, 2025.

The exhibition gala is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2025.

9.11 Expenses

The Organizing ISU Member will pay travel expenses based on economy airfare rate for all Skaters/Couples qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and for all Judges invited (see paragraph 9.6) from the country of the ISU Member they represent to Nagoya and return. The travel expenses for all Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators are covered by the ISU.

The Organizing ISU Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all Skaters/Couples (Seniors and Juniors) from dinner on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 through breakfast on Monday, December 8, 2025. This period may be extended due to individual flight arrangements.

The Organizing ISU Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, Judges and other participants as outlined in the expense chart of the ISU Memorandum for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final) from dinner on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 through breakfast on Monday, December 8, 2025. This period may be extended due to individual flight arrangements.

9.12 Insurance / Liability

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the ISU Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

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

9.13 Travel Documents and Permits

Due to the limited time between the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (Finlandia Trophy) and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, all qualified Team members are requested to take care of their individual travel documents and permits (visa, etc.) on a timely basis.

10. REPLACEMENTS

10.1 Replacement for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

A qualified Skater/Couple for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final who is not able to participate will be replaced by the immediately following Skater/Couple, based on the Grand Prix ranking order of points.

The Skaters/Couples placed 7 – 9 of the Senior Grand Prix ranking order of points must remain on stand-by as possible alternates until three days before the Opening of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, i.e. until Monday, December 1, 2025 – 12:00 noon local time Nagoya / JPN. These Skaters/Couples are responsible for their own necessary visa or travel documents.

Replacements do not influence the invitation of Judges or the composition of the panel of Judges.

10.2 Decision for Replacements

The ISU Grand Prix Management Group will make the final determination of any replacements for the Final in accordance with paragraph 10.1.

11. INJURIES OR ILLNESS OF TOP SEEDED SKATERS

In the case a Skater/Couple is withdrawn for injury or illness a Medical Certificate is required to be submitted to the ISU as per Rule 140, paragraph 5. The Certificate must be issued on the stationary of a Medical Doctor or on an ISU withdrawal form in case of in-competition withdrawal and duly signed by the Medical Doctor. If the certificate is not in English a translation signed by the President or General Secretary of the ISU Member of respective Skater must be attached;

In addition, upon request of the Vice President the Certificate must be received by the ISU within 72 hours after the notice of withdrawal and the ISU Member or the Skater must include or attach the following additional information:

- i) the history which clearly indicates the date of injury or date of onset of illness, the type of injury or illness and severity of injury or illness as well as the physical findings on examination;
- ii) copies of laboratory or radiological reports that were conducted in the investigation of the injury/illness;
- iii) the recommended treatment by the physician including medications, therapy, advice on training frequency and intensity, date for follow-up examination (a copy of this assessment should then be forwarded to the ISU), expected date of return to full activity, planned further investigations and/or criteria for return to full activity.

Skaters/Couples who cannot complete the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, will not receive any Prize Money or other appearance fee. It is also at the discretion of the ISU Grand Prix Management group, whether Skaters/Couples, who cannot finish the ISU Grand Prix Final due to any reason, must cover the travel expenses, as well as the local costs for hotel and full board by themselves.

12. ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 2344 & 2366 or any updates of these Communications).

13. ISU GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING FINAL ORGANIZING STRUCTURE & CONTACT INFORMATION

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Skate Canada

China

Chinese Figure Skating Association

Finland

Finnish Figure Skating Association

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