



NRW-Trophy Dortmund
2026

Announcement

**International Competition for
Solo Ice Dance**

Senior, Junior & Novice

January 9th – January 11th, 2026

Organized by: Eissport-Verband NRW e.V.

Authorized by: Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V.



1. GENERAL

The **2026 NRW Trophy International Solo Ice Dance Competition** will be held in Dortmund, Germany, from 09 – 11 January 2026.

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISU International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines 2025/26, ISU General Rules and Requirements, and the Technical Rules and Level Requirements as published.

All skaters must provide a passport or official proof of age to verify eligibility as defined in the ISU Solo Ice Dance Guidelines 2025/26.

All participants must be registered through their respective club, with a copy sent to their ISU member association.

The “**NRW Trophy Solo Ice Dance 2026**” will be organized by the Eissport-Verband Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V. and is sanctioned by the Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Venue:

Eissportzentrum Westfalen, Strobelallee 32, D-44139 Dortmund
(an indoor ice-rink, heated, with the ice surface of 60 m x 30 m)

Phone: +49 231 91 28 233

Email: frieder.dieck@lev-nrw.de or katharina.mueller@lev-nrw.de

Rules and Categories

The competition will follow the ISU International Solo Ice Dance Guidelines:

[General Rules and Requirements 2025/26](#)

[Scale of Values 2025/26](#)

[Technical Rules and Requirements 2025/26](#)

Categories:

Basic Novice:	2 Pattern Dances & 1 Free Dance
Intermediate Novice:	2 Pattern Dances & 1 Free Dance
Advanced Novice:	2 Pattern Dances & 1 Free Dance
Junior:	1 Rhythm Dance & 1 Free Dance
Senior:	1 Rhythm Dance & 1 Free Dance

Pattern Dances and Rhythm Dance will precede the Free Dance.

Age Requirements (before 1 July preceding the competition)

Basic Novice: has not reached the age of fourteen

Intermediate Novice: has not reached the age of sixteen

Advanced Novice: has reached the age of ten and has not reached the age of eighteen

Junior: has reached the age of thirteen and has not reached the age of twenty-one

Senior: Has reached at least the age of seventeen

3. ENTRIES:

All entries for the **NRW Trophy Solo Ice Dance 2026** must be submitted **via email** to:

nrw-trophy@lev-nrw.net

no later than **Friday, December 12, 2025, at 8:00 PM (CET)**.

All registrations must be submitted through their respective club, with a copy sent to their ISU member association. The organisers reserve the right to limit numbers of entries by nation if the maximum number of entries is reached.

The PPC and Music files must be attached to the registration email at the time of submission.

Late entries may be accepted until **Monday, December 15, 2025, at 8:00 PM (CET)**, only if the maximum number of participants has not been reached. Late entries are subject to an additional €50 late fee and are not guaranteed acceptance.

4. ENTRIES OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member is requested to nominate one Judge and one substitute Judge with at least the qualification "International Judge or International Referee".

The entries of Judges must be submitted **via email** to

nrw-trophy@lev-nrw.net

no later than **Friday, December 12, 2025, at 8:00 PM (local time Dortmund)**.

Should there be more judges entered than required in competition, the organizer reserves the right to conduct a pre-draw for the panels of Judges. Judges not drawn will be informed in good time before the competition.

5. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM

All competitors shall provide in advance their competition music of excellent quality via **E-Mail** to nrw-trophy@lev-nrw.net until **December 15th 2025**, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all music's shall be labelled according to the following format:

<Category>_<Segment:SP/FS>_<ISU Member>_<name(s) of competitor(s)>_<Running time>

e.g.: Junior_RD_GER_Mustermann_02.40

The music files must be provided in MP3 format. In addition, each skater/pair must provide a back-up drive for each program, fulfilling the same requirements.

Together with the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee (Via Mail to: nrw-trophy@lev-nrw.net). It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet is completed precisely by each skater in English using the terminology listed in the respective ISU Communication.

6. DRAW

The opening draw for the order of skating will be held on January 8th, 2026. The exact place and time will be published in the official detailed schedule. Starting order for the Free Dance will be in reverse order of the results of the Pattern Dances or Rhythm Dance.

8. PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

9. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL FEES

The organizer covers the costs of accommodation and full board for one judge as follows:

- for Judges, who are only judging novice competitions beginning with January 9th, 2026 starting with Lunch, to January 10th, 2026 including lunch or after the Round Table Discussion, whichever is later.
- for Judges, who are only judging Junior and Senior competitions: beginning with January 10th, 2026 starting with Lunch, to January 11th, 2026, including lunch or after Round Table Discussion, whichever is later.

Additional judges are required to cover their own costs. Travel fees will be paid only to Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers as well as Referees based on economy air fare.

10. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation will take place at the Ice Rink. Accreditation will be given to all Referees, Assistant Referees, ISU Office Holders and ISU Guests. Accreditation as a Team Member will furthermore be given to all entered Judges, one Team Leader, one Coach per Competitor and the Participants.

11. ENTRY FEES

Entry fees: € 100,00 per skater. In the case that no judge has been entered by the respective Member Federation the entry fee for a skater raises the amount to € 180,00.

Payment by bank transfer must be made by **January 19th** to:

Eissport – Verband NRW e.V.
Strobelallee 32
D - 44139 Dortmund, Germany

Bank account: Dortmundener Volksbank
IBAN: DE39 4416 0014 6331 2757 00
SWIFT: GENODEM1DOR

12. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, each participating member is responsible for providing medical and accident insurance for their athletes and officials. The Organizing Committee assumes no liability for injury, illness, or property damage.

13. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

Hotel for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators, Judges, Athletes and Coaches:

Hotel Drees GmbH & Co. KG

Hohe Str. 107
44139 Dortmund
Phone: +49 231 – 1299 718
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Berswordtstraße 2,
44139 Dortmund
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Strobelallee 41
44139 Dortmund
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14. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 9 January 2026

Basic Novice Pattern Dances 1 & 2
Intermediate Novice Pattern Dances 1 & 2
Advanced Novice Pattern Dances 1 & 2

SATURDAY, 10 January 2026

Basic Novice Free Dance
Intermediate Novice Free Dance
Advanced Novice Free Dance
Junior Rhythm Dance
Senior Rhythm Dance
Medal Ceremony (Novice Categories)

SUNDAY, 11 January 2026

Junior Free Dance
Senior Free Dance
Medal Ceremony (Junior and Senior)

Please note: This schedule is subject to change and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.