



LAKE PLACID ICE DANCE INTERNATIONAL

Lake Placid Ice Dance International
Lake Placid, N.Y. USA
July 27-30, 2026

GENERAL:

The 2026 Lake Placid Ice Dance International will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution 2025, Competition & Event Regulations 2026, Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, and the relevant ISU Communications.

The Lake Placid Ice Dance International is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to ISU Rule 108, paragraph 3 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in ISU Rule 109, paragraphs 1-5 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

Passports of all skaters as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate (if applicable) must be presented at accreditation. In accordance with ISU Rule 109 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.

COMPETITION VENUE:

All practice and competition will take place at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid, N.Y. The complex served as the site of figure skating and ice hockey at the 1980 Olympic Winter Games. This complex features three indoor ice rinks, temperature controlled with two (3) ice surfaces 60m x 25m. All competitive events will take place on the 1980 Rink, which is a 60m x 25m surface.

Olympic Center
2634 Main Street
Lake Placid, N.Y. 12946
T: +1 518 523-1655

EVENT STRUCTURE:

The competition will include one 30-minute official practice on the day of each segment. The competition will feature the following events:

- Junior Ice Dance
- Senior Ice Dance

ENTRIES:

All entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for the ISU Technical Rules 2025 and respective ISU Communications.

All entries for the Lake Placid Ice Dance International 2026 must be done through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) by the entry deadline. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

The OC reserves the right to limit the number of entries per category.

The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS):

<https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com/>

Deadline for entries is Tuesday, June 30, 2026 11:59 PM ET.

All skaters will need to exist in the ISU ORS to be entered.

ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee for all entries is \$410.00 USD per team.

Entries made after Tuesday, June 30, 2026 will be considered late entries and may incur the late entry fee of an additional \$50 USD.

Payment can be made using the US Figure Skating EMS system (instructions below). If requested, member federations may request an invoice instead.

EMS REGISTRATION:**NON-U.S. SKATERS:**

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the "Create Account (Non-Member)" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.

Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "LAKE PLACID ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

5. Select the "Junior International" or "Senior International" event

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

PANELS OF JUDGES:

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) judge and (1) substitute judge with at least the qualification "Judge for International Competition". The organizer decides on the composition of the panel of judges. In case of too many nominated judges the organizer reserves the right to reduce the number of judges. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result. The organizer will cover accommodation for accepted judges and invited officials. Meals for accepted judges and invited officials will be provided at the arena during the days of competition.

The nomination of judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than the deadline below.

Deadline to nominate a judge: **Wednesday, July 1, 2026.**

JUDGES, REFEREES AND TECHNICAL PANEL

The Organizer will provide ground transportation, accommodation and meals for all invited judges, referees and technical panel officials at the hotel below beginning with dinner on **Monday, July 27, 2026**, through breakfast on **Friday, July 31, 2026**. The Organizer will additionally cover economy roundtrip airfare for invited Technical Panel officials (Referee, TC, TS, ATS, Data/Video)

ACCOMMODATION:

The official hotel for the Lake Placid Ice Dance International for officials is:

High Peaks Resort

2384 Saranac Avenue
Lake Placid, N.Y. 12946
T: +1 800-755-5598

Competitors and coaches should book rooms on their own. Lake Placid has a variety of hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and vacation rentals at a variety of price points. Please visit www.lakeplacid.com for a comprehensive list of available properties as well as www.airbnb.com and www.vrbo.com for additional vacation rental properties. Additionally, you may call the Lake Placid Visitor's Bureau for assistance at +1 518 523-2445. Please note that Lake Placid is a summer resort town, so it is advised that you book as early as possible.

ACCREDITATION:

Accreditation will take place at the Olympic Center. Check-in will open on Sunday, July 26, 2026.

Accreditation hours will be communicated to all athletes and coaches after the competition schedule is released. Accreditation as a team member will be given to all drawn judges, competitors and one coach per competitor.

DRAW & JUDGES MEETINGS:

The draw for the starting orders will take place in the evening on Monday, July 27, 2026 at the Olympic Center. The Round Table Discussions will take place on Thursday, July 30, 2026.

EXPENSES OF COMPETITORS, COACHES & ADDITIONAL FEDERATION OFFICIALS:

The organizer will not cover any expenses of competitors, coaches or additional federation officials.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE:

The competitors, coaches and additional federation officials are responsible for their own arrangements concerning ground transportation to and from the airport and their accommodations in Lake Placid.

RESULTS & ISU MINIMUM SCORE:

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2026, Rule 352 and 353 will be used.

This will be an ISU Minimum Technical Score event.

LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 2026 Lake Placid Ice Dance International 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 to their home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

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

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE:

The final schedule of all events, with practice sessions and groups, will be posted on the event website.

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Unofficial Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Monday, July 27, 2026

Unofficial Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Official Draw

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Official Practice Ice –Junior

Initial Judges' Meeting – open to coaches & athletes

Unofficial Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Rhythm Dance Competition – Junior

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Official Practice Ice

Unofficial Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Free Dance Competition – Junior

Rhythm Dance Competition – Senior

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Official Practice Ice – Senior

Unofficial Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Free Dance Competition – Senior

Round Table Discussion

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET - \$25 LATE FEE

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD or digital copy (if you are accepting digital back up such as on a phone or memory stick) as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET - \$25 LATE FEE

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the

deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

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UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE:

The unofficial practice ice schedule will be available shortly after the publication of the official competition schedule. Skaters will be able to purchase practice ice at that time through EMS.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded for placements 1st through 3rd. There will be an awards ceremony for junior at the conclusion of the events on Wednesday and for senior at the conclusion of events on Thursday.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have questions, please contact

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Junior Ice Dance

Rhythm Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2026, Rule 709

Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in an ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes, 50 seconds, +/- 10 seconds

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2026, Rule 710.

The required elements are those listed in an ISU Communication.

Duration: 3 minutes, 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds

Senior Ice Dance

Rhythm Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2026, Rule 709

Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in an ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes, 50 seconds, +/- 10 seconds

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2026, Rule 710.

The required elements are those listed in an ISU Communication.

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds