



Challenger Series Lumière Cup

Eindhoven, The Netherlands

22-23-24 January 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT

Challenger Series Lumière Cup 2026

An International Competition

for

Junior and Senior

organized by

**Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond
Stichting Lumière Cup**



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A competition as part of the



Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2025/26

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **Challenger Series Lumière Cup** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the Challenger Series Lumière Cup 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 4 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.

All Teams must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation.

2. CHALLENGER SERIES IN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

The Challenger Series Lumière Cup is part of the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2025/26 and will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as specified in the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2025/26 as well as ISU Communication 2684.

If the requirements specified in the above-mentioned documents are fulfilled, the event will count towards ISU World Standing Points, Minimum Total Technical Score, and ISU Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating Ranking.

There is a limitation for the Teams to two (2) participations in the events of the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating.

CHALLENGER SERIES IN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING RANKING

At the end of the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating, after the last event of the season has been concluded, the highest final score in the up to two (2) different Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating events of each Team will be added and taken into consideration to form a Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating Ranking which will be published on the ISU website.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE

Main arena:

IJSSPORTCENTRUM EINDHOVEN

Antoon Coolenlaan 3

5644 RX EINDHOVEN

The Netherlands

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

Practice arena:

IJSSPORTCENTRUM EINDHOVEN, practice rink (outdoor)

(the outdoor ice rink is open but roofed with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m)

Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex.

The competition and official practice will only take place at the indoor rink.

JUNIOR	Short Program	Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, but may be less, The General Short Program Elements and requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1 a), 2 and 3, Rule 992, paragraphs 1 a), and 2. The Short Program Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2025/26 are listed in ISU Communication 2692.
	Free Skating	Duration: 3 minutes and 30 seconds +/- 10 seconds The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1 b), 2 and 4, Rule 992, paragraph 1 b), and 2. The Free Skating Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2025/26 are listed in ISU Communication 2692.
SENIOR	Short Program	Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, but may be less, The General Short Program Elements and requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1 a), 2 and 3, Rule 992, paragraphs 1 a), and 2. The Short Program Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2025/26 are listed in ISU Communication 2692.
	Free Skating	Duration: 4 minutes +/- 10 seconds The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 991, paragraphs 1 b), 2 and 4, Rule 992, paragraph 1 b), and 2. The Free Skating Elements and Requirements to be skated for Season 2025/26 are listed in ISU Communication 2692.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 General

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2025/26.

All entries for the Challenger Series Lumière Cup must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

4.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: **Friday, 12 September 2025**, by entering the information through ORS.

4.3 Entries by Name

4.3.1 Entries of Teams

Participation is open to all Teams of ISU Members.

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

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

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

**Stichting Lumière Cup,
Armagnaclaan 34
5627 BL Eindhoven,
The Netherlands**
e-mail: lumierecup@hotmail.com

and to:

ISU Secretariat
e-mail: entries@isu.org

not later than: **Friday, November 14 – 20:00 h (Central European (Paris) Time, UTC+1).**

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge 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) not later than **Friday, November 14, 20:00 h (Central European (Paris) Time, UTC+1).**

Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 7 Judges. In exceptional cases and if there is no possibility to compose a panel of judges with at least 7 Judges, the ISU Vice-President Figure Skating may exceptionally authorize the panel in question to have a minimum of 6 Judges.

In case that at the time of the competition more Judges will be available and entered as required to compose the panels of Judges, the Organizing Member, in consultation with the ISU, will conduct on-site a draw for the panel of judges for the first segment. The Judges, not drawn for the first segment, will be seated for the second segment.

The panel for the second segment (Free Skating) will, in this case, be completed by an open draw amongst the Judges serving in the first segment.

4.3.3 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Managers, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, 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.

Please be advised that only one Coach and one Assistant Coach per Team will be accredited. One Manager will be accepted. Only two Team Officials of each Member, including the Member President, provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members, or Members of the Head Office of their Federation, and a Team Leader will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and must reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than: **Friday, November 14, 20:00 h (Central European (Paris) Time, UTC+1).**

4.3.4 Entry Fee

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

750.00 € per Team

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

The entry fee does not include transport, and extra practice ice.

The payment must be received on or before the closing date, 14 November 2025, by credit transfer. The transfer/bank cost should be charged to the competing teams and not the organizers of the competition. No refunds can be given after 14 November 2025.

Bank account information:

Account holder	:	Stichting Lumière Cup
IBAN account number	:	NL84 RABO 0334 6196 37
BIC	:	RABONL2U

Clearly point out in all payments: Challenger Series Lumière Cup 2026, <Name of the team>, <Category>, <Country>. Commissions and any bank transactions fees will be at your charge and have to be paid directly to the bank. The organizing committee must receive the net amount of all the fees charged.

5. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

This Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2025/26 as well as ISU Communication 2684 and principles of Rule 910, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Special Regulations Synchronized Skating 2024 for appointing the event officials.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member. At least two (2) Technical Panel members will have the qualification "ISU", however one of the three members may have the qualification "International".

The Referee will have at least the qualification "International" and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "International".

6. MEALS, LODGING, AND 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 participating, beginning with dinner on **Thursday, 22 January 2026**, until lunch on **Sunday, 25 January 2026**.

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.

In accordance with the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2025/26 as well as ISU Communication 2684, all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges officiating in the "Junior" and "Senior" competitions of a Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating event will, at the expense of the organizing ISU Member, receive pocket money of USD 250.00 or the equivalent in the local currency.

7. PRACTICE

Official practice for the Short Program is on **Friday, 23 January 2026**. The official practice for the Free Skating is on **Saturday, 24 January 2026**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition of excellent quality by email in MP3 format only, in accordance with Rule 823, paragraph 2. A list of titles, composers, and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program must be listed for each Team on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Teams.

The MP3 files, one file per program, shall be named
<Program>_<category>_<country abbreviation>_<team name>.mp3
For example: Short_Senior_NED_Team_Illumination.mp3.

Upload the files to the Google Form ([link](#)). In case of technical difficulties, please send an email as soon as possible to lumierecup@hotmail.com.

In accordance with Rule 823, paragraph 2, all Teams must announce the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the Team, Coach, Team Manager, or Team Leader at the time of registration.

In addition Teams must provide at registration a back-up for each program in MP3 format on a separate USB thumb drive for each program. The thumb drives shall be formatted for Windows (NTFS, FAT32 or exFAT) with only the MP3 file of the program in the main (root) directory, without other files or directories.

If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be filled in precisely by each Team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

The music files will be deleted by the organizers shortly after the competition. The backup thumb drives will be returned to the teams.

9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to Eindhoven is Eindhoven Airport (EIN), located 12 km from the official hotel.

Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS) is 135 km from Eindhoven and is also an option. Traveling from Schiphol to Eindhoven by train is more affordable and faster.

The Organizing Committee can arrange transportation between Eindhoven Airport (by bus), Schiphol Airport (by bus or train), Brussels Airport, Düsseldorf Airport, and the hotel or ice rink.

Please understand that we must charge a transportation fee for all teams we transport. Indicate your interest on the form at ([travel and hotel form](#)). The organizers will inform teams about the options and prices well in advance of the competition.

All referees, the Technical Panel (including Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators), judges, competitors, team leaders, team officials, medical staff, and coaches should notify the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, December 31, 2025, with details of airlines, flight numbers, arrival dates and times, or any other relevant transportation or arrival information. This detailed travel information must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and also sent by email to: lumierecup@hotmail.com.

10. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

HOTEL VAN DER VALK EINDHOVEN

Aalsterweg 322

5644 RL Eindhoven

The Netherlands

phone: +31 40 211 60 33

web:

www.hoteleindhoven.nl

email: reservations@eindhoven.valk.com or

f.vanhout@eindhoven.valk.com

Use code: GF176515

Hotel Van der Valk is located within walking distance (approx. 20 minutes) of the ice rink. The Organizing Committee can provide transport between the hotel and the ice rink. Please indicate on the form if interested. The organisers will inform the teams about the possibilities and prices well in advance of the competition.

NH CONFERENCE CENTRE KONINGSHOF

Locht 117

5504 RM Veldhoven

The Netherlands

phone: +31 40 258 19 27

web: <https://www.nh-hotels.nl/hotel/nh-eindhoven-conference-centre-koningshof>

email: groups.nhkoningshof@nh-hotels.com

NH Conference Center Koningshof is located 7,6 km from the ice rink. The Organizing Committee can provide transport between the hotel and the ice rink. Please indicate on the form if interested. The organisers will inform the teams about the possibilities and prices well in advance of the competition. When booking, use the code "Lumière Cup".

Hotel capacities can only be booked directly with the hotel. Booking requests have to be made as soon as possible, but before **Friday, 21 November 2025**. The organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms for bookings that are received after that date. All payments shall be made at the instructions of the hotel.

At this moment, we are consulting with more hotels in the nearby surroundings for special rates.

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the ice rink upon arrival.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Manager per participating team, one Coach and one Assistant Coach per Team, one Team Leader and a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their ISU Member. **The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.**

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

12. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Synchronized Skating 2024, Rule 842 and Rule 843 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

13. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best-placed Teams in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winners will be played, and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

14. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in ISU 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. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The ISU and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

15. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators, and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event-related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators, and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 17.

16. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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5627 BL Eindhoven

The Netherlands

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e-mail: lumiirecup@hotmail.com

webpage: lumiirecup.com and www.schaatsen.nl

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lumiirecup

Instagram: www.instagram.com/lumiirecup

16.1 Team Entry Information

Because we are missing important information (Team, contact person, email addresses, etc.) in ORS, we would like to ask you to also complete the **entry information form** before the 12th of September 2025, or as soon as possible. [link](#)

16.2 Extra Practice Ice

Extra practice sessions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday preceding the competition. The times available on Monday and Tuesday will be limited. Extra practices can be requested in 15 minutes blocks. Costs are € 100,00 for the competition rink and € 75,00 for the practice rink per 15 minutes block and must be paid in advance together with the entry fee. If the sessions are requested after entry (if available) it has to be paid immediately after confirmation. The organisers can change or limit the extra practice ice time for any reason. Please use the form for requesting extra practice. [link](#)

16.3 Meals

The organisers will be able to provide meals for the teams for a fee. The organisers will inform the teams about the available meals and prices well in advance of the competition.

16.4 Team photo

Please upload your team photo for our program booklet. [link](#)

16.5 Rules alongside the ice rink during competition

Please be advised that every team will get one card for each accredited coach and assistant coach.

These cards will give access to the ice rink side during the competition performance of the team. At no point will additional skaters or team personnel be allowed next to the ice during the competition, except a maximum of 4 alternates.

Non-accredited skaters do not have access to restricted areas.

16.6 SPORTITY APP

During the competition, the Sportity app will be used for announcing all information regarding the competition. The Sportity app can be downloaded from Google Play and the Apple App Store.



Members, teams, and competitors hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that team photos, team info and results will be published, as well as the Lumière Cup 2026 may be televised either in whole or in part, for showing on a worldwide basis. According to the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024 both members and competitors (in this particular case, teams) hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the competitors have been fully cleared and authorized for public use and consent to the use of his or her name, biography and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio program broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicizing of such program, without further clearance or payments of any kind on the site of the ISU, the organizing member Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond, Organizing Committee and the relevant television network or broadcasters being required

EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 21, 2026	All day	Registration of Teams
	All day	Extra Practice Ice
Thursday, January 22, 2026	All day	Registration of Teams
	All day	Extra Practice Ice
	17:00	Initial Technical Panel Meeting
	18:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
	20:30	Official Draw Starting Order Short Programs
Friday, January 23, 2026	08:00	Official Practice - JUNIOR – Short Program
	12:00	Official practice – SENIOR - Short Program
	15:00	JUNIOR – Short Program
	18:00	SENIOR – Short Program
Saturday, January 24, 2026	07:30	Official Practice JUNIOR – Free Skating
	12:00	Official Practice SENIOR – Free Skating
	15:30	JUNIOR – Free Skating
	20:00	SENIOR – Free Skating
	22:00	Victory Ceremony

Please note:

This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.

FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Preliminary Entry Form	ORS	September 12 2025
N/A	Composition of Delegation	ORS	November 14 2025
N/A	Entry Form for Teams	ORS	November 14 2025
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	ORS	November 14 2025
N/A	Hotel reservation request	Through Hotel	November 14 2025
Form	Team Entry Information	Google Forms - link	September 12 2025
Form	Extra Practice Request Form	Google Forms - link	November 14 2025
Form	Travel and Hotel Information Form	Google Forms - link	November 14 2025
Form	Music Information and Upload Form	Google Forms - link	December 21 2025
Form	Team Photo Form	Google Forms - link	December 21 2025
N/A	Press Information	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 25/26
N/A	Competition Music Information	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 25/26
N/A	Program Content Form	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 25/26