



ROAD TO 26
TROPHY

19 – 20 February 2025
Milan, Italy

ANNOUNCEMENT

**An International Senior Competition for
Men, Women, Pairs and Ice Dance**

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **Road to 26 Trophy (OWG Test Event)** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Road to 26 Trophy (OWG Test Event)** 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, citizenship and residency 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.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

The **Road to 26 Trophy (OWG Test Event)** will be held in the same arena that will host all figure skating events during the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

PLACE: UNIPOL FORUM, Via Giuseppe di Vittorio 6, 20057 Assago MI
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

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 minutes and 40 seconds, +/- 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 minutes, +/- 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 minutes and 40 seconds, +/- 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 minutes, +/- 10 sec.
PAIRS	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 2024/25. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs 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 Communications 2630 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 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 2630 and subsequent updates. Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 sec.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 ENTRIES OF COMPETITORS

Each ISU member may enter 1 athlete and 2 substitute athletes/couples. Due to a necessary limitation of the number of athletes, entries (Preliminary entries or entries by name) will be accepted in order of application until all available slots are filled.

If the entries exceed the number of available slots, a waiting list will be created and ISU members will be promptly informed about the status of their requests directly by the OC; we recommend teams do not make any logistics arrangement before their ISU Member has received confirmation of entry directly from the OC.

In case of a withdrawal, the ISU Member concerned will have the possibility to nominate their substitute athlete/couple.

In case some slots remain available, ISU members will be contacted about the possibility of entering additional substitute athlete/couples.

Limitation of Number of Entries:

MEN	12
WOMEN	12
PAIRS	8
ICE DANCE	10

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for ISU in Figure Skating 2024/25. All entries for the **Road to 26 Trophy (OWG Test Event)** must be done through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) by the deadline indicated. Travel information should also be entered.

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

Entries must be submitted via ORS not later than **January 17th, 2025, 8 PM local time in Milan.**

Preliminary entries will be accepted until **December 16th, 2024.**

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: **January 17th, 2025, 8 PM local time in Milan.**

3.3 ENTRIES OF TEAM MEMBERS

Official entries of Coaches, Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff 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 per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. 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, 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. An accompanying person to a Judge will only be accepted for accreditation if this person is a partner in life or a relative of the Judge. 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 **January 17th, 2025, 8 PM local time in Milan.**

3.4 ENTRY FEE

Entry fees will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reasons.

SINGLE SKATER:	60,00€
PAIRS/COUPLES (TOTAL AMOUNT DUE):	120,00 €

The OC will produce an invoice with all the details necessary to make a bank transfer.

4. EXPENSES, MEALS & LODGING

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 **Tuesday, February 18th**, until breakfast on **Friday, February 21st**.

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.

5. OFFICIAL HOTELS

The official hotel for all Invited Officials and judges is adjacent to the Main Arena Unipol Forum. Additionally it is close to the Assago Milanofiori shopping area and the 'Assago Milanofiori Forum' subway station, which only takes 20 minutes to reach Milan city center.

ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL****

Via Giuseppe di Vittorio 4
20057 Assago MI
Tel. 02.457811
<https://www.rghotel.it>

All competitors and team members are responsible for booking and paying their own accommodation. The Unipol Forum Main Arena is located in the southwest area of Milan, right next to the Subway Station "Assago Milanofiori Forum" (M2 Green Line); its particular location allows one to choose from the wide selection of hotels located also in the city of Milan. Here you may find a short list of hotels located near the Arena and the distance.

HOTEL NH MILANO CONGRESS CENTER*****

Strada 2, 7
20057 Assago, MI
Tel. +39 0282221
<https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/hotel/nh-milano-congress-centre>
(450 m – 7 Minutes on foot)

H2C HOTEL MILANOFIORI****

Via Roggia Bartolomea 5
20057 Assago MI
Tel. +39 0236687553
<https://www.h2cmilanofiori.it/>
(900 m – One Subway Stop)

BELSTAY HOTEL MILANOFIORI****

Km 19, A50 Tangenziale Ovest,
20057 Assago MI
Tel. +39 02488601
<https://www.belstayhotels.it/milanoassago>
(6 min by car, 4km, only accessible by car)



6. ARRIVAL OF TEAMS/TRANSPORTATION

JUDGES, REFEREES AND TECHNICAL PANEL

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) and Judges are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **January 17th 2025**, the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) as well. The OC will meet the Officials and Judges at Milan Malpensa Airport.

COMPETITORS AND TEAM MEMBERS

Competitors, coaches and additional federation officials are responsible for their own arrangements concerning ground transportation to and from the airport/rink.

Milan is served by two large airports, Linate Airport (City Airport) and Malpensa Airport (50km from City Center). Both are efficiently connected to the city via train, subway and busses.

The Ice rink is located right next to the "Assago Milanofiori Forum" subway station, making it easily reachable also from the city of Milan.

7. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams, Officials and Guests is planned at the Ice Rink starting on Tuesday afternoon; the exact times will be published at a later time.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, one Coach per Competitor, 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.

Chaperons will not receive accreditation.

8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

In accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, the following method to submit the Competitor's music to the Organizing Committee must be followed:

The ISU Member is responsible for uploading their Competitor's music via link that will be provided in the First Information document (to be published shortly after the entries deadline and forwarded to all ISU Members concerned).

Each submission shall be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment and the name(s) of the competitor(s):

Example:

GER_Men_SP_MUSTERMANN-Max GER_Men_FS_MUSTERMANN-Max
SUI_Pairs_SP_MUSTERMANN-Erika_MUSTERMANN-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 an 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.

- During the 1st Official Practice, the music will be played as indicated in the Practice Schedule and will allow to verify the correctness of the submitted music. If there is an issue with the music, the Team Leader/Coach may be allowed to change the music by presenting an acceptable reproduction to the Organizing Committee's Music Team (USB Stick with file format of WAV or MP3 file).

If the music files have been submitted within the deadline to the Organizing Committee, then the music team of the Organizing Committee is entirely responsible for the correct execution of the music. In case of issues with submitted music files the Organizing Committee may request at the time of registration a secondary copy of the music files. In case the music files have not been submitted in time to the Organizing Committee, the skater(s) must present their music latest at the time of registration on the above defined mean and in the defined format.

Please note: CDs will **not** be accepted by the Organizing Committee.

ISU Members/Skaters are reminded to in order for them to use music to accompany their routines, the following 'Music Accompaniment' rights/ licenses are required:

- the right to edit or adapt music into a mix, if more than one song is being used the right to set choreography to the music, often referred to as a 'Grand Right', which is the right to perform musical compositions and recordings within the context of a "dramatic work" or choreography.
- the right to create any copies of the music that may be needed for training and competition purposes, also known as the 'mechanical rights'. In order for a music to be fully cleared for these uses, these rights need to be cleared for each and every track used in each mix that contains a license (backed by a warranty and legal indemnity) for appropriate territory(s) that covers both the master rights of the recording artist and the publishing rights of each individual writer and composer of the track. There are a number of ways in which ISU Members and their Skaters can legally use or create a music mix to accompany your routine/performance:
 1. For easy compliance with the above-mentioned requirements, it is recommended to use commercially released or production music from the ISU approved licensing provider ISU.ClicknClear.com. Subject to the music being available on the ClicknClear platform for the country where it will be used, it can be licensed instantly. Skaters/Members can access ClicknClear directly through the ISU Portal under the music tab.
 2. Use completely original music (specially commissioned) written and/or recorded by a composer and/or artist. If you do this, please ensure you have contractually obtained the relevant rights required. ClicknClear's License Verification System has an online form that your composer/artist can use to confirm the rights they have granted you.

3. Use music out of copyright (otherwise known as music in the public domain). To be noted that the duration of copyright varies in each country so ISU Members **MUST** check their local copyright law.
4. Secure a license directly from the owners of the music the Skaters would like to use. In some cases, ClicknClear may be able to assist in the clearance of music not currently available on the ClicknClear platform. However, please note this route will be significantly more expensive, may take significant time, and there is no guarantee of a positive outcome.

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.

9. DRAW

The opening draws for all categories will be held at the Ice Rink on Tuesday afternoon. Starting order for the free skating and free dance will be in reverse order of the results of the short program.

10. 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.

11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRICES

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists and the national anthem of the winner will be played.

12. EXHIBITION

No exhibition is scheduled to take place

13. 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 19.

14. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

It is the sole obligation of each ISU Member participating in International Competitions as defined in Rule 107, 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 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 the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

15. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

The First Information document will be forwarded to all ISU Members concerned shortly after the deadline for entries has passed.

For information please contact the Organizing Committee:

testeventfsk.info@milanocortina2026.org

16. PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 18, 2025	All day	Arrival of Teams
	14:00	Official Practice
	14:15	Team Leaders Meeting
	16:45	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:30	Judges Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	08:00	PAIRS – Technical Panel Meeting
	10:15	ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Meeting
	11:30	MEN & WOMEN – Technical Panel Meeting
	14:30	PAIRS – Short Program
	16:00	WOMEN – Short Program
	18:00	ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance
	19:45	MEN – Short Program
Thursday, February 20, 2025	12:45	PAIRS – Free Skating
	14:25	WOMEN – Free Skating
	16:35	ICE DANCE – Free Dance
	18:30	MEN – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremonies MEN, PAIRS, WOMEN, ICE DANCE
	TBD	Technical Panel Review Meeting (all categories)
	TBD	Judges Round Table Discussion (all categories)

- Subject to change -

17. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

FORM	DEADLINE	TO BE SUBMITTED VIA
Preliminary Entry Form	16.12.2024	ORS
Entry by name for Competitors	17.01.2025	ORS
Entry by name for Judges	17.01.2025	ORS
Composition of delegation	17.01.2025	ORS
Travel Form	17.01.2025	ORS
Press information	Valid for season 2024/25	ISU Portal
Competition Music Information	Valid for season 2024/25	ISU Portal
Ice Dance Music Information	Valid for season 2024/25	ISU Portal
Planned Program Content	Valid for season 2024/25	ISU Portal
Payment of Invoices and Fees	12/02/2025	Bank Transfer
VISA request form	a.s.a.p.	