

# ANNOUNCEMENT



## Challenge Cup

**February 13-16, 2025**  
**Tilburg, The Netherlands**

**An International Competition and Dutch Championship for**

<b>Senior</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Pairs</b>	<b>Ice Dance</b>
<b>Junior</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Pairs</b>	<b>Ice Dance</b>
<b>Advanced Novice</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Pairs</b>	
<b>Basic Novice A</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>		



## 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Challenge Cup will be conducted following the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the Challenge Cup is for skaters who belong to an ISU Member, as per Rule 109, paragraph 1, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2 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 present an ISU Clearance Certificate.

All competitors must be entered through the ISU online registration system ORS by their respective ISU Member Federation.

## 2. TECHNICAL DATA

### Venue address

#### Venue: IJssportcentrum Tilburg

Stappegoorweg 3, 5022 DA Tilburg

<https://www.sportintilburg.nl/>

(an indoor heated ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m);

(practice rink covered rink non-heated 60 x 30 m)

Warming-up area heated (near practice rink, high enough for lifting (pairs/ice dance couples).

### 2.1 TECHNICAL DETAILS

#### CATEGORIES

<b>SENIOR WOMEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications.  Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications.  Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
<b>JUNIOR WOMEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications.  Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications.  Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.

<b>ADVANCED NOVICE GIRLS</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2624. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2624. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
<b>BASIC NOVICE A GIRLS</b>	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2624 for Basic Novice. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.
<b>SENIOR MEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.
<b>JUNIOR MEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024 Rule 611. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.
<b>ADVANCED NOVICE BOYS</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2624. Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2624. Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
<b>BASIC NOVICE A BOYS</b>	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2624 for Basic Novice. Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 sec.
<b>SENIOR PAIRS</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024 Rule 620. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.

	Free skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications.  Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 sec
<b>JUNIOR PAIRS</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024 Rule 620. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communication.  Duration: 2:40 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024 Rule 621. For marking see Rule 504 and the respective ISU Communications.  Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 sec
<b>ADVANCED NOVICE PAIRS</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2624.  Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	The program to be skated will be in accordance with Communication 2624.  Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.
<b>SENIOR ICE DANCE</b>	Rhythm Dance	In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications. Rhythms required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2630 and subsequent updates.  Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with the 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
<b>JUNIOR ICE DANCE</b>	Rhythm Dance	In accordance the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2024, Rule 709, and all pertinent ISU Communications. Rhythms required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 2630 and subsequent updates.  Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with the 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: 3 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 sec

### 3. Entries

#### 3.1 Entries of Competitors

Each ISU Member can enter **up to three (3)** skaters/couples in each category. Preference will be given to those ISU Members which sent entries by number, in order of receipt of such entries. A reserve-list will be kept up to date daily. In case of too many entries, the organizer may reduce the final entries.

##### a) Limitation of number of entries

Basic Novice A Girls:	16
Basic Novice A Boys:	8
Adv. Novice Girls:	24
Adv. Novice Boys:	8
Adv. Novice Pairs	4
Junior Women:	18
Junior Men:	12
Junior Pairs:	4
Junior Ice Dance:	5
Senior Women:	18
Senior Men:	18
Senior Pairs:	12
Senior 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 Challenge Cup, must be done through the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) by the deadline indicated. Travel information should also be entered into ORS:

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

##### b) Entries by Number

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: **December 16, 2024 – 20:00 h (CET)** by entering the information through the ORS.

##### c) Entries by Name

The Entries by names must be done through the ORS not later than **January 13, 2025 – 20:00 h (CET)**.

##### d) Entry fee

An entry fee of € 105, - per single skater (Adv. Novice/Junior/Senior), € 80, - per Basic Novice skater and € 180, - per pair/ice dance couple (Adv. Novice/Junior/Senior) will be asked and must be paid after confirmation of the official entry by name.

**Invoices will be sent to the federations in advance.**

**The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals.**

Applications received after the entry deadline will be increased to the following amounts:

€ 90, - per Basic Novice skater

€ 115, - per single skater (Adv. Novice/Junior/Senior)

€ 190, - per pair/ice dance couple

### 3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one ISU or International Judge and one substitute Judge.

The Entries of Judges must be done through the ORS no later than **January 13, 2025**.

Each panel of Judges will consist of 5 judges. In case of a too high number of entered Judges, the Organizing Committee will make a draw and inform ISU Members before **January 16, 2025**, whether Judges have been drawn or not drawn. For the Ice Dance panel, priority will be given to Judges who are qualified as International- or ISU Judge in both Singles & Pairs and in Ice Dance.

### 3.3 Team Leaders meeting

There will be no team leaders meeting. All necessary information will be published in the Sportity app.

We will create a groups app for all team leaders, so questions can be asked directly at the OC.

Team leaders, please forward your mobile phone number by email to [challengecup@knsb.nl](mailto:challengecup@knsb.nl). By sending this information you agree to the privacy policy.

### 3.4 Draw for starting order

The draw will be held online (online is approved by the ISU)-on **Wednesday February 12, at 15.00 (CET)** in presence of one of the Referees, in accordance with Rule 512 and 513 of the ISU Constitution and General Regulations. Competitors/official representatives are welcome to be present in person.

The draw can also be followed via the live stream.

The starting order for the Free Skating shall be based on the reverse order of the result of the Short Program.

## 4. OFFICIALS

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for Judges and invited Officials taking part, beginning on **February 12, 2025, (dinner)** and ending on **February 16, 2025, (lunch)** in accordance with their travel plans and scheduled activities.

Officials hotel (only for Judges and invited Officials):

Auberge du Bonheur, Bredaseweg 441, 5036 NA Tilburg, website: [Auberge-du-Bonheur.nl](http://Auberge-du-Bonheur.nl)

If any Judge or invited Official arrive at the hotel before, or stay longer after the period described above, their hotel costs are at their own risk and must be paid on arrival.

All additional charges incurred by an Official/Judge are at their own risk and must be paid prior to departure.

## 5. PRACTICE

The official practices for competitors start on **February 13, 2025 / appr. 08:00 hrs**. The detailed schedule will be published in the Sportity app. There is also unofficial practise ice available. This schedule will also be published in the Sportity app in time.

## 6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT / PRESS FORMS

### Music.

All competitors shall offer competition music of excellent quality on MP3, M4A or WAV format, following Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations, paragraph 2. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Program for Single and Pairs, must be entered on the ISU Portal.

**The Music files must be labelled with the following data:**

1. Name of the ISU Member.
2. Name of the Competitor, category, and segment.
3. Exact running time (Not skating time) of the music, including any starting signal.

The competition music, **only MP3, M4A or WAV format**, must be send to [music@challenge-cup.nl](mailto:music@challenge-cup.nl) before the entry deadline of **January 13, 2025**.

Competitors must provide a backup drive (USB stick) for each program. This USB stick must also be labelled with all mentioned data. CD's will not be accepted by the OC.

Please note: Files in MP3 format may have a significant difference in the music quality when reproduced. The Organizing Committee is not responsible if the music quality would be insufficient.

If music information is not complete and provided as mentioned, accreditation will not be given.

### Planned Program Content & Press forms.

The Planned Program Content, Music and Press forms must also be entered by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform before the entry deadline of **January 13, 2025**. 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.

## 7. TRANSPORTATION

### Arrival & Departure

The organizing committee will organize transportation between Schiphol airport/Eindhoven airport return way for all teams, and a shuttle service between the official hotels and ice rink.

All Persons, including judges, (except invited officials) arriving and departing from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport or Eindhoven Airport will pay a transportation fee of € 90, - per person return way.

### Shuttle

The organizing committee will provide a shuttle service from Thursday, February 13 till Sunday, February 16 between the official hotels and the ice rink. The shuttle fee will follow as soon as possible in an updated announcement.

Shuttle service will only be available from the following hotels:

IBIS Hotel

Mercure Hotel

Van der Valk Hotel

Bastion Hotel

**Separate invoices will be sent to the federations in advance. As soon as the transportation fee has been paid, no refund is possible.**

All invited Officials, Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches and Chaperones taking part in the competition must inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **January 13, 2025**, through the Team Travel Form and the dedicated ISU platform (ORS). Updates after the deadline should directly be e-mailed to [challengecup@knsb.nl](mailto:challengecup@knsb.nl).

## 8. OFFICIAL HOTELS for Teams (competitors, coaches, team leaders, chaperones)

The expenses for rooms and meals for Team Leaders, Coaches, Competitors and other team officials are on the account of the team. All hotel payments to be made directly at the hotel. Only from these 4 hotels there is a shuttle bus from and to the ice rink. Hotel rooms can be booked based on availability, so it is advisable to do this as soon as possible to avoid disappointments.

Hotel Ibis (***)	Hotel Mercure (****) (City Centre)	Hotel Van der Valk (****)	Hotel Bastion (***)
Dr. Hub van Doorneweg 105	Heuvel 37	Dokter Bloemenlaan 8	Kempenbaan 2
5026 RB Tilburg	5038 CP Tilburg	5022 KW Tilburg	5018 KT Tilburg
T + 31 13 463 6465	+31 13 535 4675	T + 31 13 8000800	T + 31 544 1999
<a href="mailto:reservations@ibis-tilburg.nl">reservations@ibis-tilburg.nl</a>	<a href="mailto:reservations@mercure-tilburg.nl">reservations@mercure-tilburg.nl</a>	<a href="mailto:sales@tilburg.valk.nl">sales@tilburg.valk.nl</a>	<a href="mailto:info@bastionhotels.nl">info@bastionhotels.nl</a>
single use € 109, - (incl. breakfast)	single use € 160, - (incl. breakfast)	single use € 169,50 (incl. breakfast)	Pricing on request
double use € 127,50 (incl. breakfast)	double use € 184,50 (incl. breakfast)	double use € 189, - (incl. breakfast)	Pricing on request
Reservation link: <a href="#">link</a>	Reservation link: <a href="#">link</a>		
Reservation code: <b>SCP4245740</b>	Reservation code: <b>SCP4245740</b>	Reservation code: <b>GF12654 Challenge Cup</b>	Reservation based on availability
Access code: <b>KN538NL115</b>	Access code: <b>KN538NL115</b>		
city tax: 3,5% per room per night	city tax: 3,5% per room per night	city tax: 3,5% per room per night	city tax: 3,5% per room per night

### Alternative hotel (no shuttle service):

Fletcher Hotel-Restaurant Oisterwijk-Tilburg (formerly NEO KVL hotel Oisterwijk)\*\*\*\*

Almystraat 12, 5061 PA Oisterwijk | Phone: +31 13 208 8099 | Email: [info@fletcherhoteloisterwijk.nl](mailto:info@fletcherhoteloisterwijk.nl)

Comfort room, single use € 101,50 per room, incl. breakfast.

Comfort room, double use € 118,50, - per room, incl. breakfast.

Comfort Deluxe room, triple use € 149,50 per room, incl. breakfast.

City tax: € 2,30 per person per night.

Reservations: directly by mail: [info@fletcherhoteloisterwijk.nl](mailto:info@fletcherhoteloisterwijk.nl). Please mention **KNSB Challenge Cup** when booking.

## 9. ACCREDITATION

The accreditation office is located at the ice rink. Accreditation will be given to each official, skater, 1 coach per skater (on proof of the coaching license), 1 team leader per ISU member plus 1 chaperone per skater (only for basic novice and advanced novice).

## 10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Figure Skating Manager) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2024, Rule 352 will be in place.

## 11. MEDAL CEREMONY

The medal ceremony will take place at the end of the competition. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the winning athletes in each category.

The best placed team will be honoured with the International Challenge Cup. In case of a draw the highest number of first and/or second places will be considered.

For the National Championship, gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the winning athletes in each category.



## 12. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility 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 the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person. The KNSB is not responsible and/or liable for and with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by competitors and officials.

## 13. MEDIA ACCREDITATION

For media accreditation and other media information, please contact the OC press officer Ms. Mirjam de Kramer via [persaccreditatie@knsb.nl](mailto:persaccreditatie@knsb.nl).

## 14. FOOTAGE PURCHASE INFORMATION

For footage purchase information, please contact Ms. Anouk Kuiper, [a.kuiper@knsb.nl](mailto:a.kuiper@knsb.nl).

## 15. COMMUNICATION | SPORTITY APP

For all communication concerning the competition the "Sportity" app will be available. You can download the "Sportity" app in your app store on your mobile device. After downloading you will have the option to add a channel. Submit the following password to gain access to the channel about the information for this event:

**PASSWORD: CC2025**

Please allow push notifications of the app to keep informed of all communication regarding the Challenge Cup.

## 16. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

For additional information (entries, visa invitation letter request), please contact the Organizing Committee:

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Address:              Mississippidreef 153, 3565 CE Utrecht, The Netherlands  
Phone:                +31 88 489 2000  
  
Social Media:        Instagram: [Instagram Challenge Cup](https://www.instagram.com/Challenge Cup)  
                              Facebook: [Facebook Challenge Cup](https://www.facebook.com/Challenge Cup)

## 17. DRAFT EVENT SCHEDULE\*

February 12, Wednesday	15:00	Draw
February 13, Thursday	08:00	Start Official Practice
	TBD	Referees' and Technical Panel meetings
	TBD	Initial Judges' meeting
	11:45	Opening Ceremony Challenge Cup

12:00 Advanced Novice Boys Short Program  
13:00 Advanced Novice Girls Short Program  
16:30 Junior Men Short Program  
17.30 Junior Dance RD  
18.15 Senior Dance RD  
20:30 End of competition

February 14, Friday

08:00 Start Official Practice  
08:00 Basic Novice Boys Free Skating  
08:15 Basic Novice Girls Free Skating  
10:30 Advanced Novice Girls Free Skating  
14:00 Junior Men Free Skating  
15:00 Victory Ceremony  
15:45 Senior Men Short Program  
17:30 Junior Dance FD  
18:00 Senior Dance FD  
20:15 Victory Ceremony  
20:45 End of competition

February 15, Saturday

08:00 Start Official Practice  
08:00 Advanced Novice Boys Free Skating  
09:15 Junior Woman Short Program  
12:45 Senior Men Free Skating  
14:15 Victory Ceremony  
15.00 Senior Woman Short Program  
17,15 Adv. Novice Pairs Short Program  
18.00 Junior Pairs Short Program  
18:45 Senior Pairs Short Program  
20.00 End of Competition

February 16, Sunday

08:00 Start Official Practice  
08:00 Junior Woman Free Skating  
11:45 Senior Woman Free Skating  
14.15 Adv. Novice Pairs Free Skating  
15.00 Junior Pairs Free Skating

15.45 Senior Pairs Free Skating  
 17:15 Victory Ceremony  
 Award Challenge Cup 2025  
 End of Competition

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## 18. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

Form	Deadline	To be submitted via
Preliminary Entry Form	16.12.2024	ORS
Entry by Name for Judges	13.01.2025	ORS
Entry by Name for Competitors	13.01.2025	ORS
Composition of Delegation	13.01.2025	ORS
Travel Form	13.01.2025	ORS and separate Travel Form
Press Information	13.01.2025	ISU Portal
Competition Music Information	13.01.2025	ISU Portal
Ice Dance Music Information	13.01.2025	ISU Portal
Planned Program Content	13.01.2025	ISU Portal
Visa Request Form	13.01.2025	Form Visa Request
Hotel Reservations	13.01.2025	By reservation link or email
Payment invoices for entry fee, transport fee	12.02.2025	Bank transfer, invoices will be sent in time