Irvine, CA / USA

November 7 – 8, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT

2026 Synchro Fall Classic

An International Competition

for

Synchro9 Junior and Senior Teams

organized by

US Figure Skating & Glacier Falls FSC

Irvine, CA / USA

November 7-8, 2026

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **2026 Synchro Fall Classic** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution 2025, current Competition & Event Regulations (CER), the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating 2026, and all relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the 2026 **Synchro Fall Classic** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to CER Article 7.2, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Article 9.4, and they meet the participation, and citizenship requirements in Article 8.2.4.2 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

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

2. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE	**Main arena: Great Park Ice and Five Point Arena, 888 Ridge Valley, Irvine, CA 92618** (an indoor ice rink with the ice surface of 25.9x 60.95 m, air-conditioned and heated) **Practice arena: Great Park Ice – Rink 1** (an indoor ice rink with the ice surface of 25.9 x 60.95 m, air-conditioned and heated) **Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex / building.**

As per Sport Rules Synchronized Skating 2026, Rule 2.b) 2026 Fall Classic will consist of the following rounds:

STARTING ROUND **Prescribed Theme**	Duration: Maximum 3 min., 30 sec., but may be less, The General Starting Round requirements are listed in the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating, III. Regulation for Synchro9 Rule 1, paragraphs 2. The Well Balanced Program requirements to be skated for Season 2026/27 are listed in ISU Communication 2784. Required music theme: Street dance
SEMI-FINAL ROUND **Required BPM**	Duration: Maximum 2 min., 40 sec., but may be less The General Semi-Final requirements are listed in the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating, III. Regulation for Synchro9, Rule 1, paragraphs 2. The Semi-Final Round Well Balanced Program requirements to be skated for Season 2026/27 are listed in ISU Communication 2784. Music: Required beats per minute for seasons 2026/27: 110-120
FINAL ROUND / **PLACEMENT ROUND**	Duration: Maximum 3 min., 30 sec., but may be less The General Final / Placement Round requirements are listed in the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating, III. Regulation for Synchro9, Rule 1, paragraphs 2. The Final Round / Placement Round Well Balanced Program requirements to be skated for Season 2026/27 are listed in ISU Communication 2784.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 General

All Entries must be made by the respective ISU Member.

All entries for the 2026 Synchro Fall Classic must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS. Declaration forms will need to be uploaded to ORS as well.

3.2 Entries by Name

3.2.1 Entries of Teams

Participation is open to all Teams of ISU Members.

The Entries by name 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:

2026 Synchro Fall Classic
Ms. Lisa Wesche
Email: Lisawesche@sbcglobal.net

and to:
ISU Office
e-mail: entries@isu.org

not later than: **Tuesday, October 20, 2026 – 20:00 h (local time Irvine, CA – USA)**

3.2.2 Entries of Judges

The ISU will propose 10 Judges for each category (Senior and Junior) for the 2026 Fall Classic who has at least the qualification “Synchro9 Judge for International Competitions”.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than: **Friday, Tuesday, October 20, 2026 – 20:00 h (local time Irvine, CA – USA).**

3.2.3 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leader (1), Team Officials (2), Team Coach (1) and Assistant Team Coach (1), Team Manager (1) Team Medical Staff (2) and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially entered in ORS and accepted by the Organizer.
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 Office no later than: **Tuesday, October 20, 2026 – 20:00 h (local time Irvine, CA – USA).**

3.2.4 Entry Fee

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

- $800.00 USD per Team

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.
Entry fee is paid to the ISU at the time of registration and transferred via ACH to Glacier Falls FSC at the completion of the competition.

4. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIALS

The Referees must have at least the qualification “Synchro9 International Referee” and will be proposed by the ISU.

5. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees and Judges participating, beginning with lunch on **Thursday, November 5, 2026** until breakfast on **Monday, November 9, 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 ISU will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees and Judges. These should be purchased by the Referees and Judges and will then be reimbursed by the ISU.

In accordance ISU Communication 2781, all Referees and Judges officiating in the “Junior” and “Senior” competitions of a Synchro9 International Competition receive pocket money of USD 250.00 which will be paid by the ISU.

6. PRACTICE

Official practice for Teams begins on **Saturday, November 7, 2026**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

Unofficial Practice Ice Sessions for **Synchro9 teams only** will be on Thursday Nov 5 from 1700 (5:00pm) to 2400 (Midnight) on the competition ice surface.. These sessions will be 15 minutes long for an ice fee of $150 USD per session. Each Synchro9 team may purchase 2-15 min sessions.

Additionally, Unofficial Practice Ice for all Synchro teams (both USFS and ISU Synchro 9) will be available on Thursday starting at 0600 (6:00am) to 1700 (5:00 pm). These sessions will be on both the competition and practice ice surfaces depending on availability.

There also will be some limited Unofficial Practice Ice Sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings, schedule to follow.

These UPI sessions are 10 minutes in length for ice fee of $170 USD per session.

For further information contact Practice Ice Coordinator Don Rabbitt at donald.rabbitt@gmail.com

7. MUSIC

In accordance with Rule 805 in the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating 2026, the following method to submit the Competitor’s music to the Organizing Committee must be followed:

- The ISU Member is responsible for submitting their Competitor’s music as a direct attachment to an email to the Organizing Committee (sk8music4events@gmail.com) with a reference “**2026 Fall Classic” until November 1, 2026**.
  Please note: *some music files might exceed the size of a regular email. In this case, an email-based transfer service that allows sending large files could be used to send the file to the OC.*
- Each submission shall be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment, and the name(s) of the Team:

  Example:
  GER_Synchro9_Starting Round_Team XXX
  GER_ Synchro9_Semi-Final_Team XXX
  SUI_Junior Sychro9_Final_Team XXX
  SUI_Junior Sychro9_ChallengeBattle_FTM XXX_Team XXX

- 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 is insufficient.*
- Each Team must have their own backup 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 Team/Team Manager/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/Team Manager 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 above-mentioned 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 Team(s) must present their music latest at the time of registration on the above-defined means and in the defined format.

ISU Members/Teams are reminded that, 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 music to be fully cleared for these uses, these rights need to be cleared for 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 writer and composer of the track.

There are several ways in which ISU Members and their Skaters can legally use or create a music mix to accompany their routine/performance:

1. For easy compliance with the above-mentioned requirements, it is recommended to use commercially released or production music which has been pre-cleared, such as from ClicknClear.com.
2. Use completely original music (specially commissioned) written and/or recorded by a AI, 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 that 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 may be significantly more expensive, may take significant time, and there is no guarantee of a positive outcome.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for all rounds (Starting Round, Semi-Final, Final) must all be entered, in detail, by the ISU Member or the Team(s) on the dedicated ISU platform.

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

8. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to **Irvine** is **John Wayne Airport (SNA)** with a distance of **8.5 miles** to the official hotel. The **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)** is approximately 50 miles to the official hotel

Please note that SNA does not have direct international flights outside of North America. Flying to SNA will require landing at a gateway airport and changing planes. Teams will also likely have to clear customs and recheck luggage before changing planes, a process that will take several hours. LAX is an international airport with many flights available.

Team Managers will make all ground travel arrangements. We recommend contacting GoGoCharters at gogocharters.com or +1 866-673-4252. GoGo is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Please contact Don Rabbitt at donald.rabbitt@gmail.com for any further assistance.

All Referees, Judges, Teams, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Team Coaches and Assistant Coaches and Team Managers are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **October 20, 2026** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information needs to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

9. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

DoubleTree by Hilton Irvine Spectrum
90 Pacifica, Irvine, CA 92618
website

Booking have to be made by **October 20, 2026.** The organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are received after that date. All payments shall be made upon arrival at the hotel.

If the Double Tree is unavailable, please use the directions below. We have contracted with Team Travel to help finding lodging.

Step 1: Follow the link below to view all current hotels secured for this event.
https://app.ttievent.com/admin/WebDesign/OnlineReservation?OxRNQHvOHvrOFBZ35zvKZYtcY26X2atRPRHowIMLhFxbISF-tGKVle4DPtGI5Z-lgmthKGmroHBvTm6y5RVER9mhEzet5IIrsxF7DQwQQa0

Step 2: Enter your team information via the Group Block Request.

Step 3: Browse among these hotels to submit your team block request.

10. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Great Park Ice – Rink 4** upon arrival.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader, one Team Coach per Team, one assistant Team Coach per team, one Team Manager per team and two Medical Team Staff per team, and a maximum of two Team Officials per ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation. 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 entries, 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.

11. RESULTS

The scoring system as described in the ISU Sports Rules Synchronized Skating 2026, III. Regulation for Synchro9, Rule 6 will be used.

12. 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. These will be done off-ice

13. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with CER Article 17.3, it is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events 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 the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue of 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.

14. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees and Judges are responsible for making their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event-related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the and the Judges are responsible for checking if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 16.

15. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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16. EVENT SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Thursday, November 5, 2026	All day	Arrival of Teams
Friday, November 6, 2026		Team Leaders Meeting
		Judges Meeting & Draw
Saturday, November 7, 2026		JUNIOR – Starting Round practice
		SENIOR – Starting Round practice
	17:38	JUNIOR – Starting Round / Prescribed Theme
	18:17	SENIOR – Starting Round / Prescribed Theme
Sunday, November 8, 2026	07:40	JUNIOR - Practice
	08:35	SENIOR - Practice
	09:30	JUNIOR – Semi-Final
	10:09	SENIOR – Semi-Final
		JUNIOR – Placement battles
		SENIOR – Placement battles
	11:33	JUNIOR – Final
	12:12	SENIOR – Final

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

FORMS AND DEADLINES

Form	Format	Deadline
Preliminary Entries for Teams	ORS	20.10.2026
Entries by Name for Teams	ORS	20.10.2026
Entries by Name for Delegations	ORS	20.10.2026
Hotel reservation request	ORS	20.10.2026
Team Travel information	ORS	20.10.2026
Media Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 26/27
Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 26/27
Music files	By email	01.11.2026