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Media Information



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Skate Canada looks forward to hosting media attending Skate Canada International in Kelowna, Canada. The event will be held at Prospera Place from October 30 to November 1, 2026.

This information will assist you in planning your trip to Kelowna and apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure journalists have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

1. Media Accreditation

All media must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (www.isu.org) under the [Media](#) section.

⚠ When registering / applying, please ensure all personal information and press credentials are updated and renewed at the start of each season.

Media accreditation is strictly reserved for **professional journalists and photographers** employed by or representing recognized media organizations (including agencies, print/online publications, TV/radio broadcasters) covering ISU Events for **editorial or news purposes**. Under specific conditions, content creators and social media reporters may be considered.

Additionally, **ISU Member Federation representatives** officially designated for media and communication duties may be eligible for accreditation.

⚠ Individuals affiliated with sponsors, brands, or marketing/advertising agencies are not eligible for media accreditation.

1.1. Accreditation Process & Requirements

To create your account and apply for ISU events, please fill in all required fields and follow the five-step registration process:

Step 1: Enter or verify your personal details and media organization contact information.

Step 2: Provide information about your media organization's digital presence and outreach.

Step 3: Upload all the required documents (see the full list of required data fields [here](#)).

Step 4: Review and accept the Terms and Conditions, then click on "Confirm" to complete your profile or save any updates.

Step 5: Proceed to the Event Application section by selecting first the disciplines and then specific events you wish to cover. You may apply to multiple events across different disciplines.

Only complete applications submitted before the respective deadlines will be considered.

All application deadlines are listed on the ISU website press section.

1.2. Quotas

If space is limited the following quota will be enforced:

Type of Media	Number of people per media organization
Written Press	Media Organization (newspaper, magazine, web/community, agencies, ISU Member Federations): 1 journalist
	Major Agency or Newspaper: 2 journalists
Photographer	- Media Organization: 1 photographer - Major Agency or Newspaper: 2 photographers - For Figure Skating, Synchronized Skating and Short Track Speed Skating: 1 rink side position + the other in an elevated position. - For Speed Skating: 2 rink side positions (if space permits).
TV Non-Right Holder	Media Organization: 3 persons crew max. (e.g. one reporter, one camera person, one editor)
Radio Non-Right Holder	Media Organization: 1 reporter (max.)
Freelancer	- Freelance journalist or photographer: 1 person - Freelancers must provide written evidence that they are assigned to cover the ISU Event on behalf of a media organization. - In case a freelancer is operating under its own account, they may be requested to submit additional written evidence (presentation letter, copy of past editorial pieces, etc).

1.3. Accreditation types and deadlines

The International Skating Union (ISU) and the Organizing Committee (OC) work diligently to ensure there will be ample coverage opportunities available to media outlets wishing to cover the ISU Events.

There is one type of media accreditation available:

1. On-site media accreditation (subject to capacity)

Accreditation deadline for the Non-Right Holders: October 16, 2026

Accreditation deadline for Rights Holders: October 23, 2026

⚠ No late media accreditation applications will be accepted for on-site requests.

1.4. Non-Right Holders Media Restrictions during ISU Events

Non-Rights Holding media outlets – print/web journalists, TV/Radio, photographers, content creators and social media reporters – who have not negotiated any special production rights – need to abide by and agree to the rules in the conduct of their editorial work during ISU events.

1.4.1. Restricted areas

Filming in the below listed areas is strictly forbidden:

- Competitions / Field of play
- Training sessions (at the Main/Practice rinks)
- Warm-up zone
- Changing rooms
- Mixed Zone area
- From public seats at all times (even during ice resurfacing)

The transgression of any of these rules may result in the exclusion from ISU Events, removal of accreditation and legal actions.

1.4.2. Authorized areas

Non-Right Holders media are only allowed to produce video, audio-recorded material for editorial/news purposes in the following areas:

- In the Press Conference room
- Outside the venue

1.5. TV & Radio Rights Holders Accreditation / Services

All Rights Holders media must also apply for accreditation via [OMAS](#) through the [ISU Media webpage](#).

Access to the Rights Holders online area is restricted. Therefore, Rights Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team (media@isu.org) in order to obtain a username and password.

To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the Host Broadcaster: **Don Peppin** (broadcast@skatecanada.ca).

1.6. Accreditation confirmation and pick-up

If the accreditation request is accepted, an email of confirmation will be issued. For on-site attendance, you may be asked to present a copy of the confirmation email and your passport at the accreditation desk to receive your accreditation badge.

You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. **Note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation requests with or without justification.**

The Accreditation Desk at Prospera Place will be located at the South Entrance at Ramp 3, and will be open according to the following schedule (subject to change):

Date	Hours
Thursday, October 29, 2026	9:00 - 16:00
Friday, October 30, 2026	10:00 - 20:00
Saturday, October 31, 2026	10:00 - 19:00
Sunday, November 1, 2026	10:00 - 15:00

2. Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee at 2026_sc_intl@skatecanada.ca. Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

For visa requests, please provide passport details and name of the Embassy where it will be applied.

The Government of Canada requires that all Foreign Nationals carry a valid passport as the only universally accepted travel and identification document for the purposes of international travel. People who live in countries where a visa is needed to enter Canada must obtain one from a Canadian embassy abroad before coming to Canada.

Canada does not have a [visa office](#) in every country, so it is important that delegates visit the website of the Canadian visa office responsible for processing their visa application. Information is available on the website on how to submit a visa application and the documentation required.

[Processing times for visa applications](#) vary depending on the visa office and the time of the year. Participants are encouraged to apply approximately 12-weeks in advance of their departure date to ensure they receive the visa in time.

- Starting July 31, 2018, the biometric requirement becomes mandatory for nationals of Europe, Middle East and Africa, and
- Starting December 31, 2018, the biometric requirement becomes mandatory for nationals of Asia, Asia Pacific and the Americas.

For additional information on whether you require a biometric, please refer to our [fast facts about biometrics](#).

Foreign Nationals must have valid travel documents to enter Canada. Document requirements vary depending on which country you are travelling from. For specific information on travel documents and to find out if you require a visa to enter Canada as a visitor, please refer to <http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/> and <http://www.cic.gc.ca/>.

Important Notice: Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is mandatory for visa-exempt Foreign Nationals travelling to Canada by air (not by land or sea). To avoid any issues at the airport, you should get your eTA as soon as you begin planning your trip to Canada. To find out if you need an eTA or to apply online, visit [this website](#).

3. Media Facilities at the venue

The Press Centre will be open and operational as from the first practice/ training session on Thursday, October 29, 2026, according to the following time schedule (it may be subject to changes and needs to be verified on-site):

Press Centre Hours

Date	Hours
Thursday, October 29, 2026	9:00 - 17:00
Friday, October 30, 2026	10:00 - 23:30
Saturday, October 31, 2026	6:00 - 22:00
Sunday, November 1, 2026	8:30 - 18:30

The Press Centre is located at Prospera Place on the Concourse level in the Manhattan Point Restaurant and will provide a working area for media with fully equipped internet, power, televisions, and a small catering station. Please note that there will be no storage lockers available.

The Press Centre will have seating for approximately 50 and there will be approximately 60 seats reserved for members of the press in the bowl of the rink.

3.1. Media Tribunes and TV Commentators' positions

There will be no Media Tribunes at this event, however there will be reserved seating in the bowl of the rink.

3.2. Mixed Zone & Press Conferences

3.2.1. Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes immediately after competition. The Mixed Zone will be located at Prospera Place on the event level behind the skater off area.

The Mixed Zone area is split into the following sections and follows a pre-determined priority order:

1. Quick Quotes (made available on the [ISU Event webpage](#))
2. TV / Radio Rights Holders (with pre-booked positions)
3. ISU Production/Social Media crew
4. TV / Radio Rights Holders with ENG positions
5. Non-Rights Holders (print/web, TV/Radio, content creators without any production rights)

Athletes will go through the Mixed Zone on completion of every competition. Coaches may also be requested for interviews. The media operations team on-site will do its best to make sure the requested skaters go through the Mixed Zone for media interviews. However, it is not mandatory for the athletes to give interviews.

Interviews after medal ceremonies:

As the timing between the end of medal ceremonies and the start of press conferences is quite tight, note that medalists will go through the TV Right Holders' Mixed Zone for interviews and, if time permits, they could spend a limited time in the Non-Rights Holders area. If interviews in the Non-Rights Holders area must be cut short, all questions should then be asked during the press conferences.

⚠ Priority will be given to medal ceremonies and TV Rights Holders.

3.2.2. Press Conferences

Press conferences will be held at Prospera Place in the Media Centre (Manhattan Point Restaurant). Press conferences will feature the top-3 finishers on final competition days.

⚠ For logistical and time-efficiency reasons, a Q&A session with the three Short Program finalists will be held directly in the Mixed Zone, rather than in the Press Conference Room.

4. Media Digital Services

4.1. ISU Digital Press Services

The ISU provides relevant and live media information through a number of digital channels:

ISU Website:

- [Home of Skating](#)
- [Inside ISU](#)
- [News Section](#)
- [Press Section](#)
- [ISU Event Webpage](#)

ISU Photo Event Gallery

- Password details to the ISU photo galleries for editorial and non-commercial purposes will be accessible on the Inside ISU Events App.
- When using a picture, the ISU must be credited as follows: **@International Skating Union (ISU)** and must be tagged or mentioned in any social media post.

ISU Social Media Accounts:

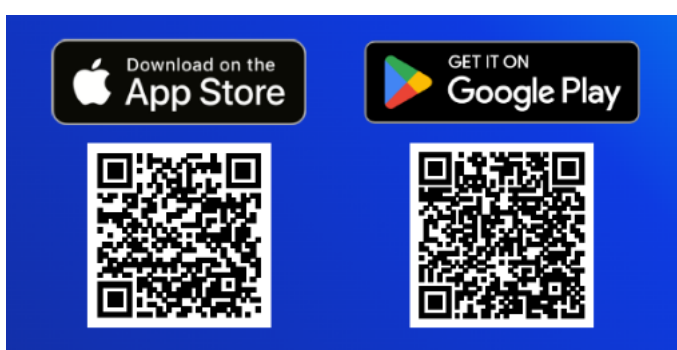
- Facebook: [@ISUFigureSkating](#) / [@ISUSpeedSkating](#) / [@ISUShortTrackSpeedSkating](#)
- Instagram: [@ISUFigureSkating](#) / [@isuspeedskating](#)
- Youtube: [Skating ISU](#)
- X: [@ISU_Figure](#) / [@ISU_Speed](#)
- Tik Tok: [@isuskating](#)
- Weibo: [weibo.com/isuofficial](#)
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-skating-union>
- Naver: <https://tv.naver.com/isuofficial>
- LINE : https://page.line.me/isu_official

ISU Press Newsletter

Stay up to date with the latest news on ISU sports and governance by subscribing to our [Press Newsletter here](#).

Inside ISU Event App:

- The Inside ISU Event App is the main source of information for media attending ISU Events on-site or remotely (if available).
- The password to access the Media App of the relevant Event is provided via OMAS once an accreditation is approved.
- You can download the App hereafter:



- [App Store](#)
- [Google Play](#)

NEW: WhatsApp Community

- The ISU has introduced dedicated private WhatsApp groups for each discipline, providing accredited media with immediate access to the latest news and updates.
- Accredited media can join the relevant groups by scanning the QR code below.



4.2. Organizing Committee Digital Press Services

The OC also offers media information relevant to the Event on the following digital channels:

- Event Website: [2026 Skate Canada International](#)
- Event Tickets: [Select Your Tickets](#)
- Event News Releases: [SkateCanada.ca](#)
- Event Media Dropbox: [2026 Skate Canada International](#)
- Social Media Accounts:
 - Facebook: [Skate Canada / Patinage Canada](#)
 - X (Twitter): [@SkateCanada](#)
 - Instagram: [@skate_canada](#)
 - TikTok: [@skate_canada](#)
- Event Hashtags: #SCI26 (English) #IPC26 (French)

5. Media Accommodation

The Organizing Committee has designated one official media hotel. Every individual media person is responsible for booking their own accommodation and bearing any cancellation fees. The deadline for reservations is **Monday, September 28, 2026.**

To reserve your accommodation, please use [this booking link](#). For any questions about media accommodation, please contact media@skatecanada.ca.

5.1. Media Hotels

[Delta Hotels by Marriott Grand Okanagan Resort](#)

1310 Water St
Kelowna, British Columbia V1Y 9P3

Includes:

- Free wireless standard internet
- Self parking is available for \$40.00 per day plus taxes
- Health and fitness services: fitness centre & pool
- Restaurants

Distance from Airport to Hotel: Approximately 20-minute drive (traffic dependent)

Distance from Hotel to Venue: Approximately 2-minute drive or 4-minute walk

5.2. Reservation Payment Conditions

Please use [this link](#) to book your accommodation.

6. Transportation

There will be no shuttle service running between the host hotel, Delta Grand Okanagan, and Prospera Place. The host hotel and competition venue are across from one another, and the walk is less than 5 minutes.

7. Useful Information

Language

English is the predominant language of Kelowna; however, German, Punjabi, and Tagalog are also commonly spoken. English and French are the official languages in Canada, and most government services are available in these languages.

Financial Services and Banking Hours

Regular banking hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 until 16:00 with extended hours including weekends at many locations. Some banks are open on Saturdays for a brief amount of time, but most are also closed on Sundays and holidays.

Major credit cards are honoured in most business establishments. Automated teller machines (ATMs) marked with a Plus or Interac symbol will accept automated banking cards from outside Canada. Banks charge a fee of approximately \$2 for international transactions. The visitors' bank sets the exchange rate.

For currency conversions refer to: <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/daily-converter/>

Taxes

The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) is a twelve percent (12%) tax that is applied to most supplies of goods and services made in Canada. Most prices posted in stores do not include taxes. Visitors to Canada may be eligible for tax rebates. Rebate forms are available at the airport or Tourism Office. There is no rebate on consumable items such as meals, liquor, tobacco, transportation costs and gasoline.

Currency

The currency is the Canadian dollar (CAD). For denominations under five dollars, most Canadians use coins, including what are affectionately known as the "Loonie" (one-dollar coin) and "Toonie" (two-dollar coin). Daily currency exchange rates appear in newspapers, are posted online, and are posted at banks and currency exchange businesses.

Tipping

While tipping is not mandatory in Canada, it is customary in many circumstances for good service, especially in sit-down restaurants, which offer table service. If you're happy with the service you receive, a 15-20% tip on the pre-tax bill is a standard expression of appreciation. It is also customary to tip bellhops, luggage handlers and taxi drivers at your discretion.

Electricity

Electricity sockets are 120V plug type A. Visitors with appliances of different voltages should bring adapters.

Tobacco and Alcohol

The legal drinking age in British Columbia is 19; a driver's license is considered a valid form of identification. You must be at least 19 years of age to purchase cigarettes. Smoking is banned in all public spaces and workspaces in British Columbia, including restaurants, bars and private clubs. The ban extends to outdoor public areas such as playgrounds, sport fields and spectator areas.

Time Zone

At the time of the event, Pacific Time (PT) is 7 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Climate

In late October and early November British Columbia will be transitioning from the Fall to Winter. Temperatures will vary on average from minus 0 degrees Celsius overnight to 11 degrees Celsius during the day. For the current weather forecast, please visit [Weather in Kelowna, British Columbia](#).

Emergency Services

The emergency number for all health, safety, police and crime emergencies is 9-1-1.

8. Competition Information

Schedule, Entry List, Result and Rankings can be [found here](#).

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