



FIRST INFORMATION

2026 ISU John Nicks Pairs International

CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING

Norwood, Massachusetts, USA
September 11–12, 2026

Hosted by U.S. Figure Skating & The Skating Club of New York in partnership with The Skating Club of Boston

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Two cities. Two clubs. One competition.



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Norwood + Greater Boston

A concise local orientation for teams and officials.

HOME BASE	Competition activity is centered in Norwood/Westwood, southwest of Boston.
DAILY NEEDS	University Station and Legacy Place provide nearby dining, groceries, retail and errands.
BOSTON ACCESS	Boston can be used for a free-time visit; plan extra travel time during peak traffic.
KEEP IT SIMPLE	For teams, recommend compact plans: hotel ⇄ rink ⇄ one nearby meal or errand cluster.



Local Stores, Restaurants and Needs.

- Wegmans Westwood — 169 University Ave: groceries, prepared foods, bakery, catering, wine/beer and Meals 2GO.
- University Station is the easiest nearby shopping/dining cluster: Target, Wegmans, Nordstrom Rack, Marshalls/HomeGoods and Ulta.
- Use Wegmans for team snacks, quick meals, bottled water, floral and last-minute essentials.
- University Station quick meals: Not Your Average Joe’s, Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza, Chipotle and Smashburger.
- Wegmans Pharmacy — 169 University Ave, Westwood; phone 781-234-0345.
- CVS Pharmacy — 136 Nahatan St, Norwood; 24-hour store and 24-hour pharmacy listed by CVS.
- Rockland Trust — 171 University Ave, Westwood; branch, ATM and drive-up banking.
- Tip: verify pharmacy/bank hours before travel, especially on weekends and holidays.



Tastes of Boston

Seafood classics



New England clam chowder

Creamy clam soup with potatoes, onion and oyster crackers — a must-have Boston comfort food.

Try it: Faneuil Hall / Quincy Market or waterfront seafood spots



Lobster roll

Sweet lobster in a toasted split-top roll, served cold with mayo or warm with butter.

Try it: Seaport, Back Bay, Downtown Crossing or Fenway on game days



Fried clams or oysters

Crispy whole-belly clams or local oysters make a classic New England seafood stop.

Try it: Seaport, North End oyster bars or coastal-style restaurants

Sweet + local icons



Boston cream pie

The official dessert of Massachusetts: sponge cake, vanilla custard and chocolate glaze.

Try it: Omni Parker House / downtown bakeries



North End cannoli

A crunchy pastry shell filled with sweet ricotta cream — perfect for a North End dessert walk.

Try it: Hanover Street / Salem Street bakeries



Fenway Frank + ballpark bites

A Fenway Park classic for baseball fans; pair it with fries, chowder or a local sweet treat.

Try it: Fenway Park or neighborhood casual spots

Competition venue



VENUE	The Skating Club of Boston, 750 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062.
RINKS	Main rink and practice rink
ICE SURFACE	Indoor rink, 200 ft × 100 ft; air-conditioned and heated facility.
COMPETITION	International Senior Pair Skating competition within the ISU Challenger Series 2026/27.





Arrival & transportation

AIRPORT	Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) is the nearest airport.
MAIN HOTEL	Courtyard Boston Dedham/Westwood, 64 University Avenue, Westwood.
VENUE	The Skating Club of Boston, 750 University Avenue, Norwood.
RINK TRIP	The official Westwood hotel is listed about 2 miles from the Club.

EASIEST ARRIVAL

- Taxi/rideshare from Logan pickup area to hotel
- Build extra time for traffic, equipment and bags
- Hotel does not provide a shuttle from BOS

PUBLIC TRANSIT OPTION

- Silver Line SL1 from Logan to South Station
- Commuter Rail to Route 128 Station
- Useful with light luggage; verify schedules



Official hotels

Room block information for teams and delegations.

Hotel	Address	Rate	Deadline
Courtyard by Marriott Westwood Breakfast not included	64 University Avenue, Westwood, MA 02090	\$204 / night + taxes BOOK WESTWOOD	Book by Aug. 18, 2026
Courtyard by Marriott Norwood/Canton Breakfast not included	300 River Ridge Drive, Norwood, MA 02062	\$189 / night + taxes BOOK NORWOOD/CANTON	Book by Aug. 24, 2026



Entry fee & payment

\$125

per pair team

Payment due
Monday, August
17, 2026

To pay by credit card login
to <https://fs4.formsite.com/9gq74z/cahoxijs9v/index>

The form site says PayPal, but you should be able to use a credit card but if you prefer the wire transfer the bank account number 665500593365 and the routing is 021000021

Non-refundable

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

Wire transfers

Member federations may wire funds directly to The Skating Club of New York if requested in advance. Email events@thescny.org for transfer information.

Important

Failure to pay entry fees in full may result in removal from the competition.

On-arrival accreditation

Clear, concise requirements for credential pickup.



LOCATION

Accreditation will be located at The Skating Club of Boston upon arrival.

BRING

Passport for verification; ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable.

ACCESS

Only accredited functions entered by the ISU Member will be accepted.

LIMITS

Chaperones will not receive accreditation; tickets will be available before the event and on-site.





Key deadlines

Action dates for entries, travel, hotels, music and program content.

Jul 28	Visa request form due
Aug 06	Preliminary entry form due in ORS
Aug 07	Official's hotel reservation request due
Aug 14	Entries by name / delegation due by 20:00 ET
Aug 17	Entry fee payment due
Aug 18	Westwood hotel booking deadline
Aug 21	Team Travel Form due
Aug 24	Norwood/Canton hotel booking deadline
Aug 28	Competition Music Information and Program Content due

**Use this slide as the working checklist;
confirm any updated instructions from the
OC or ISU portals.**

Visa & travel documents

International teams should identify visa needs early and keep required documents together.



VISA REQUEST

Form X • Visa Request Form deadline listed: July 28, 2026.

ORS TRAVEL INFO

Travel details are submitted through the ISU Online Registration System.

DETAILS TO INCLUDE

Airline/flight details, arrival dates and times, or other travel information.

BEFORE TRAVEL

Passport required for accreditation verification; clearance certificate required when applicable.



Tip: submit visa needs early enough for processing and carry documents at registration.



Practice, music & PPC

PRACTICE ICE

- Unofficial practice ice is available Thursday, September 10
- Friday, September 11 is the only Official Practice Ice day
- Additional Unofficial practice ice is available September 12
- Detailed practice schedule will be issued at registration

MUSIC + PPC

- Competition music due August 28
- WAV or MP3 only; no CDs accepted
- Bring a backup USB for each program
- Program Content due through the latest OC/ISU instructions

LINK TO PRACTICE ICE SIGNUP: <https://fs10.formsite.com/D8iaDf/JohnNicksPairs/index>



Event schedule

Subject to change; detailed schedules should be confirmed at registration.

Thu Sep 10	All day — Arrival of teams
Thu Sep 10	18:00 — Unofficial practice ice available
Fri Sep 11	11:30 — Junior Pair International Official Practice
Fri Sep 11	12:30 — Skater Draw
Fri Sep 11	13:15 — Senior Pairs Official Practice
Fri Sep 11	16:00 — Junior Pairs Short Program
Fri Sep 11	17:20 — Senior Pairs Short Program
Sat Sep 12	10:00 / 11:25 — Junior / Senior Pairs Unofficial Practice
Sat Sep 12	14:00 / 15:15 — Junior / Senior Pairs Free Skating

Victory ceremonies, technical panel review meeting and judges round table discussion follow Saturday events.



Useful information + contacts

A short reference page for visitor basics and event contacts.

CURRENCY	U.S. Dollar (USD); credit/debit cards and mobile pay are widely accepted.
EMERGENCY	Dial 911 for police, fire or ambulance. CVS/Walgreens pharmacies sell essentials.
ELECTRICITY	120V / 60Hz; plug types A and B. Bring adapter or converter if needed.
TIPPING	Restaurant tipping is customary; 18–20% before tax is common.

Organizing Committee

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Competition Rink

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