

Lõunakeskus *Trophy*

International Figure Skating Competition

for

Senior: Men, Women

Junior: Men, Women

Advanced Novice: Men, Women

organized by

Estonian Skating Union

and

Tartu Uisukool

Tartu, Estonia

November 12 to November 15, 2026

1. General regulations

Participation in the **Lõunakeskus Trophy 2026** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Article 7.2 CER, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Article 9.3.1 CER, and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Article 8 CER and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Article 8 CER 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.

The OC can have a final design about over quota for any club/country/federation or refuse to accept the entry (fully or partially).

2. Technical data

Venue

Main rink: Astri Arena, Lääneringtee 39, Tartu, Estonia (Lõunakeskus Shopping Mall) (an indoor ice rink with ice surface of 58 x 28 m, air-conditioned and heated)

Junior Men

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 3 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Junior Women

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 3 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Advanced Novice Boys

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Duration: 2 min., 20 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 3 min. +/- 10 sec

Advanced Novice Girls

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Duration: 2 min., 20 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 3 min. +/- 10 sec.

3. Entries

General

All Entries to the **Lõunakeskus Trophy 2026** must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. The deadline for entries is **Monday, October 12th, 2026 23:00 (local time Tartu)**.

Entries of Competitors

Maximum 5 entries by discipline per Member, except the Host ISU Member. The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS):

Important: Changes to a skater's category are not permitted after the entry deadline. Please note that any replacements in the entry form must be made within the same class and category, and must be submitted no later than **November 5, 2026**.

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 ORS simultaneously to Lõunakeskus Trophy OC and ISU Office.

Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one judge per discipline 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) no later than **November 9th, 2026 23:00 (local time Tartu)**. Each panel of Judges will consist of a maximum 7 Judges but with a minimum of 5

Judges, if possible. All Judges will be of at least "Judge for International Competitions" qualification. The seating order of the Judges will be drawn during the Initial Judges meeting.

Meals, lodging and travel expenses

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 the Judges participating, depending on their appointed disciplines.

Should any of the above-mentioned persons arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the competition period (12 - 15 November 2026) described above, their room costs and expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival. The Organizing Committee will only cover the costs for travel expenses for the invited Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, and the Data and Replay Operators.

Entry Fee

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

- **115€** per single skater

The entry fee must be paid by bank transfer **no later than October 12th, 2026**. Any payments received after this date will be subject to a late entry fee of **15€** per skater. However, this late fee does not apply if a Member Federation or Club substitutes a skater, provided the original skater's entry fee was paid by the deadline.

Please note that the entry fee is non-refundable after the deadline, regardless of the reason for withdrawal. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to withdraw entries for skaters who have not paid the entry fee by the deadline.

Please ensure that the participation fee payment includes the **name of the skater in the payment details**. Payments that do not clearly indicate the participant's name will not be considered received.

The entry fee for all participants from each country or member federation must be paid in a single transaction and transferred to the following bank account:

MTÜ Iluuisutamisklubi Tartu

IBAN: EE842200221051518634
SWIFT/BIC: HABAE2X

4. Appointed Event Officials

This International Figure Skating event will follow the requirements of CER Article 14.2.1, ISU Communication 2780 and principles of Rule 420, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026 for appointing the Event Officials.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member.

The members of the Technical Panel will have qualification of “International” or “ISU” level.

The Referee will have at least the qualification “International” and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification “International”.

5. Music and Planned Program Content

In accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 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 music@iktartu.ee until **November 6, 2026 (1 week prior to the competition)**.

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 competitor(s).

Examples:

GER_Men_SP_MUSTERMANN_Max

GER_Men_FS_MUSTERMANN_Max

GER_Advanced_Novice_Boys_SP_MUSTERMANN_Max
GER_Advanced_Novice_Boys_FS_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 is insufficient.
- Each Competitor 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 Competitor/Coach/Team Leader at the time of registration.

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 skater(s) must present their music at the latest at the time of registration on the above-mentioned means and in the defined format.

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

ISU Members/Skaters are reminded that, 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'.

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

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.

6. Non-official practice sessions

Non-official practice sessions will be available for **Senior, Junior and Advanced Novice** categories before the competition begins for the categories scheduled to compete on the same day. Every skater will have the opportunity to take part in one **25-minute** session per day prior to competing. The practice sessions take place on the competition ice.

6 skaters will be on the ice per session, and groups will be formed based on the competition starting order. For the Short Program, groups will be formed based on the Short Program starting order; for the Free Skating segment, groupings will follow the results of the Short Program. The organizer reserves the right to rearrange the groups in case a group does not reach the maximum of 6 skaters.

In order to book your practice sessions, it's mandatory to let us know by **November 9th** latest via email at entry@iktartu.ee if you would like to take part in the non-official practice sessions and on which days.

The cost of **one 25-minute** session is **20 €**, payable **upon arrival** during accreditation.

Practice schedules and groups will be published on our website and Sportity app.

7. Accreditation

Please note that, for identity verification purposes, we ask that a copy of each skater's passport be made available at the time of registration (including the entry fee and music submission). If you are able to provide a copy either upon registration or by email beforehand, it would be greatly appreciated and will help facilitate the process. Skaters requiring an ISU Clearance Certificate under Article 8.3 CER should present it together with their passport at this time.

During the competition days, the Organizing Committee office will be located at the entrance of the Astri Arena ice rink.

8. Results

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, Rule 352 and Rule 353, will be used.

Any protests regarding the results must be filed with the Referee within 30 minutes after the end of the relevant segment, in accordance with Article 15.1.3.3 CER.

Results will be published on the competition website and via the Sportity app.

9. Insurance and Liabilities

In accordance with Article 17.3 CER, it is the sole obligation of each ISU Member entering Competitors in this Competition 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 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 who shall pay the premium for such insurance. The ISU assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the competition.

10. Expenses

Competitors and all team members are responsible for covering their own travel, accommodation, and meal expenses.

Please note that the Organizing Committee will arrange accommodations only for **invited** officials. Skaters, coaches, and other team members are required to book their own accommodations.

11. Official Hotel

Hotel Sophia

Address: Lääneringtee 39, Tartu, 50407, Estonia (located in the same building as the Lõunakeskus shopping mall and Astri Arena ice rink)

Hotel Sophia offers the following accommodation rates:

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- Standard room, single occupancy €84/night per room
- Standard room, double occupancy €92/night per room
- Superior room €106/night per room
- Superior room with sauna €119/night per room

Rates include breakfast, free parking, and WiFi.

Accommodation can be booked using the keyword **Trophee26** by emailing Hotel Sophia reception at sophia@tartuhotels.ee or calling **+372 638 0850**. The special rate is valid until **November 1, 2026**. After this date, the hotel can offer guests a 10% discount off the daily rate.

Each guest is responsible for paying for their own room at the hotel.

12. Arrival of Teams

The nearest airports are Tallinn Lennart Meri Airport (TLL), located 175 km from the venue, and Tartu airport (TAY), located 9 km from the venue.

You can travel from the Tallinn airport to Tartu coach station by bus, with departures every 30 minutes. Bus tickets can be purchased through www.luxexpress.eu.

Tartu Coach Station is 5.8 km from the venue. Please note that the Organizing Committee will not provide transportation from the airport for competitors, coaches, team leaders, or team staff.

13. Competition Schedule

Detailed competition schedule will be announced after the deadline of entries on the competition website (www.iktartu.ee).

Preliminary Schedule

Event Dates

- ISU Events: 12–15 November 2026
- Interclub Events: 13–15 November 2026

The times are subject to change. Please check the specific timetable on the competition website or the Sportity app.

Wednesday, 11 November

- Arrival of Teams
- Accreditation for Junior & Senior at Astri Arena ice rink starting from 17:00
- Draw for Junior & Senior at 19:00 at Astri Arena ice rink

Thursday, 12 November

- Accreditation for Junior & Senior at Astri Arena ice rink starting from 08:00
- Non-official practice for Junior & Senior (Main rink) at 08:00-12:00
- Initial Judges Meeting & Technical Panel Pre-Event Meeting at 11:00
- **Junior & Senior — Short Program at ~12:00**
- Accreditation for Advanced Novice at Astri Arena ice rink starting from 17:00
- Draw for Advanced Novice at ~19:00 at Astri Arena ice rink

Friday, 13 November

- Accreditation for Advanced Novice at Astri Arena ice rink starting from 08:00
- Non-official practice for Junior & Senior (Main rink) at 07:00-11:00
- Non-official practice for Advanced Novice (Practice rink) at 07:00-10:00
- **Advanced Novice — Short Program at ~11:00**
- **Junior & Senior — Free Skating at ~14:00**
- Round Table & Technical Panel Discussions — Junior & Senior
- Interclub competition

Saturday, 14 November

- Non-official practice for Advanced Novice (Practice rink) ~07:00-10:00
- Interclub competition
- **Advanced Novice — Free Skating at ~10:00**
- Round Table & Technical Panel Discussions — Advanced Novice
- Interclub competition

Sunday, 15 November

- Interclub competition

14. Additional Information

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

FSC IK Tartu

Lääneringtee 39, Tartu, Estonia (Astri Arena ice rink)

e-mail: entry@iktartu.ee

www.iktartu.ee

To stay up to date with information, possible restrictions and latest updates please follow competition on Sportity app (iOS/Apple and Android) using code: **LKT2026**

