

SYNCHRO9
FINLANDIA
CUP 2026

Synchro9 Finlandia Cup

Vantaa, Finland

28.11. - 29.11.2026

ANNOUNCEMENT

Synchro9 Finlandia Cup

An International Competition

for

Synchro9 Junior and Senior Teams

organized by

Skating Finland

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1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **Synchro9 Finlandia Cup** 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 **Synchro9 Finlandia Cup** 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: Tikkurila Arena Läntinen Valkoisenlähteentie 52-54, 01300 Vantaa (an indoor ice rink with the ice surface of 28 x 58 m, air-conditioned and heated)
	Practice arena: Tikkurila Practice Rink Läntinen Valkoisenlähteentie 52-54, 01300 Vantaa (an indoor ice rink with the ice surface of 28 x 58 m, air-conditioned and heated)
	Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex.

The **Synchro9 Finlandia Cup** shall consist of one of the following Rounds:

The format of each event must be specified in the competition announcement.

STARTING ROUND	Duration: Maximum 3 min., 30 sec., but may be less,
Prescribed Theme	
For Juniors only	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	Duration: Maximum 2 min., 40 sec., but may be less
Required BPM	
For Seniors only	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 /	Duration: Maximum 3 min., 30 sec., but may be less
PLACEMENT ROUND	
For Juniors & Seniors	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 **Synchro9 Finlandia Cup**, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information for judges should also be entered into ORS. Declaration forms will need to be uploaded to ORS as well.

A maximum of two (2) teams per member and category (Junior and Senior) and the total of 16 teams will be accepted.

3.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries for Teams will be open **until October 19, 2026**.

3.3 Entries by Name

3.3.1 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:

Skating Finland

Valimotie 10

00380 Helsinki

e-mail: entries_finlandiacup@skatingfinland.fi

and to:

ISU Office

e-mail: entries@isu.org

not later than: **Friday, October 23, 2026 – 20:00 h (local time Vantaa)**.

3.3.2 Entries of Judges

The ISU will propose 10 Judges for each category (Senior and Junior) for **Synchro9 Finlandia Cup** 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, October 23, 2026 – 20:00 h (local time Vantaa)**.

3.3.3 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: **Friday, October 23, 2026**.

3.3.4 Entry Fee

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

700.00 € per Team

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

Entry fee should be paid via thin link https://www.lyyti.in/S9FC_entryfee until November 22, 2026.

Please wait for the approval of the team before the payment.

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 dinner on **Thursday November 26, 2026** until breakfast on **Monday November 30, 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 28, 2026**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

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 via link https://www.lyyti.in/S9FC_music until **November 22, 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 **Vantaa** is **Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (HEL)** with a distance of **17km (Referees, Judges and ISU Support Staff) / 4km (teams)** to the official hotel.

All Referees and Judges are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Sunday November 8, 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)

Scandic Hotel Park Helsinki (for Event Officials and ISU)

Mannerheimintie 46

00260 Helsinki

phone: +358 300308407

email: parkhelsinki@scandichotels.com

web: <https://www.scandichotels.com/fi/hotellit/scandic-park-helsinki>

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee. Booking requests have to be sent to the organizer by latest **Sunday November 8, 2026**.

Break Sokos Hotel Flamingo (for Teams)

Tasatie 8

01510 Vantaa

phone: +358 20 1234 605

email: flamingo.vantaa@sokoshotels.fi

web: <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/hotellit/vantaa/break-sokos-hotel-flamingo>

Reservations for teams: groups.helsinki@sok.fi or +358 300 870 000

Reservation code: **BEVT2026**

Event rates (inclusive breakfast)

96 EUR Standard single room / night

96 EUR Standard double room / night

116 EUR Standard double room with an extra bed / night

136 EUR Standard double room with two extra beds / night

Reservations latest by **November 12, 2026 16:30 (UTC+2)**.

The hotel has a limited allocation of rooms available at the agreed event rate.

10. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Tikkurila Arena** 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. The national anthem of the winners will be played, and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

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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00380 Helsinki

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16. EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 26, 2026	All day	Arrival of Teams
Friday, November 27, 2026	All day	Arrival of Teams
	All day	Unofficial practice
	TBC	Referees Meeting
	16:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
	18:00	Draw (Scandic Park Hotel Helsinki)
Saturday, November 28, 2026	TBC	JUNIOR – Starting Round / Prescribed Theme
	TBC	SENIOR – Semi-Final Round / Required BPM
Sunday, November 29, 2026	TBA	JUNIOR – Final
	TBA	SENIOR – Final
		Victory Ceremonies JUNIOR and SENIOR
		Judges Round Table Discussion

Please note:

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

FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Preliminary Entries for Teams	ORS	16.10.2026
N/A	Entries by Name for Teams	ORS	23.10.2026
N/A	Entries by Name for Delegations	ORS	23.10.2026
N/A	Hotel reservation request	ORS (judges) email (teams)	8.11.2026 12.11.2026 4:30PM
N/A	Media Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 26/27
N/A	Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 26/27