SANTA CLAUS CUP 2026

December 12 – 13, 2026, Brno, Czech Republic

ANNOUNCEMENT
ISU CATEGORIES

for

Senior ISU
Junior ISU
Advanced Novice ISU

Czech Figure Skating Association and the Skating Club Brno
Have the pleasure to invite the ISU Members to participate in the

SANTA CLAUS CUP 2026

ISU Synchronized Skating Competition

Date: **December 12 - 13, 2026**

Place: **Winning Group Arena, Křídlovická 34, 603 00 Brno, Czech Republic**
An indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, heated 7700 spectators
(2 hours from Prague and 1 hour and 45 minutes from Vienna)

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Santa Claus Cup 2026 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution, ISU Competition and Event Regulations, ISU Sport Rules Synchronized Skating and the relevant ISU Communications for Season 2026/2027.

The teams must belong to an ISU Member and the age must be within the limits specified in Article 9.4 Competition and Event Regulations (CER). All skaters must qualify regard to eligibility requirements, citizenship and clearance certificates as specified Article 7.2 and 8 of the CER.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Senior: At least 17 years before July 1, 2026, 12 - 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates.
- ✓ Short program 2 minutes and 50 seconds but may be less;
- ✓ Free Skating program 4 minutes (+/- 10 sec);
- ✓ Elements: ISU Comm. 2779

Junior: At least age of 13 but have not reached the age 19 before July 1, 2026, 12 - 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates.
- ✓ Short program 2 minutes and 50 seconds but may be less;
- ✓ Free Skating 3 minutes 30 seconds (+/- 10 sec);
- ✓ Elements: ISU Communication 2779

Advanced Novice: At least age of 10 but have not reached the age 16 before July 1, 2026, 9 - 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternates.
- ✓ Free Skating 3 minutes (+/- 10 sec);
- ✓ Elements: ISU Communication 2779



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ENTRIES AND FEES

Final Entries have to be sent no later than ***October 15, 2026***.

The Entries by names 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 ROC:
Organizing Committee of Santa Claus Cup 2026
e-mail: skatingbrno@seznam.cz.

Because we are missing some important information in ORS, we would like to ask you to also complete the **entry information form** before the ***October 15, 2026***,
You can find on the web https://santaclaus-cup.cz/index.php/forms/.

The organizing committee reserves the right to limit the number of teams per country or refuse entry if the maximum number of teams we can accommodate has entered the competition.

Please direct all your inquiries & applications to the e-mail: skatingbrno@seznam.cz

Entry fee

Senior and Junior	***750 EUR per Team***
Advanced Novice	***700 EUR per Team***

The **entry fee** must be paid by bank transfer ***no later than October 15, 2026!***

Bank transfer details:

Account holder: Skating Club Brno, z.s.
Account no.: 2303307674/2010
IBAN: CZ43 2010 0000 0023 0330 7674
BIC: FIOBCZPPXXX, with the reference "Santa Claus Cup 2026, the name of the team and category".

Commission and/or fees for bank transactions must be paid directly to the bank in addition to the entry fee at the time of the bank transfer. The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

OFFICIALS

Judges and Technical Panel

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) Judge, listed on the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating. The official Judges Form must be sent to the Organizing committee of the Santa Claus Cup 2026 ***no later than October 15, 2026*** Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 5 Judges.

The Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators will be nominated by the Organizing Committee based on the respective ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating. Travel, accommodation and meals will be paid for them. As well as accommodation for the judges sent by the ISU members.

The initial Judges Meeting and initial Technical panel meeting are planned to take place at the Official Hotel in the evening of Friday, December 11, 2026.

The Official Hotel for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges and VIPs is the **Orea Congress Hotel Brno** (see http://santaclaus-cup.cz/index.php/accommodation/).

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for participating teams is at their own expense.
A list of hotels that support the Santa Claus Cup 2026 is published on the website:
http://santaclaus-cup.cz/index.php/accommodation/, including other recommended hotels.
You can also contact Organizing Committee (skatingbrno@seznam.cz) for help.

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest airports are Brno - Tuřany, Prague and Vienna. The organizing committee can arrange transportation between the airport and the hotel. Contact: skatingbrno@seznam.cz.

At the same time, the Organizer offers shuttle service between the Official Hotel (or some other hotels) and the competition rink. In case of interest, inform the organizing committee (Form 8 - Travel information).

Teams arriving by bus may use the designated bus parking area nearby the ice rink.

Transportation for Referees, Technical panel and will be provided.

REGISTRATION/ACREDITATION

A reception service for accreditation will be provided in the Winning Group Arena for participating teams and event officials from Friday, December 11, 2026. Details regarding the accreditation time will be communicated at a later date. Each Team is entitled to four (4) additional accreditations ***(****Coach, Team Leader, Team Medical Staff, etc).*

Passport of all skaters, as well as the respective permit of an ISU Member other than the Team is competing for, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

MUSIC

All teams will provide competition music in excellent quality (in MP3 format) not later than October 15, 2026 to skatingbrno@seznam.cz.

The file must be clearly identified and should be labelled in the format:
"category_team name_free skating or short program_exact duration of the program".

Additionally, each team shall bring along a labelled USB-Stick with the music of their short program and/or free skating.



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OFFICIAL PRACTICE

The official practice will be held on Winning Group Arena:

- Senior and Junior - Short program - 10 minutes
- Senior - Free Skating - 12 minutes
- Junior - Free Skating - 11 minutes
- Advanced Novice – Free Skating - 10 minutes

The music will start:

- In the practice of 10 minutes: After 1:30 minutes and after 6:00 minutes
- In the practice of 11 minutes: After 1:30 minutes and after 6:30 minutes
- In the practice of 12 minutes: After 1:30 minutes and after 7:00 minutes

EXTRA PRACTICE

Extra practice ice is available on Friday, December 11, 2026, at Main rink (Winning Group Arena) and Practice ice rink (both rinks are located in the immediate vicinity and have 30 x 60 meter). Costs are € 85 per block of 15 minutes at Mine rink, € 75 per block of 15 minutes at Practice rink.

Extra practice will be provided in the order of arrival of bookings. ***Block reservations may be subject to adjustments so that all competitors have the opportunity extra practice ice***.

STARTING ORDER/DRAW

The official draw for the competition will take place on Friday, December 11, 2026 in the Orea Congress Hotel Brno. The starting order will be published in the Sportity application (password SCC26) after the draw.

Starting order for Free Skating will be in opposite order as Short program results.

VICTORY CEREMONY

A victory ceremony will be held right after the last skating program of the day. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each category. All skaters of all teams are invited to take part in the closing ceremony on the ice. We will fill you in with the details at a later stage.

TEAMPHOTO

Teams are asked to enclose to their final registration a current digital team photo, in ***high-resolution*** printing quality. Please send it to email: skatingbrno@seznam.cz.

MEALS

There will be a possibility to order meals for the teams and accompanies.

MEDICAL SERVICE

Medical service will be on duty at the Winning Group Arena all the time during the competition and at the official practices.

Each member participating in the Santa Claus Cup 2026 has the sole responsibility for providing its own medical and accident insurance protection.

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Each team manager should be able to give important medical information for each skater for use in case of an emergency or accident. Such information should include but is not limited to the following, and will greatly help local medical and emergency personnel:

• allergies, existing medical conditions (i.e. asthma), current medications, blood type, use of glasses, contact lenses, dental appliances.

LIABILITY

In accordance with the ISU rule 119, The Czech Figure Skating Association and the Organizing Committee of Santa Claus Cup 2026 will assume no responsibility or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or for property loss or damage incurred by competitors or officials in connection with the Santa Claus Cup 2026.

PUBLICITY WAIVER

Members, officials, teams, and competitors hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that team photos, team information and results will be published, as well as that the Santa Claus Cup 2025, may be televised or live streamed either in whole or in part, for showing on a worldwide basis. According to the ISU Constitution and General Regulations, both members and competitors (in this particular case, teams) hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the competitors have been fully cleared and authorized for public use and consent to the use of his or her name, biography and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio program broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicizing of such program, without further clearance or payments of any kind on the site of the International Skating Union, the organizing member Czech Figure Skating Association, the Organizing Committee and the relevant television network or broadcasters being required.



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PRELIMINARY EVENT AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, December 11, 2026

08:00 - 20:30	Extra Practice ice	Main and Practice Rink
08:00 - 20:30	Team Registration	Main Rink
18:00	Technical Panel meeting	Official Hotel
19:00	Judge Panel meeting	Official Hotel
20:00	Official Draw	Official Hotel

Saturday, December 12, 2026

07:00 - 12:00	Team Registration	Main Rink
07:00 - 14:30	**Official practice** for all categories	
15:00 - 20:00	**Competition**:	
	Free Skating:	
	Pre-Juvenile	Main Rink
	Juvenile	
	Adult	
	Short program:	
	Junior	
	Senior	
21:00	Awards Ceremony	Main Rink

Sunday, December 13, 2026

07:00 - 12:00	Official registration for Teams	Main Rink
07:00 - 15:00	**Official practice** for all categories	
15:30 – 22:00	**Competition** – *Free Skating:*	
	Mixed Age	Main Rink
	Basic novice	
	Advanced Novice	
	Junior	
	Senior	
22:00	Awards Ceremony	Main Rink

Please note that schedule is subject to change. A schedule of events will be provided following the closing of entries and published on the website https://santaclaus-cup.cz/ and in the Sportity App (Santa Claus Cup 2026, password SCC26).

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FORMS AND DEADLINES

Form	Format	Deadline
Pre-Entry	Form 1	September 15, 2026
Composition of Delegation	ORS	October 15, 2026
Entry Form for Teams	ORS	October 15, 2026
Entry Form for Judges	ORS	October 15, 2026
Local transportation request	https://santaclaus-cup.cz/index.php/forms/	October 15, 2026
Meals lunch and dinner	https://santaclaus-cup.cz/index.php/forms/	November 15, 2026
Extra Practice Ice	https://santaclaus-cup.cz/index.php/forms/	October 15, 2026
Hotel Information	https://santaclaus-cup.cz/index.php/forms/	October 15, 2026
Press Information	Available in ISU Portal	October 15, 2026
Music Information	Available in ISU Portal	October 15, 2026
Program Content Form	Available in ISU Portal	October 15, 2026

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