



***Four Continents Figure Skating  
Championships<sup>®</sup> 2008***



***Goyang, Republic of Korea***

***February 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008***

***Announcement***

## **1. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

The ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2008 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2006, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pairs Skating and Ice Dancing 2006, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2008 is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 130, paragraph 3 and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2. a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109 and Communication No. 1420.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No. 1420, 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.

## **2. TECHNICAL DATA**

All Championship events as well as some official practices will take place at the "Seongsa Ice Rink", main arena (30meters x 60meters). The remainder of the official practices will take place at the "Seongsa Ice Rink", practice arena (30meters x 60meters). Both facilities are indoor, heated artificial ice surfaces.

### **2.1. Single Skating – Men and Ladies**

**Short Program**            Duration:            2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less

The required elements to be skated are listed in Rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

**Free Skating**            Duration:            Men:            4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds  
   Ladies:          4 minutes, +/- seconds

In accordance with Rule 520.

**Factors**                      In accordance with Rule 353, paragraph 1, l) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

a) for Men	
Short Program	1,0
Free Skating	2,0
a) for Ladies	
Short Program	0,8
Free Skating	1,6

## 2.2. Pairs

- Short Program** Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less
- The required elements to be skated are listed in Rule 513, paragraphs 2 and 3, Group B and the respective ISU Communication.
- Free Skating** Duration: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds
- In accordance with Rule 521.
- Factors** In accordance with Rule 353, paragraph 1, l) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:
- |               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Short Program | 0,8 |
| Free Skating  | 1,6 |

## 2.3. Ice Dancing

- Compulsory Dance** In accordance with Rules 335, 608 and 639, paragraph 2.b), the one (1) Compulsory Dance from the dances listed below, shall be drawn at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (Senior) 2007/2008. According to ISU Communication 1449, one of the three following Compulsory Dances will be skated:
- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| # 8 Austrian Waltz   | # 13 Yankee Polka |
| # 22 Argentine Tango |                   |
- Original Dance** In accordance with Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications. The rhythm for the Original Dance is the
- “Folk / Country Dance”**
- Any type of folk/country dance music can be used. For the chosen type, there are no restrictions on the number of musical selections. Although the dance may consist of different musical selections – fast and/or slow- there must be a consist theme based on a specific country or region.
- The folk/country dance character and style must be translated to the ice by flow and use of edges.
- Variations of tempo within one selection of music are permitted. Each selection of music may have different tempo.
- Vocal music is permitted.
- Duration: 2 minutes and 30 seconds (plus or minus 10 seconds)
- Free Dance** Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds
- In accordance with Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communication.
- Factors** The multiplying factors for the Program components for Ice Dancing are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1.m).

### 3. ENTRIES

#### 3.1. Entries of Competitors

In accordance with Rule 378, ISU Members must enter Competitors and their substitutes on the official entry forms. Entry forms listing Competitors and substitutes must be sent simultaneously by registered mail or fax to:

##### **Korea Skating Union**

Room No. 412, Olympic Centre  
88 Bangyee-Dong, Songpa-Gu  
Seoul 138-749  
Republic of Korea  
phone: +82 2 422 61 65  
fax: +82 2 423 80 97  
e-mail: [info@skating.or.kr](mailto:info@skating.or.kr)

and to:

##### **ISU Sport Director Figure Skating**

**Mrs. Felicitas Babusikova**  
Dankovskeho 11  
811 03 Bratislava, Slovak Republic  
Phone: +421 2 5441 4279  
Fax : +421 2 5441 4279  
E-mail : [felicitas.babusikova@gmail.com](mailto:felicitas.babusikova@gmail.com)

and to:

##### **International Skating Union**

Chemin de Primerose 2  
CH-1007 Lausanne  
Switzerland  
Phone: +41 21 612 6666  
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E-mail: [info@isu.ch](mailto:info@isu.ch)

Entries must reach the ISU Sport Director for Figure Skating, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee not later than **January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008** (see Rule 378, paragraph 1 and 4 and Rule 104, paragraph 4). Entries must be made by the Member concerned and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail. **Entries by e-mail must be confirmed by a letter or fax sent out simultaneously.**

#### 3.2. Entry of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Coaches, the partner or relative of a Judge and Chaperones (one per competitor) will be accepted. Meals and lodging will be provided for only one Team Leader for each participating Member (see Rule 137).

Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Officials of each Member, including the Member President, will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. The partner or a relative of a Judge will be accepted for restricted accreditation. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team.

Team Chaperones (one per competitor) must be announced on the official entry form titled "Composition of Delegation" but will NOT receive an accreditation. Officially registered chaperones may purchase a half-price all-event ticket, which will include access to practices.

The names of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Coaches and Chaperones must be listed on the general entry form "Composition of Delegation". Judges and Judges' partner or relative are to be listed on that separate form.

All Forms must be returned to the Organizer by registered mail or fax not later than **January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**.

**Skaters, Pairs, Dance couples must turn in to the Organizing Committee together with the entry forms the "Program Content Sheet". It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.**

#### **4. JUDGES**

##### **4.1. Nomination of Judges**

According to ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pairs Skating and Ice Dancing 2006, Rules 582 and 660, the official entry form for Judges by number must reach the ISU Director General by October 1st, 2007, indicating with the entry, in which discipline of the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2008 the Member intends to participate in the respective draw ceremony, to be held between October 1st and November 15th, 2007. The Member must also indicate with the entry, which Judge will be available to judge the Pair discipline.

In accordance with the draw results the official entry form for Judges by name must reach the ISU Sport Director Figure Skating, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizer not later than **December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007** (see Rules 582 and 660).

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Entries must be made by the Member concerned and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail. **Entries by e-mail must be confirmed by a letter or fax sent out simultaneously.**

##### **4.2. Judges Meeting, Draw and Round Table Discussions**

The individual Judges Meetings and – if applicable – an additional Judges draw will be held one (1) day prior to each first segment of each individual discipline. The draw for the seating order of the panels of Judges will be made 45 min. prior to each segment. Subsequent draws, as required, will be made at "Seongsa Ice Rink" in the intermediate draw room.

A detailed draw schedule will be published on site.

Judges' Round Table Discussions are scheduled the day following the conclusion of the respective event.

## 5. MEALS, LODGING, PREPAYMENT AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

In accordance with Rule 137, paragraph 15c, the Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Competitors participating, the Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and for one Team Leader of each participating ISU Member. The Organizing Committee will cover the above-mentioned expenses beginning with dinner on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008** through lunch on **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**.

In accordance with Rule 137, paragraph 15b, the Organizing Committee will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for Referees, Data and Replay Operators and for the Judges drawn in each event. The Organizing Committee will cover the above-mentioned expenses beginning with dinner on **Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008** through lunch on **Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. Upon special arrangements some Members of the Technical Panel will be covered on the day of their arrival.

Should any Competitor or Official arrive at the Hotel before or stay later than the period described above, room and meal costs will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival.

All extra expenses incurred by any Competitor or any kind of Official will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid prior to departure.

The Organizing Committee requests for all Team members whose accommodation expenses are not covered by the Organizing Committee, (Coaches, Medical Team, Assistant Team Leader, Team Officials and Chaperones) as outlined above, make a pre-payment to guarantee the availability of required rooms. Please use the official forms received with the first Information letter for booking and calculation. The pre-payment (50% of the total amount) must be made by **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. The terms of payment for the remainder will be published well in time through the Organizing Committee.

Meal tickets will be available for sale to coaches, chaperones etc. Meal tickets may be purchased at the dining room.

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, OAC Members, Judges, Data and Replay Operators will be paid in accordance with the Memorandum for Guidance in Holding ISU Figure Skating Championships and ISU Communication No. 1401 or any update of this Communication. Payments will be provided at the registration. No expenses will be reimbursed for any other accompanying persons (i.e. Interpreters, Assistant Team Leaders, Coaches, Chaperones, Medical Personnel, Federation Officials, etc.).

## 6. PRACTICE

Official practices for Competitors begin on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. Rule 540, paragraph 4 and Rule 634, paragraph 4 must be observed.

## 7. MUSIC

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on cassette magnetic tape either analogue (conventional) or DAT (Digital Audio Tape) format, or disk either MD (Mini Disk) or CD (Compact Disk) format. The tapes must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the competitor and by the coach, when submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short/free/interpretive free) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disk or cassette. Competitors must provide a back-up drive or cassette for each program.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Singles and Pairs, for the Original and Free Dance Program for Ice Dancing and for the Exhibition, must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors, according to Rule 378, paragraph 4 (sent by registered mail or fax).

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all cassettes and disks must show the Competition event, Competitors name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music - not skating time - including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration.

**If music information is not complete and cassettes or disks not provided, accreditation will not be given.**

## **8. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS**

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Judges, the Technical Specialists, all other Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials taking part in the Championships are requested to announce as soon as possible but not later than January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, to the Organizing Committee, on the enclosed forms, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at Seoul International Airport Incheon.

ISU Member Delegations and guests will be met the Seoul International Airport Incheon. The Teams (Athletes, Officials, Team Leaders) will have priority to the transportation. Coaches, Medical Staff and Team Chaperones will be allowed to use the transportation if space is available. See Information Package for more details on Transportation.

## **9. REGISTRATION**

All ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and one Coach (per competitor) taking part in the Championships are requested to register for the "ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2008 Goyang" as follows:

Accreditation for Teams will be located in the accreditation room at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the official and for the Media at the accreditation desk at "Seongsa Ice Rink".

All skaters and judges will be required to present their passport (and clearance certificate if passport is not the same as the Member entering the skater) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport.

Accreditation for ISU, for ISU Event Officials, Team Officials and Member Presidents will be located at the accreditation room at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## **10. OFFICIAL HOTELS**

The official hotel for the Skating Family (Skaters, Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders (for teams with 6 or more competitors), Coaches, Team Medical Staff, ISU, ISU Office Holders, Event Officials, Team Officials, Presidents and official guests is the:

**Best Western Premier SEOUL GARDEN HOTEL**

**#169-1, Dohwa-dong, Maepo-gu, Seoul, Korea**

**Tel: +82 2 717 9441**

**Fax: +82 2 714 9441**

**[www.seoulgarden.co.kr](http://www.seoulgarden.co.kr)**

Hotel for Chaperones and Media is the:

**Hotel Lexington**

**13-19, Youido-dong, Youngdeungpo-gu,**

**Seoul 150-870 Korea**

**Tel: +82 2 6670 3843**

**Fax: +82 2 6670 3877**

**11. DRAWS - ORDER OF SKATING**

The draws for the order of skating will be held individually per discipline in the main arena – Interview and Draw area. The dates, places and time will be provided at Registration.

**12. EXHIBITION**

All medallists and other Competitors will be selected to give an exhibition on Sunday afternoon, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at “Seongsa Ice Rink – main arena” according to Rule 104, paragraph 17 a) and b).

**13. LIABILITY**

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events, as defined in Rule 107, 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 also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue 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 incurred by Competitors and Officials.

**14 ANTI-DOPING**

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1447 and 1448 or any further update of this Communication).

The tests will be carried out on the four (4) best placed skater/s in Singles (after the final Free Skating), Pair Skating (after the Free Skating) and Ice Dancing (after the Free Dance). One skater from the remainder of the skaters shall be selected by random draw in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dancing. In Pair Skating and Ice Dancing, either the man or the lady, but not both, shall be tested and shall be selected by random draw.

**15. TITLES AND MEDALS**

The winners will bear the title according to Rule 133:

Four Continents Figure Skating Champion for 2008  
Lady Four Continents Figure Skating Champion for 2008  
Four Continents Pair Champions for 2008  
Four Continents Ice Dance Champions for 2008



ISU gold medals will be awarded to the Champions and ISU silver and bronze medals to the second and third placed Competitors at the end of the finals in each discipline.

In accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3g), a small ISU gold medal will be awarded to the winner of each event (Short Program and Free Skating for Ladies, Men and Pairs and Compulsory Dance/Original Dance combined and Free Dance for Ice Dancing) and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third in each category, but no anthem will be played or flags raised. The distribution will be made according to Rule 134, paragraph 3g).

## **16. INFORMATION**

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## 17. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- subject to change –

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
Monday, February 11 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Team Leaders Meeting	
Tuesday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	15:00	Referees & Technical Controllers meeting	
Wednesday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	13:00	ICE DANCING Compulsory Dance	
	15:00	PAIRS Short Program	
	19:00	Opening on Ice	
	19:30	Men Short Program	
Thursday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	13:30	ICE DANCING Original Dance	
	15:30	PAIRS Free Skating	
	19:00	LADIES Short Program	
Friday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	15:00	DANCE Free Dance	
	19:00	MEN Free Skating	
Saturday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	LADIES Free Skating	
	20:30	PRIZE AWARD and BANQUET	
Sunday February 17 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Exhibition Gala	