

# ANNOUNCEMENT



**INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP**   
**THE HAGUE**

**THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS  
MARCH 05 – 09, 2008**

**An International Competition**

**for**

**Ladies and Men Senior, Junior, Novice & Debs**

**and**

**Dance Junior and Senior**

**organized by the**



**KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE SCHAATSENRIJDERS BOND**

**under the authorization of the**



**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION**

## 1. General Regulations

The CHALLENGE CUP will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2006, the ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **CHALLENGE CUP** is for skaters who belong to an invited ISU Member, as per Rule 109, paragraph 1, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 2 through 5 and ISU Communication 1117.

Because the number of entries per event is limited, in the event the entry limits are exceeded the organizing committee reserves the right to give preference to federations entering a complete team.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 1117, 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 the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of each individual event and the Final for verification.

## 2. Technical Data

**Place:** **Venue: Schaatscentrum "De Uithof"**  
Jaap Edenweg 10 's-Gravenhage  
(an indoor heated ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m);

### CATEGORIES

<b>SENIOR LADIES</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006 Rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 2. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication.  Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value.  Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
<b>JUNIOR LADIES</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006 Rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 3, group C for 2007/2008. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication.  Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 520 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.

<b>NOVICE LADIES</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in communication 1397. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication.  Duration: 2min., 30 sec., maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication no 1397. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.  Duration: 3 min., 00 sec., +/- 10 sec.
<b>DEBS LADIES</b>	Short Program	Skaters who have not reached the age of thirteen (13) before July 1 <sup>st</sup> preceding the competition a) Axel Paulsen b) One double jump immediately preceded by connecting steps. c) One jump combination consisting two double jumps, or one double and a solo jump, the jumps must be different than the jumps in sub. B d) Camel spin with at least six (6) rotations in camel position e) Spin combination with at least one change of position and one change of foot with at least five (5) rotations on each foot. All three basic positions must be shown in the spin. f) Step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) with maximum use of the ice surface. g) Spiral sequence with at least 3 different spirals  Duration: 2min., 30 sec., maximum, but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value. -Maximum of 6 jump elements of which one must be an Axel type jump and there may be up to three (3) jump combinations or sequences. Only one jump combination can contain three (3) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Only two (2) jumps with two and a half (2 1/2) or three (3) revolutions can be repeated either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence. -There must be a maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination (minimum of ten (6) revolutions) and 2 different other spins (minimum of four (4) revolutions). In spins the minimum number of revolutions required in a position is two (2). In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the position is not counted. The number of changes of foot in the spin combination is optional. There must be a maximum of one step or spiral sequence that fully utilizes the ice surface. A spiral position in order to be counted must be held for at least 3 seconds.  Duration: 3 min., +/- 10 sec.
<b>SENIOR MEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006 Rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 2. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication.  Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less

	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.  Duration: 4 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.
<b>JUNIOR MEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006 Rule 510, paragraphs 1 and 3, group C for 2007/2008. For their value see Rule 522 and the respective ISU Communication.  Duration: 2 min., 50 sec. maximum, but may be less
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## Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.

-Maximum of 6 jump elements of which must be an Axel type jump and there may be up to three (3) jump combinations or sequences. Only one jump combination can contain three (3) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Only two (2) jumps with two and a half (2 1/2) or three (3) revolutions can be repeated either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence.

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There must be a maximum of one step or spiral sequence that fully utilizes the ice surface. A spiral position in order to be counted must be held for at least 3 seconds.

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

## Ice Dancing Seniors

### Compulsory Dance:

The following Compulsory Dance will be skated:

#### **“Austrian Waltz”**

The official ISU Compulsory Dance music will be used.

**Original Dance:** In accordance with Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications. The rhythm for the Original Dance is the

#### **“Folk-Country Dance”**

Any type of folk/country 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 consistent theme based on a specific country or region.

The folk/country 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 a different tempo.

Vocal music is permitted.

Duration: 2 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

**Free Dance:** In accordance with Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 610; and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (well balanced program and required elements) and the relevant ISU Communication must be observed.

The following Compulsory Dance will be skated:

**“Viennese Waltz”**

The official ISU Compulsory Dance music will be used.

**Original Dance:** In accordance with Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications. The rhythm for the Original Dance is the

**“Folk-Country Dance”**

Any type of folk/country 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 consistent theme based on a specific country or region.

The folk/country 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 a different tempo.

Vocal music is permitted.

Duration: 2 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

**Free Dance:** In accordance with Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 610; and all pertinent ISU Communications.

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

Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (well balanced program and required elements) and the relevant ISU Communication must be observed.

### **3. ENTRIES**

#### **3.1 Entries of Competitors**

Each invited country can enter two (2) skaters/couples in each category. In the event of total entries exceeding the limit in any category, skaters from countries with entries in all categories will be given priority.

##### **a) Entries by Number**

The entries by number indicating the number of skaters/couples in the disciplines concerned must be submitted not later than **January 10<sup>th</sup> 2008** to:

**Organizing Committee International Challenge Cup**

P.O.Box 1120  
3800 BC Amersfoort, The Netherlands  
Fax: +31 (0)33 4620823  
E-mail: [wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl](mailto:wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl)

And to

**Secretary of the Organizing Committee**

P. Kranenburg  
Vlietweg 94, 2323 LG Leiden, the Netherlands  
E-mail : [p.kranenburg@planet.nl](mailto:p.kranenburg@planet.nl)

In case of no entry received by **January 10<sup>th</sup> 2008** it will be assumed that your association will not participate.

## **b) Entries by Name**

Entries by names must be made not later than **February 5, 2008** to:

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## **3.2 Entries of Judges**

Each participating ISU Members may nominate two ISU / International Judges and one substitute Judge. Only Judges, who have participated in one of the ISU Seminars for the ISU Judging System, are eligible to serve in the Challenge Cup.

The official entry form for Judges must reach the Organizing Committee not later than **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**.

Each panel of Judges will consist of a maximum of 10 judges (if possible) but with a minimum of 7 judges.

## **4. EXPENSES, MEALS, LODGING**

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for Judges participating, beginning with dinner **March 04, 2008** until lunch on **March 10, 2008**.

The expenses for rooms and meals for the Team Leader, Competitors and other team officials will not be covered by the organizer and are on the account of the team.

Should any Judge 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 organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals also for the Event Referees and the Technical Controllers.

The costs for rooms and meals for the Technical Specialists, the Data Operators and the Video Replay Operator will be covered by the Organizing Committee.

All extra expenses incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior to departure.

## **5. PRACTICE**

Official practice for Competitors begins on **March 05, 2008 / 08:00am**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. According to ISU Regulations 340 and 534 no competitor may practice in a rink other than the official rink or rinks after been accredited through the Organizing Committee.

## **6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT**

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on cassette, CD or MD format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1 and Rule 533, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Program for Single 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.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1 and Rule 533, paragraph 1, all cassettes and discs must show the Competition event, Competitor's 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. Each program (short program, free skating, original dance, free dance) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc or cassette. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive or cassette for each program.

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

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must return to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet must be filled in precisely by each skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

## **7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS**

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Video- and Data Operator) Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials and Coaches taking part in the competition are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **February 05, 2008**, the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at **Schiphol International Airport** or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official "travel form" should be used.

The nearest airport to **The Hague** is **Schiphol International Airport** with a distance of **1 hour driving distance** to the official hotel. The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival.

## **8. OFFICIAL HOTEL**

**Golden Tulip Bel Air Hotel**  
**Johan de Wittlaan 30, 2512 JR Den Haag**  
tel: +31 (0)70 3525354  
Fax: +31 (0)70 3525353  
[www.goldentulipbelairhotel.nl](http://www.goldentulipbelairhotel.nl)

Single room per person per day is € 105,00 (breakfast included)

Twin-bed-room per person per day is € 60,00 (breakfast included) (Economy Class)\*

Twin-bed-room per person per day is € 75,00 (breakfast included)

\* Limited number of rooms available.

Lunch: € 15,00

Diner: € 23,00

## **OTHER HOTEL.**

**Atlantic Hotel Den Haag Kijkduin**  
**Deltaplein 200, 2554 EJ Den Haag**  
Tel: +31 (0)70 4482542  
Fax: +31 (0)70 4482553  
[www.atlantichotel.nl](http://www.atlantichotel.nl)

Twin-bed-room per person per day is € 100,00 (breakfast, lunch and diner (sport meal) included)

Limited number of rooms available.

## **TERMS OF RESERVATION**

1. All requests for reservations must be made to the KNSB and the Organizing Committee by the ISU Member Federation before **February 5, 2008**.
2. The reservations will be confirmed to you directly by the Organizing Committee after reception of the pre-payment.
3. Terms of payment:     - a pre-payment of 50% before **February 5, 2008** on account  
                                  IBAN: NL 88 ABNA 054 94 30 644  
                                  BIC: ABNA NL 2A;  
                                  - the rest of the payment upon arrival.
4. Changes and cancellations shall be made in writing and directly to the Organizing Committee and to the Secretary of the Organizing Committee.
5. If the cancellation is made     - **before February 5, 2008**, the pre-payment will be refunded in full less (amount);  
  - on or after **February 5, 2008**, no pre-payment will be refunded.

The rest of the payment by credit card or cash; credit card authorization on the day of arrival.  
Hotel reservations can only be made through the Organizing Committee.

## **9. ACCREDITATION**

The official accreditation is planned at the **Golden Tulip Bel Air Hotel** upon arrival.

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

Accreditation as a Team Member will also be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team-Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Officials of ISU Members, provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association. The ISU Member guarantees with the entry the correct functions of all team members.

Chaperons (only one per skater) are invited to purchase a "half-price all-event ticket". Chaperons will receive a permit for joining the official bus system of the Organizing Committee.

## **10. RESULTS**

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 352 will be in place.

The overall ranking results per category will be awarded as follows: The first place 10 points, the second place 7 points, the third place 5 points, the fourth place 4 points, the fifth place 3 points, the sixth place 2 points and the seventh place 1 point. In case of more than two (2) competitors of one ISU Member in one category only the two best placed competitors can score points for the overall classification.

## **11. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP**

The three best placed skaters/couples in each category will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists.

The best placed team will be announced and honoured with the International Challenge Cup. In case of a draw the highest number of first and/or second and/or third places will be taken into account.

## **12. INSURANCE / LIABILITY**

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in ISU Events, 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 to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The KNSB assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

## **13. EXHIBITION**

All medallists and other selected competitors will be invited to participate in the final Exhibition Gala. Show exhibition numbers are expected (no short or free program, original dance or free dance).

## **14. INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact

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## 16. **EVENT SCHEDULE\***

March 04 (TUE)	Arrival
March 05 (WED)	08:00 Official Practice 13:00 Team Leaders Meeting 14:00 Referees Meeting 15:00 Judges Meeting 19:00 Opening and Reception
March 06 (THU)	11:45 Debs Men Short Program 13:20 Debs Ladies Short Program 16:00 Novice Men Short Program 17:45 Novice Ladies Short Program 20:15 Ice Dancing Juniors Compulsory Dance 21:20 Ice Dancing Seniors Compulsory Dance
March 07 (FRI)	12:30 Junior Men Short Program 14:10 Junior Ladies Short Program 16:45 Senior Men Short Program 18:20 Senior Ladies Short Program 20:50 Ice Dancing Juniors Original Dance 21:45 Ice Dancing Seniors Original Dance
March 08 (SAT)	09:30 Debs Men Free Program 11:05 Debs Ladies Free Program 13:30 Novice Men Free Program 15:05 Novice Ladies Free Program 17:50 Junior Men Free Program 19:45 Junior Ladies Free Program
March 09 (SUN)	09:30 Ice Dancing Juniors Free Program 10.45 Senior Men Free Program 12:25 Senior Ladies Free Program 14:15 Ice Dancing Seniors Free Program 15:30 Gala Exhibition 18:00 End Gala Exhibition 20:00 Closing Banquet
March 10 (MON)	Departure

\* Subject to change.