

# Grand Prix of Figure Skating Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2011 / 12

# ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

### 1. GENERAL

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating consists of six international senior invitational events and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. All six events will be held with the approval and the assistance of the International Skating Union, under the responsibility of the Members concerned and in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2010, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating / Ice Dance 2010 and all relevant ISU Communications.

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final belongs to the ISU and will be organized by Skate Canada.

The six events and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final are only open to Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to ISU Constitution and General Regulations Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in ISU Rule 108, paragraph 2.b) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirement in ISU Rule 109, and ISU Communication No. 1420 or any update of this Communication. Entries can only be made through the ISU Members.

Skaters/couples entered for an event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating may not participate in the same discipline of an event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating in the same season, except for Pairs. Only skaters participating in different disciplines with the exception of the Pair discipline may enter into both the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating in the same year/skating season.

In the case where a Pair qualifies for both finals (Junior and Senior) they will have to participate in the Senior Grand Prix Final.

No skater or couple may skate in the exhibition of an event or the Final without having participated in the event itself.

The provisions included in this Announcement do not concern any participation at the ISU Championships or any other international event not included in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating or the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

For the 2011/12 season, the six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating are:

Hilton HHonors Skate America	Oct. 21 – 23, 2011	Ontario, CA, USA
Skate Canada International	Oct. 28 – 30, 2011	Mississauga, ON, Canada
Cup of China	Nov. 4 - 6, 2011	Shanghai, China
NHK Trophy	Nov. 11 – 13, 2011	Sapporo, Japan
Trophée Eric Bompard	Nov. 18 – 20, 2011	Paris, France
Rostelecom Cup	Nov. 25 – 27, 2011	Moscow, Russia

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final will be organized for the 6 best ranked Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance couples in:

Quebec City, QC, Canada

from December 8 to December 11, 2011

A point system within the six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating has been established to qualify the skaters for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Points will be obtained according to the results in each of the six events comprising the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

### 2. DESIGNATION OF THE SKATERS

### 2.1 Seeded Skaters/Couples

a) Skaters/couples who have placed 1 – 6 in each of the 4 disciplines (Men, Ladies, Pairs, Ice Dance) at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2011 will be considered to be seeded skaters/couples and will be assigned, by draw, to skate in two events. However, each of these six (6) entrants may on a volunteer basis select to participate in a third event. If the seeded skater(s)/couple(s) volunteers for a

third event, this situation must be formalized and completed only at the time of the Grand Prix selection meeting. It is understood if the third event is selected that this decision is final. Seeded skaters/couples must fulfil the requirements of the minimum score. Only the best two placements, out of the 3 events, will count for the gualification to the Final.

- b) If any vacancies (less than 6 seeded skaters/couples per discipline) remain, there will be no substitution of such seeded positions from any other following skaters/couples.
- c) "Come-Back" Skaters/Couples: Skaters/Couples who were previously seeded (placed 1 to 6 at any previous ISU World Figure Skating Championships) and subsequently did not participate in one or more competitive seasons are allowed to re-enter the Grand Prix if they commit to participating in 2 Grand Prix events. A come-back under this clause is allowed only once for any skater. Subsequent to the come-back season, the skater will be considered only by his /her placement on the official lists (seeded or World Standing points, etc.). If the skater is no longer on the list, he/she will not be considered for a Grand Prix event. Such so called "come back skaters/couples" will not substitute any of the seeded skaters/couples, mentioned under a). "Come Back Skaters/Couples" must not fulfil the requirements of the minimum score.
- d) If a seeded or "come-back" skater/couple withdraws from an assigned event, even for medical reasons, that skater/couple will not be assigned to another event.

### 2.2. Invited skaters/couples

- a) Skaters/couples who have placed 7 12 in each of the 4 disciplines (Men, Ladies, Pairs, Ice Dance) at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2011 will be guaranteed to be selected for two ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events, provided that these skaters/couples fulfil the requirements of the minimum score. If there are any retirements from placements 7 12, the vacant places will be completed with skaters/couples who scored a season's best higher or equal to the skaters/couples withdrawn/retired. If there are none then the next in line will be the one(s) placed 13<sup>th</sup> at the World Championships.
- b) Skaters/couples with an ISU World Standing placement of 1 24 (after season 2010/11) and skaters/couples with seasonal best scores in the top 24 (for season 2010/11) who do not hold an ISU World Standing placement of 1 24 will be guaranteed one (1) event if they do not otherwise meet the criteria listed in paragraphs 2.1 or 2.2 above and the minimum score.

A listing of seasonal best scores for each season will be compiled to include the following events:

- \* ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final
- \* ISU Senior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final
- \* ISU Figure Skating Championships
- \* Olympic Winter Games (if applicable in the year concerned)
- \* Other ISU controlled Events as identified each season by the ISU Council.
- c) Medallists from the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2011 and the medallists from the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2010/11 will be included in the selection process. Skaters/couples who have stated their intention to skate as Senior in 2011/12 might be included in the Grand Prix event(s) if they fulfil the requirements of the minimum score.
- d) A maximum of three (3) skaters/couples in each discipline from the Organizing Member may skate in the Organizing Member's event. This includes skaters/couples selected according to paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 above. If the Organizing Member chooses not to exercise its option for the three (3) skaters/couples in any discipline from its own country, the remaining slot(s) must be filled as per paragraphs 2.2 a) and b) above. The domestic skaters/couples must fulfil the criteria of the minimum score and/or be on the top 75 SB list when first selected. However, in case of withdrawal of such a domestic skater/couple, the Organizing member may replace their skaters by another substitute even if this one does not fulfil the criteria of the minimum score or the top 75 SB.
- e) If any slot(s) remains open and if all skaters/couples as defined in paragraph 2.2. a) and b) above have been selected for one (1) event, the Organizing Member may select any skater/couple with a top 75 seasonal best score to fill the open slot(s).
- f) Pairs or Dance couples, who were placed amongst the ranks as previously mentioned in criteria a) and b) in the year 2009/10 or 2010/11, have reached the minimum score as required, but have split, will be considered in the alternate list with the new partner, if proof is given in writing by their Member that they intend to continue their competitive career.
- g) In addition to the seeded skaters/couples, or "come-back" skaters/couples and the above-mentioned invited skaters/couples, each Organizing ISU Member may select additional skaters/couples in accordance with selection procedures established by the ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group, provided

that such skaters/couples have reached the minimum score as required. The maximum number of entries per event, however, is set as follows:

Men and Ladies not more than 10 but not less than 8 entries
Pairs not more than 8 but not less than 6 entries
Ice Dance not more than 8 but not less than 6 entries

- i) No invited skaters/dance couples may compete in more than two events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating. These events will count for points and prize money will be awarded according to placements.
- j) A maximum of three skaters/couples from the same ISU Member may compete in the same discipline of any individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating.
- k) Non-seeded skaters/couples will not be assigned to another event if they choose not to skate in an assigned event.
- Non-seeded skaters/couples will not be assigned to another event if, by medical reason, they withdraw from an assigned event.

For the covering of the expenses please refer to paragraph 7.5 below.

### 2.3 Minimum Score for Grand Prix events

Each entrant to the Grand Prix six (6) events must meet the minimum score to be included in the entry or the alternate list.

For the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating season 2011/12, the minimum scores are:

Men 168,60
 Ladies 117,48
 Pairs 130,71
 Ice Dance 111,15

Skaters/couples who have scored at least the above mentioned limit in an ISU Championships, ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final (Senior or Junior) between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 are eligible for selection into the Grand Prix events 2011/12 or in the alternate list.

The minimum score is the 2/3 of the highest points scored for Short Program/Short Dance and Free Skating/Free Dance, skated at the World Figure Skating Championships 2011 in Moscow.

"Skaters/couples, placed in the top 75 Season's best (season 2010/11) are placed on the alternate list. However those who need to score the minimum score as listed above can do so in the following International Competitions only:

- Nebelhorn-Trophy 2011,
- Ondrej Nepela Trophy 2011,
- Finlandia Trophy 2011,
- Cup of Nice 2011,
- Ice Challenge in Graz 2011
- NRW Ice Dance Trophy 2011

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

### 3.1 Confirmation of Participation of Seeded skaters/couples

The ISU Members must confirm the participation of the seeded skaters/couples in the two (2) events respectively the three (3) events to the ISU Secretariat by **August 15, 2011**. If a seeded skater/couple does not participate in the event(s) for which they are designated, there will be no substitute event(s).

### 3.2 Confirmation of Participation of Invited skaters/couples

The invitations for participation for skaters/couples, besides the seeded ones, will be forwarded to the ISU Members concerned through the Organizing Member of the respective ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event. The Members of these invited skaters/couples must confirm participation to the ISU Secretariat, and the Organizing ISU Member by **August 15, 2011**.

### 3.3 Restrictions for Participation in Junior and Senior Grand Prix events

Please refer to paragraph 1 of this announcement.

### 3.4 Obligation of seeded skaters

It is of the highest importance that Rule 136 paragraph 6 of the ISU Regulations be respected and implemented by all Members and skaters. To assure compliance with Rule 136, paragraph 6, the following directive is issued by the ISU Council.

All seeded skaters/couples as to paragraph 2.1 of this General Announcement are categorized as "Seeded" skaters/couples and, as such, will be expected to participate in two (2) respectively three (3) ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events during the 2011/12 season. The Grand Prix events will take place from October 21, 2011 to November 27, 2011. ("the Grand Prix Period").

Seeded skaters/couples who fulfill their Grand Prix obligations may also skate in other competitions, shows and exhibitions as authorized by their Member during the Grand Prix Period and, for seeded skaters/couples who do not qualify for the Final, also in the period immediately following the last individual event (Rostelecom Cup, November 25-27, 2011).

If any seeded skater/couple elects in advance of the Grand Prix Period not to participate in their assigned events (for whatever reason), they will not be permitted to participate in any other competitions, shows, and exhibitions during the Grand Prix Period.

In addition, depending on the circumstances, the seeded skater/couple may be subject to sanctions in accordance with Rule 136, paragraph 6 of the General Regulations. Such sanction may be in the form of monetary penalties that would be deducted from ISU payments of Prize Money and/or future ISU contributions to the Member of the concerned skater.

Seeded skaters/couples who agreed to participate in the Grand Prix Series and skaters who qualify for the Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final must skate in their assigned events and in the Final. Withdrawals are permitted only for illness or injury duly confirmed by a timely Medical Certificate as outlined below and subject to review by an ISU appointed Medical Doctor and/or for other justified serious reasons, such as e.g. bereavement in the close family.

In the case a skater is withdrawn for injury or illness, a Medical Certificate is required to be submitted to the ISU as per Rule 140, paragraph 5. The Certificate must be issued on the stationary of a Medical Doctor or on an ISU withdrawal form in case of in-competition withdrawal and duly signed by the Medical Doctor. If the certificate is not in English a translation signed by the President or General Secretary of the Member of the respective skater must be attached;

In addition, upon request of the Chair of the Sports Directorate the Certificate must be received by the ISU within 72 hours after the notice of withdrawal and the Member or the skater must include or attach the following additional information:

- the history which clearly indicates the date of injury or date of onset of illness, the type of injury or illness and severity of injury or illness as well as the physical findings on examination;
- ii) copies of laboratory or radiological reports that were conducted in the investigation of the injury/illness;
- the recommended treatment by the physician including medications, therapy, advice on training frequency and intensity, date for follow-up examination (a copy of this assessment should then be forwarded to the ISU), expected date of return to full activity, planned further investigations and/or criteria for return to full activity.

### 3.5 Confirmation of Replacements with respect to Invited skaters/couples

All skaters/couples invited to replace assigned skaters/couples in an individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating must be approved by the ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group in accordance with the procedures outlined in Item 7.6

### 4. POINTS/RANKING ORDER

### 4.1 Points

A point system based on the ranking of each individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating is established as follows:

Men and Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance			
1 <sup>st</sup> place	15 points	1 <sup>st</sup> place	15 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	13 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	13 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	11 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	11 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	9 points	4 <sup>th</sup> place	9 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	7 points	5 <sup>th</sup> place	7 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place	5 points	6 <sup>th</sup> place	5 points
7 <sup>th</sup> place	4 points		
8 <sup>th</sup> place	3 point		

### 4.2 Points considered

The two results of a skater/couple as announced/confirmed will be used to calculate the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating ranking order. The points as to paragraph 4.1 will be added to give a final total to determine the skater/couple's ranking for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating with the highest total being first.

If a seeded skater/couple skates a third event, only the two best placements will count for the overall Grand Prix ranking. In case the skater/couple achieves in two or more events an equal placement, the following criteria will determine which of the events will count towards the Grand Prix ranking:

- a) In case of equal placement(s), the events with the higher total competition score will count for the overall Grand Prix ranking.
- b) If the total competition score is also equal, the event with the higher total score in Free Skating/Free Dance will count for the overall Grand Prix ranking.
- c) If the total score in Free Skating/Free Dance is also equal, the event with the higher total score for the Short Program/Short Dance will count for the overall Grand Prix ranking.

### 4.3 Final Ranking Order

The ranking by points will be published immediately after the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (for the 2011/12 season, the "Rostelecom Cup"). The following will qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final:

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the top 6 ranking Men
the top 6 ranking Ladies
the top 6 ranking Pairs
the top 6 ranking Ice Dance couples
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### Ties

If there is a tie by added points, the following criteria will be taken into consideration for tie-breaking:

- a) the best place obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking; If there is still a tie.
- b) the higher total of the added total scores obtained in the designated events will count for the better place/ranking:

If there is still a tie,

c) participation in two events will be considered better than having participated in only one event;

If there is still a tie,

d) the higher total of the added scores in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

e) the higher total score in Free Skating/Free Dance obtained in one of the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

f) the higher total of the added scores in the Short Program/Short Dance obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

g) the number of participants finishing the two individual events in which the tied skaters/couples have completed, will be added to the total. The higher number of participants will count for the better place/ranking.

If there is still a tie, all skaters tied are qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

### 5. PRIZE MONEY FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT AND EXHIBITION FEE

All prize money in favour of the awarded skaters/couples will be paid at the end of each individual event through the Organizing ISU Members and subsequently through the ISU Members of the awarded skaters/couples. Withholding tax, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the Organizing ISU Member taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded skaters/couples. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees, or other costs.

The amount of prize money to be paid to the awarded Members and skaters is subject that the awarded skaters and Members have complied with the relevant ISU Regulations and provisions of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Announcement. Possible reductions of the stated Prize Money amounts may apply as outlined in this Announcement. In addition, sanctions in form of monetary penalties may apply as per paragraph 3.4 of this Announcement. If applicable, such monetary penalties could be deducted from the amount of Prize Money to be transferred and/or could be deducted from any future ISU contribution payable to the Member of the skater(s) concerned.

Further to point 2.1. a) the skaters/teams who have chosen to skate 3 events, will receive their prize money in the usual way, paid by each organizer according to their placements. Should a seeded skater/couple not complete the third event for any reason, the equivalent of 20% of the total prize money, that the skater/couple has received in the first two events, must be reimbursed to the ISU or will be deducted from the next possible contribution of the ISU to the Member of the skater/couple concerned. If the reason for withdrawal from the third event is medical, then for this reason and this alone Rule 140, paragraph 5 shall apply.

If the third event is completed all prize money as earned will be awarded as well as a US\$10'000 bonus (paid by the ISU directly).

### 5.1 Prize Money for Each Individual event

The Global Prize Money per individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be:

US\$ 180,000.00

Awarded to winners and placed skaters/couples as follows:

	Men and Ladies	Pairs and Ice Dance (per couple)
1 <sup>st</sup> place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	US\$ 18,000.00	US\$ 18,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	US\$ 13,000.00	US\$ 13,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> place:	US\$ 9,000.00	US\$ 9,000.00
4 <sup>th</sup> place:	US\$ 3,000.00	US\$ 3,000.00
5 <sup>th</sup> place:	US\$ 2,000.00	US\$ 2,000.00

Skaters/couples qualified for the exhibition of an event must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of US\$ 3'000 from the awarded prize money.

Skaters/couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or the event's Organizer. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce prize money will be made by the

Members of the Grand Prix Coordination Group attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

### 5.2 Exhibition Fee

An exhibition fee to be provided by the Organizing Member will only be paid to skates/couples who are not awarded prize money. The exhibition fee is set at US\$ 200.00 for single skaters (Men and Ladies) and US\$ 300.00 for Pairs and Dance couples.

### 6. TECHNICAL DETAILS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

### 6.1 Technical Details

**Men**: Short Program The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU

Technical Rule Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, para 1

and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating

2010, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

Ladies: Short Program The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU

Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, para 1

and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating

2010, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication.

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

Pairs: Short Program The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU

Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 520, para 1 and 2, group for 2011/12 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less;

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating

2010, Rule 521 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

Ice Dance: Short Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule

609 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Rhythms:

One to three of the following Latin American Rhythms: Cha

Cha, Rhumba, Samba, Mambo, Merengue.

**Required Elements:** 

**2 Pattern Dance Elements: Two (2)** Sequences of **Rhumba**, either skated one after the other or not skated one after the other.

One (1) Short Lift,

One (1) Not Touching Circular Step Sequence,

One (1) Set of Sequential Twizzles.

The Pattern Dance Elements can be skated to any of the above mentioned Rhythms (both elements to the same Rhythm or one element to one Rhythm and the second element to a different Rhythm), in the style of this (these) Rhythm(s), with the following range of tempo: 43 to 45 measures of four beats per minute (172-180 beats per minute). The tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance Elements must be constant.

**Latin American Rhythms** are described in the ISU Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet 1995, pages 13 to 20 (Note: Tango and Paso Doble, which are not included in the description, are not allowed).

Music for the entire Short Dance (including music for specified Pattern Dance) is provided by the couple and may be vocal.

Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rule Ice Dance 2010, Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communication. For the value of the required elements and components see the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.

ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (required elements) and the respective ISU Communication must be observed.

### 6.2 Starting order

In each individual Grand Prix event the participating skaters will be listed according to their ISU World Standing placement at the time of the event. The starting order in the Short Program/Short Dance segment will be the reverse order of the ISU World Standing placements. In the case of any tie, there will be a draw to determine who skates first.

Skaters/couples, who have not received any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the ISU World Standing list in country order. There will be a separate draw between those skaters/couples with no World Standing points to determine the starting order, following the basic principles of ISU Rule 579.

For Free Skating/Free Dance the starting order will be the reverse order of the result after the previous segment.

### 7. SCORING SYSTEM / OFFICIALS / REPLACEMENTS

### 7.1 Scoring System

The scoring system as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating/Ice Dance 2010, Rule 352 and 353 will apply.

### 7.2 ISU Appointed Officials

The ISU President will appoint all Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Assistant Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, OAC members) for each individual event and the Final in accordance with the 2010 Regulations.

The ISU Secretariat will inform the Organizing Committees of the names of the Officials assigned to their events. No changes will be accepted unless confirmed by the ISU Secretariat.

### 7.3 Panel of Judges

The panel of Judges in each individual event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will consist of 9 Judges of different ISU Members in each discipline if possible, but not less than 7 Judges. Only International or ISU Judges are eligible to serve in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events. Each Judge may participate in no more than two ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events plus the ISU Grand Prix of Skating Final. The Organizing ISU Members will invite the Judges based on a procedure agreed with the ISU.

### 7.4 Officials Remuneration

The Judges, the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators, will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1631, paragraph II. K. (or any update of this Communication). Only hard currencies are acceptable. The remuneration should be paid upon accreditation.

### 7.5. Expenses

The Organizing Member will pay travel expenses based on economy airfare rate for all Competitors invited to its ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event, for all Judges invited, from their domicile to the event and return. The travel expenses of the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators are covered by the ISU.

Skaters/Judges, who wish to purchase their air tickets directly or made other individual travel arrangements must first have a confirmation from the Organizing Committee concerning the acceptance of the travel costs. For the Technical Panel, these should have the confirmation of the ISU before purchasing their tickets.

The Organizing Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all Competitors, Judges, Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers and Data & Replay Operators from dinner on the day preceding the first official practice through breakfast on the day after the Exhibition. This period may be extended due to individual flight arrangements.

If a skater/couple (seeded or non-seeded) does not finish an event, that skater/couple's Member is obligated to cover the expenses for travel, accommodation and meals for the skater/couple and for the Judge (if applicable), if the Judge is not working in another panel.

### 7.6 Replacements

It is mandatory that an Organizing Member replaces any skater/couple who withdraws from the event with an alternate up to fourteen (14) days prior to the draw for that event. At the seven day mark, consideration will be given by the ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group to leaving a position vacant because of visa requirements or unduly high travel costs that would be incurred by the Organizing Member.

The alternate list will include the following skaters/couples:

- Come back skaters will be placed in the top position of the alternate list.
- Split couples who were previously in the top 12 of a World Championship would be next on the list taking the points of the previous partner. This places them in second top position on the alternate listing.
- Skaters in proper order of top 24 season's best would be next.
- Skaters from the top 24 who have only one event will be listed in the next order and should be picked in that order (done by points).
- All other Skaters in the top 75 season's best would be listed next.
- Selected International Competitions' winners are placed on the bottom of the alternate listing.

In the skater/couple selection process, for Pairs and Ice Dance, who were placed amongst the ranks as mentioned above in the year 2009/2010 or 2010/2011 and have reached the Grand Prix minimum score in the period as required, but have split, will be considered in the alternate list with the new partner, if proof is given that they intend to continue the competitive career. In this case, the minimum score is not required for the new couple.

Couples, placed amongst the ranks 1 to 12 of the previous season, but have split and continue their competitive skating with a new partner, will be positioned in second priority of the alternate list (directly following the come back skaters) and a minimum score of the new "skating combination" is not required.

The alternate list needs to be worked through in ranking order for the top 24 ranked skaters/couples according to their SB and/or their WS until all of such skaters/couples will have received the invitation to a second event. All other skaters/couples of the alternate list will be grouped in top ranked groups of three (3) skaters, out of which the respective organizing member may pick one skater/couple for invitation.

Skaters/couples, who place first in the following international competitions

- Nebelhorn Trophy 2011 Oberstdorf
- Ondrej Nepela Memorial Trophy 2011 Bratislava
- Finlandia Trophy 2011 Vantaa
- Cup of Nice 2011 Nice
- Ice Challenge 2011 Graz
- NRW Ice Dance Trophy 2011 Dortmund

and can prove to have skated the minimum total score as mentioned in paragraph 2.3, will be added to the alternate list, bottom ranked according to their scores.

### 8. ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

Anti-Doping tests will be conducted at each of the six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating as well as at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1650 and 1651 or any further update of these Communications).

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

### 9. ISU GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING FINAL 2011/12

According to the ranking order by points

the top 6 Men and Ladies, the top 6 Pairs, and the top 6 Ice Dance Couples

who have participated in at least two (2) ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events 2011/12 are invited to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, which will take place in

Quebec City, Canada December 8 to 11, 2011

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (for Seniors) and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final will be held during the same time period in the same venue. Details of qualification for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final will be available in a separate announcement.

### 9.1 Prize Money

The ISU will make available the Global Prize Money for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final of:

### U.S. \$272,000.00

to the skaters/couples through their ISU Members. All prize money in favour of the awarded skaters/couples will be paid immediately after the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final via bank transfer from the Organizing ISU Member to the Member of the awarded skater. Withholding tax, if any, will be deducted according to the law of the Organizing Member taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

The amount of prize money to be paid to the awarded Members and skaters is subject that the awarded skaters and Members have complied with the relevant ISU Regulations and provisions of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Announcement. Possible reductions of the stated Prize Money amounts may apply as outlined in this Announcement. In addition, sanctions in form of monetary penalties may apply as per paragraph 3.4 of this Announcement. If applicable, such monetary penalties could be deducted from the amount of Prize Money to be transferred and/or could be deducted from any future ISU contribution payable to the Member of the skater(s) concerned.

Men and Ladies		Pairs and Ice Dance (per couple)	
1 <sup>st</sup> place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	US\$ 25,000.00	US\$ 25,000.00	
	US\$ 18,000.00	US\$ 18,000.00	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place:	US\$ 12,000.00	US\$ 12,000.00	
4 <sup>th</sup> place:	US\$ 6,000.00	US\$ 6,000.00	
5 <sup>th</sup> place:	US\$ 4,000.00	US\$ 4,000.00	
6 <sup>th</sup> place:	US\$ 3,000.00	US\$ 3,000.00	

Skaters/couples qualified for the exhibition of the Final must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of US\$ 5'000 from the awarded prize money (see also paragraph 9.9 below)

Skaters/couples are expected to be ready for any ceremony and/or prize award and to participate in press conferences and/or social events if asked by the ISU and/or the event's Organizer. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of awarded prize money. The decision to reduce prize money will be made by the assigned ISU Delegate, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

### 9.2 Technical Details for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

Organizing Committee:	Skate Canada
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Quebec City,	Canada
	Quebec City,

**Men**: Short Program The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU

Technical Rule Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, para 1 and

2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating

2010, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

Ladies: Short Program The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU

Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, para 1

and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating

2010, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication.

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

Pairs: Short Program The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU

Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 520, para 1 and 2, group for 2011/12 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less;

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating

2010, Rule 521 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

Ice Dance: Short Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

### Rhythms:

One to three of the following Latin American Rhythms: Cha Cha, Rhumba, Samba, Mambo, Merengue.

### **Required Elements:**

2 Pattern Dance Elements: Two (2) Sequences of Rhumba, either skated one after the other or not skated one after the other.

One (1) Short Lift.

One (1) Not Touching Circular Step Sequence,

One (1) Set of Sequential Twizzles.

The Pattern Dance Elements can be skated to any of the above mentioned Rhythms (both elements to the same Rhythm or one element to one Rhythm and the second element to a different Rhythm), in the style of this (these) Rhythm(s), with the following range of tempo: 43 to 45 measures of four beats per minute (172-180 beats per minute). The tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance Elements must be constant.

**Latin American Rhythms** are described in the ISU Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet 1995, pages 13 to 20 (Note: Tango and Paso Doble, which are not included in the description, are not allowed).

Music for the entire Short Dance (including music for specified Pattern Dance) is provided by the couple and may be vocal.

Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communication. For the value of the required elements and components see the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.

ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (required elements) and the respective ISU Communication must be observed.

### 9.3 Special Regulations for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

Skaters/couples will start the Short Program/Short Dance in reverse order of the ranking order in which they have qualified for the Final. In the case of a tie, there will be a draw to determine who skates first. The skating order for the Free Skating/Free Dance portion is the reverse order of the ranking order in the Short Program or the Short Dance.

### 9.4 Scoring System

The scoring system as described in ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating/Ice Dance 2010, Rule 352 and 353 will apply.

### 9.5 ISU Appointed Officials

The ISU President will appoint all Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Assistant Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators, OAC members) for the Final in accordance with the 2010 Regulations. All Officials must have the qualification for ISU Championships.

The ISU Secretariat will inform the Organizing Committee of the names of the Officials assigned to the Final. No changes will be accepted unless confirmed by the ISU Secretariat.

### 9.6 Panel of Judges

The panel of Judges will consist of 9 Judges of different ISU Members in each discipline, if possible, but not less than 7 Judges. Judges must have the qualification of "ISU Judge". The invitations to the Judges will be issued by the ISU Secretariat.

No Judge may serve in more than two disciplines of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and two disciplines of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2011/12 each.

The composition of the panels of Judges in each category will be made in accordance with the following procedure:

- a) first priority will be given to the participating ISU Members in the Senior Final;
- b) second priority will be given to the participating ISU Members in the Junior Final;
- c) third priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating organizing Members of individual ISU Grand Prix events (Senior);
- d) fourth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Judges present at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (Junior and Senior), but not mentioned under a) and b);
- e) fifth priority, if necessary, will be given to the host Member of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final;
- f) sixth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples qualified as alternates in the Senior Final;
- g) seventh priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples qualified as alternates in the Junior Final;
- h) eighth priority, if necessary, will be given to the ISU Members with Skaters/Couples not qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, with priority to the discipline concerned, starting from that Skater/Couple with the highest total amount of points but not being alternate for the final.

The invitations to the Judges will be issued by the ISU Secretariat immediately following the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2011/12 (Rostelecom Cup).

The respective ISU Members entitled to nominate a Judge must submit the name of the Judge(s) not later than **December 1, 2011**.

The selection of Judges will be made by the respective Member. The Members are responsible for providing all selected and stand-by Judges with the appropriate travel documents in time.

The name(s) of the Judge(s) must be submitted on the official entry form by fax/e-mail and confirmed by registered mail to:

### 9.7 Officials Remuneration

The Judges, the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators will receive remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1631, paragraph II. K. (or any update of this Communication). Only hard currencies are acceptable. The remuneration should be paid upon accreditation.

### 9.8 Entries

Confirmation of entries will be forwarded to the Member of the qualified skaters/couples by the ISU Secretariat. The official entry to the host Organizing Committee of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final must be forwarded by the respective Members using the official entry forms.

If a skater or couple cannot participate due to injury or illness, they must inform the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat in writing through the respective ISU Member immediately so that the Organizing Committee can extend an invitation on behalf of the ISU to the next ranked skater/couple. The skater or couple will be required to forward a medical certificate to the ISU Secretariat as mentioned in paragraph 11.

### 9.9 Exhibition

The invited skaters/couples for the final Exhibition Gala are expected to participate with an appropriate show number. Encores as an additional show number are expected from the Gold Medallists. Skaters/Couples who fail to meet these requirements will have their prize money reduced by US\$ 5'000 in accordance with paragraph 9.1.

The final exhibition is a part of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

### 9.10 Schedule Combined Final (Subject to Change)

The arrival for competitors in the Grand Prix Final (Senior) and the first official practice are scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

The Team Leaders Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

The Judges Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

The competitions (Juniors) are scheduled between December 8 and 10, 2011.

The competitions (Senior) are scheduled between December 9 and 11, 2011.

The exhibition gala is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, 2011.

### 9.11 Expenses

The Organizing Member will pay travel expenses based on economy airfare rate for all Competitors qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, for all Judges invited (see paragraph 9.6) from their domicile to Quebec City and return. The travel expenses for all Referees, Technical Controllers Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators are covered by the ISU.

The Organizing Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all Competitors for the Junior Grand Prix Final from dinner on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 through breakfast on Monday, December 12, 2011 and for all Competitors for the Senior Grand Prix Final from dinner on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 through breakfast on Monday, December 12, 2011. This period may be extended due to individual flight arrangements.

The Organizing Member will pay accommodation and meal expenses for all Judges, Referees and Technical Officials (Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data & Replay Operators, Swiss Timing Sport Service Gmbh (4 persons), and other participants as agreed upon in a cost chart included in the Agreement with the ISU) from dinner on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 through breakfast on Monday, December 12, 2011. This period may be extended due to individual flight arrangements.

### 9.12 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 ISU assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred by Competitors and Officials.

### 9.13 Travel Documents and Permits

Due to the limited time between the last event of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (Rostelecom Cup, Moscow, Russia) and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, all qualified Team Members are requested to take care of their individual travel documents and permits (visa, etc.) on a timely basis.

### 10. REPLACEMENTS

### 10.1 Replacement for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

A qualified skater/couple for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final who is not able to participate will be replaced by the immediately following skater/couple, based on the Grand Prix ranking order of points.

The skaters/couples placed 7-9 of the Senior Grand Prix ranking order of points must remain on stand-by as possible alternates until three days before the Opening of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, i.e. until Monday, December 5, 2011 – noon local time Quebec City, Canada. These skaters/couples are responsible for their own necessary visa or travel documents.

Replacements do not influence the invitation of Judges or the composition of the panel of Judges.

### 10.2 Decision for Replacements

The ISU Coordinator of the ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group will make the final determination of any replacements for the Final in accordance with paragraph 10.1

### 11. INJURIES OR ILLNESS OF TOP SEEDED SKATERS

In the case a Skater is withdrawn for injury or illness a Medical Certificate is required to be submitted to the ISU as per Rule 140, paragraph 5. The Certificate must be issued on the stationary of a Medical Doctor or on an ISU withdrawal form in case of in-competition withdrawal and duly signed by the Medical Doctor. If the certificate is not in English a translation signed by the President or General Secretary of the Member of respective Skater must be attached:

In addition, upon request of the Chair of the Sports Directorate the Certificate must be received by the ISU within 72 hours after the notice of withdrawal and the Member or the skater must include or attach the following additional information:

- i) the history which clearly indicates the date of injury or date of onset of illness, the type of injury or illness and severity of injury or illness as well as the physical findings on examination:
- ii) copies of laboratory or radiological reports that were conducted in the investigation of the injury/illness;
- the recommended treatment by the physician including medications, therapy, advice on training frequency and intensity, date for follow-up examination (a copy of this assessment should then be forwarded to the ISU), expected date of return to full activity, planned further investigations and/or criteria for return to full activity.

Skaters/couples who cannot complete the Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, will not receive any prize money or other appearance fee. It is also at the discretion of the ISU Coordination group, whether skaters/couples, who cannot finish the Grand Prix Final due to any reason, must cover the travel expenses, as well as the local costs for hotel and full board by themselves.

### 12. ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be conducted at each of the six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating as well as at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

The Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the current with the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications No. 1650 and 1651 or any further update of these Communications).

The tests will be carried out on the winning skater/s in Singles (after the final Free Skating), Pair Skating (after the Free Skating) and Ice Dance (after the Free Dance). One skater from the remainder of the skaters shall be selected by random draw in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dance. In Pair Skating and Ice Dance, either the man or the lady, but not both, shall be tested and shall be selected by random draw. This procedure is valid for the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and the Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2011.

## 13. ISU GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING FINAL ORGANIZING STRUCTURE & CONTACT INFORMATION

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Canada Skate Canada

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