ANNOUNCEMENT

FOUR CONTINENTS
FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS® 2012
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

February 9 - 12, 2012

with

Preliminary Round on February 8, 2012

Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2012 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2010, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2010, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2012 is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member in accordance with Rule 130, paragraph 2 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, paragraphs 1 through 5 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 Colorado Springs World Arena (30 meters x 60 meters). Official practices will also be held at the World Arena Ice Hall-Olympic Rink (30 meters x 60 meters). These two facilities are connected by a tunnel. Both are indoor, heated, artificial ice surfaces.

2.1 Preliminary Rounds and Minimum Technical Score

Preliminary Rounds will be in place according to Rule 378, The Preliminary Rounds include only Free Skating/Free Dance according to the requirements as to paragraph 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 of this Announcement.

Skaters/couples participating in the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships must have reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as defined by Article 38, paragraph 7 and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 9) during the ongoing season (2011/12) or immediately preceding season (2010/11) the applicable minimum Technical Score (for SP/SD **and** FS/FD)as follows:

Men	SP	20.00 points	FS	35.00 points
Ladies	SP	15.00 points	FS	25.00 points
Pairs	SP	17.00 points	FS	30.00 points
Ice Dance	OD/SD	17.00 points	FD	27.00 points

Skaters/couples, who fail to achieve the minimum score as indicated above at the time of the entry deadline by names (21 days prior to the Championships), must present on site of the Championships to the ISU Representative/Sport Director/Event Coordinator a certification (copy of protocol page) of the event, in which they have obtained such a minimum score.

The deadline for such confirmation is 24 hours prior to the first draw of the respective discipline. In case Preliminary Rounds are in place, all Competitors (seeded and non-seeded) must confirm such minimum scores 24 h prior to the draw for the respective Preliminary Round.

2.2 Single Skating

2.2.1 Men

Short Program

The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rule Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, paragraphs 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, 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 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds

Factors

The multiplying factors for the Program Components for Single Skating are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1, m).

2.2.2 Ladies

Short Program

The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, paragraphs 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, 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 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

Factors

The multiplying factors for the Program Components for Single Skating are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1, m).

2.3 Pairs

Short Program

The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 520, paragraphs 1 and 2, group for 2011/12 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, 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 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds

Factors

The multiplying factors for the Program Components for Pairs are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1, m).

2.4 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 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 seconds

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.

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

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 sec.

Factors

The multiplying factors for the Program Components for Ice Dance are listed in Rule 353, paragraph 1.n).

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. Entries must reach the Chair of the ISU Sports Directorate, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee not later than **January 16th, 2012 – 20:00 h, local time in Colorado Springs** (see Rule 378, paragraph 1). Entries must be made by the Member concerned and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail. **Entries by e-mail and fax must be confirmed by a letter to the Organizing Committee sent out simultaneously (Rule 115, para 5)**.

Entry forms listing Competitors and substitutes must be sent simultaneously to:

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20 First Street
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and to:

Chair of ISU Sports Directorate
Mr. Peter Krick
Am Schorn 38
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Fax: +49 8158 928650
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Switzerland
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Fax : +41 21 612 6677
E-mail : entries@isu.ch

Preliminary entries (by number) must reach the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee no later than **October 1st, 2011**.

All Competitors 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.

Please note that for all persons entered by the Members the procedures in regard to the Declaration for Competitors and Officials entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication 1628 (or any update of this Communication) need to be strictly observed.

3.2 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted.

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

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater/Couple will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Team Officials of each Member, including the Member President or other members of the Member provided that they are Council/Board members, Technical Committee members or members of the Head Office of their Federation, 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 Organizing Committee requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. A partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted for restricted accreditation.

The Members must guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team members will correspond to their function within the team.

The names of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches must be listed on the Entry Form "Composition of Delegation". Judges and Judges' partners or relatives are to be listed on that separate form.

For Chaperones (one per Competitor) the Team Leader can request a "bus permit" which will include access to practices. Chaperones will not stay in the Official Skating Family Hotel. Due to new ISU policy the chaperons will not receive any special price tickets to the competition events or the Exhibition.

All Forms must be returned to the Organizing Committee by registered mail or fax not later than **January 16th, 2012 – 20:00 h, local time in Colorado Springs**.

4. JUDGES

4.1 Nomination of Judges

According to ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2010, Rules 582 and 660, the official **entry form for Judges by number** must reach the ISU Secretariat by **October 1st, 2011**, indicating with the entry, in which discipline of the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2012 the Member intends to participate in the respective draw, which will be held together with the draw for the panels of the Preliminary Rounds according to Rule 582. 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 Chair of the ISU Sports Directorate, the ISU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee not later than **December 23rd, 2011 – 20:00 h, local time Colorado Springs.** (see Rules 582 and 627).

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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 or fax must be confirmed by a letter to the Organizing Committee sent out simultaneously**.

4.2 Judges Meeting, Draw and Judges' 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 the "Colorado Springs World Arena" 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 the expenses are regulated as follows:

a) all expenses for accommodation and meals for the participants entered by the participating Members, i.e. Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials and other team members (except Judges) during the Preliminary Rounds are borne by the participating Members. The share of the ISU contributing towards such expenses including additional unforeseen travel expenses (Rule 378) is published in ISU Communication 1655, under point 3.

b) all expenses for accommodation and meals for all Competitors participating in the Championships (not including the Preliminary Rounds) will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period beginning with dinner three (3) days before the first competition day of the Championships (not including the Preliminary Rounds) and ending with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.

c) all expenses for accommodation and meals for one (1) Team Leader for each participating Member in the Championships (not including the Preliminary Rounds) will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period for which the Organizing Committee has to pay for rooms and meals for at least one Competitor of the team (see paragraph b), beginning with dinner three (3) days before the first competition day of the Championships (not including the Preliminary Rounds) and ending with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.

d) all expenses for accommodation and meals for the Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Referee, Judges, Data & Replay Operator, invited to serve in the Preliminary Rounds, will be covered by the Organizing Committee beginning with lunch on the day preceding the concerned Initial Judges Meeting for the Preliminary Rounds (see schedule on page 11 of this Announcement) and ending with lunch after the Round Table Discussion for Officials or the exhibition or the banquet, whichever is later.

e) All expenses for accommodation and meals for Official(s) serving in the Championships only (i.e. not serving in the Preliminary Rounds) will be covered by the Organizing Committee beginning with lunch on the day preceding the concerned Initial Judges' meeting (see schedule on page 12 of this Announcement) of the respective competition (not including the Preliminary Rounds) and ending with lunch after the Round Table Discussion for Officials or the exhibition or the banquet, whichever is later.

Should any Competitor, Team Leader or Official arrive at the Hotel before the time indicated above or stay longer, the costs for accommodation and meals are at the burden of the user.

It is the responsibility of the participating Members to make the necessary travel plans and arrangements for their Skaters.

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 that, for all Team Members whose accommodation expenses are not covered by the Organizing Committee as outlined above, a pre-payment (deposit) to guarantee the availability of required rooms be made. 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 3, 2011**. The terms of payment for the remainder will be published well in time by the Organizing Committee.

Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with Rule 137. Out of pocket expenses for Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, OAC Members, Judges, Data & Replay Operators will be paid in accordance with the Memorandum for Guidance in Holding ISU Figure Skating Championships and ISU Communication No.1631, paragraph II.K) or any update of this Communication. Payments will be provided at registration. No expenses will be reimbursed for any other accompanying persons (i.e. Interpreters, Assistant Team Leaders, Coaches, Chaperones, Medical Personnel, Team Officials, etc.).

6. PRACTICE

Official practices for Competitors (Preliminary Rounds) begin on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. Practice for all direct qualified Competitors will begin two days prior to the first competition day of the Championships which is Tuesday, February 7, 2012. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. Rule 540, paragraph 4 and Rule 629, paragraph 7 must be observed.

7. MUSIC

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on either MP3 or CD (Compact Disk) format. The disks 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. Competitors must provide a back-up drive 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 Short Dance and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance 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 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 disks not provided, accreditation will not be given.

8. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS

All ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders and Team Officials taking part in the Championships are requested to announce as soon as possible but not later than **January 16th, 2012**, to the Organizing Committee, on the enclosed forms, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at the Colorado Springs Airport (COS). This location is considered as the official arrival/departure point for the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2012, from where a shuttle transfer will be organized.

Coaches, Team Medical Staff and Chaperones are only met if they travel with the team.

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 2012 Colorado Springs" as follows:

Accreditation for ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials and Teams will be located in the “Cheyenne Mountain Resort” and for the Media at “Media Accreditation Center – Colorado Springs World Arena”.

All Competitors and Judges will be required to present their passport (and Clearance Certificate if the passport is not of the same country as the Member entering the Skater and/or the Skater having previously represented another Member) prior to receiving accreditation. Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport.

10. OFFICIAL HOTEL

The official hotels for ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Judges, Team Officials and Federation Presidents, Skaters, Team Leaders, Coaches, Assistant Team Leaders and Team Medical Staff are:

Cheyenne Mountain Resort
3225 Broadmoor Valley Road
Colorado Springs, CO 8090
Phone: +1 719 538 4000
Fax: +1 719 576 4186

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Colorado Springs (Official media hotel)
1775 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd.
Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States 80906
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OPENING CEREMONY ON ICE

The Opening Ceremony on Ice will take place on Thursday, February 9th, 2012 at 18:30 h, in the Main Arena "Colorado Springs World Arena".

11. DRAWS - ORDER OF SKATING

The draws for the order of skating will be held individually per discipline at the "Colorado Springs World Arena – Press Conference and Draw room / Media Center". The dates, places and time will be provided at Registration.

12. EXHIBITION

All medalists and other Competitors will be selected to give an exhibition on Sunday evening,
February 12th, 2012 – 19:00 h, at the "Colorado Springs World 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 means.

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. 1650 and 1651 or any further update of this Communication).

The tests will be carried out on the four (4) best placed Competitors in Singles (after the final Free Skating), Pair Skating (after the Free Skating) and Ice Dance (after the Free Dance). One Competitor from the remainder of the Competitors 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.

15. TITLES AND MEDALS

The winners will bear the title according to Rule 133:

Four Continents Figure Skating Champion for 2012
Lady Four Continents Figure Skating Champion for 2012
Four Continents Pair Champions for 2012
Four Continents Ice Dance Champions for 2012

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 3 f), 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 Short Dance and Free Dance for Ice Dance) 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 3f).

16. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Organizing Committee asks all Members to bring a copy of their National Anthem on MD or CD.

17. INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Place
Tuesday February 7	09:00	1st Official Practice	MR & PR
	11:30	Team Leaders Meeting	MR
	18:00	LADIES Pre-Round – Initial Judges Meeting	MR
Wednesday, February 8	10:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting	CMR
	13:00	MEN – Initial Judges Meeting	CMR
	19:00	LADIES Pre-Round – Free Skating	MR
Thursday, February 9	11:30	LADIES – Initial Judges Meeting	CMR
	18:30	Opening Ceremony on Ice	MR
	18:45	MEN – Short Program	MR
Friday, February 10	08:30	PAIRS – Initial Judges Meeting	CMR
	10:30	ICE DANCE – Initial Judges Meeting	CMR
	13:00	LADIES – Short Program	MR
	19:00	MEN – Free Skating	MR
Saturday, February 11	09:00	MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion	CMR
	13:00	PAIRS – Short Program	MR
	15:30	ICE DANCE – Short Dance	MR
	19:00	LADIES – Free Skating	MR
Sunday, February 12	09:00	LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion	CMR
	12:00	PAIRS – Free Skating	MR
	14:45	ICE DANCE – Free Dance	MR
	18:30	PAIRS – Judges Round Table Discussion	CMR
	19:00	Exhibition	MR
	20:30	ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion	CMR

MR – Colorado Springs World Arena
PR – Colorado Springs Ice Hall (Olympic Rink)
CMR – Cheyenne Mountain Resort Hotel

Please note: This schedule is subject to changes.