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for

6th SANTA CLAUS CUP 2012 International Competition in Figure Skating and Ice Dance

Budapest - Hungary
December 5-9, 2012

SANTA CLAUS CUP 2012 – Organizing Committee
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WELCOME

The Hungarian National Skating Federation and the Organizing Committee are glad to invite you and your club to participate in SANTA CLAUS CUP 2012.

INTRODUCTION

The **Santa Claus Cup 2012 International Competition in Figure Skating and Ice Dance** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2012, and the relevant ISU Communications.

All Members of the ISU and Clubs being members of National Skating Federations associated with ISU, are invited to take part in the competition.
Competitors taking part in the event must be entered through their respective Member Federation. In case of Club entry the OC only accepts the entry in case the official Entry Forms are stamped by the Member Federation. In case of "Club Entry" the returned Entry Forms must be officially signed and stamped by the Member Federation to be accepted by the Organizing Committee.

Organizer:

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Place of competition:

Budapest Olympic Centre Ice-Rink
H-1143 Budapest, Stefánia street 2.

Rink is indoor, heated ice rink with a surface of 60 x 30 meters, located near the centre of Budapest.

Categories:

Single Skating
- Junior, Advanced Novice, Basic Novice A, Basic Novice B, Cubs

Ice Dance
- Junior, Advanced Novice, Basic Novice, NON-ISU Basic Novice

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TECHNICAL DATA

All categories according to ISU rules 2012 and the New Judging System.

JUNIOR CATEGORIES

Junior MEN

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 Rule 511, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2012/13 and the respective ISU Communications.

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

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication(s). Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value.

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

Junior LADIES

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012 Rule 511, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2012/13 and the respective ISU Communications.

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

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication(s). Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program" and the element value.

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

Junior ICE DANCE

Short Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 609.
Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1721 & 1738 and subsequent update.

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

Free Dance

In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 610,.
The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1721 and subsequent updates.

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

NOVICE CATEGORIES

Novice Categories will be held in accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2012 and the respective ISU Communications (ISU Communications 1649, 1670).

Age requirements set according to General Regulations 2012 Rule 108, paragraph 2.d) and subsequent updates.
"In International Novice Competitions a Novice is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the competitions:

i) has reached at least the age of ten (10);
ii) has not reached the age of fifteen (15)."

Advanced Novice Boys

Short Program
In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications
Duration: 2 mins., 30 sec

Free Skating
In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications
Duration: 3 mins., 30 sec.

Advanced Novice Girls

Short Program
In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications
Duration: 2 mins., 30 sec

Free Skating
In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2012 and the respective ISU Communications
Duration: 3 mins.

Advanced Novice Ice Dance

Pattern Dance
In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012 and all pertinent ISU Communications. (ISU Communications 1721 and 1738)

Free Dance
In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012 and all pertinent ISU Communications.
The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1721 and subsequent updates.
Duration: 3 mins.

Single Skating Basic Novice – Girls & Boys

Basic Novice B (older subgroup)
Age requirements
- a.) Has reached at least the age of thirteen (13)
- b.) Has NOT reached the age of fifteen (15) for girls and boys

Free Skating
A well balanced free skating program has to meet with ISU Communication 1649 and all respective ISU Communications (ISU Communication 1760).
Duration: 3 mins +/- 10 sec for boys and girls

Basic Novice A (younger subgroup)
Age requirements
- a.) Has reached at least the age of ten (10)
- b.) Has NOT reached the age of thirteen (13) for girls and boys

Free Skating
A well balanced free skating program has to meet with ISU Communication 1649 and all respective ISU Communications (ISU Communication 1760).
Duration: 2 mins., 30 sec.

Ice Dance Basic Novice
Pattern Dance
Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated for Basic Novice as per ISU Communication 1670 and subsequent update ISU Communication 1760).

Free Dance
A well balanced free skating program has to meet with ISU Communication 1649, 1670 and subsequent updates.
Duration: 2 mins., 30 sec.

Single Skating – Cubs
Age requirements
Born after 1st of July 2002 or younger

Free Skating
Duration – Girls: 2 mins. +/- 10 sec
Duration – Boys: 2 mins., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

A well-balanced Free Skating Program for Cubs must contain:
a) Maximum of 4 jump elements for Girls and Boys, and one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Triple jumps are not permitted.
b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination with or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total) and one spin with no change of position and with or without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions in total).
c) There must be a maximum:

ci. for Girls one (1) step sequence (½ Pattern) or one spiral sequence consisting of max. two (2) spiral positions. The sequence (step or spiral) will have a fixed Base value and evaluated in GOE only.
cii. For Boys maximum of one (1) step sequence with a fixed Base value and evaluated in GOE only.

The Program Components are only judged in
• Skating Skills
• Performance/Execution
The Factor of the Program Components is 2.5.

Levels explanations:
For Cubs Singles, in all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to **Level 2** will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

In case the number of entries requires, competitors will be divided into different age groups.

Ice Dance NON ISU Basic Novice
Age requirements
Born after 1st of July 1999 or younger

Pattern Dance
Foxtrot

Free Dance
Duration: 2 mins., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec

A Well Balanced Free Dance program must contain
a) One (1) Short Lift (as defined in Rule 604, paragraph 16), chosen from the following Types of Lifts:
a) Straight Line Lift
b) Curve Lift
c) Rotational Lift
In addition, one (1) additional Lift (up to 10 seconds) without any requirement for the Level of Difficulty is permitted (provided it is not an Illegal Lift), but only the first Lift performed will be identified and considered in determining the Level of Difficulty.
However if a third Lift is performed, it will be considered by the Technical Panel as an extra element. In case a Stationary Lift is performed as the Lift with a Level of Difficulty, it will be identified by the Technical Panel to occupy a box, given No Value, and considered as an extra element (element not according to the Well Balanced Program).

b) One (1) Step Sequence in hold of any type of Groups A or B (as defined in Rule 603, paragraph 3).
The restrictions listed in ISU Communication 1610 and subsequent updates of this ISU Communication apply.

c) One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles (as defined in Rule 604, paragraph 14 a) and b): only the first set of Synchronized Twizzles skated will be identified and considered for the Level of Difficulty.

The Dance Spin is not included in the list of Required Elements for the Basic Novice Free Dance. Nevertheless, a spinning movement skated by the couple together in any hold around common axis on one foot (or two feet) with any number of rotations is permitted. A couple may choose to use this

movement as part of their choreography. The Technical Panel will ignore these movements and the Judges will not consider these movements as one of the permitted stops.
Duration 2 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec

Levels explanations
For Basic Novice Free Dance, in all Required Elements, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
All Program Components are judged with the following factors:
Skating Skills 1.10
Transitions/ Linking Footwork/Movements 0.90
Performance/Execution 0.90
Composition/Choreography 0.90
Interpretation/Timing 0.90

Rule 610 shall apply except that vocal music is **not** permitted. The use of vocal music shall be considered as a violation of music restriction and penalized as per Rule 653, paragraph 1 n) (ii) and Rule 409, paragraph 1.
Requirements for the music and the costume: as per ISU Communication 1610 and subsequent updates of this ISU Communication (except that music may not be vocal).

ENTRIES BY NAME
All Members / Clubs, which are members of National Figure Skating Federations associated with the ISU, are invited to take part in the competition. Each club / Federation may enter competitors in each category. (Please, be aware that all Club entries must be stamped by the ISU Member Federation.) The OC reserves the right to limit the number of participants to one (1) Entry each category in case of overcrowding**.** With the Entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must also be returned to the Organizing Committee in time (**by November 1st the latest**). 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. It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.

ENTRIES OF JUDGES
Each participating ISU Members may nominate one Judge and one substitute Judge for the event in which the Member has Competitor(s) entered. Double duty judges having participated in one of the ISU Judges Seminars for the ISU Judging System are welcome. Only ISU Championships and International Judges will be accepted. The OC reserves the right to limit the number of judges in accordance with the number of the Skaters' Entries. The Organizing Committee will only cover the board and lodging **for judges accepted in the panel only** for the period: from the dinner before the day of their activity until the end of their activity. Please, be aware that judges not involved in the panel have to cover their own expenses (board and lodging).
The confirmation of the list of judges will be announced until 15 November, 2012.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES
Entries must be forwarded to Organizing Committee using the official entry forms latest by

November 1st, 2012

The official forms must be sent to:

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Hungarian National Skating Federation
E-mail: info@hunskate.hu
Fax: + 36-1-251-2279

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honoured. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medallists. The Award Ceremonies will take place following the finish of the given category competitions.

CHARGES

Entry fee: 45 EURO/person, 84 EURO/couple has to be paid for each competitor at the registration before the competition.

DRAW

Please, be informed that the Draw will be held on the previous day of the competition concerned.
Please be informed that only those competitors will be drawn for the competition whose entry fee arrived until the time of the draw of the given category (bank transfer or personal payment at the venue is also possible).

EXPENSES

The organizer covers the expenses of competition, organisation, awards, presents and board & lodging only for judges on duty (announced until 15 November, 2011). Travel expenses to and from Budapest, transfer costs to and from the Official Hotel and Airport **will not be covered** by the organizer.
The expenses for rooms and meals, travel and transfer of the Team Leaders, Competitors and other Team officials **will not be covered** by the organizer and are on the account of the Teams.

Please, be aware that there are two ways for arranging payment with the Organizing Committee:

1) bank transfer **before** the event (in case you wish to transfer your costs, please, get in touch with the OC and you will receive a pro forma invoice with the help of which you can transfer the amount to the bank details given on the pro forma.) In case of bank transfer please, do not miss to bring the **bank transfer proof** with you to show at registration that you had performed the transfer. (**Following the event** payment by bank transfer **is not possible**!)
2) cash at registration

Please, keep in mind that payment by credit or bank card is not possible at the competition.

MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1.
In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all 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, short dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.
If music information is not complete and 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.
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ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

Judges, Competitors and participants taking part in the Competition are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **November 15, 2012** the flight/train numbers, dates and times of arrival and departure or any other information concerning transportation. The official "travel form" should be used.

TRANSPORTATION

Please, be aware that Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle on request to meet the participants on arrival. Please, be so kind to inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

Airport

Transportation fee between Ferihegy Airports (Terminal 2A / Terminal 2B) and the official hotels:
15 Euro / person / way (30 Euro/person/round trip).

Railway Stations

Transportation fee between Railway Stations (Keleti and Nyugati) and the official hotels:
7 Euro / person / way (14 Euro/person/round trip).

The cost of transportation is requested to be paid either by bank transfer before the event or in cash at arrival at accreditation (for details about bank transfer payment please, see the 'EXPENSES' section).

PROGRAM SCHEDULE – STARTING TIMES

Please, be informed that only daily starting times of the competition is fixed. Following the morning start the time schedule of the event is flexible, which means that in case of cancellations certain categories may start some time earlier than in the Preliminary Schedule. Please, be informed that all changes in entries and Preliminary Program might be followed at www.moksz.hu/santaclauscup2012 and in the ice rink on the information board.

ACCOMODATION

The official hotel prices are the following:

I. LIONS' GARDEN HOTEL**** - 1143 Budapest, Cházár András u. 4.

It is a newly built Boutique Hotel in the heart of Budapest, 5-7 minutes distance from the Ice Rink on foot.

Type of room	Rate with breakfast
SINGLE ROOM	75 €/night/person
DOUBLE ROOM	55 €/night/person
TRIPLE ROOM	45 €/night/person

All rates are including the local taxes.

II. HOTEL HÍD* – 1143** Budapest, Szobránc street 10-12.

The Hotel Híd is next to the Budapest Olympic Centre, 10-15 minutes distance from the Ice Rink on foot. Please note that we have only limited number of rooms in this hotel, that's why reservations are accepted in order of receipt.

Type of room	Rate with breakfast
SINGLE ROOM	50 €/night/person
DOUBLE ROOM	40 €/night/person
TRIPLE ROOM	35 €/night/person

All rates are including the local taxes.

In order to be able to provide the above mentioned special room rates the room reservations for all team members have to be done exclusively through the Organizing Committee with the use of the Hotel Sheet.

MEALS

Lunch and dinner will only be provided in the ice rink and on request beforehand. (Please, use the MEAL form for ordering meals). The meal price is 12 Euro/person/meal.

The cost of accommodation and meals is requested to be paid either by bank transfer or in cash at accreditation (for details about bank transfer payment please, see the 'EXPENSES' section). All extra expenses incurred by any person will be the responsibility of that person and must be paid prior departure at the hotel.
Please, be informed that the Organizing Committee can only accept hotel cancellations 2 days before the arrival on writing. In case OC does not receive your cancellation 2 nights' cost will be charged on the participant.

For further information, please contact:

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Tuesday, 04 December, 2012	Arrivals Unofficial Practice – 20 Euro/person on request Draw for the Cubs, Basic Novice B
Wednesday, 05 December, 2012	6:00-08:45 Practice 9:00 Competition **Figure Skating** – Cubs, Basic Novice B (Free only)
Thursday, 06 December, 2012	6:00-08:45 Practice 9:00 Competition **Figure Skating** – Basic Novice A Girls (Free only) – Advanced Novice (Short)
Friday, 07 December, 2012	6:00-08:45 Practice 9:00 Competition **Figure Skating** – Basic Novice A Boys (Free only) – Advanced Novice (Free) – Junior (Short)
Saturday, 08 December, 2012	6:00-08:45 Practice 9:00 Competition **Figure Skating** – Junior (Free) **Ice Dance** – NON ISU Basic Novice ID (Pattern Dance) – Basic Novice ID (Pattern 1) – Basic Novice ID (Pattern 2) – Advanced Novice ID (Pattern 1) – Advanced Novice ID (Pattern 2) – Junior ID (Short)
Sunday, 09 December, 2012	6:00-08:45 Practice 9:00 Competition **Ice Dance** – NON ISU Basic Novice ID (Free) – Basic Novice (Free) – Advanced Novice (Free) – Junior (Free)

DRAW

Due to the no shows which influence the Time Schedule the OC applies the following procedure:
Only those competitors will be drawn for the competition whose entry fee arrived until the time of the draw of the given category (bank transfer or personal payment at the venue is also possible).
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