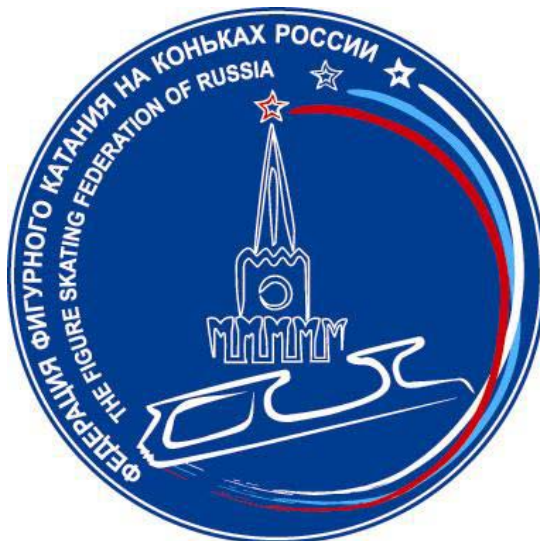




Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2007/2008

CUP OF RUSSIA
Moscow, November 22-25, 2007



ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION



CUP OF RUSSIA

An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dancing

organized by the

Figure Skating Federation of Russia

Moscow, Russia

November 22 – 25, 2007

A competition as part of the



Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2007/2008

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION



1. General Regulations

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Cup of Russia will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2006, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dancing 2006 and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Cup of Russia is open to all skaters who belong to an ISU Member, as per Rule 109, paragraph 1, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2b) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109 and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of this Communication. With reference to the Announcement of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2007/2008 the event is only open to invited competitors.

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

2. Technical Data

Place: a) **main arena: Ice Palace "Khodynka", Khoroshevskoye highway, 38, Moscow.**
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m, air-conditioned and heated);

MEN	Short Program	The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in Rule 510, para 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with Rule 520 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 Rule 510, para 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less
	Free Skating	In accordance with Rule 520 and the respective ISU Communication. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.



PAIRS	Short Program	<p>The prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in Rule 513, para 2 and 3, group B and the respective ISU Communication.</p> <p>Duration: max. 2 min., 50 sec., but may be less;</p>
	Free Skating	<p>In accordance with Rule 521 and the respective ISU Communication.</p> <p>Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.</p>
ICE DANCING	Compulsory Dance	<p>The following Compulsory Dance will be skated:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yankee Polka</p> <p>The official ISU Compulsory Dance music will be used.</p>
	Original Dance	<p>In accordance with Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications.</p> <p>The rhythm for the Original Dance is the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Folk / Country Dance”</p> <p>Any type of folk/country dance music can be used. For the chosen type, there are no restrictions on the number of musical selections. Although the dance may consist of different musical selections – fast and/or slow- there must be a consist theme based on a specific country or region.</p> <p>The folk/country dance character and style must be translated to the ice by flow and use of edges.</p> <p>Variations of tempo within one selection of music are permitted. Each selection of music may have different tempo.</p> <p>Vocal music is permitted.</p> <p>Duration: 2 minutes and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.</p>
	Free Dance	<p>In accordance with Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communication. For the value of the required elements and components see the respective ISU Communication.</p> <p>Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.</p> <p>Rule 610 paragraph 2 (required elements) and the respective ISU Communication must be observed.</p>



3. **ENTRIES**

3.1 **Entries of Competitors**

a) **Entries by Number**

In accordance with the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2007/2008 announcement entries can only be made for skaters/couples who are qualified and/or selected for invitation. The confirmation of the entries must be submitted by **August 15, 2007** latest to

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with a copy to

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and

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The official forms must be used. Changes or substitutions require the approval of the ISU Figure Skating Event Coordination Group.

Entries by Name

Entries by names must be made simultaneously to

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not later than **September 15, 2007**.

The replacement of Competitors in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be made in accordance with Paragraphs 3.6 and 7.6 of the Announcement for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2007/2008.



b) Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Members may be invited to nominate one or more Judges for one event. Any substitution or changes for any of the invited judges need the approval of the Figure Skating Federation of Russia. Please note that an entry of competitors is not automatically followed by the right to enter with a judge.

Only Judges, who have participated in one of the ISU Seminars for the ISU Judging System, are eligible to serve in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events.

Please observe the restrictions concerning the selection of Judges within the events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2007/2008 that no judge may serve in more than two ISU Grand Prix events (Figure Skating and Ice Dancing not separated).

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

4. MEALS, LODGING and TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Competitors and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Wednesday, November 21, 2007** until breakfast on **Monday, November 26, 2007**.

Should any Competitor or Judge arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival, except if an arrangement has been made with the organizer.

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals also for the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the ISU Coordinator for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating, the ISU Chair of the Sports Directorate, the ISU Event Coordinator, the Data and Replay Operators, the ISU Video Specialists, the Cameraman, the Technical staff of ST SportService GmbH, the OAC Members and the Anti Doping Control Team during the same period as indicated for the competitors. If any longer period is agreed upon with the Organizing Committee, the period of coverage will be prolonged as agreed.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all invited competitors, judges, the Technical Controllers, the Anti-Doping Control Team and the Referees from their domicile to **Moscow**. Participating Members are welcome to arrange their travel. Nevertheless, price of airplane tickets has to be agreed with the Figure Skating Federation of Russia prior to purchase. No reimbursement will be made on any airline ticket unless written permission is received from the Figure Skating Federation of Russia.

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

The Judges, the Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and the Officials Assessment Commission, will receive a remuneration in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1401, paragraph II, I) (or any update of this Communication). Only hard currencies are acceptable. The remuneration should be paid upon accreditation.

5. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **November 22, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.** The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration. According to ISU Rules 540 and 634 no competitor/couple may practice in a rink other than the official rink or rinks after having been accredited through the Organizing Committee.



6. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on cassette, CD or MD format, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Program for Single and Pairs, for the Original and Free Dance Program for Ice Dancing and for the Exhibition must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all cassettes and discs must show the Competition event, Competitor's name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal and must be submitted at the time of registration. Each program (short program, free skating, original dance, free dance) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc or cassette. In addition competitors/couples must provide a back-up drive or cassette for each program.

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

With the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the terminology listed in ISU Communication 1400 and 1445 or any update. **It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.**

7. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The participating Teams and all respective team-members as well as all Event Officials are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **October 15, 2007**, the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival at Moscow or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official "travel form" should be used.

The nearest airports to **Moscow** are **Sheremetievo International Airport and Domodedovo International Airport** with a distance of **90 - 120 min drive** to the official hotel. The Organizing Committee provides a bus shuttle to meet the teams on arrival providing the teams have announced their arrival/departure using the official "travel form" in due time. Chaperones will be picked up at the airport only if they travel with the team.

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL

Hotel Kosmos
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129355, Moscow, Russia
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www.kosmos-hotel.ru



9. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation is planned at the **Hotel Kosmos** upon arrival.

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials, ISU Office Holders and Guests.

Accreditation as a Team Member will furthermore given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team-Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Officials of ISU Members, provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association.

The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.

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

10. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in Rules 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be in place.

11. 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 national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

12. POINTS FOR "ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating"

Points will be awarded as follows:

Men, Ladies, Ice Dancing

1 st place	15 points
2 nd place	13 points
3 rd place	11 points
4 th place	9 points
5 th place	7 points
6 th place	5 points
7 th place	4 points
8 th place	3 point

Pairs

1 st place	15 points
2 nd place	13 points
3 rd place	11 points
4 th place	9 points
5 th place	7 points
5 th place	5 points

The points received are of value for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and the qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.



If a skater/couple does not complete an event due to illness or injury, this event will be treated as "not skated", i.e. the result(s) of initial round(s) completed will not count for the Grand Prix ranking order. Such an event will however count as one participation but without receiving credit in the ranking order.

Additionally, it is understood that couples who score points at an event will only score the points according to their respective placements as stated above and that they will not "inherit" points from couples who are better placed but who have declared that the event concerned is a non-scoring event for them (e.g., a couple finishing second in a scoring event, behind a couple finishing first but who have declared this event as non-scoring, will receive 9 points and not 12).

The results of the event will participate in the "ISU World Standings". (see paragraph 14)

13. PRIZE MONEY

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

U.S. \$180,000.00

Awarded to winners and placed skaters/couples as follows:

	Men and Ladies	Pairs and Ice Dancing (per couple)
1 st place:	USD \$18,000.00	USD \$18,000.00
2 nd place:	USD \$13,000.00	USD \$13,000.00
3 rd place:	USD \$ 9,000.00	USD \$ 9,000.00
4 th place:	USD \$ 3,000.00	USD \$ 3,000.00
5 th place:	USD \$ 2,000.00	USD \$ 2,000.00

The individual prize money will be transferred to the ISU Members concerned immediately after the conclusion of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Cup of Russia.

Skaters/couples qualified for the exhibition must participate with an appropriate show number different from their competition programs. Failure to do so, will result in a reduction of USD \$ 3,000.00 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 assigned ISU Delegate attending the event, subsequently to be ratified by the Council.

The withholding tax will be deducted according to the actual government's law.

Exhibition Fee

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

14. ISU World Standings

World Standing points will also be awarded according to the "World Standings Procedure", that can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org) under Single & Pairs/Ice Dance – World Standings."



15. 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. 1447 and 1448 or any further update of this Communication).

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 Dancing (after the Free Dance). One skater from the remainder of the skaters shall be selected by random draw in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dancing. In Pair Skating and Ice Dancing, either the man or the lady, but not both, shall be tested and shall be selected by random draw.

16. 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.

17. INFORMATION

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Ms. Patricia Mayor, ISU Sports Coordinator Figure Skating
Mr. Mario Meinel, ISU Event Coordinator
Ms. Rita Zonnekeyn, Member S&PTC
Ms. Halina Gordon-Poltorak, Member IDTC



19. EVENT SCHEDULE

Subject to change

November 22, Thursday

<i>First official practice</i>	10:30
<i>Team Leader's Meeting</i>	16:00
<i>Referees Meeting</i>	17:00
<i>Judges' Meeting</i>	18:00
<i>Draw for all Disciplines</i>	20:00

November 23, Friday

<i>Compulsory Dance</i>	15:00
<i>Opening Ceremony</i>	16:30
<i>Ladies, Short Program</i>	17:15
<i>Pairs, Short Program</i>	19:10
<i>Men, Short Program</i>	21:15

November 24, Saturday

<i>Ladies, Free Skating</i>	14:30
<i>Original Dance</i>	16:30
<i>Pairs, Free Skating</i>	18:40
<i>Men, Free Skating</i>	21:00

November 25, Sunday

<i>Free Dance</i>	12:00
<i>Awards</i>	16:00
<i>Exhibition</i>	16:30
<i>Closing banquet</i>	20:00
<i>Ladies Round Table Discussion</i>	08:00
<i>Pairs Round Table Discussion</i>	09:00
<i>Men Round Table Discussion</i>	10:00
<i>Dance Round Table Discussion</i>	17:00