

2017 Nations' Cup Interclub Competition



Organized by United States Figure Skating Theatrical Skating Committee

April 21-23, 2017

Yost Arena

Ann Arbor, Michigan

USA

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Sanctioned by:



GENERAL INFORMATION

The 5th Nations' Cup Interclub Competition will be held April 21-23, 2017. This International Interclub event is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the current Theatre On Ice International Guidelines except as noted herein. Current guidelines for Theatre On Ice competition can be found at <http://2017nationscup.com/rules/>

The selection path for participating teams to the Nations' Cup Interclub competition is determined by the team's home country's Federation.

- Each participating country can register up to 4 teams per category.
- All skaters selected to the Nations' Cup Interclub Competition must meet the eligibility criteria for ISU Regulations (ISU Rule 102) and the International Theatre On Ice regulations located: <http://2017nationscup.com/rules/>
- The category of each team is defined by the guidelines set forth in this announcement.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD

The latest schedule updates and changes will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board located at the Registration Desk. The latest official schedule of events will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board and will supersede all other schedules. It is the responsibility of the team managers and coaches to check this board upon arrival and periodically during the competition for changes in the schedule and other important information.

TEAM COMPETITION CHECK-IN TIME

TEAMS SHOULD BE AT THE ARENA AND CHECKED IN AT LEAST ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THEIR EVENT.

COMPETITION LOCATION AND DATES

Competition Dates: April 21-23, 2017

**Competition Rink: Yost Arena
1116 State Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

The facility has one ice surface 85'x200' with rounded corners. The facility just underwent renovations updating the entire facility and adding ADA accessible seating with a seating capacity of 6300.

ALL OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL PRACTICES WILL BE HELD AT YOST ICE ARENA. NO TEAM MAY PURCHASE PRACTICE ICE FROM ANY OTHER VENDOR. ONLY PRACTICE ICE SOLD BY ICE HOUSE SKATING ACADEMY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY PARTICIPATING TEAMS BEGINNING APRIL 17, 2017

NO SCENERY OR PROPS WILL BE ALLOWED ON UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE.

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ENTRY FEES INFORMATION

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DONE ONLINE THROUGH ENTRYEEZE.

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=529>

DEADLINE: All entries must be received no later than January 31, 2017. The LOC in conjunction with the Chief Referee, reserves the right to limit the size of an event and cancel or combine events if there are too few entrants. If only one team enters an event, they will compete under the same conditions as teams in other events and will be judged in the same manner. No refund will be issued after the close of entries on January 31, 2017.

NOTES:

Team contacts will be asked to enter their "club name" - they can either select their foreign federation or they can type in their club name by clicking on the "I can't find my club" link under the box.

Team contacts will be asked to enter their coaches - if their coach is not in the dropdown, have them use the "I can't find my coach" link under the primary coach box. Make sure to enter all coaches that might not be in the list before selecting the primary coach as the link disappears once a primary coach is selected - so start with the secondary coach first.

The EntryEeze registration site can only accept U.S and Canadian addresses. If you are registering a team from a country other than the U.S. or Canada, please use the following address to register your team:

2755 Arena Drive, Hartland, MI 48353

When filling out the team roster in the system, the team contact will need to know the following information:

- 1) Skater first and last name
- 2) Skater date of birth
- 3) Skater highest test passed for freeski and moves in the field (international teams will need to approximate)
- 4) Skater USFS number (international teams can use any number they want to for this data)
- 5) Email address of the skater if over 18 or the email address of the skater's legal guardian if under 18 so that they can accept the liability waiver for that skater

Only unofficial practice ice will be sold via EntryEeze. Each team may pre-purchase a maximum of 6 unofficial practice ice sessions. Additional unofficial practice ice sessions will be available for purchase on-site if available on a first come first serve basis.

Written descriptions - limited to 400 characters. NO commas are permitted

FEES:

C.E. & Free Skate (Combined fee): \$675 US Dollars – includes one 10-minute official practice for the CE and one 12-minute official practice for the Free Program in the competition rink. Music will be played 1 time during the assigned session

(CE practices are 10 minutes; Free practices are 12 minutes.)

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE: \$ 300.00 US Dollars for a 25-minute session. Yost Ice Arena, Ann Arbor, MI 1116 S. State St., Ann Arbor MI 48104

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PAYMENT

PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS FOLLOWS

USA TEAMS:

All payments must be submitted through ENTRYEEZE.

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS:

If international teams do not pay online via ENTRYEEZE, payment must be made in US Dollars and credited to Ice House Skating Academy by bank transfer. For bank transfer details and instructions, contact the registration chair at: 2017nationscup@gmail.com

TEAM PHOTOS

All teams must submit a team photo by the entry deadline of January 31, 2017 to be included in the official program. Photos must be submitted by email in the following format: JPEG file of no greater than 300 dpi named "<Team Name> <Level>.jpg" to 2017nationscup@gmail.com . Photo submissions must be checked off on the application through EntryEeze.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Written Description: The official competition program will contain a written description of both the CE and FS performances, which must be provided by the team at the time of application by January 31, 2017. The descriptions may not exceed 40 words in length. The written descriptions must be submitted on ENTRYEEZE. Additionally description forms must be completed and emailed to the LOC. CE and Freestyle Description forms can be found here: <http://2017nationscup.com/forms/>

NO AUDIO DESCRIPTION WILL BE ALLOWED. If included, timing will begin and it will count toward the length of the program. The team music CD will not be started until the team has taken their position and given the hand signal signifying they are ready to start.

LIABILITY AND REFUNDS

LIABILITY: Per U.S. Figure Skating rule #3200, U.S. Figure Skating, Ice House Skating Academy, The University of Michigan and Yost Ice Arena assume no responsibility for injury or damages incurred during the Nations' Cup Interclub Competition.

REFUNDS: Per U.S. Figure Skating Rule #3047, THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS for any reason after the competition entry deadline of January 31, 2017.

INSURANCE: IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL TEAMS PURCHASE TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE.

U.S. Figure Skating, Ice House Skating Academy, The University of Michigan and Yost Ice Arena cannot and will not be responsible for any losses incurred by teams in cases of emergency or acts of God.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Ice House Skating Academy Contacts:

Executive Director: Patrick O'Neil: 2017nationscup@gmail.com or PatrickHONeil@aol.com

Housing and Travel: Tiffany Pagogna : 2017nationscup@gmail.com

Practice Ice: Sarah Manning: 2017nationscup@gmail.com

Registration: Patrick O'Neil: 2017 nationscup@gmail.com

Heather Olson: 2017nationscup@gmail.com

Website Contact: Tiffany Pagogna: 2017nationscup@gmail.com

Music: Jackie Turner: 2017nationscup@gmail.com

U.S. Figure Skating Contacts:

**National Vice Chair, Theatre On Ice,
Theatrical Skating Committee:** Lauren Whittaker, skatejudge@gmail.com

Theatrical Skating Committee Chair: Roland Bessette, rolandb7@gmail.com

Manager, Figure Skating Programs: Karissa Woienski, kwoienski@usfigureskating.org

TRAVEL INFORMATION

TEAMS: Each team is responsible for its own transportation, food and hotel accommodations.

OFFICIALS: A shuttle will be provided between the official hotel and the arena for the judges and the Federation Officials.

Air Travel: Detroit Metropolitan International Airport (DTW) is conveniently located less than 25 minutes' drive (24 miles) east of Ann Arbor Michigan. Surrounded by 3 major highways (I94, US23 and M14) Ann Arbor is easily accessible. DTW is home to 14 major airlines including: AeroMexico, Air Canada, AirFrance, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, Jet Blue, Lufthansa, Royal Jordanian, Southwest, Spirit, United and Virgin Atlantic.

Detroit Metropolitan International Airport
Detroit, MI 48242

Bus Rentals: <http://2017nationscup.com/transportation/>

2017 CHOREOGRAPHIC EXERCISE - ELEMENTS

Theme: Fantasy

Creating an alternate universe by demonstrating unique body movement and gestures outside of everyday life.

Choreographic Process: Retrograde/Auto-reverse

A choreographic sequence is performed in a specific order and then repeated in reverse.

Body Movement/Gesture: Allegro/Fast and Lively

Energetic and quick tempo of body movement.

2017 NATIONS' CUP RULES

Please refer to the International Theatre On Ice Guidelines located at: <http://2017nationscup.com/rules/>

EVENTS OFFERED FOR COMPETITION

CATEGORY	REQUIREMENTS	PROGRAM DURATION
SENIOR	All skaters must have reached the age of 15. 20% of skaters (3 skaters) can have a gap of 2 years on the minimum age compared with planned dates for the category. This 20% can only be applied to achieve the minimum number of 14 skaters.	C.E. 2:30 +/- 10 seconds FREESKATE: 5:30 +/- 15 seconds
JUNIOR	All skaters must have reached the age of 11 but not have reached the age of 19. . 20% of skaters (3 skaters) can have a gap of 2 years on the minimum age compared with planned dates for the category. This 20% can only be applied to achieve the minimum number of 14 skaters.	C.E. 2:30 +/- 10 seconds FREESKATE: 5:00 +/- 15 seconds
NOVICE	All skaters must have reached the age of 8 but not have reached the age of 15. 20% of skaters (3 skaters) can have a gap of 2 years on the minimum age and/or a gap of 1 year on the maximum age compared with planned dates for the category. This 20% can only be applied to achieve the minimum number of 14 skaters.	C.E. 2:30 +/- 10 seconds FREESKATE: 4:30 +/- 15 seconds

MEDICAL AND DOPING

The Anti-Doping tests will be coordinate in accordance with the current rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency. (AMA)

PRACTICE ICE

NO TEAM MAY PRACTICE, EXCEPT ON ICE SOLD BY THE ICE HOUSE SKATING ACADEMY (LOC) AFTER REGISTRATION. PRACTICE ICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY PARTICIPATING TEAMS STARTING MONDAY APRIL 17, 2017.

All Official practice ice will be assigned by event group. All teams in an event will practice in the same block of time. Additional unofficial practice sessions will be available at Yost Ice Arena starting on Monday April 17th through Saturday April 22nd, 2017 and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Teams are limited to 6 pre-paid unofficial ice sessions. Additional unofficial ice sessions will be sold on-site if available on a first come first serve basis. Payment for additional unofficial practice ice sessions must be included with entryeeze registration. Music will only be played 1 time during official practice.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE:

CE: One official 10-minute practice session. Music will be played one time only.

FS: One official 12-minute practice session. Music will be played one time only.

Official practice will be on the competition rink and is included in the entry fee.

Props will be allowed on official practice ice.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE:

\$300.00 US dollars per 25-minute session. Music will be allowed. A maximum of 6 pre-paid sessions will be available upon registration. Additional sessions will be sold on-site if available. Remember to bring an extra music CD to all practices. Music that was submitted through EntryEeze prior to competition will be played from a computer for all practices, but a backup CD is required. No scenery will be allowed on unofficial practice ice. All unofficial practice ice sessions will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Unofficial practice ice will be available for purchase on EntryEeze.

Official Practice ice for the CE will begin Friday April 21st, 2017 at Yost Ice Arena.

MUSIC

MUSIC LABELING:

CD Labels for Theatre on Ice Teams (back up Cd's):

- Name of Federation
- Name of Team
- Category of Team
- Name of Team Leader
- Program (C.E or Free Skate)
- Exact Duration of program

MUSIC:

- ✓ Competitors must provide music for all events, as appropriate.
- ✓ Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via the online registration system by the music deadline of March 31, 2017 at 11:59PM
- ✓ After you have paid for your events, the EntryEeze system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "competition" tab and then selecting "my music".
- ✓ Your music must meet the following criteria.

Music Criteria:

- 1) File Format: MP3 (the online system will automatically check this)
- 2) Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file)
- 3) Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file)
- 4) Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Teams must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties. The back-up CD must be turned in at the registration desk at the time of check-in. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted. CD-RWs will NOT be accepted due to compatibility issues. CDs must be clearly marked with the Team's name, event, and running time. CDs must only have one piece of music per CD. The official back up competition CD turned in at the Registration Desk is reserved for use during the event and may not be retrieved for Practice Ice use. Please keep additional copies of your music readily available for both practice ice and rink side during competition events. Music may be picked up at the registration desk following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the hosting club cannot be responsible for music left at the end of the competition.

**Any questions regarding music can be directed to
Jackie Turner at 2017nationscup@gmail.com**

MEETINGS

International Seminar and Meeting: Wednesday April 19, 2017 (Time to be determined) Location: Officials' Host Hotel. Registration for the International Seminar and Meeting will be completed through EntryEeze at the time of team registration.

Coaches, Choreographers and Team Leader Nations' Cup Informational Meeting: Thursday April 20, 2017 (Time to be determined by Chief Referee) Locations: Yost Ice Arena

Nations' Cup Judges Meeting: Thursday April 20, 2017 (Time to be determined by Chief Referee) Location: Yost Ice Arena

Please visit the www.2017nationscup.com website for notices of seminars or meetings. Before the event, the Nations' Cup website will serve as the Official Bulletin Board. During the competition, there will be an Official Bulletin Board located near the registration table which contains all important information and updates. Check this often for updates and changes. Please remember all schedules are tentative until someone steps on the ice to skate.

SCHEDULE

The official practice ice and competition schedule will be emailed and posted to all coordinators. The schedule will also be available to each team in their confirmation packet upon arrival. The schedule will be posted on the on the LOC website 30 days prior to the start of the competition.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (*Please note that the schedule MAY change due to number of entries)

Friday April 21 st –	Novice CE
Saturday April 22 nd –	Novice Free Skate
	Junior CE
	Senior CE
Sunday April 23 rd -	Junior Free Skate
	Senior Free Skate

JUDGING INFORMATION

Judges panel designation:

Apart from the Referee, two judges (Theatre On Ice) will be chosen from each of the countries sending teams to compete in the 2017 Nations' Cup Interclub Competition. In the case that the judges would not be available, they will be chosen from countries the nearest to the competition.

In the case of insufficient number of judges, the founder countries will be authorized to complete it.

The referee and Assistant Referee of each category of the competition are chosen by the founding and organizing member.

The judge's panel will consist of:

- 1 Referee
- 7 Judges
- 1 Ice Judge

JUDGING SYSTEM: The Theatre On Ice accounting system will be used for all events and is based on a 10.0 scoring scale. The computer system is provided by the French Federation of Ice Sports. Only TOI certified judges will be used for these events. The Chief Referee's interpretation of the rules will be final.

JUDGES LOCATION: The Judges Stand is located in the bleacher seats at center ice on the West side of Yost Arena.

SEATING LOCATIONS: The main seating is on one side of the arena, with overflow on the ends of the arena. Teams may orient scenery and performance to audience and judges accordingly. See arena diagram at the end of this announcement.

DRAW

There will be a draw party on Wednesday April 19th prior to the start of the competition. Details of the draw party for participating teams can be found here: www.2017nationscup.com

REGISTRATION

1 Coach, 1 Choreographer, 1 Team Manager and 2 Prop Crew per team must be listed during EntryEeze registration. All registered coaches, choreographers, team managers and prop crew members must show a photo ID to obtain credentials.

Teams:

The registration desk will open at noon (12:00PM) on Tuesday April, 2017 and will remain open throughout the competition hours. The registration table will be clearly marked and located just inside the entrance of Yost Ice Arena. **ONLY TEAM MANAGERS ARE TO REGISTER THE TEAM. At registration, Team credentials will be given to each Team Manager when music is turned in and team rosters have been confirmed.**

USA Coaches Registration:

U.S. coaches must show proof of registration and memberships in both U.S. Figure Skating and PSA, as well as being certified Category A to receive a credential. If you are not registered with both associations, you will not be given a credential. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** When registering, make sure the name used with U.S. Figure Skating is the same name on the competition entry form. All coaches not in compliance will be notified by the LOC thirty days before the competition for them to become compliant.

COVERAGE OF OFFICIALS EXPENSES

The organizer covers the expenses of the invited Judges from the airport to the place of the competition, as well as their return to the airport.

The organizer (LOC) will provide and cover expenses of the foreign and domestic judges during 3 days and 4 nights (Thursday/Friday – Friday/Saturday – Saturday/Sunday) plus one additional day for travel time prior to the start and finish of the competition (2 total). All extra expenses incurred by any official due to the extension of stay, before or after the period described above will be under his/her responsibility. All meals will be covered during the duration of the competition at either the rink or the hotel.

CREDENTIALS

Competitors: All skaters and alternates listed on roster will receive All ACCESS credentials

Team Manger: 1 team manager per team will receive an ALL ACCESS credential

Coach or Choreographer: 2 coaches or choreographers per team will be issued ALL ACCESS credentials

Scenery Crew: 2 crew members per team will receive complimentary "SCENERY AREA" credentials for the Tent area outside Yost Arena. Additional crew members are allowed but must have a ticket.

ONLY ALL ACCESS CREDENTIALS HOLDERS ARE ALLOWED INTO THE LOCKER ROOM AREA OF THE ARENA.

EVENT TICKETS

All Event Ticket purchased in advance:	\$50.00
All Event Ticket purchased at door:	\$60.00
Daily Tickets purchased at door only:	\$15.00

Tickets will be available for pre-purchase during EntryEeeze registration.

ADVERTISING

Opportunities are available for teams to wish their skaters “Good Luck” in the official program. Good Luck Ad templates are available or you can create your own ad. Go to <http://2017nationscup.com/advertising/> for a complete list of advertising opportunities.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to all team members for 1st through 3rd place.

The winning team in each category will be awarded a trophy.

ICE RINK SETUP

Curtain: There will be no curtain used during the event

Rink Access: The rink will be accessible by team members as indicated in the arena map:

<http://2017nationscup.com/venue/>

Lighting: Standard rink lighting will be used for all events. No spotlights or special lighting will be permitted.

LOCKER ROOMS AND TEAM PICTURES

Locker rooms are located on the north side of the ice surface: <http://2017nationscup.com/venue/> Only persons with ALL ACCESS credentials will have access to this area of the arena. Teams will be assigned a locker room for official practice ice and competition with specific times for entry and departure.

MAKEUP AND HAIR MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO ENTERING THE LOCKER ROOM. CHANGING IN THE PUBLIC RESTROOM IS NOT PERMITTED.

Pictures of each team will be taken after their Free Skate portion of the competition. A monitor volunteer will direct teams to the team picture location. Pictures will not be taken after the CE.

GENERAL INFORMATION -SCENERY / PROPS / COSTUMES

All teams must be aware of International Guidelines for scenery, props and costumes. The International Guidelines can be found at: <http://2017nationscup.com/rules/>

SCENERY/PROPS STORAGE: Storage space under tents is available for purchase. The scenery will be sitting on the ground under large tents at the rear of the arena. The rental fee is \$50.00USD for 5x10 or \$100.00USD for 10x10 and must be purchased on EntryEze by the entry deadline.

ACCOMMODATIONS

TEAMS: Each team is responsible for making its own hotel accommodations. A list of available hotels and reservation information can be found at <http://2017nationscup.com/hotels/>

OFFICIALS: The official hotel for the 2017 Nations' Cup is The Graduate Hotel, 615 E. Huron Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Federations should contact Competition Director Patrick O'Neil at 2017nationscup@gmail.com to arrange accommodations for their judges and officials.

The LOC strongly recommends teams book their hotel accommodations at the hotels listed at:

<http://2017nationscup.com/hotels/>

Hotels in the area that do not appear on the list have not been evaluated by the LOC; therefore, should you decide to lodge elsewhere, we cannot recommend or guarantee the quality of your stay.

FORMS

Teams must email the following forms to the LOC by the entry deadline of January 31, 2017

Team Roster

Press and Result Information

CE Description

FS Description

Forms can be downloaded here: <http://2017nationscup.com/forms/>

RINK DIAGRAM

Diagrams of the competition rink are available here: <http://2017nationscup.com/venue/>