

NATION'S CUP

GOLD CUP

2024 Interclub Competition



April 24-28, 2024

Bordeaux Meriadeck ice rink
95 Cours du Maréchal Juin
33000 BORDEAUX
FRANCE

Sanctioned by FFSG



GENERAL INFORMATION

The 8th Nation's Cup will be held April 24-28, 2024.

This international interclub event is sanctioned by FFSG.

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the current Ballet on Ice International Guidelines except as noted herein. Current guidelines for Ballet on Ice competition can be found at : <https://www.csnballet.org/english/rules/>

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

- **Each participating country can register up to four (4) teams in each category.**
- All skaters selected to the Nation's Cup Interclub competition & Gold Cup Interclub competition must meet the eligibility criteria for the ISU Regulations (ISU Rule 102) and the International Theatre On Ice regulations (<https://www.csnballet.org/english/rules/>) ;
- The category of each team is defined by the guidelines set forth in this announcement

Competition Dates : April 24-28, 2024

Competition Rink : BORDEAUX MERIADECK ICE RINK

95 Cours du Maréchal Juin

33000 Bordeaux

France

The rink measures 60 x 30 meters avec des coins arrondis et une capacité de 3300 places assises.

ALL OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL PRACTICES WILL BE HELD AT BORDEAUX MERIADECK ICE RINK.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL AT : nations.cup2024@gmail.com

DEADLINE: All entries must be received no later than January 31st 2024.

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 31st 2024.

NOTES:

The entry form is available here : <https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>

Please submit 1 email per team to be registered.

Please rename the document as follows: <Name of the Team>_<Category>.

Each team must fill in the following information:

1. First name and last name of the skater
2. Date of birth of the skater
3. Licence number of the skater (foreign teams will be able to use the number of their choice for this data)
4. The skater's email address if he is over 18 years old or the email address of the skater's legal guardian if he is under 18 years old so that he can accept the release of liability for this skater.

Only unofficial practice sessions will be sold via nations.cup2024@gmail.com with form. Each team can purchase a maximum of 4 unofficial practice sessions. Other unofficial practice sessions will be offered on site if available.

ENTRY FEES:

C.E. & Free Program (Combined fee): 700 EUROS per team – Includes one 10-minute official practice for CE and one 12-minute official practice for the Free Program in the competition rink. Music will be played one time during the assigned session.

PAYMENT

All payments must be made by bank transfer in EUROS no later than January 31st 2024 to :

Entry fees and purchase of unofficial practice session:

FEDERATION FRANCAISE DES SPORTS DE GLACE

IBAN : FR76 1751 5900 0008 0871 0643 029

BIC : CEPFRPP751

Team meals, welcome party, seminar registration, scenery storage fees :

BORDEAUX SPORT DE GLACE

IBAN : FR76 1558 9335 4606 1524 9674 275

BIC : CMBFR2BARK

TEAM PHOTOS

All teams must submit a team photo by the entry deadline of January 31st 2024 to be included in the official program.

Photos must be submitted by email at nations.cup2024@gmail.com in the following format : JPEG file no greater than 300 dpi named "<Team Name> <Category>.jpg"

The form is available here : <https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The official event program will contain a **written description of the Choreographic Exercise and the Free Ballet, which must be provided by the team at the time of application by January 31,2024.** Les descriptions ne

The descriptions may not exceed 40 words in length. The written description should be submitted by e-mail at : nations.cup2024@gmail.com

Forms are available here : <https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>

MUSIC

All teams are required to provide their own music for all events, as appropriate.

Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via the dedicated form by the music deadline of March 31, 2024 at 11 :59 PM EST.

The form is available here : <https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>

Your music must meet the following criteria :

1. File Format: MP3
2. Bit Rate : 192 kbps or higher
3. Sample Rate : 44 100 kHz
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 an appropriate support as a backup in case of technical difficulties. The backup support must be turned in at the registration desk at the time of check-in. Supports must be clearly marked with the Team's name, event, and running time. 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.

SCENERY / PROPS / COSTUMES

All teams must be aware of International Guidelines for scenery, props and costumes. The International Guidelines can be found at : <https://www.csnballet.org/english/rules/>

SCENERY/PROP STORAGE : Storage space is available for purchase. The sets will be stored behind the ice rink, under barnums or in containers with 24-hour security.

The rental fee is 50 EUROS and must be purchased by the entry deadline of January 31, 2024 via the dedicated form available here : <https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>

LIABILITY AND REFUNDS

LIABILITY: In accordance with the FFSG bylaws, FFSG and BORDEAUX MERIADECK ice rink assume no responsibility for injury and damages incurred during the competition.

REFUNDS: According to FFSG regulations, THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS, for any reason after the competition entry deadline of January 31, 2024.

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

FFSG and BORDEAUX MERIADECK ice rink will not be responsible for any losses incurred by teams in cases of emergency or acts of God.

2024 CHOREOGRAPHIC EXERCISE - ELEMENTS

Theme : Street Art

Choreographic Process: Contrast

Gesture : Released

COMPETITION RULES

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CATEGORY	REQUIREMENTS	PROGRAM DURATION
ADULTS	All skaters, must have reached the age of 18 by July 1st of the competition year.	C.E. 2:30 +/- 10 seconds FREE BALLET: 4:30+/- 10 seconds
OPEN	All skaters, must have reached the age of 8 by July 1st of the competition year.	EC. 2:00 +/- 10 seconds FREE BALLET: 4:30+/- 10 seconds

Adult and Open teams may have a roster from 8 to 28 skaters.

The maximum number of skaters on the ice for CE and FS is 24 and the same number of skaters must compete in the CE and FS but 4 skaters who are on the roster may change between the 2 programs.

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CATEGORY	REQUIREMENTS	PROGRAM DURATION
SENIOR	All skaters, except a maximum of 4, must have reached the age of 15 by July 1 st of the competition year. Concerning the 4 skaters out of this criteria they need to have reached the age of 12 years by July 1 st of the competition year.	EC. 2:30 +/- 10 seconds FREE BALLET: 5:30+/- 10 seconds
JUNIOR	All skaters, except a maximum of 4, must have reached the age of 11 but not have reached the age of 19 by July 1 st of the competition year. Concerning the 4 skaters out of this criteria, they may be outside the age range by 3 years maximum: 8 years old minimum for the youngest, less than 22 years old for the oldest by July 1 st of the competition year.	EC. 2:30 +/- 10 seconds FREE BALLET: 5:00+/- 10 seconds
NOVICE	All skaters, except a maximum of 4, must have reached the age of 8 but not have reached the age of 15 by July 1 st of the competition year. Concerning the 4 skaters out of this criteria, they may be outside the age range by 3 years maximum: 5 years old minimum for the youngest, less than 18 years old for the oldest by July 1 st of the competition year.	EC. 2:30 +/- 10 seconds FREE BALLET: 4:30+/- 10 seconds

Novice, Junior and Senior teams may have a roster from 8 to 24 skaters.

The maximum number of skaters on the ice for CE and FS is 20 and the same number of skaters must compete in the CE and FS but 4 skaters who are on the roster may change between the 2 programs.

PRACTICES

All official practice ice will be assigned by event group.

All teams in an event will practice in the same block of time.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE :

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

Free Ballet: One official 12-minute practice session. Music will be played one time.

Official practice will be on the competition rink and is included in the entry fee. Scenery and props will be allowed on official practice ice.

Music submitted at nations.cup2024@gmail.com prior to the competition will be played from a computer for all practice sessions, but a backup support is required.

Official Practice ice will begin Thursday April 25, 2024 for Gold Cup teams and Friday April 26, 2024 for Nation's Cup teams at BORDEAUX MERIADECK ice rink.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE:

NO TEAM MAY PURCHASE PRACTICE ICE FROM ANY OTHER SUPPLIER. ONLY PRACTICE ICE SOLD BY FFSG WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY TEAMS FROM APRIL 23, 2024.

Unofficial practice sessions will be offered at BORDEAUX MERIADECK Ice Rink starting Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Teams are limited to 4 pre-paid unofficial sessions.

Additional unofficial sessions will be sold on site, if offered, on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment for additional unofficial practice sessions must be made before the session takes place.

300 EUROS per 25-minute session. Music will be allowed. A maximum of 4 pre-paid sessions will be available upon registration. Additional sessions will be sold on site, if available.

Music submitted at nations.cup2024@gmail.com prior to the competition will be played from a computer for all practice sessions, but a backup support is required.

No scenery will be allowed on unofficial practice ice. All unofficial practice sessions will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Unofficial practice sessions will be available for purchase via dedicated form to be sent by e-mail at nations.cup2024@gmail.com.

MEDICAL AND DOPING

4 first-aiders, 1 doctor and 1 physiotherapist will be present during competition times.

1 nurse and 1 doctor will be present during official practice sessions.

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

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 released 30 days prior to the start of the competition.**

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

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Unofficial practice sessions

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Unofficial practice sessions

International Seminar

Draw Ceremony for Gold Cup teams

Official's Dinner

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Team Leader Informational Meeting

Judges Meeting

Gold Cup – Official practice Adult and Open (CE)

Gold Cup - Competition Adult and Open (CE)

Draw Ceremony for Nation's Cup teams

Competitors' Welcome Party

Friday, April 26, 2024

Gold Cup - Official practice Adult and Open (Free Ballet)

Nations Cup - Official practice Novice (CE)

Gold Cup - Competition Adult and Open (Free Ballet)

Nations Cup - Competition Novice (CE)

Exhibition American Adaptative Team

Gold Cup – Victory Ceremony Adult and Open

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Nations Cup - Official practice Junior and Senior (CE)

Nations Cup - Official practice Novice (Free Ballet)

Nations Cup - Competition Junior and Senior (CE)

Nations Cup - Competition Novice (Free Ballet)

Nations Cup - Victory Ceremony Novice

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Nations Cup - Official practice Junior and Senior (Free Ballet)

Nations Cup - Competition Junior and Senior (Free Ballet)

Nations Cup - Victory Ceremony Junior and Senior

During the competition, there will be an official notice board located near the registration office containing all important information and updates. Check the board often for updates and changes. Remember that all schedules are provisional until a team enter on the ice to skate.

The information will also be posted on the website: <https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>

MEETINGS

International Seminar judges, coaches and choreographers :

Wednesday April 24, 2024 from 08:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Place : BORDEAUX MERIADECK Ice Rink

Registration for the International Seminar must be sent by e-mail at nations.cup2024@gmail.com before the entry deadline of January 31, 2024 via the dedicated form available here :

<https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>

Registration fees for this Seminar are 50 EUROS (included lunch)

Judges Meeting :

Thursday April 25, 2024 (Time to be determined by the Chief Referee)

Place : BORDEAUX MERIADECK Ice Rink

A round table meeting to debrief could be organized on Sunday April 28, 2024 after the competition, but remains to be organized.

DRAW CEREMONY & WELCOME PARTY

The draw is scheduled on **Wednesday April 24, 2024** for Gold Cup teams and on **Thursday April 25, 2024** for Nation's Cup teams.

A welcome party will be organized on **Thursday April 25, 2024** at BORDEAUX MERIADECK Ice Rink from 08:00PM to 10:30 PM.

A fee of 25 EUROS will be charged per participant (buffet and drinks included).

Registration for the Welcome Party must be sent by e-mail at nations.cup2024@gmail.com before the entry deadline of **January 31, 2024** via the dedicated form available here : <https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>

CREDENTIALS

The registration desk will open from **08 :00AM on Wednesday April 24, 2024** and will remain open throughout the competition hours. The registration table will be clearly marked and located just inside the entrance of BORDEAUX MERIADECK Ice Rink.

ONLY TEAM MANAGERS ARE TO REGISTER THE TEAM.

TEAMS MUST ARRIVE AT THE RINK AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE EVENT.

At registration, team credentials will be given to each Team Manager when music is turned, team rosters confirmed and that any payment due will be settled.

CREDENTIALS :

All skaters and alternates listed on roster will receive ALL ACCESS credentials

1 Team Manager per team will receive ALL ACCESS credential

2 Coaches or Choreographers per team will receive ALL ACCESS credentials

2 Crew members per team will receive complimentary « SCENERY AREA » credentials

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.

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.

Awards will be presented on the ice after the last event of the day concludes.

JUDGING INFORMATION

Judges panel designation :

Apart from the Referee, two judges (certified Ballet on Ice) will be chosen from each of the countries sending teams to compete in the 2024 Gold Cup & Nation's Cup Interclub Competition. In the case that the judges would not be available, the panel will be completed by French judges.

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

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

Le judge's panel will consist of 10 judges :

1 Referee

1 Assistant Referee

7 Judges

1 Ice judge

JUDGING SYSTEM: The Ballet One 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 middle of the long side of the rink, isolated from the public, at a sufficient height to allow correct observation of the different elements during the execution of the program.

The judges' stand will be on a platform in the middle of the stands, 6m above the ice.

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.

COVERAGE OF OFFICIAL'S EXPENSES

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

The organizer will provide and cover expenses of the foreign and domestic judges during 5 days and 6 nights (from Tuesday April 23, 2024 evening to Monday April 29, 2024 morning).

The federation is responsible for arranging their judges' flights and sending the flight information to the Organizing Committee at nations.cup2024@gmail.com. Officials will need to arrive on Tuesday April 23, 2024 as meetings will begin on Wednesday morning.

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.

EVENT TICKETS

Online ticketing for the event will be available from January 08, 2024 until the day of the competition at francepatinoire.com.

A ticket office will also be set up at the entrance to the ice rink throughout the competition.

Prices :

Thursday :	20 EUROS
Friday:	25 EUROS
Saturday :	30 EUROS
Sunday :	30 EUROS
Entire competition :	90 EUROS

A discount of 5 EUROS will be granted to members affiliated to FFSG.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

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

ACCESS:

By plane :

Bordeaux-Mérignac Airport
Avenue du Président Kennedy – 33700 Mérignac
Phone : 05 56 34 50 50
<https://www.bordeaux.aeroport.fr/>

By train :

Bordeaux-Saint-Jean station
Rue Charles Domercq – 33800 Bordeaux
<https://www.sncf-connect.com/gares/bordeaux-saint-jean>

By Tram :

The ice rink is served by the stop “Hôtel de Police” on line A.
<https://www.infotbm.com/fr/lignes/59>

By car :

The ice rink has no parking facilities. However, there are several pay parking lots nearby, including those at “8 mai 1945” and the Mériadeck shopping center.

ACCOMODATIONS

TEAMS : Each team is responsible for making its own hotel accommodations. A list of available hotels and booking information can be found at : <https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>

The Organizing Committee strongly recommends that teams book their hotel rooms in the hotels on this list.

Hotels which are not listed have not been evaluated by the Tourist Office. You can visit the Tourist Office website : <https://www.bordeaux-tourisme.com/>

OFFICIALS : The official hotel is **NOVOTEL BORDEAUX – 45 cours Maréchal Juin – 33000 BORDEAUX**

Federations should contact the Organizing Committee at nations.cup2024@gmail.com to arrange accommodations for their judges and officials.

MEALS

TEAMS : Meals will be provided by the club of Bordeaux for Wednesday lunch, Wednesday evening, Thursday lunch, Thursday evening, Friday lunch, Friday evening, Saturday lunch, Saturday evening, Sunday lunch and Sunday evening.

Each meal will cost 17 EUROS/person.

Orders must be sent by email at nations.cup2024@gmail.com via the dedicated form available here : <https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>

FORMS

Teams must e-mail the following forms to the Organizing Committee before the January 31, 2024 registration deadline.

Team registration Form

Seminar registration Form

Welcome party registration Form

Unofficial practice session purchase Form

Scenery storage Form

Meal order Form

CE description Form

Free Ballet description Form

Photo Form

Music Form

Forms can be downloaded here: <https://www.ffsg.org/Nations-Cup-et-Gold-Cup-de-Ballet-sur-Glace>