



# **U.S. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC**

 **US FIGURE SKATING**

## **ELITE 12 DEMONSTRATION**

*January 28 – 29, 2022  
Norwood, Massachusetts, USA*

# **ANNOUNCEMENT**



Elite 12 in Synchronized Skating 2021/22

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**An International Competition**

**for**

**Elite 12**

**organized by**



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**under the authorization of the**

**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION**



## 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **Elite 12** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2021, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Elite 12** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member, and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 4 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2030 or any update of this Communication.

All Teams must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation.

## 2. ELITE 12 IN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

After having tried out the new Elite 12 category in Synchronized Skating, and its success among Members. New Members and Members who have not been able to participate in International Competitions due to their lack of Skaters to form a Team of 16, come and are coming back to Synchronized Skating.

The Council decided that following the positive response from ISU Members to ISU Communication No. 2378, the Elite 12 concept of Synchronized Skating Teams of 12 Skaters shall be tested at two International Competitions during the 2021/22 season. These 2 competitions are the International Synchronized Skating Classic in Boston USA and the French Cup in Rouen France.

The Synchronized Skating Technical Committee wishes to move forward with this new category which gives the discipline a great opportunity to evolve.

This has the potential to make the discipline more exciting with an increased speed of movement and could also offer greater possibilities on technical elements.

The Elite 12 category will allow the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee to assess future opportunities for this new category of Synchronized Skating, such as expansion into other ISU and IOC programs.

## 3. TECHNICAL DATA

### PLACE

**Main arena: The Skating Club of Boston**

(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

**Practice arenas: The Skating Club of Boston**

(two indoor ice-rinks with the ice surface of 26 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

**Main and Practice Rinks are in the same complex / building.**

### ELITE 12

Free Skating

Duration: 4 minutes +/- 10 seconds

The Elite 12 Free Skating will follow the current technical requirements for the Senior category. ISU Communication 2236 Well Balanced Program and 2392 Difficulty Groups of Elements as well as the 2021 Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating with some exceptions (see below). Each participating Team may enter up to a maximum of four (4) alternates on official Entry Form.

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

**i)** Rule 800 paragraph 2g) will not apply.

Teams of an ISU Member may enter more than one (1) event using the same program, with no minimum change of the Skaters.

Teams will be permitted to compete in the two (2) categories (Senior and Elite 12) using the same program, Skaters, music and costumes.

**ii)** Injuries

Injury at the International Competitions

If an injury/illness should occur during practices or competition, at either during the International Competition or at any practice venue(s), the Team will be permitted to skate with not less than eleven (11) Skaters.



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If a Team has a Skater injured, an alternate can be used. If the Team does not use or does not have an alternate to complete a Team with twelve (12) Skaters, then the level of each Element will be lowered accordingly.

**iii) Technical Penalty for Competing with less than sixteen (16) Skaters**

For the Elite 12, when competing with twelve (12) Skaters, the penalty for lowering the level of each Element for competing with less than sixteen (16) Skaters will NOT be applied.

## **4. ENTRIES**

### **4.1 General**

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for the ISU Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2021/22.

### **4.2 Preliminary Entries**

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: **Wednesday, November 17, 2021** by emailing the OC at [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) with your federation name, and name of the team(s) that intend to participate at the competition.

### **4.3 Entries by Name**

#### **4.3.1 Entries of Teams**

Participation is open to all Teams of ISU Members.

Organizers have the right to refuse or limit the participation in competition. The attached entry form has to be filled in precisely and must be sent by e-mail to: [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org)

not later than: **Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

#### **4.3.2 Entries of Judges**

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one judge who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions".

In case of too many nominated judges the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the closing date for the entries. The result of such draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the attached entry form not later than: **Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The panel of Judges will consist of at least 7 Judges. In exceptional cases and if there is no possibility to compose a panel of judges with at least 7 Judges, the ISU Vice-President Figure Skating may exceptionally authorize the panel in question to have a minimum of 6 Judges.

In case that at the time of the competition more Judges will be available and entered as required to compose the panels of Judges, the Organizing Member in consultation with the ISU will conduct on site, a draw for the panel of judges for the first segment. The Judges, not drawn for the first segment will be seated for the second segment.

The panel for the second segment (Free Skating) will in this case be completed by an open draw amongst the Judges serving in the first segment.

#### **4.1.4 Entries of Team Members**

Please be advised that only one Coach per Team will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted. Only one Team Official of each Member, including the Member President provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation, will be



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accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted via the attached entry form and must reach the Organizing Committee not later than: **Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

#### **4.1.5 Entry Fee**

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

Unofficial practice Fees: Details to be shared after close of entries. Blocks of practice ice will be 10-minutes in length and offered from Tuesday – Saturday of the competition week.

Entry Fees, participation of one Team in the Elite 12 demonstration event ONLY:

\$350 USD

Entry Fees, participation of one Team in Elite 12 demonstration event AND the ISU Challenger Series (junior or senior)

\$875 USD

**The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.**

**To pay entry fees by credit card, please request an invoice and access to the payment form by emailing Megan Romeo, [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).**

**To pay entry fees by wire transfer:**

Beneficiary name: US Figure Skating

Beneficiary Address: 20 First St., Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Bank Institution: Wells Fargo

Bank Address 90 S Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Co 80903

ABA# 121000248

Swift Code (foreign wires) wfbius6s

Account # 5321126244

**The OC reserves the right to accept or deny late entries.**

## **5. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL**

This Elite 12 event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2021/22 as well as ISU Communication 2373 and principles of Rule 910, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Special Regulations Synchronized Skating 2021 for appointing the event officials.

Members of the ISU SyS Technical Committee will officiate in the Technical Panel and the Panel of Judges.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member.

The Referee will have at least the qualification "International".

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "International".



## **6. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES**

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Wednesday, January 26, 2022** until breakfast on **Sunday, January 30, 2022**.

Should any of the above-mentioned persons 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.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators at APEX airfare economy rates from their home to Norwood, Massachusetts and return.

In accordance with the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating 2021/22 as well as ISU Communication 2373, all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges officiating in the “Junior” and “Senior” competitions of a Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating event will, at the expense of the organizing ISU Member, receive pocket money of CHF 200.00 or the equivalent in the local currency.

## **7. PRACTICE**

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Friday, January 28, 2022**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

Unofficial practice ice will be available starting **Tuesday, 25 January 2022**. The process for purchasing practice ice will be communicated to all teams after the preliminary entry deadline of Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

## **8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT**

All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD in any other approved format, in accordance with Rule 823, paragraph 2. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program must be listed for each Team on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Teams.

In accordance with Rule 823, paragraph 2, all covers/discs must show the Competition event, Team'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 and free skating) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition, Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program.

If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

With the entry forms, the “Program Content Sheet” must be returned to the Organizing Committee in time. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet be filled in precisely by each Team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

## **9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS**

The nearest airport to **Norwood** is **Logan International Airport (BOS)** with a distance of **25 km** to the official hotel.

The OC will not be providing any ground transportation to or from the airport. All delegations are responsible for managing their own travel and associated costs.

Teams are advised to contact Tony at Academy Bus for their transportation needs. Academy Bus will provide organizations with preferred pricing as listed below.



### **Academy Bus**

[www.academybus.com](http://www.academybus.com)

Tony, [tdarcangelo@academybus.com](mailto:tdarcangelo@academybus.com)

- Airport transfers from Boston's Logan Airport to the approved hotel - \$600
- Service hours for 4 hours at \$650 and \$120 for each additional hour after 4 hours
- Any days that incorporate over 12 hours of consecutive use are \$120/hour

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions". It is the Federation's responsibility to cover the airfare of their judge. The Organizing Committee will provide ground transportation, housing, and meals. The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) with their arrival and departure information no later than: **Friday, December 17, 2021 – 20:00 h Eastern Time.**

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators), will have their travel booked by the Organizing Committee. Officials will be provided with a Travel Request Form via email. The organizing committee will cover the costs of airfare at APEX airfare economy rates, ground transportation, housing, and meals for these selected officials.

All Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 20:00 H EASTERN TIME** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. **The detailed travel information must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).**

## **10. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)**

### **HILTON BOSTON/DEDHAM**

25 Allied Dr. Dedham MA 02026

### **MARRIOTT BOSTON QUINCY**

1000 Marriott Dr. Quincy, MA 02169

Hotel capacities can only be booked via the Organizing Committee. Booking requests must be sent to the organizer by latest **December 17, 2021 via the ORS**. The organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are received after that date. Payment will need to be made in accordance with the hotel policy after hotel assignments have been released to the team.

## **11. ACCREDITATION**

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **The Skating Club of Boston starting on Wednesday January 26, 2022.**

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Assistant Team Leader per Team, one Coach per Team, one Assistant Coach per team, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), 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. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their ISU Member. **The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.**

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

The national passport for each skater of the Teams taking part to the Competition will be controlled during the registration.



## **12. RESULTS**

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Synchronized Skating 2021, Rule 842 and Rule 843 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

## **13. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS**

The three best placed Teams in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winners will be played and the flags of the medal winners presented on the video board.

## **14. INSURANCE / LIABILITY**

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation 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 of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The ISU and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

## **15. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES**

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event related meetings.

## **16. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS**

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

**U.S. Figure Skating**

20 1<sup>st</sup> Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80906 USA

Attn: Megan Romeo, Manager, Competitions

E-mail: [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org)

Website: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/event/2022-us-synchronized-skating-international-classic>





## 17. EVENT SCHEDULE

**Please note: This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.**

<b>Tuesday 25 January 2022</b>
Initial arrival for teams Unofficial Practice ice ALL (07:00 to 23:00)
<b>Wednesday 26 January 2022</b>
Initial arrival for teams Accreditation begins Unofficial Practice ice ALL (07:00 to 23:00)
<b>Thursday 27 January 2022</b>
Unofficial Practice ice ALL (07:00 to 23:00) Referees and Technical Panel Meeting Initial Judges Meeting Team Leader Meeting Official Draw (details to be announced) Dinner for ALL international/ISU officials
<b>Friday 28 January 2022</b>
Official Practice Ice (Junior and Senior Short Program) Junior Competition - Short Program Senior Competition - Short Program
<b>Saturday 29 January 2022</b>
Official Practice Ice (Junior, Senior, Elite 12 Free Skate) Elite 12 Competition – Free Skating All Awards Ceremonies Round Table Discussions
<b>Sunday 30 January 2022</b>
Departure of teams and officials

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**18. FORMS AND DEADLINES**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
N/A	Preliminary Entry	Email to OC	November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
N/A	Composition of Delegation	Form	December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
N/A	Entry Form for Teams	Form	December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	Form	December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
N/A	Team Travel Form	Form	December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Form X	Visa request form	Upon request from OC	Request ASAP
N/A	Press Information	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 21/22
N/A	Competition Music Information	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 21/22
N/A	Program Content Form	Available in ISU Portal	Valid for season 21/22