

**ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION**



**1st ICE CRYSTAL TROPHY**  
**for Synchronized Skating**

**International Interclub**  
**Synchronized Skating competition**

**Ghent, Belgium**

**Saturday 25 April 2020**



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## Ice Crystal Trophy 2020

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The Gentse Schaatsclub Kristallijn, local event organiser, under the authority from the Royal Belgian Figure Skating Federation (KBKF/FRBPA) and the Flemish Skating Union (VLSU), has the pleasure to inform you that they will organize the **1<sup>st</sup> Ice Crystal Trophy for Synchronized Skating** in **Ghent, Belgium**, on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020**, at the Ice Rink 'IJsbaan Kristallijn', Warmoezeniersweg 20 in Ghent, Belgium.

All members of the International Skating Union listed on ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018 are invited to enter teams at the Ice Crystal Trophy 2020.

Ice Crystal Trophy is also counting as national Belgian Championship Synchronized Skating. A ranking of the Belgian teams participating in each category will be made.

By organizing this competition, GSK wants to strengthen the interest in synchronized skating and promote this team sport.

### **The Ice Crystal Trophy will include the following categories:**

- Pre-juvenile (free program)
- Juvenile (free program)
- Basic Novice (free program)
- Junior B (free program)
- Mixed Age (free program)
- Adult (free program)
- Senior B (free program)

### **Event location**

The competition will be held at ice rink '**IJsbaan Kristallijn**' in Ghent, Belgium, home base of Gentse Schaatsclub Kristallijn.

**Address: Warmoezeniersweg 20**

**9000 Gent  
Belgium**

The competition rink is covered, closed and not heated.

## **General Rules & Invited members**

The Ice Crystal Trophy 2020 will be an International Interclub Skating Competition for Synchronized Skating, and will be organized in accordance with the ISU Constitution, the latest ISU General Regulations and the latest ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating as well as in accordance with all applicable ISU communications and especially the ISU Well Balanced Programs.

The participating teams must belong to an ISU member (Rule 130, paragraph 7), the ages must be within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 4.

All participating skaters must qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102 and participation and citizenship requirements according to Rule 109, for all categories.

Only those skaters whose names are listed on the registration form will be allowed to skate.

The free programs of the categories Pre-juvenile, Juvenile, Basic Novice and Mixed Age will be according to the National Synchronized Skating Regulations, see <http://www.skatebelgium.be> , Regulations.

The free program of the category Adult will be in accordance with the latest ISU adult rules ("Technical Requirements for ISU Adult Figure Skating Competitions 2019-2020 season" of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019).

## **Categories & Technical requirements**

*For all categories, the 80%/20% age rule applies to the total number of skaters participating in the competition. At least 80% of those performing the program in the event must meet the age category while 20% or less may be outside the age criteria of the category.*

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| <b>Total</b>   | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| <b>Age Cat</b> | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9  | 8  | 7 | 7 |
| <b>Free</b>    | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2 | 1 |

The following should be noted:

Teams/clubs may enter more than one category using different music and a different program, with a minimum 50% change in skaters.

## **The technical requirements for the categories are:**

### **Senior B Teams:**

Composition: shall consist of 10 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternate skaters.

Age: must have reached the age of 15 years by 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019.

Program: Free program: 4:00 min +/- 10 sec.

Requirements: in accordance with ISU Synchronized Rules and Regulations 2018 and the latest ISU Communication n° 2236 Synchronized Skating – Well Balanced Program Content effective for season 2019-2020.

Component factor: Free program 1.6

### **Junior B Teams:**

Composition: shall consist of 10 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternate skaters.

Age: must have reached the age of 13 years and have not reached the age of 19 years by 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019.

Program: Free program: 3:30 min +/- 10 sec.

Requirements: in accordance with ISU Synchronized Rules and Regulations 2018 and the latest ISU Communication n° 2236 Synchronized Skating – Well Balanced Program Content effective for season 2019-2020.

Component factor: Free program 1.6

### **Mixed Age Teams:**

Composition: shall consist of 8 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternate skaters.

Age: no age limits.

Program: Free program: 3:00 min +/- 10sec.

Requirements: in accordance with the latest ISU Communication n°2236 Synchronized Skating – Well Balanced Program Content effective for season 2019-2020 (or subsequent updates). Vaults, unsustained lifts and lifts are permitted.

Component factor: Free program 1.6

## **Adult Teams:**

Composition: shall consist of 8 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternate skaters.

Age: must have reached the age of 18 years with 50% of the team over the age of 25 years by 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019.

Program: Free program: 3:00 min +/- 10sec.

Requirements: in accordance with the latest ISU adult rules ("Technical Requirements for ISU Adult Figure Skating Competitions 2019-2020 season" of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019).

Component factor: Free program 1.6

## **Basic Novice Teams:**

Composition: shall consist of 8 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternate skaters.

Age: have not reached the age of 15 years by 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019.

Program: Free program: 3:00 min +/- 10sec.

Requirements: in accordance with the latest ISU Communication n°2238 Synchronized Skating – Well Balanced Program Content for season 2019-2020.(or subsequent update)

Component factor: Free program 1.6

## **Juvenile Teams:**

Composition: shall consist of 8 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternate skaters.

Age: have not reached the age of 13 years by 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019.

Program: Free program: 3:00 min +/- 10sec.

Requirements: in accordance with the latest ISU communication n°2238 Synchronized Skating – Well Balanced Program Content effective for season 2019-2020 (Basic Novice elements and Rules)(or subsequent updates).

Component factor: Free program 1.6

## **Pre-Juvenile Teams:**

Composition: shall consist of 8 to 16 skaters with a maximum of 4 alternate skaters.

Age: have not reached the age of 10 years by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019.

Program: Free program: 3:00 min +/- 10sec.

Requirements: in accordance with the latest ISU communication n°2238 Synchronized Skating – Well Balanced Program Content effective for season 2019-2020 (Basic Novice elements and Rules)(or subsequent updates).

Component factor: Free program 1.6

## **Entries and entry dates**

May we ask you please to be so kind to notify us your intention to participate at the competition using the Preliminary Entry form **(Form A)**.

This **Preliminary Entry form** (entries by number) must reach the organizing Committee **not later than 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2020**, so we can start with the planning for your attendance.

The **Final Entry Forms (Forms 1-8)** by name of the teams and Judge, must be submitted not later than **8<sup>th</sup> of March 2020**.

As we are limited to only one competition day for this 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Ice Crystal Trophy, entries will be accepted on a 'first come, first served' basis upon the receipt of your complete forms and payment in case a maximum teams are reached. So we recommend you submitting your entry forms at the earliest opportunity.

All Entry forms and other forms have to be sent to the Organizing Committee of the Ice Crystal Trophy **by e-mail**.

Please direct all your enquiries to:

Organizing Committee from Ice Crystal Trophy 2020 – Kathy Van den Hende

**E-mail: [info@icecrystal trophy.be](mailto:info@icecrystal trophy.be)**

Please note that all entry forms must be completed and e-mailed in MS Excel format. Handwritten copies will not be accepted.

Team entries must be made using the Official Forms only.

## **Entry fee**

The entry fee is **350 Euro** per team for the free program only.

All payments must be made by the closing date, 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, to the Organizing Committee by credit bank transfer to the bank account below (the bank draft expenses and commissions will be charged to the registering teams and not to the organizer of the competition).

No refunds will be given after the closing date of entries, 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.

**Account Holder : Gentse Schaatsclub Kristallijn vzw**

**IBAN : BE44 0018 4717 5545**

**BIC: GEBABEBB**

Please put as **bank reference : "Ice Crystal Trophy 2020/ name of the Team"** on all payments.

Ice Crystal Trophy reserves the right to limit the number of participating teams, as only one competition day is available.

## **Non official practice**

The ice rink can only propose to the participating teams some unofficial practice time on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 between 12h00-14h00 or 18h45-19h45.

Teams who would like to book practice time, can order in advance (45 Euro per 15 min. on ice) , but as time for non-official practice is limited by the ice rink, the Organizing Committee will see after final inscription how many teams would like to practice and might be forced to divide the time amongst those teams.

Payment of extra practice ice therefore only needs to be made after confirmation mail of the organization upon receipt of your inscription.  
**(Form 5).**

## **Team Photo**

In order to prepare the event program booklet, we are requesting you to send us a digital team photograph via e-mail at [info@icecrystal trophy.com](mailto:info@icecrystal trophy.com)

The Team Photo will be included in the event program and on our Facebook page.

## **Registration and accreditation**

Every participating Team, Officials, Referees, Judges, Technical Specialists and Accountants are invited to register upon arrival at the Ice Rink Kristallijn in Ghent.

The information desk for registration, accreditation and all other questions will be open during the following times:

Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> : 15h00 – 19h00

Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> : 07h00 – 22h00

Every team will receive 4 passes (1 team manager, 1 Coach and 2 chaperons).

All registered skaters have to enclose a copy of their passport when they sign in, passport copies have to be collected for the referee of the competition. It is ok the team manager brings a booklet or map with the copies of the passports. Afterwards, those documents will be returned to the team managers.

## **Judges, Referee and Technical Panel**

The Ice Crystal Trophy will be judged under the IJS system.

Travel and accommodation will be covered for the Referee, the Judges and Technical Panel invited by the Organizing Committee. Ordered flight tickets should be based on economy fare. Accommodation will be reserved.

Each participating country, sending at least one Team participating in the competition, may nominate 2 judges on synchronized skating. The travel and accommodation costs for extra international judges sent by the national federations will be at the expense of the national federation of the country from which they are nominated.

## **Judges Meeting**

The Judges meeting will take place at IJSbaan Kristallijn, on Saturday morning 25th April early in the morning before the official practice.

Schedule and exact time will be announced later.



## **Starting Order**

For each category, the starting order will be determined by draw.

The draw will be done by computer one (1) week previous to the competition and will be available on our Facebook page and will be sent by e-mail to the participating teams.

## **Music**

All teams shall provide their competition music of excellent quality in advance on a MP3-file via we-transfer by e-mail, not later than 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019, to [info@icecrystal trophy.be](mailto:info@icecrystal trophy.be), and will bring their competition music on a USB-key or CD to the competition as a backup.

Please complete **Form 3** for your competition music information and send it back with all other forms not later than 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.

The USB-key should be in an envelope, marked with the name of the team, the category, as well as the exact running time of the music. The CD must be properly inserted in its original case, must clearly show the name of the team, the category, as well as the exact running time of the music (not skating time).

## **Program Content**

Please complete **Form 4** with the elements of the free program, using the ISU abbreviations, and send it back with all other forms not later than 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.

## **Official practice**

Each team will be allocated a time of official practice described below:

Senior B and Junior B: 12 minutes

Adult, Mixed Age, Basic Novice, Juvenile and Pre-juvenile: 10 minutes

## **Opening Ceremony on Ice**

The opening ceremony will take place on Kristallijn Ice Rink 30 minutes before the beginning of the competition. Max. 2 skaters from each team are invited to take part in the ceremony, and must be available, ready and warmed up at the side of the ice rink 15 minutes before the opening ceremony is due to start.

## **Medals and Trophies**

Ice Crystal Trophy will provide medals to all skaters participating.

A trophy will be awarded by the Organization Committee to all teams in first, second and third places for the international competition Ice Crystal Trophy 2020.

For the Belgian Championship rankings, KBKF/FRBPA will provide all skaters of the Belgian teams in first, second and third position of each category with medals.

## **Closing ceremony**

The closing ceremony will take place at the ice rink, following the presentation of medals and trophies. All skaters from each team are invited to take part in the ceremony. More details will be later sent out to the participating teams.

## **Organization**

The organization of the competition is the responsibility of Gentse Schaatsclub Kristallijn. It reserves the right to take any measures necessary to ensure that the competition runs smoothly. All decisions concerning such measures will be taken with the agreement of the Referee.

## **Liability**

According to the ISU rule 119, and KBKF/FRBPA regulations, the Federation and the Organizing Committee will not take any responsibility or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or for property loss or damage incurred by Competitors and Officials in connection with the Ice Crystal Trophy 2020 International Synchronized Skating Competition.

However, a medical first aid service will be on duty at the ice rink during all the times of the competition and the official practices, providing emergency medical services for all participants, free of charge.

## **Anti-Doping Controls**

Anti-doping control testing may be carried out during the competition in accordance with the NADO Vlaanderen regulations.

It is not permitted to use alcohol during the competition by any of the skaters.

## **Spectator tickets for the event**

Spectators are very welcome at the Ice Crystal Trophy and seated spectator tickets can be purchased at the event site.

Adult (from 12 years): 10 Euro

Child (6-11 years): 8 Euro

Children under 6 years, enter for free.

The tickets give access to the grandstands placed on the outside ice rink and to the well-facilitated bar of the ice rink.

## **Hotel accomodation**

There are many hotels in Ghent of different categories.

Ice Crystal Trophy has arranged a special agreement with official hotel:

### **Hotel Holiday Inn Gent Expo**

Maaltekouter 3

9051 Gent (Sint-Denijs-Westrem)



They are offering a double/twin room for 2 persons at a special rate of 102 Euro, large breakfast buffet, service and VAT included, and free car or coach park guaranteed. (which is 51 Euro per person in case of double room occupation). City tax of 3 Euro pp need to be added.

Reservations at that special price are guaranteed till the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.  
After that date it will be the normal day price according to availability.

Reservations must be sent to Mrs Arlette Waterschoot at [res.manager@higentexpo.com](mailto:res.manager@higentexpo.com) with mentioning **reference:** Ice Crystal Trophy for Synchronized Skating.

This hotel is located close to the E40 and the R4 (inner ring road of Ghent), which makes it easy to access the Ice Rink by car in about 10 min. (10 km).

### **Accommodation & Meals**

The organization will not take in charge accommodation and meals for the teams.

However, the Organizing Committee can propose for a warm meal on Saturday noon in the bar of the Ice rink. Those meals at a price of 12 Euro per person must be ordered and pre-paid in advance, by the latest by the closing date of inscription, which is 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.

Please send us back **Form 6** for meal reservation.

### **Car park & coach park at the Ice rink Kristallijn**

There is the possibility to park free on the car park (400 places) of the Ice Rink for cars and coaches.

### **How to reach Ice Crystal Trophy - Transport**

By plane to:

- **Brussels National Airport (Zaventem) – BRU** 45 min by car

*(if you should provide to book flights with airline company Brussels Airlines, we can provide you with promotional reduction codes of 15 % on the ticket price (light&relax, 23kg luggage included) – this is not on the taxes included in the ticket price, but just on the real ticket price).*

*Please ask for promotional codes by sending an e-mail to Kathy at [info@icecrystal trophy.be](mailto:info@icecrystal trophy.be)*

- **Brussels South Airport (Charleroi) – CRL** 1h15 min by car

By public transport from airports:

- From Brussels National Airport (Zaventem) - BRU
  - Direct train from Brussel Nationaal (airport-lowest floor) to train station Gent-Sint-Pieters
  - The train station is at 3 km distance of the Ice rink.
- From Charleroi Brussels South Airport - CRL
  - FLIBCO bus to Gent-Sint-Pieters / Brugge (Info : [Flibco.com](http://Flibco.com) for schedule and prices)

By Private Coach Transport & by car

Highway E17 - exit 'UZ Gent' for Ice Rink and hotels at Akkerhage.

Highway E40 – exit 'Gent Expo' – for Hotel Holiday Inn Gent Expo

Parking for coaches and cars is free at Hotel Holiday Inn Expo  
(closed park).

Transport to the ice rink has to be organized by the participating teams.

**If you have any questions concerning travelling matters or accommodation, please don't hesitate to contact us. We might be able to help you and the team.**

Contact us at [info@icecrystal trophy.be](mailto:info@icecrystal trophy.be) .

**Find us on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Icecrystal trophy>

**Gentse Schaatsclub Kristallijn, together with its four synchronized skating teams and coach Mireille Mostaert, are really looking forward to welcome you in Ghent, Belgium, at the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Ice Crystal Trophy for Synchronized Skating.**



## **Summary Forms**

| <b>Form</b> | <b>Subject</b>                             | <b>Please return before</b>   |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>A</b>    | Preliminary Form                           | 9th of February 2020          |
| <b>1</b>    | Team Entry Form 1                          | 8 <sup>th</sup> of March 2020 |
| <b>2</b>    | Team Entry Form 2                          | 8 <sup>th</sup> of March 2020 |
| <b>3</b>    | Competition Music information              | 8 <sup>th</sup> of March 2020 |
| <b>4</b>    | Program Content (elements)                 | 8 <sup>th</sup> of March 2020 |
| <b>5</b>    | Extra practice reservation                 | 8 <sup>th</sup> of March 2020 |
| <b>6</b>    | Meal reservation                           | 8 <sup>th</sup> of March 2020 |
| <b>7</b>    | Judge(s) Entry form by national federation | 8 <sup>th</sup> of March 2020 |
| <b>8</b>    | Travel information                         | 8 <sup>th</sup> of March 2020 |