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for Synchronized Skating

International Interclub

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The Gentse Schaatsclub Kristallijn, local event organizer, under the authority of 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 **5th Ice Crystal Trophy for Synchronized Skating** in **Ghent, Belgium**, on **Saturday 25th April 2026**, 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 2024 are invited to enter teams at the Ice Crystal Trophy 2026.

Ice Crystal Trophy also serves as national Belgian Championship/Criterium 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:

- 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. It is an artificial ice surface of 30 m x 60 m.

General Rules & Invited members

The Ice Crystal Trophy 2026 will be an International Interclub Skating Competition for Synchronized Skating, and will be organized in accordance with the ISU Constitution, the ISU General Regulations 2024 and the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating 2024 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), and 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.

ISU criteria

For Basic Novice, Mixed Age, Junior B and Senior B categories, requirements refer to ISU communication n°2692 (Well balanced Program Content effective for the 2025/2026 season) and subsequent pertinent updates.

For the Adult category, the Well Balanced Program Content and other rules will be in accordance with the latest ISU adult rules "Technical Requirements for Synchronized Skating for ISU Adult Figure Skating Competitions season 2025-2026" and subsequent pertinent updates.

Non-ISU Categories & Technical requirements

For all non-ISU 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, with a maximum of two years.

Total	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Age Cat	16	15	14	13	13	12	11	10	10	9	8	7	7
Free	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 of 50% change in skaters.

The technical requirements for the categories are:

Basic Novice Teams:

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

Age: must have reached the age of 10 years and have not reached the age of 16 years by 1st of July 2025.

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

Requirements: in accordance with ISU Synchronized Rules and Regulations 2024 and the latest ISU Communications Synchronized Skating and subsequent pertinent updates – Well Balanced Program Content according to Communication 2692 Basic Novice Free Skating.

Component factor: Free program 2.67

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: 3:30 min +/- 10sec.

Requirements: in accordance ISU Synchronized Rules and Regulations 2024 and the latest ISU Communications Synchronized

Skating and subsequent pertinent updates. Well Balanced Program Content according to ISU Communication n° 2692 Mixed Age Free Skating.

Component factor: Free program 2.67

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 1st of July 2025.

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

Requirements: in accordance with ISU Synchronized Rules and Regulations 2024 and the latest ISU Communications Synchronized Skating and subsequent pertinent updates. Well Balanced Program Content according to Communication 2692 Junior Free Skating.

Component factor: Free program 2.67

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 17 years by 1st of July 2025.

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

Requirements: in accordance with ISU Synchronized Rules and Regulations 2024 and the latest ISU communications Synchronized Skating and subsequent pertinent updates. Well Balanced Program Content according to Communication 2692 Senior Free Skating.

Component factor: Free program 2.67

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 1st of July 2025.

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

Requirements: in accordance with ISU Synchronized Rules and Regulations 2024 and the latest ISU Communications Synchronized Skating and subsequent pertinent updates.
Well Balanced Program Content and other rules will be according to the ISU Technical Requirements for International Adult Figure Skating Competitions 2025-2026 season for adult teams.

Component factor: Free program 1.67

Entries and entry dates

May we please ask you 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 Tuesday 27th of January 2026**, so we can start with the planning for your attendance.

The **Final Entry Forms (Forms 1-8)**, must be submitted not later than **Tuesday 24th of February 2026**.

Due to the fact that there is only one competition day for this 5th edition of the Ice Crystal Trophy, **entries will be accepted on a 'first come, first served' base**. This means your registration is complete once we have received all your registration forms and the payment.

We therefore strongly encourage you to submit your final entry forms and payment as soon as possible – or even together with the Preliminary Entry Form if you are already certain of your participation – rather than waiting until the final deadline.

The organizing committee reserves the right to limit the number of teams per country or refuse entry if the maximum number of teams we can accommodate has entered the competition.

All entry forms and other forms have to be completed via the links to the Google Forms. **You can find an overview table at the end of this announcement.**

Please direct all your enquiries to: icecrystal trophy@gmail.com

Note for teams participating in earlier editions: we would like to draw your attention on the fact that our email address has changed.

Organizing Committee from Ice Crystal Trophy 2026 – Gentse Schaatsclub Kristallijn

Please note that all entry forms must be completed via the provided links. **Handwritten copies will not be accepted.** Team entries must be made using the Official Forms only.

Entry fee

The entry fee is **450 Euro** per team for the free program only ([Form 1](#) and [Form 2](#)).

All payments must be completed **no later than 24th of February 2026** and made to the Organizing Committee via **Twizzit payment**. Please note that **any bank charges or transfer fees** are the responsibility of the participating teams and not the competition organizer. Payment can be made by clicking following link or scanning the QR-code:

<https://app.twizzit.com/go/ict2026>



No refunds will be given after the closing date of entries, 24th of February 2026.

In case of cancellation of the event due to pandemic measures or force majeure, refunds of entry fees will of course be guaranteed also after this date.

Ice Crystal Trophy reserves the right to limit the number of participating teams or to refuse participation if the number of teams that can take part in the competition is reached, because only one competition day is available.

As mentioned earlier, we strongly recommend submitting your final forms and completing the payment as soon as you are certain of your participation. In the past three editions we unfortunately had to turn down some teams after reaching the maximum number of entries.

Non official practice

The ice rink can for the moment only propose to the participating teams some unofficial practice time on Friday, April 24th 2026 between 09h00-12h30.

Teams who would like to book practice time, can order in advance (55 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 interested teams and time slots can be discussed.

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 digital event booklet, we are requesting you to send us as soon as possible a digital team photograph via following [Form 9](#) (at the latest by 24th February 2026 please).

The Team Photo will be included in the event program and used 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 24th : 09h00 – 13h00

Saturday April 25th : 07h00 – 22h00

Every team will receive 4 passes for 1 team manager, 1 Coach and 2 chaperons, and passes for the registered skaters.

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.

Any skater who is not a national of the country for which they are participating, must have a release certificate. The list of team members can be adjusted upon creditation.

Judges, Referee and Technical Pannel

The Ice Crystal Trophy will be judged under the International Judge System.

Travel and accommodation will be covered for the Referee, the Judges and Technical Panel invited by the Organizing Committee. Ordered flight or train 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 ([Form 7](#)). The travel and accommodation costs for those 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 2026 early in the morning.

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 at least three (3) weeks previous to the competition. It will be available on Sportity and will be sent by e-mail to the participating teams.

Music

All teams shall provide their competition music of excellent quality in advance by uploading it ([Form 3bis](#)) via instructions as described in [Form 3](#), not later than 24th February 2026 and will bring their competition music on a USB-key to the competition as a backup.

The coaches should always keep a USB-key with an MP3 format of the music with them. In the unlikely event of technical issues with the music, they can provide the USB-key immediately to the music booth, on the outer ice rink.

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 24th of February 2026.

Official practice

The official practice will start in the morning.

Each team will be allocated a time of official practice, depending on the number of entries.

Times for official practice will be communicated by the latest by 17th March to the inscribed teams.

After draw, a detailed timetable with official practice and competition times will be sent to the teams.

Opening ceremony on ice

The opening ceremony will take place on Kristallijn ice rink 30 minutes before the beginning of the competition.

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 2026.

For the Belgian Championship/Criterium 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 sent out later 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 and safely. 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 2026 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 valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules, NADO Vlaanderen regulations and WADA 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): 15 Euro

Child (6-11 years): 10 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 accommodation

There are many hotels in Ghent with different star ratings. You have freedom of choice by selecting your own accommodation. However we made an arrangement with:

Courtyard by Marriott Ghent

Akkerhage 2B, 9000 Gent

www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/brugy-courtyard-ghent/overview/

Courtyard by Marriott Ghent is located at walking distance (approximately 20 min. via Proeftuinstraat) of the ice rink. The Organizing Committee will not provide transport between the hotel and the ice rink.

Reservations can be made by contacting Phaedra from Reservations Courtyard Ghent reservations@courtyardghent.com with reference to Ice Crystal Trophy 2026. Room rates start at €139 for single use and €149 for double use per night.

Meals

The organization will not take in charge meals for the participating teams. However, the cafeteria of the ice skating rink can propose for meals:

- Saturday noon in the bar of the ice rink: warm meal (pasta Bolognese or vegetarian), with included a soft drink and a dessert. Those meals at a price of 16,50 Euro per person must be ordered per team and pre-paid in advance, **after having received the invoice of the ice rink**. Please be aware that it will not be possible to order extra meals at competition day.

After meal reservation, you will receive an invoice of the ice rink Kristallijn for those meals. We will transfer to the ice rink the number of lunches you indicated on the form together with your invoice details, and they will invoice you.

Please send us back [Form 6](#) for Lunch reservation by closing date 24th February.

- Saturday evening at Summerbar Gazon (located in the garden of the ice rink): soup+sandwich, burgers, pizzas **only on reservation**. The link for reservation will be provided to you later. You can make reservations and payments directly via the link that will be provided. We would like to remind you that it will not be possible to order big amounts of evening snacks on competition day. This to avoid food waste. **Please order the evening snacks per team and collect the food together as a team.**

Car park & coach park at the ice rink Kristallijn

There is the possibility to park free on the car park (400 car places) of the ice rink for cars and coaches. [Form 8](#) gives us information about your transport and accommodation.

How to reach Ice Crystal Trophy - Transport

By plane to:

- **Brussels National Airport (Zaventem) – BRU** 45 min by car
- **Brussels South Airport (Charleroi) – CRL** 1h15 min by car

By public transport from airports:

- From Brussels National Airport (Zaventem) - BRU
 - Direct train from Brussel National airport (lowest floor) to train station Gent-Sint-Pieters
The train station Gent-St-Pieters 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 for schedule and prices)

By Private Coach Transport & by car

Highway E17 - exit 'UZ Gent' for ice rink and hotels at Akkerhage.

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

Socials and digital infoboard

- Find us on Facebook and Instagram:

<https://www.facebook.com/Icecrystal trophy>

<https://www.instagram.com/icecrystal trophy>

- Sportity: The Sportity app will be used during the competition for announcing all information regarding the competition. The Sportity app can be downloaded from the Google and Apple Playstores.



Gentse Schaatsclub Kristallijn, together with its five synchronized skating teams and head coach Mireille Mostaert are really looking forward to welcome you in Ghent, Belgium, at the 5th edition of the Ice Crystal Trophy for Synchronized Skating.



Flemish Skating Union



Royal Belgian Figure Skating Federation

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Summary Forms

Form	Subject	Please return before
A	Preliminary Form https://forms.gle/1E3nfMzSXkQ4KPxm6	27 th of January 2026
1	Team Entry Form 1 https://forms.gle/fkprkYTUhuFPCDWs6	24 th of February 2026
2	Team Entry Form 2 https://forms.gle/xJbYXdnMc3BPJF7UA	24 th of February 2026
3	Competition Music information https://forms.gle/XUraK4aNYxu6363u6	24 th of February 2026
3bis	Music Upload https://forms.gle/VTD87MexZYi3bsh37	24 th of February 2026
4	Program Content (elements) https://forms.gle/PrhehFWWzJhtskQy5	24 th of February 2026
5	Extra practice reservation https://forms.gle/28hJqtCa8Hg4NA7V7	24 th of February 2026
6	Meal reservation https://forms.gle/mV3XjSYbVw1Brzi58	24 th of February 2026
7	Judge(s) Entry form by national federation https://forms.gle/8k11wKHqi9RaYKXv9	24 th of February 2026
8	Travel information https://forms.gle/uya59SWqyuaKfuZ86	24 th of February 2026
9	Team Photo https://forms.gle/xsjZARxGkSyBo8UA9	24 th of February 2026