



Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2016/17



Nebelhorn Trophy 2016

Oberstdorf, Germany

22.-24.09.2016

ANNOUNCEMENT

Nebelhorn Trophy 2016

An International Senior Competition

for

Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dance

organized by

Deutsche Eislauf-Union

Oberstdorf, Germany

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A competition as part of the



Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2016/17

under the authorization of the

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The **48. Nebelhorn Trophy** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2016, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Nebelhorn Trophy** 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 3 a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 1420 or any update of this Communication all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All competitors must be entered through their respective Member Federation.

The prizes consist of the “Nebelhorn-Trophy” and the “Fritz-Geiger-Memorial-Trophy”. The winners of the Pairs and Ice Dance category as well as the winners of the Single events will receive replicas of the “Nebelhorn-Trophy”, the original cup remains in the organizer’s possession.

The best placed ISU Member, receiving the highest amount of points according to the placements of the “Nebelhorn-Trophy 2016” will receive the “FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL-TROPHY 2016”.

2. ISU CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING

The **Nebelhorn Trophy** is part of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2016/2017 and will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as specified in the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2016/17 as well as ISU Communication 1994.

If the requirements specified in the above-mentioned documents are fulfilled the event will count towards ISU World Standing Points, Minimum Total Technical Score, ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking and Prize Money.

There is a limitation for the Skaters/Couples to three (3) participations in the events of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating. Participation in any of an ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events or a ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events does not limit the participation in events of the ISU Challenger Series.

ISU CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING RANKING AND PRIZE MONEY

At the end of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating, after the last event of the season has been concluded, the two highest final scores in the up to three different ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating events of each competitor/couple will be added and taken into consideration to form an ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking which will be published on the ISU website.

The top three placed Skaters/Couples of the annual ISU Challenger Series Ranking in Figure Skating after the last event of the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating will receive ISU Prize Money as outlined in the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2016/17 as well as ISU Communication 1994.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE	Main and practice arena: Eislaufzentrum / BLZ Oberstdorf a skating complex with two indoor ice-rinks, air conditioned and heated with the ice surface of 60m x 30m each; the rinks are next to each other in the same building.
MEN	<p>Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.</p> <p>Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/-10 sec.</p> <p>Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.</p> <p>Duration: 4 min. and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.</p>
LADIES	<p>Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.</p> <p>Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/-10 sec.</p> <p>Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.</p> <p>Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.</p>
PAIR SKATING	<p>Short Program The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2016/17.</p> <p>Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/-10 sec.</p> <p>Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2016, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.</p> <p>Duration: 4 min. and 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.</p>
ICE DANCE	<p>Short Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 709.</p> <p>Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 1998, 2003 and subsequent updates.</p> <p>Duration: 2 min. 50 sec. +/-10 sec.</p> <p>Free Dance In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2016, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1998, 2003 and subsequent updates.</p> <p>Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.</p>

4. ENTRIES

4.1 General

All Entries must be made by the Member concerned based on the regulations for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2016/17.

Receipt of the entries will be confirmed in writing immediately by the Organizing Committee to the Member (Rule 115, paragraph 5).

Each Entry Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4). For more details, please refer to Rules 115, 131, 378 and ISU Communication No. 1628 or any update of this Communication.

4.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entry form must reach the Organizer by latest: **08.07.2016** using the respective preliminary entry form. Please start organising accomodation at the same point due to the limited number of hotels in walking distance in Oberstdorf in the high season of the area.

4.3 Entries by Name

4.3.1 Entries of Competitors

Each ISU Member has the right to nominate one competitor for each single event in the NEBELHORN-TROPHY 2016. **Each ISU Member may enter two Pairs and two Dance Couples if there are sufficient places for participation.**

Member Federations, placed 1 to 10 at the NEBELHORN-TROPHY 2015 in the category concerned, may enter two participants if there are sufficient places for participation.

These limitations do not conflict with the entries of the organizer itself.

Entries by names must be made simultaneously to:

Deutsche Eislauf-Union
Menzinger Str. 68
80992 München / Germany
fax: +49 89 89 12 03 20
e-mail: event@eislauf-union.de

and to:

ISU Secretariat
fax: +41 21 612 66 77
e-mail: entries@isu.ch

not later than: **Monday, August 22, 2016 – 20:00 h (local time Oberstdorf).**

4.3.2 Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one (1) judge who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions".

If an ISU Member has entries in three or more disciplines, this Member has the right to enter a second judge, who has to have the qualification "ISU Judge for Ice Dance" **AND** if possible also "ISU Judge for Single and Pair Skating".

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 a draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The official entry form for Judges must reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than **Monday, August 22, 2016 – 20:00 h (local time Oberstdorf)**.

Each 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 in one or more disciplines, the Organizing Member in consultation with the ISU will conduct on site a draw for the panel of judges in the discipline in question 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 / Free Dance) will in this case be completed by an open draw among the Judges serving in the first segment of the discipline in question.

4.1.4 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Team Officials 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 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. An accompanying person to a Judge will only be accepted for accreditation if this person is a partner in life or a relative of the Judge. 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 listed on the Entry Form "Composition of Delegation" and must reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat (addresses mentioned above), not later than **Monday, August 22, 2016– 20:00 h (local time Oberstdorf)**.

4.1.5 Entry Fee

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

65.00 € per single skater
90.00 € per pair or ice dance couple

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

Entry fees are required at time of final entries (not later than August 22nd, 2016).

Bank: HypoVereinsbank
Bank Address: Filiale 34543 M-Stachus
Karlsplatz 7
80335 München; Germany

Account owner.: Deutsche Eislauf-Union
BIC: HYVEDEMMXXX
IBAN: DE58700202700015383006

5. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

This ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2016/17 as well as ISU Communication 1994 and principles of Rule 420, paragraph **5.b)** of the ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2016 for appointing the event officials.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member. At least two (2) Technical Panel members will have the qualification "ISU", however one of the three members may have the qualification "International".

The Referee will have at least the qualification "International" and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

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 **and acting**, beginning with dinner on **Tuesday, September 20, 2016** until breakfast on **Sunday, September 25, 2016**.

Please note that rooms for entered and confirmed judges are booked by the Organizing Committee!

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 Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators.

In accordance with the General Announcement for the ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2016/17 as well as ISU Communication 1994, all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialist, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges officiating 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 **Wednesday, September 25, 2016**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1 all Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality in digital audio file. The OC of the Nebelhorn Trophy requests that the music files will be submitted on preferable on CD or any other transportable independent free accessible medium onside at the time of registration. The Organizing Committee will keep the medium with the music files until the end of the competition, therefore it is not acceptable to us any kind of smart phone, tablet or similar medium to provide the music.

A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single and Pairs, for the Short and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Selection Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors. In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, the medium on which the music files are submitted must show the exact category / event name, the Competitor's name, the Nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal. Each program (short program, free

skating, short dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate file. In addition competitors/couples must provide a CD as back-up medium 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 Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to Oberstdorf is MÜNCHEN (Munich) (2 1/2 to 3 hours by train). There is a direct train from Munich Main Station to Oberstdorf every two hours.

If the regular train will not be used for the trip, a special bus-service will also be provided between the airport in Munich and the village of Oberstdorf at certain times. Costs for this service will be 50,00 EUR per person one way.

Only in very exceptional cases transport for single persons will be provided at the cost of the person concerned.

Please note:

There will be no shuttle or pick-up service from any other airport than Munich.

If you book your flights, please make sure that

no arrival time in Munich should be planned later than 18.00h

no departure from Munich Airport should be planned before 10.30h

There is nearly no chance to reach Oberstdorf by public transport for those who will arrive outside this time-range, and there is no chance to catch flights earlier than indicated above. An overnight stay in Munich would be necessary, but due to the famous "Oktoberfest" in Munich, available hotel capacities are very limited.

Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators) Judges, 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 **Monday, August 22, 2016** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The official "travel form" should be used.

10. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

There is no official hotel! Booking requests have to be sent to:

Tourismus Oberstdorf - Reservierungszentrale -
Prinzregenten-Platz 1
87561 Oberstdorf / Germany
Fax: +49 8322 700 236
E-mail: reservierung@oberstdorf.de
Fon: +49 8322 700 247

by latest **Friday, July 29, 2016**. The organizer cannot guarantee the availability of rooms, for bookings which are received after that date. All payments have to be done according to the information given by Tourismus Oberstdorf.

11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Ice Rink (welcome desk)** upon arrival.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, 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. Chaperons will not receive accreditation.

12. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2016, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

13. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

The FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL-TROPHY will be awarded to the best-placed Team with the highest number of points in the Nebelhorn-Trophy 2016. The calculation procedure will be as follows:

a) Only the best placed **Man**, the best placed **Lady**, the best placed **Pair** and the best placed **Ice Dance Couple** of each ISU Member will count for the FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL-TROPHY 2016.

b) The scale of points is as follows:

1 st place	=	as many ISU Members compete in the discipline
2 nd place	=	as many ISU Members compete minus 1 point
3 rd place	=	as many ISU Members compete minus 2 points

and so on

last place	=	1 point
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Maximum number of points available in each category depends on the number of ISU Members entered in this category.

Example:

If 8 ISU Members entered in one category (e.g. Ladies) the member with the first placed skater/couple will receive 8 points, the member with the second placed skater/couple 7 points, the member with the third placed skater/couple 6 points, ... the member with the eighth placed skater/couple will receive 1 point.

c) All points reached by an ISU Member will be added to a total.

d) If two or more ISU Members have obtained the same amount of points, the one ISU Member who received the higher number of first places will be awarded the first place. If two or more ISU Members have obtained the same amount of points and the same amount of first places, the higher number of second places will count for the better placement. In this case a first place will count as a second place. If there is also a tie, the higher number of third places will decide upon the better placement, and so on. If there is still a tie the better placement in the Ladies event of the Nebelhorn-Trophy 2016 will count for the better placement.

The winning Team will receive a replica of the "FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL-TROPHY" while the original will remain with the organizer.

The three best placed teams in the Fritz-Geiger-Memorial-Trophy will be honoured at the beginning of the Exhibition (podium, flags, anthem). The teams are requested to be present for the ceremony (team track suits).

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 assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

15. EXHIBITION

The best three placed skaters/couples in the final ranking of each category will be asked to take part in an exhibition on Saturday night. Additional skaters/couples may be asked to participate.

16. 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. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule.

17. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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Menzinger Str. 68
D-80992 München

Fax: +49 89 89 12 03 20
Email: event@eislauf-union.de

18. EVENT SCHEDULE

A preliminary schedule could be set-up as follows:

Wednesday, September 21st, 2016

Official Practice (starting at noon)

16:00 h	Team Leaders' Meeting
17:30 h	Judges Draw + Initial Judges Meeting for all Judges and Judges Examination

Thursday, September 22nd, 2016

14:00 h	Ice Dance	Short Dance
	Pairs	Short Program
19:30 h	Men	Short Program

Friday, September 23rd, 2016

11:30 h	Ladies	Short Program
	Ice Dance	Free Dance
19:00 h	Men	Free Skating
	Victory Ceremony Men and Ice Dance	

Saturday, September 24th, 2016

07:15 h Round Table Discussion Ice Dance
08:30 h Round Table Discussion Men

11:00 h	Ladies	Free Skating
	Pairs	Free Skating
	Victory Ceremony Ladies and Pairs	

18:00 h Round Table Discussion Ladies
20:30 h Round Table Discussion Pairs

20:30 h Victory Ceremony Fritz-Geiger-Memorial-Trophy Exhibition

Sunday, September 25th, 2016

Departure

Please note:

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

19. FORMS AND DEADLINES

	Form	Deadline
Form	Preliminary Entry Form	July 8th, 2016
Form	Composition of Delegation	August 22 nd ,2016
Form	Entry Form for Competitors	August 22 nd ,2016
Form	Entry Form for Judges	August 22 nd ,2016
Form	Visa request form	August 22 nd ,2016
Form	Hotel reservation request	July 8th, 2016
Form	Team Travel Form	August 22 nd ,2016
Form	Hotel Sheet	July 29th, 2016
Form	Press Information	August 22 nd ,2016
Form	Competition Music Information	August 22 nd ,2016
Form	Ice Dance Music Information	August 22 nd ,2016
Form	Program Content Form	August 22 nd ,2016
Form	Declaration	August 22 nd ,2016