



ISU-Competition for Ice Dance

Senior, Junior, Advanced and Basic Novice

Dortmund, Germany

November 1st – November 3rd, 2013

Announcement / Invitation

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1. GENERAL

The NRW Trophy 2013 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2012, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regards to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their age fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2. b) for Seniors and paragraph 2. c) for Juniors and Rule 108, paragraph 2. d) for Novice.

Furthermore all participants must meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements of 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 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 "NRW Trophy 2013" will be organized by the Eissportverband Nordrhein-Westfalen and is sanctioned by the Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

Venue:

Eissportzentrum Westfalen, Strobelallee 32, D-44139 Dortmund (an indoor ice-rink, heated, with the ice surface of 60 m x 30 m)

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Categories:

SENIOR Ice Dance

Short Dance In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 609, and all pertinent ISU Communications.

One to three of the following Rhythms: **Quickstep or Quickstep plus one or two of the following Rhythms: Foxtrot, Charleston, Swing.**

The Pattern Dance Elements must be skated on the Quickstep Rhythms, in the style of Quickstep. The tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance Elements must be constant and in accordance with the required tempo of the Pattern Dance Finnstep, i.e. 52 measures of two beats or 104 beats per minute, plus or minus 2 beats per minute.

Quickstep, Foxtrot Charleston and Swing are described in the ISU Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet 1995 (Note: the description of Swing covers several different Rhythms, which are acceptable).

The composition of the Short Dance in the season 2013/2014 will contain the following Required Elements:

- **2 Sections of Finnstep**
 - Section 1: Steps # 1 – 27
 - Section 2: Steps # 28 – 70

Skated one after the other, Section 1 followed by Section 2, and Step # 1 skated on the Judges' side.

Specifications:

- The description, chart and diagram of the Pattern Dance Quickstep are included in the ISU Handbook Ice Dance 2003.

- The description, chart and diagram of the Pattern Dance Finnstep are included in ISU Communication 1497.
- An educational DVD on Pattern Dances (including Quickstep but not Finnstep) (reference ID4) and an educational DVD on Finnstep (reference ID9) are available from the ISU Secretariat.
- Rule 608 paragraph 1 applies with the following alteration to the first sentence of subparagraph d): Timing – the Pattern Dance Elements must be skated in strict time to the music with the start of the first Step of both Pattern Dance Elements Quickstep and Pattern Dance Element Finnstep Section 1 on beat 1 of a four measure musical phrase.
- **Dance Lift:** not more than **one (1) Short Lift**
- **One (1) Not Touching Midline Step Sequence or Not Touching Diagonal Step Sequence or Not Touching Circular Step Sequence**
- **One (1) Set of Sequential Twizzles**

The **Dance Spin** is not a Required Element. Nevertheless, a spinning movement skated by the couple together in any hold around common axis on one foot (or two feet) with any number of rotations is permitted. A couple may choose to use this movement as part of their choreography. The Technical Panel will ignore these movements and the Judges will not consider these movements as one of the permitted stops.

Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec

Free Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communications. For the values of the required elements and components see the respective ISU Communication.

ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (well balanced Program and required elements) and the respective ISU Communication must be observed.

- **Dance Lifts** not more than
 - **two (2) different Types of Short Lifts and one (1) Long Lift, or**
 - **four (4) Short Lifts chosen from at least three different Types, plus one (1) Choreographic Dance Lift** (see glossary of terms)
- **One (1) Dance Spin (Spin or Combination Spin)** is required. In addition, one (1) Transitional Dance Spin, but no more, performed optionally after the required Dance Spin, is permitted.
- **One (1) Straight Line Step Sequence (Midline or Diagonal) in Hold**
- **One (1) Curved Step Sequence (Circular or Serpentine) in Hold**
- **One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles**

Note: if a Dance Spin and a Dance Lift are performed as a combination, they will be identified as two separate elements.

Duration: 4 min, +/- 10 sec.

JUNIOR Ice Dance

Short Dance

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 609 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Quickstep or Quickstep plus one of the following Rhythms: **Foxtrot, Charleston**

The Pattern Dance Elements must be skated on the Quickstep Rhythm, in any style of Quickstep. The tempo of music throughout the Pattern Dance Elements must be constant and in accordance with the required tempo of the

Pattern Dance Quickstep, i.e. 56 measures of two beats or 112 beats per minute, plus or minus 2 beats per minute.

Quickstep, Foxtrot and Charleston are described in the ISU Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet 1995.

- **Two (2) Sequences of Quickstep**, either skated one after the other or separately. Step #1 of each Sequence must be skated on a different side of the ice surface.

Specifications:

- The description, chart and diagram of the Pattern Dance Quickstep are included in the ISU Handbook Ice Dance 2003.
- The description, chart and diagram of the Pattern Dance Finnstep are included in ISU Communication 1497.
- An educational DVD on Pattern Dances (including Quickstep but not Finnstep) (reference ID4) and an educational DVD on Finnstep (reference ID9) are available from the ISU Secretariat.
- Rule 608 paragraph 1 applies with the following alteration to the first sentence of subparagraph d): Timing – the Pattern Dance Elements must be skated in strict time to the music with the start of the first Step of both Pattern Dance Elements Quickstep and Pattern Dance Element Finnstep Section 1 on beat 1 of a four measure musical phrase.
- **Dance Lift:** not more than **one (1) Short Lift**
- **One (1) Not Touching Midline Step Sequence or Not Touching Diagonal Step Sequence or Not Touching Circular Step Sequence.**
- **One (1) Set of Sequential Twizzles**
The **Dance Spin** is not a Required Element. Nevertheless, a spinning movement skated by the couple together in any hold around common axis on one foot (or two feet) with any number of rotations is permitted. A couple may choose to use this movement as part of their choreography. The Technical Panel will ignore these movements and the Judges will not consider these movements as one of the permitted stops.

Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec

Free Dance

ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2012, Rule 610. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1721 and subsequent updates.

- **Dance Lifts** not more than
- **one (1) Short and one (1) Long Lift, or**
- **three (3) different Types of Short Lifts,**
plus **one (1) Choreographic Dance Lift** (see glossary of terms)
- **One (1) Dance Spin (Spin or Combination Spin)** is required.
In addition, one (1) Transitional Dance Spin, but no more, performed optionally after the required Dance Spin, is permitted.
- **One (1) Straight Line Step Sequence (Midline or Diagonal) in Hold**
- **One (1) Curved Step Sequence (Circular or Serpentine) in Hold**
- **One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles**

Note: if a Dance Spin and a Dance Lift are performed as a combination, they will be identified as two separate elements.

Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

ADVANCED NOVICE Ice Dance

Pattern Dance Technical Requirements for Advanced Novice competitions Ice Dance Two
 (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated for Advanced Novice. In accordance with Rule 613 paragraph 1 and the Communication No. 1721 the Pattern Dances for the Season 2013/2014 are as follows:

Group 1: # 4 European Waltz # 20 Tango
 Group 3: # 12 Kilian # 23 Blues

One group of two Pattern Dances shall be drawn before the first practice of the competition out of the two groups. Couples **shall** provide their own music for the Tango and Kilian (see ISU Communication 1782).

Free Dance Rule 610 shall apply (including that the music may be vocal).

A Well Balanced Free Dance program must contain

a) Not more than

- **two (2) different Types of Short Lifts**, chosen from the following Types of Lifts:
 - Straight Line Lift
 - Curve Lift
 - Rotational Lift
- **one (1) Choreographic Dance Lift** (see ISU Communication 1721 and subsequent updates of this ISU Communication).

b) **One (1) Spin**, but not more

Note: A Combination Spin is not permitted.

c) **One (1) Straight Line Step Sequence (Midline or Diagonal) in Hold or Curved Step Sequence (Circular or Serpentine) in Hold**

The restrictions listed in ISU Communication 1721 and subsequent updates of this ISU Communication apply.

d) **One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles**

Levels explanations

In all Required Elements, all features up to **Level 4** will be counted. All **Program Components** are judged with the following factors

Skating Skills	1.10
Transitions/ Linking Footwork/Movements	0.90
Performance/Execution	0.90
Composition/Choreography	0.90
Interpretation/Timing	0.90

Duration: 3 min, +/- 10 sec

BASIC NOVICE Ice Dance

Pattern Dance Technical Requirements for Basic Novice competitions Ice Dance
Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated for Basic Novice. In accordance with Rule 613 paragraph 1, the Pattern Dances for the Season 2013/2014 are as follows:

#1 Fourteenstep #5 Europeen Waltz

The Scale of Values of the Pattern Dances may be updated and will be published in ISU Communications. Couples **shall** provide their own music for the Fourteenstep (see ISU Communication 1782).

Free Dance Rule 610 shall apply except that vocal music is **not** permitted. The use of vocal music shall be considered as a violation of music restriction and penalized as per Rule 653, paragraph 1 n) (ii) and Rule 409, paragraph 1.

Rule 610 shall apply (including that the music may be vocal).

A Well Balanced Free Dance program must contain

a) Not more than

- **one (1) Short Lift**, chosen from the following Types of Lifts:
 - Straight Line Lift
 - Curve Lift
 - Rotational Lift
- **one (1) Choreographic Dance Lift** (see ISU Communication 1721 and subsequent updates of this ISU Communication). 9

b) One (1) Straight Line Step Sequence (Midline or Diagonal) in Hold or Curved Step Sequence (Circular or Serpentine) in Hold. The restrictions listed in ISU Communication 1721 and subsequent updates of this ISU Communication apply.

c) One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles

The **Dance Spin** is not included in the list of Required Elements for the Basic Novice Free Dance. Nevertheless, a spinning movement skated by the couple together in any hold around common axis on one foot (or two feet) with any number of rotations is permitted. A couple may choose to use this movement as part of their choreography. The Technical Panel will ignore these movements and the Judges will not consider these movements as one of the permitted stops.

Duration: 2:30 min, +/- 10 sec

Levels explanations

For Basic Novice Free Dance, in all Required Elements, only features up to **Level 2** will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

All **Program Components** are judged with the following factors:

Skating Skills	1.10
Transitions/ Linking Footwork/Movements	0.90
Performance/Execution	0.90
Composition/Choreography	0.90
Interpretation/Timing	0.90

3. ENTRIES OF COMPETITORS

ISU Members may enter 3 Dance couple(s) per age category (Senior, Junior, Advanced and Basic Novice) and their substitutes using the official entry form. This limitation does not conflict with the entries of the organizer itself. The entries by name should reach the organizer not later than **October 4th, 2013**. Entries by fax or E-Mail are appreciated. The Organizer confirms the accepted Dance couples after the closing date for entries. There will be a maximum of 80 Ice Dance Couples accepted. Should the number of entries exceed 80 couples, the organizer reserves the right to limit the number of competitors in respective categories.

The entry forms have to be used and must be sent to:

Eissport – Verband NRW e.V.
Strobelallee 32
D - 44139 Dortmund
Germany

Phone: +49 231 912 82 33

Fax: +49 231 912 82 34

Email: entry@nrw-trophy.de

Entries must be accompanied by the official "ISU Declaration Form" as per Rule 131. In case of competitors who are not full of age (under 18), such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law. Each Entry Form and Declaration Form must be signed by an authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO (Rule 104, paragraph 4).

For any cancellation after October 25th, 2013 the team leader of the federation will be asked to pay the entry fee regardless of the reason for cancellation. In case there is no participating team left a respective invoice will be sent to the Member Federation.

Passports of the skaters, as well as ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation.

World Standing Points

In case the requirements as per ISU Communication 1629 are fulfilled, World Standing points will be awarded in the Senior Categories Ice Dance.

4. ENTRIES OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member is requested to nominate one Judge and one substitute Judge with the qualification of at least "International Judge or International Referee" for the event. Entries of judges are also expected to be mailed (recommended) and received at the organizer's address not later than **October 4th 2013**. Fax entries are also appreciated.

Should there be more judges entered than necessary for the competition, the organizer reserves the right to conduct a pre-draw of the panels of Judges. Judges not drawn will be informed accordingly in time before the competition.

5. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on CD format, in accordance with Rules 343, paragraph 1. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for Short and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance must be listed for each competitor on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Form for competitors.

In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1, all discs must show the competition event, competitor'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 dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate disc. In addition couples must provide a back-up drive for each program.

If music information is not complete and discs not provided, accreditation will not be given.

Together with the entry forms, the "Program Content Sheet" must be returned to the Organizing Committee. It is mandatory that the Program Content Sheet has to be completed precisely by each skater/couple in English using the terminology listed in the respective ISU Communication. **It is not permitted to hand over the Program Content Sheets directly to the acting Officials.**

6. PRACTICE

Official practice for competitors starts on Thursday, October 31st 2013, at 06:00 p.m. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

7. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Ice Dance 2012, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used. Also for the Novice competitions the marking of pattern Dances using key points will be used, see ISU Communication 1787.

8. ACCOMMODATION

The organizer covers the costs of accommodation and full board for one judge per country- from November 1st, 2013 (starting with lunch) to November 3rd, 2013 (ending with breakfast or after the Round Table Discussion, whichever is later). Additional judges need to cover their own costs.

9. TRANSPORT

All hotels are located near the ice rink so that no transportation will be necessary.

The nearest airports to Dortmund are Dortmund-Airport and Duesseldorf International Airport. There is a direct train from Duesseldorf International Airport Station (to be reached by the Sky train) to Dortmund Main Station (approx. 1 ½ hours).

A special bus-service will also be provided between the Düsseldorf International Airport (not Duesseldorf-Weeze!) and Dortmund at certain times. Costs for this service will be € 30,00 per person one way. Only in very exceptional cases transport for single persons will be provided at the cost of the person concerned.

10. ACCREDITATION

All ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, one Coach (per Competitor) and one chaperone per Competitor taking part in the competition are requested to register at the "Ice Rink" upon arrival.

11. AWARDS

The first three placed couples in each event will be awarded with Medals or Cups, the other couples with Diplomas.

12. ENTRY FEES

Entry fees € 60,00 per couple. In case no judge has been entered by the respective Member Federation the entry fees for a couple amount to € 100,00.

Payment by bank transfer must be made to:

Eissport-Verband Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V., Strobelallee 32, D-444139 Dortmund

Bank Account :	Dortmunder Volksbank		
	Account-No.	6331275 700	
	Banking code:	441 600 14	
	IBAN:	DE 39441600146331275700	
	SWIFT:	GENODEM1DOR	

13. DRAW

November 1st, 2013, Ice Rink for all competitors

14. JUDGES MEETING

November 1st, 2013, Ice Rink

The Round Table Discussions are scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd, 2013 after the competition.

15. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the NRW Trophy 2013, 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 means. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

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

16. INFORMATION

For further Information please contact

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