

# ANNOUNCEMENT

**#nextgen ICESTARS**  
Graz is figure skating

**24.-27. March 2026**

**Interclub**

**Single Competition  
for**

**Intermediate Novice - Basic Novice  
Pre-Novice - Juvenile - Chicks**

**organized by Grazer Eislaufverein**





## 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS INTERCLUB

### General Regulations

The nextgen ICESTARS 2026 Interclub Graz competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Figure Skating as well as pertinent ISU Communications for the categories Intermediate Novice, Basic Novice, Pre-Novice, Juvenile, and Pre-Juvenile (Chicks) will be held in accordance with Skate Austria national rules 2024 (ÖWO) and regulations for competitions 2025/2026. <https://skateaustria.at/regelwerk/>

### Technical Data

Arena: MERKUR Eisstadion, Zoisweg 15, 8041 Graz  
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

## 2. CATEGORIES

### INTERMEDIATE NOVICE GIRLS & BOYS

In accordance with ISU Communication 2699  
An Intermediate Novice skater is a skater who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) before July 1st preceding the competition. Duration of the program: 3:00, +/-10 sec.

### BASIC NOVICE GIRLS & BOYS

In accordance with ISU Communication 2699  
A Basic Novice skater is a skater, who has not reached the age of fourteen (14) before July 1st preceding the competition. Duration of the program: 2:30, +/-10 sec.

### PRE NOVICE GIRLS & BOYS

In accordance with Skate Austria regulation for competitions 2025/2026  
A Pre- Novice skater is a skater who has not reached the age of ten (10) before July 1st preceding the competition.  
Duration of the program: 2:00, +/-10 sec.

### JUVENILE & PRE- JUVENILE GIRLS & BOYS

In accordance with Skate Austria Regulations 2025/2026  
A Juvenile skater is a skater who has not reached the age of ten (10) before July 1st preceding the competition.  
A PRE-Juvenile Skaters has not reached the age of eight (8) before July 1st preceding the competition.  
Duration of the Programs: 2:00, +/-10 sec.

**Well balanced  
Programm  
PRE NOVICE  
JUVENILE  
PRE-JUVENILE**

A well balanced Free Skating program for Pre-Novice (Cubs) & Juvenile (Chicks) girls & boys must contain:

- Maximum of four (4) jump elements for girls and boys. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations. Jump combinations can contain only two (2) jumps.
- Juvenile (Chicks): Double and triple jumps are not permitted. Only one (1) single jump may be executed twice.
- Pre-Novice (Cubs): Triple jumps are not permitted. Only one (1) single or double jump (incl. Double Axel) may be executed twice.
- There must be a maximum of two (2) spins (different abbreviations):
  - o one spin in one position without change of foot in a basic position with a minimum of four (4) revolutions, no level features are allowed, and will be called max. level basic. Flying entry is not allowed.
  - o one spin free of choice with a different abbreviation to the spin in one position (for example: USp and SSp are different abbreviations), minimum of four (4) revolutions, max. level 1, flying entry is not allowed.
- There must be a maximum one (1) step sequence. The step sequence must fully cover the ice surface and include at least one (1) skating movement (such as a spiral, spread eagle, Ina Bauer, hydroblading etc.) to be counted. If the skating movement is missing, the sequence will receive no value.
- Juvenile: Maximum level basic
- Pre-Novice: Maximum level 1: a minimum of one (1) clean difficult step or turn must be included (rocker/counter/bracket/twizzle/loop/choctaw)

The following Program Components are judged:

- Composition • Presentation • Skating Skills

The factor for the Program Components is 1.67 Deductions

a) Interruption For every Interruption of:

- more than 10 seconds up to 20 seconds: -0.5
- more than 20 seconds up to 30 seconds: -1.0
- more than 30 seconds up to 40 seconds: -1.5 Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption: -2.5 per program

b) Program time violation up to every 5 seconds lacking or in excess -0.5

c) Part of the costume/decoration falls on the ice -0.5

d) Costume/prop violation -0.5

e) Late start -0.5 f) Falls

- per fall outside elements (one Skater only – Single and Pair Skating) -0.5
- per fall outside elements (both Skaters – Pair Skating) -1.0
- falls in elements will be called by the Technical Panel but with no deduction(s).

\* A Fall is defined as loss of control by a Skater with the result that the majority of his/her own body weight is on the ice supported by any other part of the body other than the blades e.g.hand(s), knee(s), buttock(s), or any part of the arm (Rule 503, para 1). g) Illegal elements -2.0 As all the values of the deductions above are not the standard ones provided by Rules 353, paragraph 1.n), the Referee must give specific instructions to the system operator and check the correct input in each instance.

### 3. ENTRIES INTERCLUB

#### Entries of Competitors

Clubs from Austria have to register skaters via Skate Austria Portal latest by March 6th, 2026. If the category differs to your national category, please contact: [thomas.biegler@skateaustria.at](mailto:thomas.biegler@skateaustria.at)

Clubs from all other countries must register via the online entry forms for their skaters latest by March 6th, 2026 published on the website: [icechallenge.at](http://icechallenge.at)

Each Club may enter four (4) skaters per category. The OC reserves the right to limit the number of entries per club or / and enter more than 4 skaters. Entries of skaters may be made only by the club concerned on the designated online forms.

Entry lists, competition schedules, competition results will be published on the website [icechallenge.at](http://icechallenge.at) and at the Sportity-App - password: nextgen  
Entries will be on first come first serve principle.

#### Entries of Judges

Each participating Club has the right to nominate one (1) judge Singles & Pairs who has at least the qualification “national Judge”. 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 / Clubs involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entry of Judges has to be done by the online entry form published on [icechallenge.at](http://icechallenge.at), latest by March 6th, 2026.



### 3.ENTRIES

#### Entry Fee

By paying the the entry fee for the competition, your registration is automatically confirmed. The entry fee must be paid till March 6th, 2026.

There is no payback of the entry fee for any reason.

Please indicate:

Name, Category and Club / Federation by banktransfer.

If an individual invoice is required please contact:

[icestars@icechallenge.at](mailto:icestars@icechallenge.at)

The payment has to be done as follows

EUR 80 per skater

Grazer Eislaufverein

Bank Raiffeisen Landesbank

IBAN AT20 38000 00007129778

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## 4. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL

### Officials

The Technical Panel members and Referee will have at least the qualification “national” and will be invited by the organizing club.

### Meals, Lodging 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 beginning with dinner earliest on the day before the 1st day of competition involved until lunch on the last day involved.

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

## 5. RESULTS

### Results

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2024, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

## 6. MUSIC | PPC | DRAWS

### Music

The music files must be sent to:  
[icechallenge.music@gmail.com](mailto:icechallenge.music@gmail.com)

The music files must show competitor's name, nationality, category, program (short/free skating).

Mandatory music format is .mp3 file format.

We highly recommend to send the music files very soon after confirmation of participation. This will give us time to check compatibility of the music and to contact participating clubs if problems should arise.

**Planned Programm  
Content**

Skaters/clubs from Austria should check if their uploaded PPC's at the Skate Austria Portal correspond to the entered category at Icestars 2025.

Skaters from all other countries must send the Program Content Sheet to the Organizing Committee till March 6th, 2026, by email to: [ppc@skateaustria.at](mailto:ppc@skateaustria.at) and [icestars@icechallenge.at](mailto:icestars@icechallenge.at)

**Draws**

Draws for the starting order for all categories will be done electronically. The organizing committee will publish them via the Sportity-App. Starting orders for Seniors, Juniors and Advanced Novice Free Program will be in reverse order to the final result of the Short Programs.

**Liability**

Liability In accordance with the ISU Rule 119, the Organizer accepts no liability for bodily or personal injury, or for property loss or damage incurred by any Competitors or any kind of Officials.

## **7.ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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