





Challenge Cup & National Figure Skating Championships

22 - 25 January 2026 - Ice Sports Centre Tilburg

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Dear participants,

Once again: welcome to Tilburg! We are very honored to welcome back the Challenge Cup and Dutch Figure Skating Championships in our city! Tilburg has all the facilities to welcome the largest figure skating event in the Netherlands, with a worldwide audience. We are proud to be the host for the fifth time in a row. It fits our ambitions to be a city that is a hotspot for icesports. And with accommodations such as our Ireen Wust ice rink and our Ice Sports Center, home of the successful Tilburg Trappers ice hockey team, it seems fitting to say: Tilburg is the city where icesports come alive!

Sports is in our DNA. We strongly believe that sports can play a vital part in people's lives. Exercising and playing sports of course has all kinds of benefits for one's health but it contributes to so much more. By exercising and being a member of a sportsclub, people form friendships and discover hidden talents they might have. Therefore as city council we try our best to make sure that sports are accessible to every Tilburger.

To be able to host the Challenge Cup for another year, is a great opportunity. It enables us, together with the KNSB, to give a new impulse to the tournament. This is beneficial to the figure skaters in our city but also shows the rest of our country what they have to offer. In my opinion, passion, achievement and fun usually go well together. And these events offer plenty of room for just that, whether you are a skater, volunteer or enthusiastic supporter. Of course, I would also like to note that none of this would be possible without the help of lots of passionate volunteers. Thank you!

I am looking forward to a weekend of spectacular displays of this beautiful sports and wish you all the best of luck!

Maarten van Asten
Alderman Sports - Municipality of Tilburg



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1 | Organisation

| Dutch Skating Association (KNSB)

Website: www.schaatsen.nl/challengecup
E-mail: challengecup@KNSB.nl

| Organizing committee

Project Manager, Ms. Annemarie Gijsberts,
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Phone: +31 88 489 2012

For questions please first use the Whatsapp group

“Challenge Cup – Teams" by your Team Leader/Coach.

2 | Maps and addresses

|Venue

Competition and Practice Events will be held at:

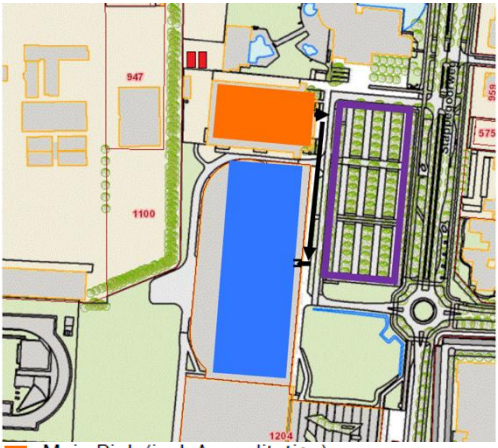
IJssportcentrum Tilburg
Stappegoorweg 3, 5022 DA Tilburg
https://www.sportintilburg.nl/

(an indoor heated ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m);
(practice rink covered rink non-heated 60 x 30 m)
Warming-up area not heated.

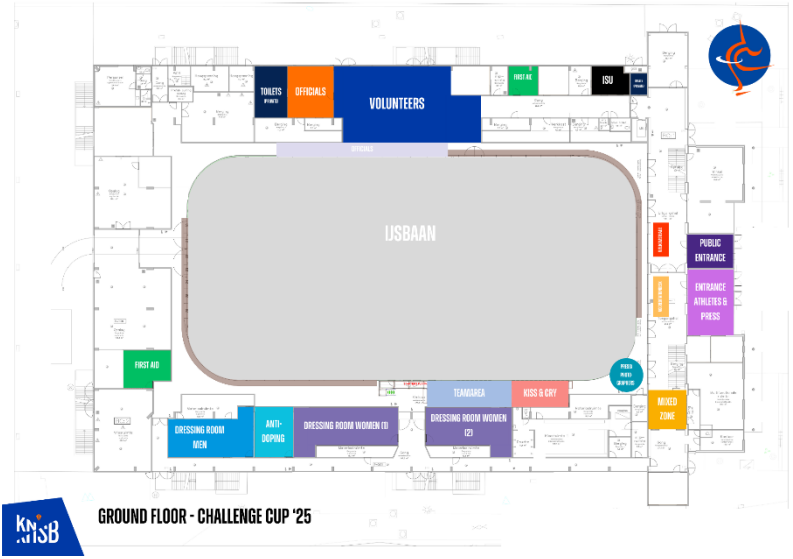
Please note that smoking in and around the arena is <u>not</u> allowed.

| Venue Maps

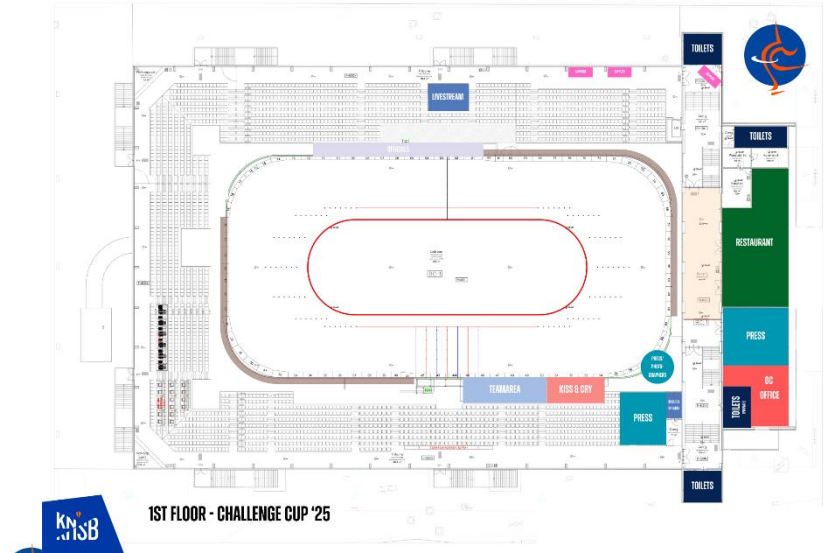
<u>Competition Rink & Practice Rink</u>



Floorplan Ground Floor – Main Rink

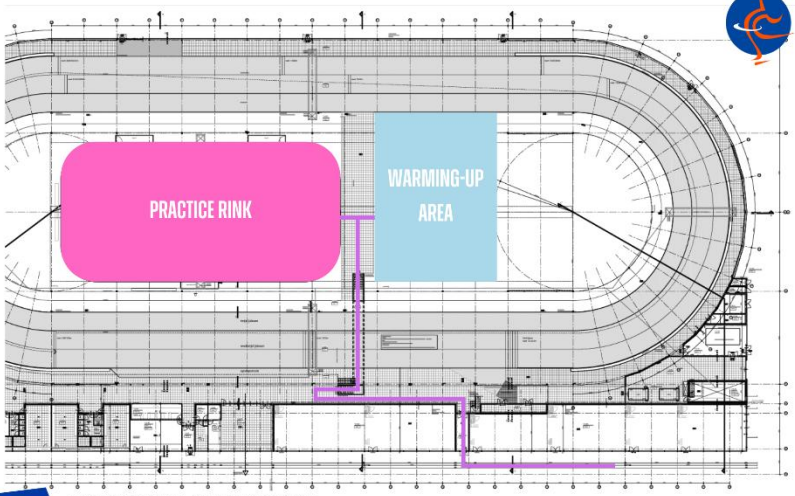


Floorplan 1st Floor – Main Rink



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Floorplan – Practice Rink



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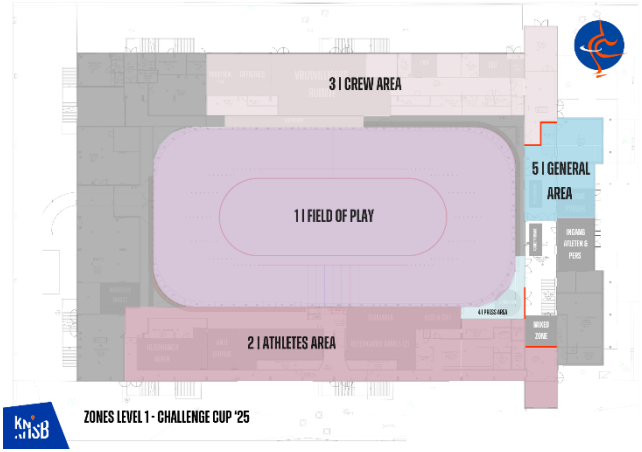
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|Zones

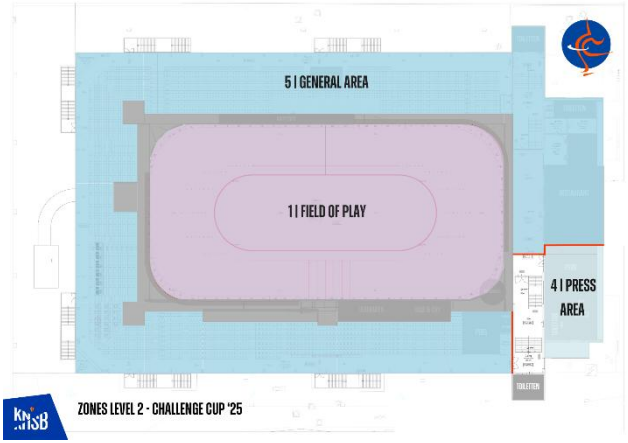
During the Challenge Cup we will work with different zones. As an Athlete and Coach/Staff you will have access to zones 1, 2 and 5. These zones will also be placed on you accreditation.

| Venue Maps

Zones Level 1 – Main Rink



Zones Level 2 – Main Rink



| Hotel

During the competition there will be different hotels available for athletes, as well as staff. All hotel payments to be made directly at the hotel. Only from these 3 hotels there is a shuttle bus from and to the ice rink.

Hotel Ibis (***)	Hotel Van der Valk (****)	Hotel Bastion (***)
Dr. Hub van Doorneweg 105	Dokter Bloemenlaan 8	Kempenbaan 2
5026 RB Tilburg	5022 KW Tilburg	5018 KT Tilburg
T + 31 13 463 6465	T + 31 13 8000800	T + 31 544 1999
reservations@ibis-tilburg.nl	sales@tilburg.valk.nl	info@bastionhotels.nl
Pricing on request	single use € 184,50 (incl. breakfast)	Pricing on request
Pricing on request	double use € 204, - (incl. breakfast)	Pricing on request
Reservation based on availability.	Reservation based on availability. Reservation code: **GF15036 Challenge Cup**	Reservation based on availability.
city tax: 3,5% per room per night	city tax: 3,5% per room per night	city tax: 3,5% per room per night

AUBERGE DU BONHEUR ****

Official Hotel for invited Officials and Judges (shuttle bus to ice rink available).
Bredaseweg 441, 5036 NA Tilburg | Phone: +31 13 468 6942
Website: Auberge-du-Bonheur

3 | Practical information

| Actual information

All information will be published in the Sportity app. Please download the app and insert the password below. The information is also available at www.schaatsen.nl/challengecup but the information in Sportity is leading.

| Sportity app

Scan the QR code and insert the password.



| Opening Hours

| Accreditation office

Wednesday	09.00 till 12.00 and 13.00 till 17.00 hours
Thursday – Friday	08.00 till 12.00 and 13.00 till 17.00 hours
Saturdat - Sunday	09.00 till 13.00 hours

| Medical

During competition days a full medical team will be available at the ice rink.

| Accreditation

Athletes, coaches, team leaders, officials and chaperones are kindly requested to wear their accreditation card in a visible way for access to the transportation (transport accreditation will be provided for shuttlebus when paid for), dressing rooms and rink. This is to ensure that the areas are prohibited for unauthorized persons. You can pick up your accreditation per team at the Accreditation Desk in the entrance hall for Athletes and Press.

Accreditation and transport ticket will only be given if all fees are paid, show your proof of payment.

Invoices will be sent to the federations in advance.
The entry fee and transportation fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.
In case of loss a new accreditation costs € 25,-.

| Tickets

Thanks to financial support from the municipality, spectators can enter again for free this year!

| Livestream

There will be a paid livestream for family, friends and fans from all over the world!
More information at: Challenge Cup & NK Kunstschaatsen - Schaatsen.nl

| Water bottles

Plastic water bottles will not be provided by the OC. Teams are asked to bring their own reusable water bottles and use the Dutch tap water.

| Transportation

Arrival & Departure
Members are responsible for their own transportation upon arrival at Schiphol. For transfer from and to Schiphol airport please contact directly:

Taxi Korthout Midden-Brabant Tilburg | +31 (0)13-4555555

This must be done in advance and pre-payment is required by Taxi Korthout.
Please follow all measures mentioned by Taxi Korthout for travel. If you book transportation with Taxi Korthout, make sure to mention that this is for the Challenge Cup.

Travelling from Schiphol to Tilburg by train is also possible and easy to reach.

Multiple connections per day are available. More information on Travel information | NS

Shuttlebus ice rink - hotel

We will also provide shuttle service from Thursday, January 22 till Sunday, January 25 between the official hotels and the ice rink. The shuttle fee is €70,- per person. This shuttle will run regularly from the following hotels:

- IBIS Hotel
- Van der Valk Hotel
- Bastion Hotel
- Auberge du Bonheur

In the Sportity App you will find the schedule.
This is ONLY for team members who have paid the transportation fee.

All invited Officials, Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches and Chaperones taking part in the competition must inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible through the Team Travel Form and the dedicated ISU platform (ORS). Updates after the deadline should directly be e-mailed to challengecup@knsb.nl.

When you booked an airport shuttle via taxi Korthout please follow these instructions:

Arriving at Schiphol airport, please walk to the Schiphol Transfer Assistance (STA) counter at Arrivals 4 (see map below). You will be picked up there by the driver.

In case of emergency please call +31 13 45 55 555 (24/7).

Amsterdam Schiphol Airport route to Schiphol Travel Assistance:

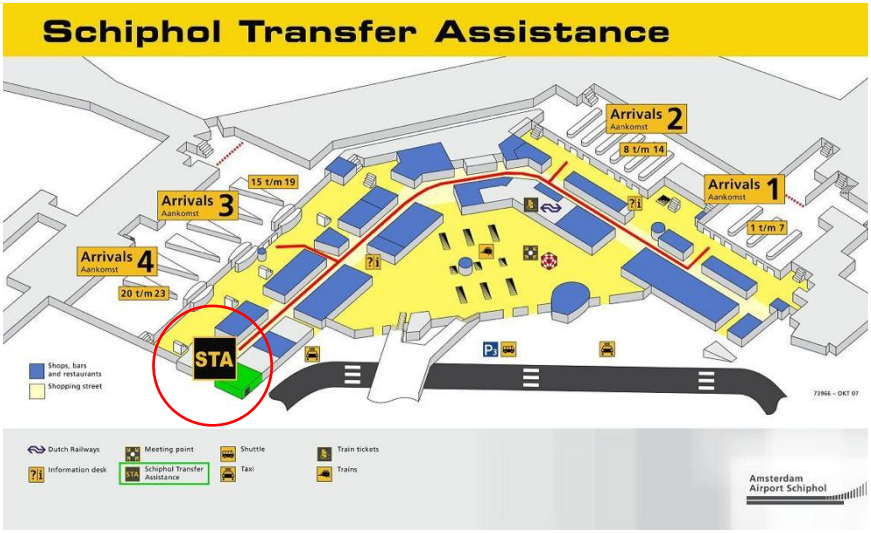


Photo of STA- Schiphol Travel Assistance



Eindhoven Airport route to shuttle bus:

When you booked an airport shuttle via taxi Korthout please follow these instructions:

Once you have collected your luggage, call the taxi driver on +31 13 45 55 555. You walk outside and right in front of the exit you see the shuttle bus of Taxi Korthout.

| Parking

There is a free parking place at the hotels and a paid parking place at the venue (€ 1,- / day).

| Valuables

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Dutch Skating Federation and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the Challenge Cup. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage there to.

4 | Challenge Cup Competition

| Draws

The draw will be held online (schaatsen.nl/online) on Wednesday January 21, at 3pm in presence of one of the Referees, in accordance with Rule 512 and 513 of the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2025.

The starting order for the Free Skating shall be based on the reverse order of the result of the Short Program.

| Team Leaders meeting

There will be no team leaders meeting. We publish all the necessary information in the Sportity app. Please forward your mobile phone number by email to challengecup@knsb.nl so that we can add you in the groups app. By sending this information you agreed with the privacy regulations.

| Time schedule Challenge Cup

All updated information will be published in the Sportity app.

|Free practise/Extra practice by registration only (out of competition)

Extra practice by registration only (out of competition)

The Organizing Committee (OC) will arrange extra practice on the **practice** rink:

Pre-registration only by email: challengecup@knsb.nl (there will be a schedule) based on full is full. A maximum of 10 solo skaters per session on the ice. Sessions will be combined if there are fewer than 5 registrations.

Tuesday January 20:
16:00 – 17:00 (€40,- pp/60 min)
17.00 – 17.30 (€20,- pp/30 min)

Wednesday January 21 (€ 20,- pp/30 min./€ 30,- pp/45 min.)
- 14.00 – 14.30 solo
- 14.30 – 15.00 solo
- 15:00 – 15:30 Solo
- 15:30 – 16:00 Solo
- 16.00 – 16.30 Solo
- 16.30 – 17.10 Pairs
- 17.15 – 18.00 Ice Dance

Payment can be made by card at the accreditation desk (no cash).
For extra practice you also have to pick-up your accreditation in advance.

Free practice
The free practice will be scheduled in the Sportity app. After publishing you can register for this free practice by sending an email to challengecup@knsb.nl based on full is full.
Note 1: There will be no practice ice available on the competition rink during the whole week.
Note 2: filming by external parties is not permitted.

| Warming-up
There is an off-ice warming up area (in the middle field of the practice rink) as indicated in the map of the Ice Rink. This is not heated. The dressing room is not secured on the practice rink. Please pay attention for your own stuff.

| Music
All competitors shall offer competition music of excellent quality on MP3, M4A or WAV format, following Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations, paragraph 2. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Program for Single and Pairs, must be entered on the ISU Portal.

The Music files must be labelled with the following data:

1. **Name of the ISU Member.**
2. **Name of the Competitor, category, and segment.**
3. **Exact running time (Not skating time) of the music, including any starting signal.**

The competition music, only **MP3, M4A or WAV format**, must be send to music@challenge-cup.nl.

Competitors must provide a backup drive (USB stick) for each program. This USB stick must also be labelled with all mentioned data. CD's will not be accepted by the OC.
Please note: Files in MP3 format may have a significant difference in the music quality when reproduced. The Organizing Committee is not responsible if the music quality would be insufficient.

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

| Video

During the Challenge Cup 2026 all programs will be recorded in High Definition Video, shot from two boarding side camera's and a camera at the kiss & cry area.
All participants are offered the opportunity to buy the recorded video material.

To order your video production please go to the web store, https://showyourskill.online/shop/, select the Challenge Cup video production category and choose your option(s). Ones selected go to checkout, complete the check-out form and place your order.

Please be aware account confirmation e-mails do end up in peoples spam or junk folders every now and then so keep an eye on those.

| Livestream

There is a paid livestream available via Livestream Challenge Cup & NK Kunstschaatsen - Schaatsen.nl
On Wednesday you can watch the draw for free. You can't watch the live streams back.

| Anti-doping

Anti-Doping tests can be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications.

| Entry Visa Requirements

Should you need assistance to obtain an entry visa for the Netherlands or require a specific letter of invitation, please contact the Organizing Committee, challengecup@knsb.nl

| Memo Sharing of personal data

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies in the Netherlands. The organization of this event also has to comply to this legislation and we would like to inform you that we will respect the privacy and personal privacy of our members and participants in accordance with the GDPR.

In addition to the legal regulations on privacy we have mentioned our privacy policy on our website www.KNSB.nl of the Dutch Skating Association.

Specifically for this competition we let you know that we deal with personal data as follows:

a. Participant list; a list of participants is shared as a “starting list” with the commissionaires, judges and the audience. On this list we share, name, gender, country
b. Results; a list of results published after each competition.
c. Photo, video and image material

In order to promote the event and for press publications, pictures will be made and published.