



Announcement

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2nd Bavaria Cup 2024

Interclub competition for synchronized skating

Hosted by the Eis- und Schwimmsport-Club Höchststadt (ESC) e.V.

Place: Ice rink in Höchststadt an der Aisch / Kieferndorfer Weg 77 / 91315 Höchststadt / Germany

Date: March 23/24, 2024

Events:	Pre-Juvenile	free skating
	Juvenile	free skating
	Non ISU Basic Novice	free skating
	Adult	free skating
	Adult ISU	free skating
	Mixed Age	free skating
	Advanced Novice	free skating
	Junior	short program / free skating
	Senior	short program / free skating
	Elite 12	short program / free skating

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The final registrations must be submitted no later than December 3rd, 2023.

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The ESC Höchststadt e.V. extends with great pleasure an invitation to all eligible synchronized skating teams to participate in the

2nd Bavaria Cup

The event will take place on **23rd and 24th of March 2024** at the ice rink in Höchststadt an der Aisch (Kieferndorfer Weg 77 / 91315 Höchststadt / Germany) and will include the following categories:

Non ISU Categories: Pre-Juvenile / Juvenile / Non ISU Basic Novice / Mixed Age / Adult / Adult (ISU)

ISU Categories: Advanced Novice / Junior / Senior / Senior Elite 12

General rules

The international synchronized skating competition will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating as well as all pertinent ISU Communications for season 2023-2024 and the Technical Requirements for ISU Adult Figure Skating Competitions for season 2023-2024. The participating teams must belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 7). All skaters must qualify with regard to eligibility according to rule 102, and participation and citizenship requirements according to rule 109. The ages of the skaters must meet the limits specified in Rule 108.

All programs will be judged in accordance with the ISU Communications 2553, 2552 and 2563. The Well Balanced Programs for the categories Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile and Non ISU Basic Novice coincide with the category ISU Basic Novice. The Well Balanced Program for the Adult category coincides with the ISU Adult Figure Skating Competitions for season 2023-2024. The Well Balanced Program for the category Mixed Age follows the General rules for the Junior category. The Well Balanced Programs for the categories Junior, Senior and Senior Elite 12 coincide with the ISU categories Junior, Senior and Senior Elite 12.

Categories and technical requirements

Please note: The 80/20 % and 75/25 % rules mentioned as follows apply only to the competing skaters of a team (excluding alternate skaters).

Pre-Juvenile shall consist of 8 - 16 (eight to sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. At least 80% of the skaters must have not reached the age of 10 (ten) before 1st July, 2023. A maximum of 20% may be outside the age criteria of the category with a maximum of 2 (two) years.

Free skating program **3.00 min** (+ / - 10 sec) / program components factor **2.67**

Juvenile shall consist of 8 - 16 (eight to sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. At least 80% of the skaters must not have reached the age of 13 (thirteen) before 1st July, 2023. A maximum of 20% may be outside the age criteria of the category with a maximum of 2 (two) years.

Free skating program **3.00 min** (+ / - 10 sec) / program components factor **2.67**

Non ISU Basic Novice shall consist of 8 - 16 (eight to sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. They must have reached at least the age of 10 (ten) before 1st July 2023 and not have reached the age of 15 (fifteen) before 1st July, 2023. At least 80% of the skaters must meet the age category. A maximum of 20% may be outside the age criteria of the category with a maximum of +/- 2 (two) years.

Free skating program **3.00 min** (+ / - 10 sec) / program components factor **2.67**

Mixed Age shall consist of 8 - 16 (eight to sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters, no age limit.

Free skating program **3.30 min** (+ / - 10 sec) / program components factor **2.67**

Adult shall consist of 8 - 16 (eight to sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. All of them (including alternate skaters) must have reached at least the age of 21 (twenty-one) before 1st July 2023. A maximum of 20% must have reached at least the age of 18 (eighteen) before 1st July 2023.

Free skating program **3.00 min** (+ / - 10 sec) / program components factor **1.67**

Adult shall consist of 12 - 16 (twelve to sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of
(ISU age rules) 4 (four) alternate skaters. At least three quarters (75%) of team members (not including reserves) must have reached the age of 28 (twenty-eight) before 1st July 2023. A maximum of one quarter (25%) of the team members must have reached at least the age of 25 (twenty-five) before 1st July 2023.

Free skating program **3.00 min** (+ / - 10 sec) / program components factor **1.67**

Advanced shall consist of 12 - 16 (twelve to sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of
Novice 4 (four) alternate skaters. All of them must have reached at least the age of 10 (ten) before 1st July 2023, but not have reached the age of 15 (fifteen) before 1st July 2023. In case of an injury or illness of a skater during the official practice or competition, the team will be permitted to skate with not less than 11 (eleven) skaters.

Free skating **3.00 min** (+ / - 10 sec) / program components factor **2.67**

Junior shall consist of 12 - 16 (twelve to sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. All of them must have reached at least the age of 13 (thirteen) before 1st July 2023, but not have reached the age of 19 (nineteen) before July 1st, 2023. In case of an injury or illness of a skater during the official practice or competition, the team will be permitted to skate with not less than 11 (eleven) skaters.

Short program **2.50 min** (may be less) / program components factor **1.33**

Free skating program **3.30 min** (+ / - 10 sec) / program components factor **2.67**

Senior shall consist of 16 (sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. All skaters must have reached at least the age of 16 (sixteen) before 1st July, 2023. In case of an injury or illness of a skater during the official practice or competition, the team will be permitted to skate with not less than 14 (fourteen) skaters.

Short program **2.50 min** (may be less) / program components factor **1.33**

Free skating program **4.00 min** (+ / - 10 sec) / program components factor **2.67**

Senior Elite 12 shall consist of 12 (twelve) skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. All skaters must have reached at least the age of 16 (sixteen) before 1st July, 2023. In case of an injury or illness of a skater during the official practice or competition, the team will be permitted to skate with not less than 11 (eleven) skaters.

Short program **2.50 min** (may be less) / program components factor **1.33**

Free skating program **4.00 min** (+ / - 10 sec) / program components factor **2.67**

Pre-Entry and Final Registration

All entries have to be submitted to the organizing committee (OC) of the Bavaria Cup.

All teams who want to participate in the BavariaCup 2024 have to pre-register in advance. This pre-entries have to be done by October 30th, 2023.

The digital pre-registration form is available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/BC24preentry>

Following the pre-registration deadline an online registration link will be provided to the team managers of all pre-registered teams. (Please note: Pre-registrations after the deadline can only be accepted if there are still starting places available.)

The final registrations must be submitted no later than December 3rd, 2023.

Entry fees

The fixed entry fees for the 2nd Bavaria Cup 2024 will be

- **500,- Euro** for Senior, Senior Elite 12 and Junior teams and
- **450,- Euro** for all other participating categories.

The due date for the entry fee payment is **December 3rd, 2023** and has to be transferred the following bank account:

ESC Höchststadt e.V. / IBAN: DE12 7635 0000 0060 1327 98 / BIC: BYLADEM1ERH

payment reference:

BC2024 entry fee | team name | category (if required : extra practice ice and meals)

After the final registration each team will receive an invoice with the payment summary.

Please take note of the following: The entry fee payment does not include extra practice ice nor any offered meals at the competition. Should a team withdraw from the event after that date, the amount will not be returned.

The OC reserves the right to limit the number of teams per country, refuse entry or cancel a category (in case that only a few teams register in a category). This will only be decided if necessary, and will be at the discretion of the OC only. The OC reserves the right to cancel this competition on short notice, due to the decisions of the national authorities and international travel restrictions. In case of cancellation before January 31st, 2024, the OC will refund the participation fee at 100%. In case of cancellation after January 31st, 2024, the OC will refund the participation fee at 90%.

Judges and Technical Panel

The competition will be judged under the ISU system. Panel of judges for each competition will consist of (if possible):

- 1 Referee,
- 1 Referee's Assistant Ice Level,
- 5 Judges,
- 1 Technical Controller,
- 2 Technical Specialists,
- 2 Data/Replay Operator.

Each participating ISU member may nominate 1 (one) judge. The entries of judges must be made not later than Sunday **December 3rd, 2023**.

Please use our online registration tool and follow the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/BC2024judgesentry>

Travel expenses, accommodation and meals will be paid for the invited technical panel, the referees and the nominated and invited judges by the OC. The transportation between airport, station hotel and ice rink is granted to the technical panel, referees and judges.

PPC

The planned program components (PPC) must be sent to the OC by **December 3rd, 2023** at latest. It is mandatory that the PPC is filled through the online entry system precisely by each team in English, using the terminology for the elements listed in the Scale of Value Table published in ISU Com. 2554.

Music

All teams are asked to send their music information in advance and have to provide their competition music of excellent quality by **December 3rd, 2023** at latest. Please upload the music as **MP3-file** via our online registration tool. The file must be clearly identified and should be labeled in the format:

"category_team name_free skating or short program_exact duration of the program".

Additionally, each team shall bring along a labeled USB-Stick with the music of their short program and/or free skating.

Teamphoto

Teams are asked to enclose to their final registration a current digital team photo, in **high-resolution** printing quality, please. The teamphoto has to be uploaded via the online registration tool.

Draw

The starting order for the competition will be drawn prior to the competition on Wednesday March 20th, 2024 in the presence of the referee of the BavariaCup 2024. The results of the draw will be published no later than **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, at 24.00** on the competition website www.bavariacup.eu.

Registration

The registration for referees, judges, technical controllers, technical specialists, data/replay operators, teams, accredited coaches, team leaders and team managers will take place at the designated registration office at the ice rink in Höchstadt on **Friday, March 22nd starting at 12.00 to 18.00 and on Saturday/Sunday, March 23/24, 2024 from 7 a.m.** Team managers are requested to bring copies of the passports or identity cards (EU citizens only) of all registered skaters of their teams to the registration office. These copies are collected for the referees of the competition.

Official practice ice

The official practice will start on **Saturday and Sunday, March 23rd and 24th, 2024** approximately around 7 a.m. (the schedule is subjected to change!). Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Non ISU Basic Novice, Advanced Novice and Adult Teams team will be allowed a 10 (ten) minute period of official practice ice. Mixed Age and Junior teams will be allowed an 11 (eleven) and Senior and Senior Elite 12 teams a 12 (twelve) minute period for their official practice ice for their free skating. Junior, Senior and Senior Elite 12 teams will be allowed a 10 (ten) minute period for their official practice ice for their short program. The official practice is already included in the entry fee. No other music but short program and free skating music will be played during the official practice segments. Once the music has started (after 2 (two) minutes at the latest) it will be played through in its entirety with no interruption. The music will be played twice during each official practice session.

Unofficial practice ice

Teams requiring extra practice ice are requested to make a reservation via the online registration tool no later than **December 3rd, 2023** including the preferred time slots. Depending on the demand, the OC of the Bavaria Cup reserves the right to arrange the time slots for each team accordingly.

Extra practice ice will be available on **Friday March 22nd, 2024**. The OC will charge **60€ per 15 minutes** on the ice. The confirmation of the fixed time slot for the extra practice session and the invoice with the date of payment will be sent to the teams concerned via email.

Awards

Trophies will be presented to the three first placed teams in each category. Further, all skaters will be awarded medals and all teams will receive a certificate of participation.

Hotel & accommodation

Höchstadt is located near the franconian cities of Nuremberg, Erlangen, Herzogenaurach, Forchheim and Bamberg. If you would like assistance in finding a place to stay in one of the cities or in the countryside around Höchstadt you are welcome to have a look on our homepage (www.bavariacup.eu) where we will soon publish a **list of hotels** sorted by distance and number of rooms. We are in contact with some providers and would be happy if we could make your journey a little easier, **but we ask you to look for a suitable hotel as early as possible. We recommend especially sports clubs that travel with several teams to take care of a hotel in time (preferably still in 2023), so that all can stay together in one hotel.**

Ice rink and transportation

The ice rink in Höchstadt a. d. Aisch is located at Kieferndorfer Weg 77, not far from the town center of Höchstadt. Easy to be reached: 5 minutes by car from the highway exit (highway A3 #80). The nearby larger cities of Nuremberg, Erlangen or Forchheim are only a 20 to 30 minute drive away. Nuremberg has an international airport NUE (www.airport-nuernberg.de/english). For teams needing transportation between the airport, hotel and rink, we also publish a list of local bus companies and their contact information on our website (www.bavariacup.eu). **Please reserve a bus shuttle in time.**

Teams arriving by bus may use the designated bus parking area nearby the ice rink. The ice rink of Höchstadt a.d. Aisch has a total capacity of 2000 people. The ice surface has a size of 29.7 m x 59.7 m. In the future, from winter 2023 to 2024/2025, the entire ice rink will be modernized: it will receive a new roof, be completely closed and equipped with new ice technology. In this winter of 2023, only renovation measures outside the ice rink will take place in the form of new buildings on the north and south sides. No renovations/changes will take place inside the ice rink. The roof will be replaced in spring 2024 after the end of the ice season. This year we will again do our best to create a great atmosphere outside the ice rink for everyone to stay and prepare, as best as the external circumstances allow.

Meals

On request, **lunch and dinner** will be provided for the teams during the competition. An extra fee will be charged per meal and per team member. Teams who would like to book lunch and / or dinner are asked to place their orders and payments via the **online registration tool**.

Judges Meeting

The Judges and Technical Panel Meeting will be held on **Friday March 22nd, 2024 at 18.00** at the official judges hotel.

Medical information

Each team manager should be able to give important medical information for each skater of the team in case of an emergency or accident. Such information should include but is not limited to the following, and will greatly help local medical and emergency personnel: allergies, existing medical conditions (i.e. asthma), current medications, immunizations, blood type, use of glasses, contact lenses, dental appliances.

Liability

In accordance with ISU rule 119 p2, the ESC e.V. (organizer) accepts no liability for injury or damage sustained by competitors or officials. The organizer will not provide participant insurance coverage for the event. Each club or team is expected to provide its own insurance protection. The organizer will provide emergency medical services for all participants during the competition and official practice.

Publicity waiver

Each individual/team waives any and all rights to financial refund or other compensation for the use and reproduction of their images or likeness, and grants permission to the OC of the competition to use the same prior to, during and following the Bavaria Cup in Höchststadt a.d. Aisch, Germany.

Tickets

The Bavaria Cup is **free of charge** to all visitors in order to highlight and promote this international synchronized skating competition in Bavaria.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to send an email to the OC of the Bavaria Cup:

info@bavariacup.eu

Preliminary event schedule for the Bavaria Cup 2024

Wednesday, March 20st, 2024

Draw

24.00 at latest announcement of the starting order on www.bavariacup.eu

Friday, March 22nd, 2024

08.00 – 18.00 Unofficial practice ice

12.00 – 18.00 Registration

18.00 Judges and Technical Panel Meeting

Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

06.00 – 13.00 Arrival and registration

07.00 – 14.45 Official practice ice

15.30 – 21.00 Competition

21.30 Award Ceremony

Sunday, March 24th, 2024

06.00 – 13.00 Arrival and registration

07.00 – 14.45 Official practice ice

15.30 – 21.00 Competition

21.30 Award Ceremony

This preliminary schedule is subject to change!



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