

**INTERNATIONAL OPEN FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION
ANNOUNCEMENT
MEDAL WINNERS OPEN – JANUARY 16, 2015 –
YOYOGI NATIONAL GYMNASIUM
TOKYO – JAPAN**

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Competition will be conducted in accordance with the International Skating Union Constitution, General Regulations 2014 and the International Skating Union Special Regulations for Figure Skating and Technical Rules for Single & Pair Skating 2014 and related ISU Communications.

ENTRIES

The eligible skaters will be invited through respective ISU Members. The ISU Member that the ineligible skaters formerly represented will be notified of their participation.

EXPENSES

The traveling expenses for airfares at economy rates for all invited Competitors, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators, Judges and Coaches (one coach per skater) will be paid by the Organizer from their domicile to Tokyo, Japan and return. All participants must agree to the acceptance of the provided airline ticket when the invitation is accepted. No reimbursement will be made on any airline ticket issued without the Organizer's approval in advance. The lodging/meals for all invited Competitors, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators, Judges and Coaches will be paid for by the Organizer from Thursday, January 15, 2015 to Saturday, January 17, 2015. Any additional costs will be at the expense of the respective individual.

TECHNICAL DATA

On January 16, 2015 all competition events and practice sessions will be conducted at Yoyogi National Gymnasium. The artificial ice surface is 60 meters in length and 26 meters in width. The tentative schedule is included at the end of this announcement.

SINGLES SKATING – LADIES AND MEN

The innovation to be tried out in accordance with ISU Rule 367 is to conduct an Open competition with an ISU free skating program only. The required elements for this program will be modified as follows:

- A well balanced program with emphasis on artistic merit will be performed by each competitor.
- The program duration will be 3 minutes and 30 seconds +/- 10 seconds for men and 3 minutes +/- 10 seconds for ladies.
- Competitors should perform (3) jumps of double or more rotations. One of which can be a combination of (2) jumps or a sequence of any number of jumps. If a sequence is performed, the 2 most difficult jumps will be counted.
- Any 3 spins but with different abbreviations
- (1) choreographic sequence
- Any music including vocal can be used
- Theatrical lighting of performances will be allowed

- No free standing props such as a chair, table or piano will be allowed but carried or worn props such as a hat, cape, sword, cane, umbrella, etc. will be allowed.
- Judging panel will consist of five (5) ISU judges.
- The panel's points for each Program Component are then multiplied by a factor as follows: Men: 1.0; Ladies: 0.8

LIGHTING

Theatrical lighting of performances will be allowed.

MUSIC

All tapes and CDs which are to be used must be of high quality. The competitor's name, country and exact running time (not skating time) must be stated on the music.

JUDGES' MEETING

The first Judges' Meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015.

NOMINATION OF JUDGES

All judges must be from different ISU Members at each panel. Each panel for Men and Ladies will consist of 5 judges.

DRAWS

The opening draws are tentatively scheduled to be made on Thursday, January 15, 2015.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Prize money for men and ladies will be:

1 st	= \$45,000
2 nd	= \$40,000
3 rd	= \$35,000
4 th	= \$20,000
5 th	= \$15,000
6 th	= \$10,000

LIABILITY

The Japan Skating Federation, The International Skating Union and Yoyogi National Gymnasium take no responsibility for liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property loss or damage incurred by competitors or officials.

DOPING

Doping test will be carried out in accordance with ISU Regulations and ISU Communications Numbers 1765 and 1800. In Open International Competitions or New Method/System Competitions sanctioned by the ISU, doping tests are mandatory and in addition to the winner, a minimum of 1 skater per discipline shall be selected by random draw to be tested.

Prior to the competition, all skaters entered for such competitions must accept in writing to be submitted to doping tests that will be conducted under the control of the ISU Member and in consultation with the ISU Medical Advisors.

Skaters who refuse to accept this procedure will not be allowed to skate. In case of refusal to give the required sample after the competition (after initially having agreed) or in case of

positive results, sanctions as per ISU Regulations will apply for the eligible skaters. For the ineligible skaters the ISU Council will take the necessary decision which could consist of preventing the ineligible skater involved from being invited to Open International Competitions/New Method/System Competitions for a certain period of time, as well as withholding the payment of prize money and other benefits. In this respect, the organizers will pay the skaters' benefits after the competitions and only upon receipt of the doping test results.

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SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 15, 2015

14:00 – 14:30	Technical official meeting at the Arena
14:45 – 15:15	TC & Referee meeting at the Arena
15:30 – 16:00	Judges Meeting at the Arena
16:15 – 17:00	Practice
17:00 – 17:15	Ice resurfacing
17:15 – 18:00	Practice
19:00	Judges' dinner

Friday, January 16, 2015

14:00 – 14:45	Practice
14:45 – 15:00	Ice Resurfacing
15:00 – 15:45	Practice
15:45 – 16:00	Ice Resurfacing
18:00	Doors Open
19:00 – 22:00	Event