



RIGA AMBER CUP 2021

**3rd International Synchronized Skating Competition for Advanced Novice, Junior
and Senior Teams**

**November 25-27, 2021
Riga, Latvia**

ANNOUNCEMENT

hosted by the Latvian Skating Association, organized by the Biedriba "Latvijas sinhronas slidosanas
attistibai"

approved by **INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION (ISU)**



1. EVENT DATA

Host: Latvian Skating Association (ISU Member Federation)
Organizer: Biedriba "Latvijas sinhronas slidosanas attistibai" (Society "Development of Latvian Synchronized Skating") supported by its club "Amber"

Competition Rink: **Kurbads ledus halle** - Modern indoor skating rink, 28 x 58 m, heated. The Competition Rink has capacity for 1500 spectators.

Address: Lidlauka iela 37, LV-1063, Riga, Latvia
<http://www.kurbadshalle.lv/>

The Riga Amber Cup 2021, November 25th-27th is an ISU listed Synchronized Skating Competition for Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior Teams.

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Riga Amber Cup 2021 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution, ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating as well as all applicable ISU Communications.

Participation in the Riga Amber Cup 2021 is open to all teams who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 130, paragraph 7), that meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, 1 and 2 d) and ISU Communication No. 2030 (or any update of this Communication) and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided the ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 3. according to the respective Competition a) Senior, b) Junior, c) Advanced Novice.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

According to Rule 800 the following has to be noted for all categories: a Synchronized Skating Team may include both Men and Ladies; each participating team may enter **up to four (4) alternate skaters** on the official Entry Form. Teams of a Member Federation may enter more than one category using different music and different Programs, with a minimum difference of 50% of the skaters. Only those skaters listed on the official Entry Form may skate in the competition.

Synchronized Skating age limit exception Season 2021/22 In Communication 2316 it was announced that the Council had decided in line with Article 17.1.q), that exceptionally, for the 2020/21 season for Synchronized Skating, the Novice and Junior upper age limits would be extended by one year. Due to the lack of opportunity to practice normally and the lack of a competitive season 2020/21 the Council decided to renew the age limit exemption for Synchronized Skating for the Novice/ Junior category for the 2021/22 season. Athletes who have already benefited from the age limit exemption for the 2020/21 season will not be able to benefit from this new exemption. If a Junior or Novice Team changes Skater(s), the new Skater(s) must be of the Junior/Novice age according to Rule 108, paragraph 4 of the 2018 ISU General Regulations. ISU Members with Novice and/or Junior Synchronized Teams opting for such extension of the Novice or Junior upper age limit must send a corresponding request to the Chair of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee in order to obtain a certificate confirming the exception for the Team concerned

ISU SENIOR: A Senior Team shall consist of 16 skaters (men or women), all of whom must have reached the age of fifteen (15) before July 1st, 2021.

Short Program: Duration: max. 2 min. 50 sec. The required elements to be skated are listed in “ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating”, Rule 991 and 992. Short Program Elements and Requirements for season 2021/2022 as listed in ISU Communication 2236, 2392, 2412 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Free Skating: Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec. The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 991 and 992. Free Program Elements and Requirements for season 2021/2022 as listed in ISU Communication 2236, 2392, 2412 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

ISU JUNIOR: A Junior Team shall consist of 16 skaters, all of whom must have reached the age of thirteen (13) before July 1st, 2021 and may not have reached the age of nineteen (19), before July 1st, 2021.

Short Program: max. 2 min. 50 sec. The general required elements to be skated are listed in “ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating”, Rule 991 and 992. Short Program Elements and Requirements 2021/2022 to be skated as listed in ISU Communication 2236, 2392, 2412 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Free Skating: max. 3 min. 30 sec. +/- 10 sec. The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 991 and 992. Free Program Elements and Requirements 2021/2022 to be skated as listed in ISU Communication 2236, 2392, 2412 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

ISU ADVANCED NOVICE: An Advanced Novice Team shall consist of 16 skaters, all of whom must have reached the age of ten (10) before July 1st, 2021 and may not have reached the age of fifteen (15), before July 1st, 2021.

Free Skating: max. 3 min. +/- 10 sec. The Well Balanced Program Requirements are listed in Rule 991 and 992. Free Program Elements and Requirements 2021/2022 to be skated as listed in ISU Communication 2238, 2392, 2412 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

4. ENTRIES

Entries for ISU categories must be made by ISU Members concerned. Members, Teams and Competitors hereby shall acknowledge acceptance of ISU rule 131 concerning ENTRIES and sign the Declaration forms .

4.1. Entries of Teams

Entries in each category for the Riga Amber Cup 2021 must reach the Organizing Committee by **October 22, 2021**.

Organizing Committee has right to limit number of participating teams to comply with current local regulations regarding public gatherings due to the COVID-19. Entries will be closed when maximum of participants will be reached.

Entry forms listing all competitors and substitutes must be sent to the Organizing Committee of Riga Amber Cup 2021

E-Mail: rigaambercup@inbox.lv

4.1.1. **Preliminary entries** (by number) must reach the Organizing Committee no later than **October 1st, 2021**.

4.1.2. **Entry Fee** With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

ISU Senior:	500 €
ISU Junior:	500 €
ISU Advanced Novice	450 €

Entry fees cannot be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason, except if competition is cancelled due to COVID -19. Organizers have right to keep up to 30% of entry fee to cover costs.

Entry fees are required at time of final entries (no later than October 22, 2021).

Please direct your payment to:

Bank: "SWEDBANK"

BIC (Swift): HABALV22 IBAN: LV44HABA0551039263273

Account Holder: LATVIJAS SINHRONAS SLIDOSANAS ATTISTIBAI BIEDRIBA ,
Reg. No. 40008229504

Address: Sencu iela 1-29, Riga, LV-1012

Please attach a team photo to your entry request; sending digital photos via email.

Team Photo, Team Press Info and Results may be published on the Internet. Each team taking part in the Riga Amber Cup 2021 acknowledges and consents to these terms.

4.2. **Entries of Official Team Delegations** Each Team is entitled to five (5) additional accreditations for a Team Leader, Coach, Team Personal and Medical Personal.

4.3. Officials

a) Entries of Judges

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) Judge, listed on the ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating, the hosting ISU Member may nominate two (2) Judges.

The official Judges' Nomination Form must be sent to the OC of the Riga Amber Cup not later than **October 22, 2021**

b) Referees, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists

will be nominated by the Organizing Committee based on the respective ISU list of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating.

Travel and accommodation will be paid for the technical panel and judges invited by the Organizing Committee as well as the accommodation for the judges sent by the members.

Please find a draft of the meeting and competition schedule for the Official Draw (Starting Order), the Team Leaders Meeting, Initial Judges Meeting, the Judges Round Table Discussions below **on this announcement (preliminary event and meeting schedule)**.

5. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSE

Travel expenses will be reimbursed for Technical Panel Officials (Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers) and Referees only (economy airfare).

DROs, TSs, TCs, Referees and Judges will be picked up from airport Riga or Riga passenger port if OC receive travel information before October 22, 2021.

The organizer will provide and cover accommodation for invited Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, and Referees and nominated Judges from November 25 to November 28 . The OC will also provide meals for the Technical Panel, the Referees and the nominated Judges. Meals will be covered from November 25th, starting with Dinner until November 28th, ending with Breakfast.

The rooms for the Technical Panel and nominated Judges will be reserved by the Organizing Committee upon receipt of the entry in the Official Hotel.

Any extra expense incurred by any Official will be the responsibility of that person.

The Official Hotels are also open to teams. Please fill out the Reservation Form and send it to the Organizing Committee.

All Competitors (Teams), Coaches, Team Managers, Team Leaders, Physicians shall bear their own expenses.

6. PRACTICE

Official Practice will be scheduled on Friday and Saturday morning. A detailed schedule will be provided in November 1, 2021, depending on the number of entries.

If you come earlier and would like to have additional practice time, please fill out the Additional Practice Form. Additional practice ice time can be booked for Thursday, November 25th. The Application for additional practice you will find at Form 2. The additional practice ice schedule will be compiled in the order the requests reach the Organizing committee and can be checked with the Organizing committee.

7. MUSIC

MUSIC UPLOAD AND SUBMISSION: Online music submission is the **ONLY** accepted method to submit program music. The uploaded program music file **MUST** conform to the following specifications:

- Each program (short/free) must be recorded as one single track and in a separate file.
- All Teams shall prepare the competition music of excellent quality. Please provide your Competition music in a **MP3-file Format in high quality**, 192 kBits/s or more.
- The titles, composers and orchestras of the music used for the Short Program and Free Skating must be listed for each team on the official **Music Information Form** and must be attached to the official Entry Form for Teams.

Accreditation can only be granted after the complete Music Information together with the music files have been provided.

8. REGISTRATION / ACCREDITATION

8.1. Accreditation office opening hours

Thursday 09:30 – 20:00 h Official Hotel,
Friday 09:30 – End of Competition, Competition Rink
Saturday 09:30 – End of Competition, Competition Rink.

8.2. Information / Team boxes Team boxes will be also in the accreditation office in competition rink. Information to the teams are distributed into your team boxes.

8.3. Lost and Found

The accreditation office is also the place to pick up lost items in case they have been brought back to the Organizing Committee.

9. STARTING ORDER/DRAW

The starting order will be determined by draw – 2 representatives per Team. The draw will be done at Thursday the 25th of November 2021 and starting order will be published not later than 23.59, November, 25th . There will be no draw for the free skating program starting order for the categories Junior ISU and Senior ISU as reverse order of places in the short program will be used.

10. AWARDS

Awards will take place right after end of competition. Trophies will be awarded to top three teams of each category. Special award (hand made glass trophy) will be given to Senior category winner.

11. ACCOMODATION

Organizing committee has agreements with several hotels for special prices. Please contact organizing committee for details.

Transfer service will be provided from official hotels only.

12. TRANSPORTATION

- 12.1. A shuttle service between the Official Hotels and the Competition Rink will be provided for Judges and Officials on Friday and Saturday free of charge
- 12.2. A shuttle service between Official Hotels and Competition Rink will be provided for Teams per Request (please fill Form 7) and contact OC for details
- 12.3. Teams can enter the premises of the ice rink by own bus. Parking for busses at Competition ice rink parking is free of charge. We kindly ask for your understanding that only marked places may be used as parking spots.
- 12.4. Transfer from Riga Airport, Central railway station and Riga port as well as official hotel can be arranged by filling out Form 7 (travel form) and contacting Organizing Committee.

13. LIABILITY & INSURANCE

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each member participating in the Riga Amber Cup 2021, to provide health and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other

members of the Member's Teams. Such insurance must cover full medical attendance and the return to the country of origin of the ill or injured person, as well.

The Latvian Skating Association and the Organizing Committee in connection with Riga Amber Cup 2021 by Competitors and Officials will not take any responsibility or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred.

However, there will be a Medical Team in the Competition Rink providing emergency medical services for all participants during the competitions and official practices free of charge.

14. MEDICAL INFORMATION

Each team manager should be able to give important medical information for each skater for use 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, blood type, use of glasses, contact lenses, dental appliances

15. COVID-19 information

Riga Amber cup 2021 will be organized according to all requirements and in compliance with the ISU Guidelines for ISU Figure Skating Events during the Covid-19 pandemic (<https://www.isu.org/inside-isu/covid-19>)

OC will make all necessary safety arrangements and fulfill all requirements regarding disinfection, mass gatherings, ventilation and people movement arrangements in ice rink. Despite of above mentioned, please be aware that Riga Amber cup 2021 competition may be cancelled at any time if situation with COVID 19 requires it. Also please keep in mind that mask wearing during event inside facilities and Covid-19 tests before and after arrival may be required.

Currently there are restrictions regarding public events in Latvia, but international competitions are allowed (without spectators), no competitors under age of 7 are allowed to take part.

Please follow situation regarding travel restrictions in website: [Information for travellers to Latvia on the provisions for preventing the spread of COVID-19 | Ārlietu ministrija \(mfa.gov.lv\)](https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/press/press-releases/2020/11/20201116-information-for-travellers-to-latvia-on-the-provisions-for-preventing-the-spread-of-covid-19)

And

<https://www.spkc.gov.lv/lv/if-returning-toentering-latvia>

Also feel free to contact OC of Riga Amber cup 2021 for details and updates.

16. PUBLICITY VAIVER

Each individual and/or team, waive any and all rights to financial remuneration or other compensation for the use or reproduction of their image or likeness, or that of their synchronized skating team, and grant permission to use same, as or in publicity prior to, during or following the Riga Amber Cup 2021, in Riga, Latvia.

17. ANTI-DOPING-CONTROLS

Anti-doping tests may only be conducted for Teams in the ISU Competition related to Seniors' and Juniors'. If carried out, anti-doping tests will be in accordance with current ISU Anti-Doping Rules & Procedures (ISU Communications 2344 and all pertinent Communications).

PRELIMINARY EVENT AND MEETING SCHEDULE - subject to changes – final schedule to be published after closing of entries, on November 1, 2021.

Thursday, November 25th, 2021

All day Additional Practice (Additional Practice Rink)

All day Accreditation Office open (Official Hotel)

16:00 h Judges Meeting (Official Hotel)

17:00 h Technical Panel Meeting

18:30 h Official Draw

Friday, November 26th, 2021 (Competition Rink)

Morning - **Official Practice**

10 min. / Team - Junior (Short Program in Starting Order)

10 min. / Team - Senior (Short Program in Starting Order)

Afternoon - **COMPETITION**

Junior Short Program

Senior Short Program

Saturday, November 27th, 2021 (Competition Rink)

Morning - **Official Practice**

12 min. / Team – Advanced Novice (Free Skating in Starting Order)

12 min. /Team - Junior Teams (Free Skating in Starting Order)

12 min. /Team - Senior Teams (Free Skating in Starting Order)

Afternoon - **COMPETITION**

Advanced Novice Free Skating

Junior Free Skating

Senior Free Skating

Award Ceremony

Saturday, November 27th, 2021

After competition **RTD** for Advance Novice, Junior and Senior events

Sunday, November 28th, 2021

Departures

Summary of forms:

Form	Description	To be submitted before:
Form 0	Preliminary Entry	1.10.2021.
Form 1	Official Entry	22.10.2021.
Form 2	Payment Summary	22.10.2021.
Form 3	Team Entry	22.10.2021.
Form 4	Music and Press Information	22.10.2021.
Form 5	Program Content	22.10.2021.
Form 6	Skater Health Care	show at accreditation
Form 7	Team travel and transfer	22.10.2021.
Form 8	Team meal reservation	22.10.2021.

For any question or additional information, please contact Organizing Committee.

We will be happy to help!

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