



Grand Prix of Figure Skating

Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

2002 / 2003

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INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

”  GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING”

2002 / 2003

TECHNICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

1. GENERAL

The "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" consists of six existing international senior invitational events and the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final". All six events will be held with the approval and the assistance of the International Skating Union, under the responsibility of the Members concerned and in accordance with the 2000 ISU Constitution and General Regulations, the ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000, the ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2000, the changes adopted at the ISU Congress 2002 and the relevant ISU Communications. As soon as the 2002 ISU Constitution and General Regulations as well as the Special Regulations Figure Skating and Ice Dancing are published, the wording of these 2002 Regulations prevail. The Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final belongs to the ISU and will be organized by the Figure Skating Federation of Russia (RUS).

The six events and the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final" are only open to Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2 and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication No. 1117 or any update of this Communication. Entries can only be made through the ISU Members.

Skaters/couples entered for an event of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" may not participate in the same discipline of an event of the "Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating" in the same season, except for Pairs. Only skaters, participating in different disciplines with the exception of the Pair category, may enter in both "Grand Prix - junior and senior" in the same year/skating season.

This regulation does not reflect any participation at the ISU Championships or any other international events not included in the "Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating" or the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating".

The six events of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" are:

<i>"Smart Ones Skate America"</i>	<i>Oct 24th – Oct. 27th, 2002</i>	<i>Spokane, USA</i>
<i>"MasterCard Skate Canada International"</i>	<i>Oct. 31st – Nov. 3rd, 2002</i>	<i>Quebec City, Canada</i>
<i>"Bofrost Cup on Ice"</i>	<i>Nov. 7th – Nov. 10th, 2002</i>	<i>Gelsenkirchen, Germany</i>
<i>"Trophée Lalique"</i>	<i>Nov. 14th – Nov. 17^h, 2002</i>	<i>Paris, France</i>
<i>"Cup of Russia Gallina Blanca"</i>	<i>Nov. 21st – Nov. 24th, 2002</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>
<i>"NHK Trophy"</i>	<i>Nov. 28th – Dec. 1st, 2002</i>	<i>Kyoto, Japan</i>

The "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final" will be organized for the 6 best ranked Men, Ladies, Pairs and Dance couples in

St. Petersburg, Russia

from February 27th to March 2nd, 2003

A point system within the six events of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" has been established to qualify the skaters for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final". Points will be obtained according to the results in each of the six events comprising the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating".

2. DESIGNATION OF THE SKATERS

2.1 Seeded skaters/couples

- a) According to the results of the previous World Figure Skating Championships, the skaters/couples ranking 1 - 6 in each of the 4 categories (Men, Ladies, Pairs, Ice Dancing) shall be seeded in two events. A 3rd event is optional to these skaters for participation.
- b) In case of retirement or ineligibility of any of the top 6 skaters/couples seeded (see paragraph a) above), the next placed skater/couple shall be seeded.
- c) Such seeded skaters/couples must commit on their two assigned events (counting for points). Priority will be given to the home event, if possible.
- d) The 3rd event in which the seeded skaters/couples are invited for participation will not count for points, but prize money will be awarded according to the placement. Only one skater/couple per discipline per event can be accepted as "additional third event". Priority of choice has to be given to the higher placed skater/couple.
- e) Each ISU Member concerned must announce by **August 1st, 2002** latest which events will be the "scoring events" (two events) and which event has to be considered as the "non-scoring event". (see also paragraph 2.1. d) and 3.3). **If a skater/couple fails to announce the additional non-scoring event until the a.m. deadline, the Chairman of the ISU Management Commission is entitled to decide.**

2.2 Invited skaters/couples

- a) Each organizer of the six events of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" may invite additional skaters/couples at their discretion taking into account the ISU World Standings by giving as much as possible preference to the best ranked skaters therein. The maximum number of entries per event is set as follows:

Men, Ladies and Ice Dancing	not more than 12 but not less than 10 entries
Pairs	not more than 10 but not less than 8 entries
- b) No invited skaters/dance couples (except seeded skaters/couples in accordance with para 2.1) may compete in more than two events of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating". These events will count for points and prize money will be awarded according to the placement. Exception is given to Pairs.
- c) Pairs may compete in a third event, which will not count for points, but prize money will be awarded according to the placement. This additional third event must be declared through the Member concerned as the "non scoring event" by **August 1st, 2002**. If a pair fails to announce the additional non-scoring event until the a.m. deadline, the Chairman of the ISU Management Commission is entitled to decide.
- d) No skater/couple, seeded, invited or alternate, may skate only in the exhibition of an event without having participated in this event itself.
- e) A maximum of three skaters/couples of the same ISU Member may compete in the same category of any individual event of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating"

3. POINT SYSTEM

3.1 Points

A point system based on the ranking of each individual event of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" is established:

<u>Men, Ladies, Ice Dance</u>		<u>Pairs</u>	
1st place	12 points	1st place	12 points
2nd place	9 points	2nd place	9 points
3rd place	7 points	3rd place	7 points
4th place	5 points	4th place	5 points
5th place	4 points	5th place	4 points
6th place	3 points	6th place	3 points
7th place	2 points		
8th place	1 point		

Seeded skaters participating in their non-scoring event will not be awarded with the points attributed to their placement. It is understood that skaters who score points at an event, will only score the points according to their respective placements as stated above and they will not "inherit" points from better placed non-scoring event skaters (e.g. a skater finishing second in a scoring event for him/her, behind a skater finishing first but who declared this event as non scoring event, will receive only 9 points and not 12).

3.2 Confirmation of participation of seeded skaters/couples

The ISU Members must confirm the participation of their top seeded skaters/couples in the two events designated for points and the additional third event to the "ISU Management Commission" of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" by **August 1st, 2002** (see also paragraph 2.1 d). If a seeded skater/couple does not participate in that event for which he/she/they is/are designated, there will be no substitute event. The invitations will be forwarded through the host ISU Member of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" event concerned.

3.3 Confirmation of participation of invited skaters/couples

The invitations for participation for skaters/couples, besides the seeded ones, will be forwarded to the ISU Members concerned through the host Member of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" event. The Members of these invited skaters/couples must confirm the participation simultaneously to the ISU Management Commission and the host ISU Member by **August 1st, 2002** latest. In case of a Pair the indication of which events are the scoring and which event is the non-scoring competition must be announced by **August 1st, 2002**.

3.4 Restrictions for participation in Junior and Senior Grand Prix Events

No single skater (Man or Lady) or Dance couple may compete in events of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" as well as in events of the "Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating" in the same skating season. This restriction is not valid for Pairs.

3.5 Restrictions for participation in "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" and "Open International Competitions"

ISU Communication No. 1023, regarding the ISU principles for entries for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" and Open International Competitions shall apply.

3.6 Confirmation of alternates with respect to invited skaters/couples

Alternate skaters in each individual event must be approved by the ISU Management Commission of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating". In general the deadline for alternates is set for September 20th, 2002, but for

practical reasons each organizer of an event is requested to communicate directly with the Chair of the Management Commission regarding late alternates.

3.7 Points considered

The two results as confirmed/announced are to be considered for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" ranking order. The points are added to a total to determine the ranking of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" on the basis of the highest amount of points first.

3.8 Final ranking order

The ranking by points will be published immediately after the last event of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" (for 2002/2003 the "NHK Trophy"). Qualified for the "Grand Prix Final of Figure Skating" are

the top 6 ranking Men
the top 6 ranking Ladies
the top 6 ranking Pairs
the top 6 ranking Dance Couples

3.9 Ties

If there is a tie by added points, the following criteria will be taken into consideration for tie-breaking:

- a) the best place obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie

- b) the best place in Free Skating/Free Dance in one of the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie

- c) participation in two events will be considered better than having participated in only one event;

If there is still a tie

- d) the total of the two Free Skating/Free Dance places in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie

- e) the best place in the Short Program/Original Dance obtained in one of the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie

- f) the total of the two places obtained in the Short Program/Original Dance in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking.

If there is still a tie

- g) the number of participants finishing the two individual events in which the tied skaters/couples have competed, will be added to a total. The higher number of participants will count for the better place/ranking.

If there is still a tie all skaters tied are qualified for the "ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final".

4. PRIZE MONEY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT, POINT BONUS and EXHIBITION FEE

All prize money in favor of the awarded skaters will be paid at the end of each individual event through the hosting ISU Members and subsequently through the ISU Members of the awarded skaters. The withholding tax, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the host Member taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

4.1 Prize money for each individual event

The Global Prize Money per individual event of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" will be

US\$ 264,000.00

awarded to winners and placed skaters/couples as follows:

	Men & Ladies	Pairs & Ice Dancing
1 st place	US\$ 30,000.00	US\$ 30,000.00
2 nd place	US\$ 18,000.00	US\$ 18,000.00
3 rd place	US\$ 10,000.00	US\$ 10,000.00
4 th place	US\$ 5,000.00	US\$ 5,000.00
5 th place	US\$ 3,000.00	US\$ 3,000.00

Prize money may be reduced or completely withheld if a skater/couple:

- i) will not participate in the final exhibition gala of the Event concerned with at least one exhibition number (show dance or similar – parts of a program or fracture of a program is not acceptable) plus an "encore" if so requested.
- ii) do not attend the press conference after his/her/their event.
- iii) do not take part in social events if asked by the ISU and/or the organizer.

The decision to reduce or withhold the prize money can only be made by the ISU Management Commission after consultation with the ISU Coordinator for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating".

4.2 Exhibition Fee

Exhibition fee will only be paid to skaters/couples who are not awarded with prize-money. The exhibition fee is set at US\$ 200 for single skaters and US\$ 300 for Pairs respectively Dance couples.

5. TECHNICAL DETAILS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Men:	Short Program	Duration: max. 2 min., 40 sec., but may be less; the prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 310, para 1 and 2	
	Free Skating	Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.; in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 320	
	Factors	Short Program	0,5
		Free Skating	1,0
Ladies:	Short Program	see Men;	
	Free Skating	Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec. in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 320	
	Factors	see Men;	

Pairs:	Short Program	Duration: max. 2 min., 40 sec., but may be less; the prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 313, para 2 and 4, group C	
	Free Skating	Duration: 4 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec. in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 321	
	Factors	Short Program	0,5
		Free Skating	1,0
Ice Dancing:	Compulsory Dance	One of the four Compulsory Dances announced for 2002/2003 will be executed in each of the six events. The prescribed Compulsory Dances determined by the IDTC for each event are as follows:	
		Skate America, USA	Austrian Waltz
		Skate Canada, CAN	Quickstep
		Sparkassen Cup, GER	Tango Romantica
		Trophée Lalique, FRA	Austrian Waltz
		Cup of Russia, RUS	Quickstep
	NHK-Trophy, JPN	Tango Romantica	
	Original Dance	Duration: 2 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec. "Memories of a Grand Ball" - rhythm Any 2 or 3 rhythms of Waltz, Polka, March and/or Galop. time signature: Waltz 3/4; Galop 2/4; Polka 2/4 or 2/2 ("cut time") March 2/4, 6/8 or 4/4; vocal music is permitted. Description – see "Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet and Compact Disc 1995". Music and composition in accordance with the <i>ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2000*</i> , Rule 509 and all pertinent ISU Communication (i.e. 1154)	
	Free Dance	Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec. in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2000*</i> , Rule 510 and all pertinent ISU Communication (i.e. 1154);	
	Factors	Comp.-Dance	0,4
		Original Dance	0,6
		Free Dance	1,0

*ISU Regulations are subject to amendments as decided by the 2002 ISU Congress

6 REFEREES AND JUDGES

6.1 Referees and Assistant Referees

The Management Commission will propose in close consultation with the six Members organizing a Grand Prix of Figure Skating event, the Referees and Assistant Referees. The final decision of the Referees and Assistant Referees appointed will be made by the ISU President.

At least one ISU Office Holder (Member of Figure Skating or Ice Dance Technical Committee) must serve as Referee and/or Assistant Referee in an individual event of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating", but not more than two.

The ISU Secretariat will inform the OC of the names of the Referees and Assistant Referees assigned to its event. No changes will be accepted unless approved by the ISU President. The ISU reserves the right to change the appointments of the Referees and Assistant Referees.

6.2 Panel of Judges

The composition of each panel in each individual event of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" and the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final" will be announced in a separate ISU Communication taking into account the decisions of the 2002 ISU Congress.

All Judges will be seated on one side of the rink-board.

6.3 Referees and Judges Expenses

Referees, Assistant Referees, Judges and Substitute Judges will receive an honorarium of US\$ 300.00 in each individual "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" event and US\$ 600.00 for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final".

7. ALTERNATES

7.1 Replacement of seeded skaters in the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating"

A top seeded skater/couple who becomes ineligible will be replaced by the immediate following skater/couple based on the results of the previous World Figure Skating Championships.

7.2 Replacement of non-seeded skaters in the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating"

The ISU Management Commission will decide upon any replacement of skaters who is requested or necessary after August 23rd, 2001.

8. GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING FINAL 2002/2003

According to the ranking order by points

***the top 6 Men and Ladies,
the top 6 Pairs and
the top 6 Dance Couples***

are invited to the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final" , which will take place in

St. Petersburg (Russia) between February 27th and March 2nd, 2003

8.1 Bonus for participation in the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final"

A skater/couple will receive an extra bonus of

US\$ 10,000.00

for participation in the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final", provided the skater/couple

- a) completes all initial rounds of the final event including the exhibition;
- b) participates in the exhibition gala with at least one exhibition number (show dance or similar - parts of a program or fracture of a program is not acceptable) plus an "encore" if so requested;
- c) does attend, if requested, the press conference after his/her/their event,
- d) takes part in all social events, if asked by the ISU and/or the host organizer

The decision to reduce or withhold the participation bonus can only be made by the ISU Management Commission together with the ISU Coordinator for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating".

Skaters/couples who are unable to finish their event in case of injury or illness but have completed at least one initial round in the final event may be granted the extra bonus as well, provided that a medical confirmation by the official doctor/Medical Advisor of the ISU can be presented.

The bonus in favour of the awarded skaters will be transferred by bank from the hosting ISU Member to the Member of the awarded skater. The withholding tax, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the host Member taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

8.2 Prize Money

The ISU will make available the Global Prize Money of the "Grand Prix Final of Figure Skating" of

US\$ 492,000.00

to the skaters through their National Associations. All prize money in favour of the awarded skaters will be paid immediately after the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final" via bank transfer from the hosting ISU Member to the Member of the awarded skater. The withholding tax, if any, will be deducted according to the respective law of the host Member taking into account double tax treaties with the countries of the awarded skaters. The ISU is not responsible for any taxes, fees or other costs.

Men and Ladies		Pairs and Ice Dancing	
1st place	US\$ 50,000.00	1st place	US\$ 50,000.00
2nd place	US\$ 30,000.00	2nd place	US\$ 30,000.00
3rd place	US\$ 20,000.00	3rd place	US\$ 20,000.00
4th place	US\$ 10,000.00	4th place	US\$ 10,000.00
5th place	US\$ 8,000.00	5th place	US\$ 8,000.00
6th place	US\$ 5,000.00	6 th place	US\$ 5'000.00

8.3 Technical Details and Venue for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final"

Organizing Committee:	<i>The Figure Skating Federation of Russia</i>	
Place:	<i>St. Petersburg, Russia</i>	
Men:	Short Program	Duration: max. 2 min., 40 sec., but may be less; the prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 310, para 1 and 2
	Free Skating A	Duration: 4 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.; in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 320
	Free Skating B	Duration: 4 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.; in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 320
	<i>Special Remarks:</i>	<i>The two Free Skating Programs must be different in at least 50% of the music chosen, the costume and in their whole character. Each skater has to decide before the first draw, which Free Skating Program he will skate first and which Free Skating Program he will skate last. There is no change possible after the first draw.</i>
	Factors	Short Program 0,4 (20%) 1 st Free Skating 0,6 (30%) 2 nd Free Skating 1,0 (50%)
Ladies:	Short Program	see Men;
	Free Skating A	Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.; in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 320
	Free Skating B	Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.; in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 320

	<i>Special Remarks:</i>	<i>The two Free Skating Programs must be different in at least 50% of the music chosen, the costume and in their whole character. Each skater has to decide before the first draw, which Free Skating Program she will skate first and which Free Skating Program she will skate last . There is no change possible after the first draw.</i>
	Factors	see Men
Pairs:	Short Program	Duration: max. 2 min., 40 sec. but may be less; the prescribed elements to be skated are those listed in <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 313, para 2 and 4, group C
	Free Skating A	Duration: 4 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.; in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 321
	Free Skating B	Duration: 4 min., 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.; in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2000*</i> , Rule 321
	<i>Special Remarks:</i>	<i>The two Free Skating Programs must be different in at least 50% of the music chosen, the costume and in their whole character. Each Pair has to decide before the first draw, which Free Skating Program they will skate first and which Free Skating Program they will skate last. There is no change possible after the first draw.</i>
	Factors	see Men
Ice Dancing:	Original Dance	Duration: 2 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec. "Memories of a Grand Ball" - rhythm Any 2 or 3 of: Waltz, Polka, March and/or Galop, time signature: Waltz ¾, Polka 2/4 or 2/2 ("cut time") Galop 2/4, March 2/4, 6/8 or 4/4, vocal music is permitted. Description see "Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet and Compact Disc 1995". Music and composition in accordance with the <i>ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2000*</i> , Rule 509 and all pertinent ISU Communication (i.e.1109, 1154 etc.)
	Free Dance A	Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.; The Free Dance A must be in accordance with the <i>ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2000*</i> , Rule 510 and ISU Communications 1109.
	Free Dance B	Duration: 4 min. +/- 10 sec. in accordance with <i>ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2000*</i> , Rule 510 and all pertinent ISU Communications (i.e. 1154).
	<i>Special Remarks:</i>	<i>Free Dance "A" and "B" must be completely different programs. Free Dance "B" must be a "new" Free Dance.</i>
	Factors	Original Dance 0,4 (20%) Free Dance A 0,6 (30%) Free Dance B 1,0 (50%)

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8.4 Special regulations for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final"

(Any possible changes or necessary clarifications would be communicated in due time)

The Short Program/Original Dance and the first Free Skating / Free Dance A will be skated on one day, the second Free Skating / Free Dance B on the following day. The skating order for the second Free Skating / Free Dance B is the reverse order of the ranking order of the combined result Short Program/first Free Skating respectively Original Dance/Free Dance A. (last place skates first, first place skates last).

The results will be calculated according to ISU Regulations 353 to 356, respectively 543 to 546.

8.5 Ties

If two or more competitors (single or pairs) receive an equal total factor placement for all parts of the competition combined (final result), the best placement shall be decided on the basis of the best placing for the Free Skating / Free Dance, skated last. If this is equal, the competitors concerned are tied.

8.6 Entries

Invitations on behalf of the ISU to the qualified skaters/couples will be forwarded by the host Organizing Committee of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final" to the Members concerned including all official forms.

If a skater/couple cannot participate due to injury

- a) he/she/they must inform the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat in writing through the respective ISU Member immediately so that the Organizing Committee can extend an invitation on behalf of the ISU to the next ranked skater/couple.
- b) An injured skater may be called to the place of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final", at the expense of the ISU, to be examined by the ISU Medical Advisor

8.7 Referees and Assistant Referees

The Referees and Assistant Referees for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final" will be appointed by the ISU President. The ISU Management Commission may submit recommendations to the ISU President. The Referees must have the qualification "Referee for ISU Championships", the Assistant Referees should have the qualification for at least "ISU Referees for international competitions".

The ISU Secretariat will inform the OC of the names of the Referees and Assistant Referees assigned to its event. No changes will be accepted unless approved by the ISU President. The ISU reserves the right to change the appointments of the Referees and Assistant Referees.

8.8 Judges

The composition of each panel of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final" will be announced in a separate ISU Communication taking into account the decisions of the 2002 ISU Congress.

All Judges will be seated on one side of the rink-board.

8.9 Schedule (subject to change)

Thursday, February 27 th , 2003	09:00	The first official practice. Additional practice on Wednesday, February 26 th , 2003 will be available upon special request ISU Regulations 340 and 534 must be observed.
	17:00	The Judges' Meeting and the composition of the panel of Judges
	19:30	The Opening & Draws
Friday, February 28 st , 2003		Practice and Competition
Saturday, March 1 st , 2003		Practice and Competition
Sunday, March 2 nd , 2003	10:30	Brunch
	13:00	Exhibition Gala

The departure for all teams is planned on March 2nd, 2003 immediately after the Exhibition Gala respectively the following day, depending on the flight schedules.

8.10 Expenses

The organizing Member will pay travel expenses based on economy air-fare rates for all Competitors qualified for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final", for all Judges invited (see 7.7), the Referees and Assistant Referees from their domicile to St. Petersburg and return.

The organizing Member will pay board and lodging for all Competitors and Judges, Referees and Assistant Referees from Wednesday, February 26th, 2003 (incl. lunch) to Monday, March 3rd, 2003 (incl. lunch). This period might be extended due to individual flight arrangements.

8.11 Liability

According to *ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2002*, Rule 119, the organizer and the ISU accepts no liability for injuries or damage sustained by Competitors or Officials. Each ISU Member is expected to provide its own insurance protection.

8.12 Travel documents, permits

Due to the limited time between the last event of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" (NHK-Trophy) and the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final" all qualified Team Members are requested to take care of their individual travel documents/permits (visa etc.) in due time.

9. ALTERNATES

9.1 Replacement for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final"

A qualified skater/couple for the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final", unable to participate, will be replaced by the immediately following skater/couple based on the ranking order of points.

The first three alternate skaters/couples must stay on "stand-by" until three days (until February 24th, 2003 – noon (local time Russia)) before the Opening & Draws of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final" as possible alternates. These alternate skaters/couples are responsible for their own necessary visa or travel documents.

Replacements do not influence at first the invitation of Judges respectively the composition of the panel of judges.

9.2 Decision for Replacements

The ISU Management Commission together with the ISU Coordinator of the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating" decide upon any replacements for the Final.

10. INJURIES OR ILLNESS OF TOP SEEDED SKATERS

In case of any injury or illness, a certificate issued by a Medical Doctor and confirmed by the respective Member and/or an ISU Medical Advisor, has to be sent to the Chairman of the ISU Management Commission and the ISU Secretariat simultaneously.

11. ANTI DOPING

Anti Doping tests will be conducted in each of the six events of the "ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating" as well as in the "Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final".

The tests will be carried out on the best skater of the final result in Singles (after the final Free Program), Pair Skating (after the final Free Program) and Ice Dancing (after the final Free Program). One skater from the remainder of the skaters shall be selected by random draw in Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dancing. In Pair Skating and Ice Dancing, either the man or the lady, but not both, shall be tested and shall be selected by random draw.

Anti Doping tests will be carried out according to ISU Regulations and the current ISU Anti Doping Communication.

12. INFORMATION

For further information any request should be addressed to

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13. INDIVIDUAL EVENT ORGANIZING MEMBER FEDERATIONS AND ISU GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Canada	Skate Canada
France	Fédération Française des Sports de Glace
Germany	Deutsche Eislauf-Union
Japan	Japan Skating Federation
Russia	The Figure Skating Federation of Russia
United States of America	The United States Figure Skating Association

ISU Management Commission

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