

Announcement

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3rd Bavaria Cup 2026

Interclub competition for synchronized skating

incl. "Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen"

(for all German Non-ISU Teams)

and "International Mixed Age Trophy "

(for national and international Mixed Age Teams)



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

Place:	Ice rink in Höchstadt an der Aisch / Kieferndorfer Weg 77 / 91315 Höchstadt / Germany	
Date:	March 28/29, 2026	
Categories:	Pre-Juvenile	free skating
	Juvenile	free skating
	Non ISU Basic Novice	free skating
	Adult	free skating
	ISU Adult	free skating
	Masters	free skating
	ISU Masters	free skating
	Mixed Age	free skating
	Junior B	free skating
	Senior B	free skating
	ISU Advanced Novice	free skating
	ISU Junior	short program / free skating
	ISU Senior	short program / free skating
	ISU Senior Elite 12	short program / free skating

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Pre-entries must be done by October 30th, 2025.

The final registrations must be submitted no later than November 30th, 2025.

Announcement

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

3rd Bavaria Cup

incl. "Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen"

(for all German Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Non ISU Basic Novice, Mixed Age, Adult and Masters Teams)

and "International Mixed Age Trophy"

(for national and international Mixed Age Teams)

The event will take place on **28th and 29th of March 2026** 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 / ISU Adult / Masters / ISU Masters / Junior B / Senior B

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

General rules

The international synchronized skating competition will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Constitution and General Regulation, as well as the Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating and the relevant ISU Communications. For ISU Adult Figure Skating Competitions Season 2025-2026. The participating teams must belong to an ISU Member (Rule 130, paragraph 7). All skaters must qualify with regards to eligibility according to rule 102, provided their age falls within the age limits specified in this announcement and they meet participation and citizenship requirements according to rule 109.

All programs will be judged in accordance with the ISU Communications 2692, 2689 and 2695. 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 and Masters categories coincides with the Technical Requirements for Synchronized Skating for ISU Adult Figure Skating Competitions Season 2025-2026. 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 as well as Junior B (only free skating) and Senior B (only free skating) coincide with the respective ISU categories Junior, Senior and Senior Elite 12.

Categories and technical requirements

Please note: The 75/25 % and 50/50% rules mentioned as follows apply only to the competing skaters on the ice (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 75% of the skaters must not have reached the age of 11 (eleven) before 1st July, 2025. A maximum of 25% 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**

Please note: Elements of the highest level can be performed, but a maximum of Level 2 will be called. For the synchronized spin element (SySp), a maximum of level 1 will be called.
(according to DFBest.DKBSYS)

Further explanation regarding the 75/25% rule for Pre-Juvenile:

Skaters on the ice	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
at least 75% must have not reached the age of 11	12	12	11	10	9	9	8	7	6
max. 25% outside the age criteria (max. 2 years)	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2

Juvenile shall consist of 8 - 16 (eight to sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of 4 (four) alternate skaters. At least 75% of the skaters must not have reached the age of 13 (thirteen) before 1st July, 2025. A maximum of 25% 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**

Please note: Elements of the highest level can be performed, but a maximum of Level 3 will be called. For the synchronized spin element (SySp), a maximum of level 1 will be called.
(according to DFBest.DKBSYS)

Further explanation regarding the 75/25% rule for Juvenile:

Skaters on the ice	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
at least 75% must have not reached the age of 13	12	12	11	10	9	9	8	7	6
max. 25% outside the age criteria (max. 2 years)	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2

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 2025 and not have reached the age of 16 (sixteen) before 1st July, 2025. At least 75% of the skaters must meet the age category. A maximum of 25% 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**

Further explanation regarding the 75/25% rule for Non ISU Basic Novice:

Skaters on the ice	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
at least 75% must have reached the age of 10 and not have reached the age of 16	12	12	11	10	9	9	8	7	6
max. 25% outside the age criteria (max. +/-2 years)	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2

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 / Masters

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 18 (eighteen) before 1st July 2025. At least 50% must have reached the age of 23 (twentythree) before 1st July 2025.

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

Further explanation regarding the 50/50% rule for Adult:

Skaters on the ice	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
at least 50% must have reached the age of 23	8	8	7	7	6	6	5	5	4
max. 50% must have reached at least the age of 18	8	7	7	6	6	5	5	4	4

ISU Adult / ISU Masters (ISU age rules)

shall consist of 12 - 16 (twelve to sixteen) skaters with a maximum number of 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 2025. A maximum of one quarter (25%) of the team members must have reached at least the age of 25 (twenty-five) before 1st July 2025.

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

Further explanation regarding the 75/25% rule for Adult ISU/Masters:

Skaters on the ice	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
at least 75% must have reached the age of 28	12	12	11	10	9	9	8	7	6
max. 25% must have reached at least the age of 25	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2

both categories will be conducted within the Adult/Masters category above (same competition, separate results, separate award ceremony)

ISU Advanced Novice

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 10 (ten) before 1st July 2025, but not have reached the age of 16 (sixteen) before 1st July 2025. 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 2025, but not have reached the age of 19 (nineteen) before July 1st, 2025. 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**

Junior B

For the Junior B category all above mentioned rules for the Junior category apply. The Junior B competition consists of a free skating program only.

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 17 (seventeen) before 1st July, 2025. 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 B

For the Senior B category all above mentioned rules for the Senior category apply. The Senior B competition consists of a free skating program only.

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 17 (seventeen) before 1st July, 2025. 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 2026 have to pre-register in advance. Pre-entries have to be done by October 30th, 2025.

The digital pre-registration form is available at:

<https://form.jotform.com/eschoechstadt/pre-entry-bavariacup-2026>

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 November 30th, 2025.

Entry fees

The fixed entry fees for the 3rd Bavaria Cup 2026 will be

- **550,- Euro** for Senior, Senior Elite 12 and Junior teams
(categories with short program and free skating)
- **500,- Euro** for all other participating categories.

The due date for the entry fee payment is **November 30th, 2025** and has to be transferred to the following bank account:

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

payment reference:

BC2026 entry fee | team name | category

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 category or 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 the competition on short notice, due to the decisions of the national authorities and international travel restrictions. In case of cancellation before December 31st, 2025, the OC will refund the participation fee at 100%. In case of cancellation after December 31st, 2025, 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 November 30th, 2025**.

Please use our online registration tool and follow the link:

<https://form.jotform.com/eschoechstadt/officials-entry-bavariacup-2026>

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 content (PPC) must be sent to the OC by **November 30th, 2025** 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. 2693.

Music

All teams are asked to send their music information in advance and have to provide their competition music of excellent quality by **November 30th, 2025** at latest. Please upload the music as **MP3-file** via our online registration tool. The file must be clearly identified and should be labelled in the format:

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

Additionally, each team shall bring along a labelled 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 **Sunday March 22nd, 2026** in the presence of the referee of the BavariaCup 2026. The results of the draw will be published no later than **Sunday March 22nd, 2026** 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 Höchststadt on Friday, **March 27th starting at 12pm to 6pm and on Saturday/Sunday, March 28/29, 2026 from 7am**. 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.

Official practice ice

The official practice will start on **Saturday and Sunday, March 28th and 29th, 2026** approximately around 7am (the schedule is subjected to change!). Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Non ISU Basic Novice, Advanced Novice, Adult and Masters 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 final registration tool no later than **November 30th, 2025** 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 27th, 2026**. The OC will charge **60€ per 15 minutes** on the ice. The confirmation of the fixed time slot for the extra practice session will be sent to the respective teams via email.

Special Requirements "Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen"

The German Figure Skating Federation, Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V., is assigning the first "Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen" to the OC of BavariaCup 2026 in order to host the competition within the mentioned event. "Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen" will be conducted under the rules of the German Figure Skating Federation, specifically: OAB, DKB, DFBest.DKBSYS

Please note regarding the **final scoring of "Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen"**:

Only German teams from the following categories will be included:

Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Non ISU Basic Novice, Mixed Age, Adult and Masters

No extra registration is necessary for the "Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen". The "Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen" is scored within the BavariaCup competition, i.e., the order of the German Non-ISU teams in the respective category of the BavariaCup corresponds to the final ranking of the "Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen".

Notice: The categories **Adult & ISU Adult** as well as **Masters & ISU Masters** will each be conducted in one competition (see technical requirements). As all ISU Adult and ISU Masters teams automatically fulfill the age requirements for the Adult and Masters category, the **German teams results will count towards the final scoring of "Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen"**

Special Requirements "International Mixed Age Trophy"



The International Synchronized Skating competition "Mixed Age Trophy" will be conducted in accordance with the above mentioned rules for the Mixed Age category.

Please note regarding the **final scoring of "International Mixed Aged Trophy"**:

No separate registration is necessary for the "International Mixed Aged Trophy". The "International Mixed Aged Trophy" is scored within the BavariaCup competition, i.e., **the order of the first three best placed teams of each nation** in the category Mixed Age of the BavariaCup corresponds to the final ranking in the "International Mixed Aged Trophy".

Notice: **all teams of the Mixed Age category** will be counted towards the final scoring of **"BavariaCup 2026"**, only the **best three teams per nation will be included in the final scoring of "International Mixed Age Trophy"**.

Awards

For the **BavariaCup 2026**: Trophies will be presented to the first, second, and third place in each category, all skaters will be awarded medals and all teams will receive a certificate of participation.

In addition, separate awards will be given to the competitors of **“Deutschlandpokal Synchroneiskunstlaufen”** and **“International Mixed Age Trophy”**.

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 2025), 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 in Höchstadt an der Aisch has been comprehensively modernized in the last two years and is now fully equipped to meet contemporary standards for athletes and spectators alike. With a total capacity of 2,000 visitors and an ice surface measuring 29.7 by 59.7 meters, the facility now offers significantly improved infrastructure, comfort and is now heated. The renovation project, carried out between the winter of 2023 and the 2024/2025 season, included the installation of a new roof, full enclosure of the rink, and the implementation of modern ice technology. With all planned measures now successfully completed, the venue provides a high-quality, energy-efficient environment for ice sport competitions.

Meals

Lunch and dinner will be provided for the teams during the competition. After the final registration all respective teams will be contacted via Email by the OC regarding a pre-reservation and further information. Payment for the meals has to be placed directly at the restaurant to the caterer.

Judges Meeting

The Judges and Technical Panel Meeting will be held on **Friday March 27th, 2026 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.

Preliminary event schedule for the Bavaria Cup 2026

Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

Draw

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

Friday, March 27th, 2026

08.00 – 20.00 Unofficial practice ice

12.00 – 18.00 Registration

18.00 Judges and Technical Panel Meeting

Saturday, March 28th, 2026

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 29th, 2026

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!

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

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