



**Nebelhorn-Trophy 2023**

**Oberstdorf, Germany**

**September 20 – 23, 2023**



# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **Nebelhorn-Trophy 2023 Fritz-Geiger-Memorial Trophy 2023**

**An International Senior Competition  
for Men, Women, Pair Skating and Ice Dance**

**organized by**

**Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V.**

**Oberstdorf, Germany**

**September 20-23, 2023**

**A competition as part of the**



**Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24**

**under the authorization of the**

**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION**

## 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

For the 55<sup>th</sup> time the prestigious Nebelhorn-Trophy will be celebrated in Oberstdorf this year.

The **Nebelhorn-Trophy 2023** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2022, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2022, and the relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the **Nebelhorn-Trophy 2023** is open to all 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 3 a) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 2526 all Skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must provide an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all Skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All competitors must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation.

## 2. ISU CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING

The **Nebelhorn-Trophy 2023** is part of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24 and will be conducted in accordance with additional requirements as specified in the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24 as well as ISU Communication 2539.

If the requirements specified in the above-mentioned documents are fulfilled the event will count towards ISU World Standing Points, Minimum Total Technical Score, Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking and Prize Money.

There is a limitation for the Skaters/Couples to three (3) participations in the events of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating. Participation in any of an ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events or an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events does not limit the participation in events of the Challenger Series.

### CHALLENGER SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING RANKING AND PRIZE MONEY

At the end of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating, after the last event of the season has been concluded, the two highest final scores in the up to three different Challenger Series in Figure Skating events of each competitor/couple will be added and taken into consideration to form a Challenger Series in Figure Skating Ranking which will be published on the ISU website.

The top three placed Skaters/Couples of the annual Challenger Series Ranking in Figure Skating after the last event of the Challenger Series in Figure Skating will receive ISU Prize Money as outlined in the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24 as well as ISU Communication 2539.

## 3. TECHNICAL DATA

### PLACE

**Main arena: Eissportzentrum Oberstdorf, Rossbichlstr. 2-6, 87561 Oberstdorf**  
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

**Practice arena: Eissportzentrum Oberstdorf, Rossbichlstr. 2-6, 87561 Oberstdorf**  
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated)

**Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex / building.**



<b>MEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.  Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.  Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
<b>WOMEN</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.  Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.  Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
<b>PAIR SKATING</b>	Short Program	The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 620, paragraphs 1 and 2 for 2023/24.  Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.
	Free Skating	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Figure Skating & Pairs Skating 2022, Rule 621 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element value.  Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.
<b>ICE DANCE</b>	Rhythm Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communications 2560 and subsequent updates.  Duration: 2 min., 50 sec., +/- 10 sec
	Free Dance	In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2022, Rule 710. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 2560 and subsequent updates.  Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.



## **4. ENTRIES**

### **4.1 General**

All Entries must be made by the ISU Member concerned based on the regulations for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24.

All entries for the Nebelhorn-Trophy 2023, must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS, as well as bank information. Declarations will need to be uploaded to the ORS as well.

### **4.2 Preliminary Entries**

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by latest: **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023** by entering the information through ORS.

### **4.3 Entries by Name**

#### **4.3.1 Entries of Competitors**

Each ISU Member may nominate up to three (3) competitors/couples for each event in the Nebelhorn-Trophy 2023. In accordance with the Challenger Series General Announcement, the participation of the host member is not limited.

The OC reserves the right to limit the number of entries to 30 Women and Men, 16 Pairs and 20 Ice Dance couples. In case of a higher number of entries, the OC may limit the number of final entries available for Members. If OC have to limit the number of entries, priority will be given to those countries that have made the Preliminary Entries.

The Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS):

<https://fms.sportresult.com/isu>

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

**Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V.**  
Menzinger Straße 68  
80992 Munich  
e-mail: [event@eislauf-union.de](mailto:event@eislauf-union.de)

and to:

ISU Secretariat  
e-mail: [entries@isu.ch](mailto:entries@isu.ch)

not later than: **Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 20:00h (local time Oberstdorf)**

#### **4.3.2 Entries of Judges**

Each participating ISU Member has the right to nominate one judge per discipline who has at least the qualification "Judge for International Competitions".

In case of too many nominated judges the organizer will draw the panel of judges immediately after the closing date for the entries. The result of such draw will be communicated to all ISU Members involved in writing immediately after the conclusion of such draw.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than: **Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 20:00h (local time Oberstdorf)**



Each panel of Judges will consist of at least 7 Judges. In exceptional cases and if there is no possibility to compose a panel of judges with at least 7 Judges, the ISU Vice-President Figure Skating may exceptionally authorize the panel in question to have a minimum of 6 Judges.

In case that at the time of the competition more Judges will be available and entered as required to compose the panels of Judges in one or more disciplines, the Organizing Member in consultation with the ISU will conduct on site, a draw for the panel of judges in the discipline in question for the first segment. The Judges, not drawn for the first segment will be seated for the second segment. The panel for the second segment (Free Skating / Free Dance) will in this case be completed by an open draw amongst the Judges serving in the first segment of the discipline in question.

#### **4.1.4 Entries of Team Members**

Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially accepted by the Organizer.

Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Team Officials of each Member, including the Member President provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation, will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. An accompanying person to a Judge will only be accepted for accreditation if this person is a partner in life or a relative of the Judge. The Member Federations guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team Members will correspond to their function within the team and the Federation.

The names of all team members must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and must reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than: **Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 20:00h (local time Oberstdorf)**.

#### **4.1.5 Entry Fee**

With the entry to the competition, the entry fee must be paid as follows:

70.00 € per single skater  
100.00 € per pair or ice dance couple

**The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason, except when the OC has to reduce the number of entries.**

The OC will issue the invoice for entry fees after the final entry on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIAL**

This Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will follow the requirements of the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24 as well as ISU Communication 2539 and principles of Rule 420, paragraph 5.a) of the ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2022 for appointing the Event Officials.

The members of each individual Technical Panel (Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists) will not be from the same ISU Member. At least two Technical Panel members will have the qualification "ISU", however one of the three members may have the qualification "International".

The Referee will have at least the qualification "International" and could be of the same ISU Member as one member of the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and Technical Specialists).

The Data Operator and the Replay Operator will have at least the qualification "International".

## 6. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees, the Technical Controllers and the Technical Specialists participating, beginning with dinner on **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** until breakfast on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for the Data and Replay Officers and all Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023** until breakfast on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

Should any of the above-mentioned persons arrive at the hotel before or stay longer than the period described above, their room costs and expenses will be the responsibility of the individual and must be paid on arrival.

The Organizing Committee will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges

In accordance with the General Announcement for the Challenger Series in Figure Skating 2023/24 as well as ISU Communication 2539, all Referees, the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists, the Data and Replay Operators and Judges officiating in the “senior” competitions of a Challenger Series in Figure Skating event will, at the expense of the organizing ISU Member, receive pocket money of CHF 200.00 or the equivalent in the local currency.

## 7. PRACTICE

Official practice for Competitors begins on **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023** (late morning). The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

## 8. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

All Competitors shall furnish in advance competition music of excellent quality via e-mail to [music@eislauf-union.de](mailto:music@eislauf-union.de) until **September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 2. A list of titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single and Pairs, for the Short and Free Dance Program for Ice Dance and for the Exhibition must be entered on the ISU Portal. Members can download the entered information to send to the Organizing Committee.

Each submission shall be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment and the name(s) of the competitor(s). The music files must be provided in MP3 or M4A format. Any other format is not acceptable. In addition, competitors/couples must provide a **back-up drive** (USB-Stick) for each program, fulfilling the same requirements.

The exact running time of the music must be communicated to the OC when submitting the music and shall be certified by the competitor/coach/team leader at the time of registration.

Please note: CDs will **not** be accepted by the OC.

If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

The Planned Program Content must also be entered by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform. It is mandatory that the Program Content information be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication.

## 9. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to **Oberstdorf** is **Munich Airport (MUC) – 3 hours by train to Oberstdorf**.

All Referees, the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators), Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and Coaches are requested to



announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023** the name of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival or any other information concerning transportation and arrivals. The detailed travel information needs to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

Please note: If you plan to travel by plane, please use Munich airport. There will be no shuttle or pick-up service from the airport in Zürich.

If you book your flights, please make sure that

- no arrival time at Munich Airport should be planned later than 18.00h
- no departure time from Munich Airport should be planned before 10:30h

We highly recommend to book arrival and departure times during the advised times, transportation to and from Oberstdorf is otherwise nearly impossible. An overnight stay in Munich or Oberstdorf would be necessary.

Please note also, that at the time of the Nebelhorn-Trophy the Oktoberfest Munich is in full operation, meaning hotel capacity in Munich is limited and expensive.

**Important:** The DEU is planning to provide a bus shuttle from Munich Airport to Oberstdorf at set times. The booking will take place via an online-shop at the DEU event page. More information will be published at mid August on the following page: <https://eislaufr-union.de/de/events/nebelhorn-trophy>

## 10. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

**There is no official hotel recommended. Member Federations/Teams should contact:**

### **TOURISMUS OBERSTDORF**

Prinzregenten-Platz 1

87561 Oberstdorf

phone: + 49 8322 700 1300

e-mail: [reservierung@oberstdorf.de](mailto:reservierung@oberstdorf.de)

keyword: NHT 2023

Member Federations/Teams should contact Tourismus Oberstdorf through the above-mentioned e-mail address using the keyword "NHT 2023". Please provide all necessary information at your inquiry: day of arrival and departure, number people in party with date of birth, number of rooms required, if necessary budget information. Tourismus Oberstdorf will offer various proposals for accommodation and member federations/teams need to select and book their own hotel in line with budget and special requests. Please be advised, that hotel bookings should be done as soon as possible.

## 11. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at the **Eissportzentrum Oberstdorf** upon arrival.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their ISU Member. **The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.**

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

Chaperons will not receive accreditation; a valid ticket needs to be purchased.



## 12. RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single & Pair Skating 2022, Rule 352 and Rule 353 (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

## 13. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best placed Skaters/Couples in each event will be announced and honored. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

The **Fritz-Geiger-Memorial-Trophy 2023** will be awarded to the best-placed team with the highest number of points in the **Nebelhorn-Trophy 2023**. The calculation procedure will be as follows:

- a. The number of ISU Members participating in the Nebelhorn-Trophy 2023 will decide upon the highest number of points in each discipline. For example, if 25 ISU Members in total will be attending in the Trophy, 25 points will be awarded in each discipline for the first place. To be counted as a participating Member, a skater of such Member must complete at least one segment in the respective discipline.
- b. Only the best-placed man, the best-placed women, the best-placed pair and the best-placed Ice Dance couple of each ISU Member will count for the Fritz-Geiger-Memorial-Trophy 2023.
- c. The final place of each skater/couple will count for team points, the steps for each team point in the ranking order is 1 point.
- d. All points reached by an ISU Member will be added to a total.
- e. If two or more ISU Members have obtained the same amount of points, the one ISU Member who received the higher number of first places will be awarded the first place. If two or more ISU Members have obtained the same amount of points and the same amount of first places, the higher number of second places will count for the better placement. In this case a first place will count as a second place. If there is also a tie, the higher number of third places will decide upon the better placement, and so on. If there is still a tie the better placement in the Ladies event of the Nebelhorn-Trophy 2023 will count for the better placement.

## 14. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each Member participating in ISU Events, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

The ISU and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

## 15. EXHIBITION

The three best-placed skaters/couples in the final ranking of each category will be asked to take part in an exhibition in Saturday night. Additional skaters/couples will be invited to participate.

## 16. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges are responsible to make their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and the Judges are responsible to check if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 18.



## 17. INFORMATION

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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Menzinger Str. 68  
80992 Munich  
phone: +49 8560 9420  
e-mail: [event@eislauf-union.de](mailto:event@eislauf-union.de)

Please note, that all entries must be made through ORS. E-mail entries will not be accepted.

All information will also be published on the event website: <https://eislauf-union.de/de/events/nebelhorn-trophy>



## 18. EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>Wednesday, September 20, 2023</b>	all day	Official practice
	late afternoon	Team Leaders Meeting
	tba	ISU Dinner
<b>Thursday, September 21, 2023</b>	morning	Judges Draw and Meeting
	from 13:00h	MEN – Short Program
		WOMEN – Short Program
		PAIRS – Short Program
<b>Friday, September 22, 2023</b>	from 13:00h	ICE DANCE – Short Dance
		MEN – Free Skating
		PAIRS – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremonies MEN & PAIRS
<b>Saturday, September 23, 2023</b>	tba	PAIRS & MEN – Round Table Discussion for Judges
	from 10.30h	WOMEN – Free Skating
		ICE DANCE – Free Skating
		Victory Ceremonies WOMEN & ICE DANCE
	tba	WOMEN - Round Table Discussion for Judges
	tba	ICE DANCE - Round Table Discussion for Judges
approx. 20:15h	Victory Ceremony Fritz-Geiger-Memorial-Trophy 2023	
	EXHIBITION	

**Please note:**

**This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.**

## FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Preliminary Entry Form	ORS	July 31, 2023
N/A	Composition of Delegation	ORS	August 25, 2023
N/A	Entry Form for Competitors	ORS	August 25, 2023
N/A	Entry Form for Judges	ORS	August 25, 2023
N/A	Team Travel Form	ORS	August 25, 2023
	Hotel reservation for teams	Via Tourismus Oberstdorf	September 20, 2023
	Shuttle booking	Via event website*	September 20, 2023
	Visa request form	Via event website*	August 25, 2023
	Entry fee	Via DEU invoice	August 25, 2023
	Music files	Via e-mail	September 16, 2023
N/A	Press Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24
N/A	Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24
N/A	Ice Dance Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24
N/A	Program Content Form	ISU Portal	Valid for season 23/24

\*event website: <https://eislauf-union.de/de/events/nebelhorn-trophy>