



# ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships® 2024 February 26 – March 3, 2024 Taipei City, Chinese Taipei

# **Media Information**





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The Chinese Taipei Skating Union looks forward to hosting media attending the **ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships® 2024** in Taipei City, Taiwan. The event will be held at the magnificent **Taipei Arena** (2, Sec. 4, Nanjing E. Rd., Songshan District, 105037 Taipei City, Taiwan (R.O.C.)) from **February 26 to March 3, 2024.** 

This information will assist you in planning your trip to **Taipei City** and to apply for media accreditation to cover the event. Every effort will be made to ensure all media have all the appropriate facilities necessary to work at the event.

The media work room, press tribunes, photo positions and mixed zones will be open and operational as from the first practice/ training session on Monday, February 26, 2024. The operation of the Press Centre will open 30 minutes before the practice and stay open until 2 hours after the last competitions (or Victory Ceremony) according to the time schedule, which will be provided on the <a href="ISU website">ISU website</a> (schedule may be subject to changes and needs to be verified on-site).

#### 1. Media Accreditation

**All media** must apply for media accreditation through the ISU Online Media Accreditation System (OMAS) on the International Skating Union (ISU) website (<a href="www.isu.org">www.isu.org</a>) under «<a href="mailto:Media Accreditation">Media Accreditation</a>».

/!\ When registering / applying, please make sure to upload all requested press credentials and to update these at the start of each season.

Only professional journalists and photographers (print/web, TV/Radio), and to some extent some content creators and social media reporters, covering ISU Events for editorial or news purposes will be accredited.

#### 1.1 Accreditation Requirements

All media must provide the following up-to-date documentation when applying for media accreditation:

- 1. Endorsement letter from the editor-in-chief (formats: pdf, png or jpeg) Mandatory
- 2. Copy of current professional media or journalist card (formats: pdf, png, or jpeg) if available
- 3. Copy of ID + portrait photo (formats: pdf, png or jpeg) Mandatory
- 4. Examples of published work / portfolios (past articles, photographs, etc.) (formats: pdf or web links) **Mandatory**
- 5. Any necessary documentation required by the host country which may include sanitary certifications/testing results **If needed**

#### 1.2. Quotas

If space is limited the following quota will be enforced:

Type of Media	Number of people per media organization	
Writing Press	Media Organization (newspaper, magazine, web, agencies, ISU Member Federations)	
	Major Agency or Newspaper	
Photographer	Media Organization	



Photographer	Major Agency or Newspaper: 2 photographers  For Figure Skating, Synchronized Skating and Short Track Speed Skating: limited to one rink side position, the other in an elevated position.  For Speed Skating, 2 rink side positions (if space permits).			
TV Non-Right Holder	Media Organization: 3 persons crew max. (e.g. one reporter, one camera person, one editor)			
Radio Non-Right Holder	Media Organization: 1 reporter (max.)			
Freelancer	<ul> <li>Freelance journalist or photographer</li> <li>Freelancers must provide written evidence that they are assigned to cover the ISU Event on behalf of a media organization.</li> <li>In case a freelancer is operating under its own account, they may be requested to submit additional written evidence (presentation letter, copy of past editorial pieces, etc).</li> </ul>			

#### 1.3. Accreditation types and deadlines

The International Skating Union (ISU) and the Organizing Committee (OC) work diligently to ensure there will be ample coverage opportunities available to media outlets wishing to cover the ISU Events.

#### The type of media accreditation available are the following:

- 1. On-site media accreditation (subject to capacity)
- 2. Remote The ISU website, the event website and social media platforms will supply a limited number of professional photographic images, written flash quotes and short video mixed zone flash interviews with key athletes to assist remote journalists. Media will also be able to request quotes from certain athletes through a Whatsap service (number to be supplied closer to the event). A remote media accreditation will not be required to access these services.

#### The deadlines to apply for media accreditations are as follows:

> On-site media accreditation requests: Media accreditation opens 1 November 2023 and closes 1 January 2024.

Accreditations after this date will be by special consideration only.



#### 1.4. Restrictions to Media Non-Right Holders during ISU Events

Non-Right Holders media – print/web journalists, TV/Radio, photographers, content creators and social media reporters – who have not negotiated any special production rights – need to abide and agree to the following rules in the conduct of their editorial work during ISU events (see Terms and Conditions here).

#### 1.4.1. Restricted areas

Filming in the below listed areas is strictly forbidden:

- · Competitions / Field of play
- Training sessions (at the Practice or Main rinks)
- Warm-up zone
- Changing rooms
- Mixed Zone area
- From public seats at all times (even during ice resurfacing)

The transgression of any of these rules may result in the exclusion from ISU Events, removal of accreditation and legal actions.

#### 1.4.2. Authorized areas

Non-Right Holders media are only allowed to produce video, audio-recorded material for editorial/news purposes in the following areas:

- In the Press Conference room
- Outside the venue

/I\ Special filming permissions, including permission to conduct interviews in the Mixed Zone, may be granted to Non-Rights Holders media on a limited and case-by-case basis. Requests must be made through the a form (available for download here) and submitted to the ISU Media Team (media@isu.ch) at least one week prior to the start of the event.

#### 1.5. TV and Radio Rights Holders Accreditation / Services

All Rights Holders media must also apply for accreditation via <a href="Mailto:OMAS">OMAS</a>. Access to the Rights Holders online area is restricted, therefore Rights Holders are invited to contact the ISU Media Team (<a href="mailto:media@isu.ch">media@isu.ch</a>) in order to obtain a username and password.

To book any broadcasting services or facilities please contact the Host Broadcaster:

ELTA TV / ELTA Technology Co., Ltd. **Ms. Chen-Ying Sung** <a href="mailto:jsung@elta.com.tw">jsung@elta.com.tw</a>

#### 1.6. Accreditation confirmation and pick-up

If the accreditation request is accepted, an automatic email of confirmation will be issued. For on-site attendance, you may be asked to present a copy of the confirmation email at the accreditation desk to receive your accreditation badge.



You will also be notified if your accreditation request is denied. <u>Note that the ISU and OC reserve the right to refuse accreditation requests with or without justification.</u>

Confirmation of accreditation will be delivered by the ISU (through the OMAS system). Media will be able to collect their accreditation badges at the **Accreditation Desk** located on the B1 Floor at the Taipei Arena according to the following time schedule:

• From Saturday, February 24th at 16:00pm until Sunday, March 3rd, 2024.

Passport, national photo ID or photo licence will be required to collect accreditations.

#### 2. Visa Application

Media representatives requiring an official invitation letter in order to apply for a visa must contact the Organizing Committee, Ms. Jane You-Jhen Chen (<u>wjc2024taipei@gmail.com</u>). Please note that an official invitation letter will only be provided to approved media representatives.

For visa request, please provide passport details and name of the Embassy where it will be applied.

For more information about the visa exemption program, please visit the official website of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The website link is provided below. https://www.boca.gov.tw/np-137-2.html.

#### 3. Media Facilities at the venue

The venue will provide a fully equipped media workroom, tribune seats, photo positions (ice level and kill seat positions), bookable lockers, power and internet (dedicated media Wi-Fi), a mixed zone, press conference room and a press information desk. A limited number of cabled internet connections will be available in the media workroom for photographers and video editors.

News Agencies: If special bookable requirements are required, such as dedicated cabling of photo remotes, contact Anthony Edgar (<a href="mailto:anthony@oneshot.sport">anthony@oneshot.sport</a>) as early as possible, no later than one month prior to the event.

#### 4.1. Media Tribunes and TV Commentator positions

The Media Tribunes will be located in the R2A area offering a mix of seated positions with/without tables (see below map).

Two commentator positions are planned at the moment. The TV Commentator Positions will be located below the handicapped places in the last row of the tribune (SECTION R2B) (please see map below).





4.2. Mixed Zone & Press Conferences

#### 4.2.1 Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone provides an opportunity for media to interview athletes as they leave the field of play. The mixed zone will operate in accordance with ISU protocols.

The Mixed Zone area is split into the following ISU pre-determined priority order:

- 1. Quick Quotes (made available on the ISU website)
- 2. Live TV / Radio Rights Holders (with pre-booked positions)
- 3. ISU Production/Social Media crew
- 4. TV / Radio Rights Holders with ENG positions
- 5. Non-Rights Holders (print/web, TV/Radio, social media without any production rights)
- 6. Virtual Mixed Zone

Athletes will go through the Mixed Zone on completion of every competition/race. Coaches may also be requested for interviews. The media operations team onsite will do its best to make sure the requested skaters go through the Mixed Zone for media interviews, however it is not mandatory for the athletes to give interviews.

#### /I\ Priority will be given to medal ceremonies and TV Right Holders.

As the timing between the end of medal ceremonies and the start of press conferences is quite tight, note that medallists will go through the TV Right Holders' Mixed Zone for interviews and, if time permits, they could spend a limited time in the Non-Rights Holders area. If interviews in the Non-Rights holders area must be cut short, all questions should then be asked during the press conferences.



#### 4.2.2. Press Conferences

Press conferences are currently planned and will feature the top-3 finishers after each competition/race and/or after victory ceremonies on final competition days.

In case remote services are available, media holding a remote accreditation will be able to access the virtual Mixed Zone and virtual press conferences through links provided on the Inside ISU Events App. Once in the meeting room, those wanting to ask a question will be asked to notify the moderator by using the chat or raise hand function. The moderator will call on those wanting to ask a question.

#### 5. Media Digital Services

The ISU provides relevant and live media information through a number of digital channels:

#### ISU Website:

- Homepage
- News section
- <u>Media section</u> that includes the <u>OMAS accreditation portal</u>, <u>Press Releases</u>, <u>Media Guides</u>, <u>ISU</u> Photo Collection as well as video libraries (Ice Skating Channel, Archives).
- ISU Newsletter
- Event webpage with access to all competition information

#### ISU Photo Event Gallery

- Access ISU photo galleries for editorial and non-commercial purposes.
- When using a picture, the ISU must be credited as follows: ©*International Skating Union (ISU)* and must be tagged or mentioned in any social media post.

#### ISU Social Media Accounts:

- Facebook: @ISUFigureSkating / @ISUSpeedSkating / @ISUShortTrackSpeedSkating
- Instagram: @ISUFigureSkating / @isuspeedskating
- Youtube: Skating ISU
- Twitter: @ISU Figure / @ISU Speed
- Tik Tok: @isuskating
- Weibo: weibo.com/isuofficial
- Linkedin: <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-skating-union">https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-skating-union</a>

#### Inside ISU Event App:

- The Inside ISU Event App is the main source of information and means of communication for media attending ISU Events on-site or remotely (if available).
- It gathers all the key media-related information constantly updated live with push notifications alerts.
- The password to access the Media App of the relevant Event is provided via OMAS once an accreditation is approved.

The OC will also offer media information relevant to the Event on the following digital channels:

- Event Website: https://wjc2024taipei.com/
- Event Hashtags: #wjc2024taipei, #ISU, #CTSU, #worldjunior, #figureskating
- OC Photo Event Gallery: Billy Dai (chienan.dai@gmail.com)
- Social Media Accounts:
  - o Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TPESkating/">https://www.facebook.com/TPESkating/</a>
  - o Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/tpeskating/">https://www.instagram.com/tpeskating/</a>



#### 6. Media Accommodation

Taipei has a large availability and choice of accommodation located within close proximity to the venue, from budget to 5 star. The city is supported by an excellent and inexpensive public transport infrastructure, as well as good availability of taxis and Uber. As such, it is recommended that media source their own accommodation directly with hotels to fit their needs and budget.

For the convenience of the media, it is recommended that accommodation be secured close to the venue so as to limit the reliance on transport back and forwards.

The three below listed official hotels have been designated. Due to walking distance between these 3 hotels and the Taipei Arena, there is no event shuttle bus provided by the OC.

#### 1. ILLUME TAIPEI

Star rating: 3

Cost per Night: 150-280USD

Distance from the Venue: It takes a 5-minute walk.

Website: www.theillumehotel.com/en

Address: No. 100, Dun Hua N Rd, Songshan District, Taipei, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Telephone: +886 2 2719 8399 Email: marketing@theillumehotel.com

#### 2. S Hotel

Star rating: 4

Cost per Night: 150-270USD

Distance from the Venue: It takes a 7-minute walk.

Website: https://www.shotel.com/?lang=en

Address: No. 150, Dunhua N. Rd., Songshan Dist., Taipei, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Telephone: +886 2 27121777 Email: shotel@shotel.com

#### 3. Brother Hotel

Star rating: 4

Cost per Night: 150-240USD

Distance from the Venue: It takes a 9-minute walk. Website: https://www.brotherhotel.com.tw/?lang=en

Address: No. 255, Sect. 3, Nanjing E. Road, Songshan District, Taipei, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Telephone: +886-2-27123456 Email: service@brotherhotel.com.tw

#### 7. Transportation

No transportation services will be organized for this event. As mentioned above, it is recommended to secure an accommodation close to the venue so as to limit the reliance on transport back and forwards.

#### 8. Useful Information

#### **TAIPEI CITY**

Taipei City is the capital of Taiwan. The city maintains historic sites, preserving the essence of traditional cultures. You may enjoy yourself day and night the bustling business districts, night markets, museums, hundreds of years old temples, and Taipei 101. Taipei Metro (MRT) is the most convenient local transportation in Taipei City. By taking the Taipei Metro (MRT), it is very easy to reach the different tourist spots of Taipei City. Shopping malls and famous tourist spots can be easily reached by local public transportation – buses, Taipei Metro (MRT) and taxi.



#### **SHORT FACTS**

Region: Northern TaiwanPopulation: 2,705,000

Language: Mandarin, Taiwanese Hokkien, Hakka, English

Time Zone: UTC+8Climate: Semi-tropical

• Average Temperature: 12-20 Celsius in January

• Electricity: 110 volts at 60 cycles. "Type A" and "Type B". Many building also have 220-volt sockets. Visitors with appliances of different voltages should bring adapter.

#### **CURRENCY**

The Currency of Taiwan is the new Taiwan dollar (NTD)

Paper Currency: NTD\$2,000, NTD\$1,000, NTD\$500, NTD\$200, and NTD\$100

Coins: NTD\$50, NTD\$10, NTD\$5 and NTD\$1

#### **CHANGING MONEY**

Foreign currencies can be exchanged at government-designated banks at airports, hotels and local banks. Receipts are given when currency is exchanged, and must be presented in order to exchange unused NT dollars before departure. When exchanging currency, your passport must be presented.

#### **Local Banks Operating Hours:**

Monday through Friday, 09:00 - 15:30 Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays.

#### **TIPPING & TAX**

Tipping is not customary in Taipei; however, some hotel and restaurants automatically add a 10% service charge fee to the bill. Otherwise, there are no hard rules.

#### **DRINKING WATER**

We do not drink the water from the tap. Therefore, please drink from the mineral water bottles prepared by the hotels and the Organizing Committee. Otherwise, they are available for purchase from convenient stores.

#### **CONVENIENT STORES/SUPER MARKETS**

Taipei is a very convenient city, and convenient stores are seen everywhere in the city (e.g. 7-11, Family, OK Mart, etc.) However, these convenient stores do not accept foreign dollars; they only accept Taiwan dollars. Super Markets are also easy to find in Taipei City (e.g. Carrefour, RT-Mart, Wellcome, etc.) These super markets accept both credit card payment and Taiwan dollars.

#### LIQUOR LAWS

The minimum legal drinking age in Taiwan is 18 years old.

#### **MEDICAL GENERAL INFORMATION**

Emergency Number
110 – For safety and crime emergencies
119 – Fire Department and ambulance

Official Hospital (takes only 3 minutes driving distance from Taipei Arena)

Chang Gung Medical Foundation

No. 199, Tunghwa Rd., Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C.

Telephone: +886 2 2713 5211

Website: http://www.cgmh.org.tw/eng2002/index.asp

#### **USEFUL LINKS**

Taipei City Government: http://english.taipei.gov.tw/

Department of Information and Tourism, Taipei City Government: <a href="http://english.tpedoit.taipei.gov.tw/">http://english.tpedoit.taipei.gov.tw/</a>



#### 9. Competition Information

• Schedule (will also be made available <a href="here">here</a>)

Date	Time	Event
	All day	Official Practice
	14:15	JUNIOR WOMEN – Technical Panel Meeting
Monday, February 26	16:00	Team Leaders Meeting 1
	17:45	Medical Meeting
	17:45	JUNIOR PAIR SKATING – Technical Panel Meeting
Tuesday, February 27	All day	Official Practice
	08:30	Referee & Technical Controllers Meeting
	09:15	JUNIOR PAIR SKATING – Initial Judges Meeting
	11:15	JUNIOR MEN – Technical Panel Meeting
	14:30	JUNIOR WOMEN – Initial Judges Meeting
	15:30	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Meeting
	20:00	ISU and Judges Dinner
	09:00	JUNIOR MEN – Initial Judges Meeting
Wednesday, February 28	11:00	JUNIOR PAIR SKATING – Short Program
Wednesday, February 26	14:00	Opening Ceremony on Ice
	14:45	JUNIOR WOMEN – Short Program
	09:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Initial Judges Meeting
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting 2
Thursday, February 29	12:00	JUNIOR MEN – Short Program
	19:00	JUNIOR PAIR SKATING – Free Skating
	22:00	JUNIOR PAIR SKATING – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	09:00	JUNIOR PAIR SKATING - Judges Round Table Discussion
Friday, March 1	12:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Rhythm Dance
	17:45	JUNIOR WOMEN – Free Skating
	21:45	JUNIOR WOMEN – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	09:00	JUNIOR WOMEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	12:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Free Dance
Caturday March 2	16:15	JUNIOR MEN – Free Skating
Saturday, March 2	16:15	JUNIOR ICE DANCE – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	20:15	JUNIOR MEN – Technical Panel Review Meeting
	21:00	Closing Banquet
Sunday, March 3	08:00	JUNIOR ICE DANCE- Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:15	JUNIOR MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion
	15:00	EXHIBITION

• Entry List, Results and Rankings will be made available <a href="here">here</a>.



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**OC Event Website** 

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