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BAVARIAN OPEN 2023

Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance

Oberstdorf, Germany
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Information Guide





Ladies and Gentlemen,
dear Skaters,

We are proud to offer ISU Members our traditional and international competition "Bavarian Open 2023", which was launched in 2003 and includes ISU Senior and Junior categories as well as Advanced Novice and Intermediate Novice, both in the discipline of Ice Dance.

The competition is sanctioned by both the ISU and the German Skating Union and is supported by the ISU Development Program.

We would like to thank the International Skating Union for the trust they have placed in us, extend a warm welcome to all guests and participants from all over the world and wish them good luck and success.

Good luck with the preparation and welcome to Oberstdorf.

Your

Organizing Committee



AREA

Oberstdorf is located in the southern part of Germany and is the center of tourism in the region "Oberallgäu". About 10,000 people live in Oberstdorf, but more than 20,000 guest beds are available throughout the year.



The pedestrian zone in the town is large (227,500 square meters) - only a few streets are open to traffic. Oberstdorf was the first community in Germany to keep car traffic outside the village. The altitude of the village itself is 813 m; the highest mountain next door, the Nebelhorn, is over 2,200 m high. Wonderful ski resorts, more than 200 km of well-developed hiking trails in the 7 valleys, which are also used for cross-country skiing in winter, mountaineering, golf, rafting and many other indoor and outdoor varieties are offered, but one of the main attractions in Oberstdorf is the Federal Performance Center for Figure Skating.

VENUE

Two 30x60m fully air-conditioned ice rinks side by side, one with 1,600 spectator seats and the smaller one with 600 spectator seats, as well as a curling rink with an ice surface of 20x45m, also fully air-conditioned, which is also used for all types of skating, are the heart of the Federal Performance Center for Figure Skating in Oberstdorf. A dormitory with 44 beds used mainly by the German Ski Association, a restaurant, a fitness center with a fully equipped center for medical treatments, a sauna and a private gym are available to figure skaters staying at the center for a longer or shorter period of time. Many famous skaters from Germany and other countries used the excellent facilities of the training center, such as Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean, Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay, Norbert Schramm, Scott Hamilton, Susanna Rahkamo and Petri Kokko or the bronze medalists of the ISU World Championships 2004 Kati Winkler and Renè Lohse, Carolina Kostner and Tomas Verner and, last but not least, Aljona Savchenko and Bruno Massot. Oberstdorf has always been the place for figure skating and since 1958, when the first summer skating facility was opened, the name of the center has a special sound in the skating family.

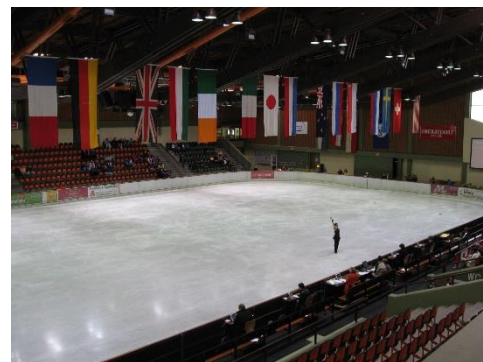


The ISU designation "Centre of Excellence" was extended for another 4 years until 2026.

THE COMPETITION

The "Bavarian Open Competition" is an international competition for Senior, Junior, Advanced Novices and Intermediate Novices Ice Dance sanctioned by the ISU and supported by the ISU Development Department.

The competition is held at the "National Skating Center" in Oberstdorf, Germany, which is part of the "ISU Centre of Excellence - Figure Skating". The competition offers a good chance for seniors and juniors to achieve the necessary requirements for participation in the World or Junior World Figure Skating Championships and to make a promising career start in the Novice categories. The paths are well paved.



HOTEL

All Competitors, Coaches and Team Leaders, as well as Team Officials, Medical Staff or Chaperones are requested to take care about accommodation and bear their own expenses. Hotel accommodation can be booked through the following agency:

Tourismus Oberstdorf im Oberstdorf Haus
 - Vertrieb -
 Prinzregenten-Platz 1; D-87561 Oberstdorf / Germany
 Phone: +49 8322 700 1300
 E-mail: reservierung@oberstdorf.de

Confirmed Judges may be included into the hotel reservation of their Member. However, as far as the Organizing Committee is covering the accommodation costs of Judges, the OC will get in contact with the respective Member to clarify the financial arrangement.

Otherwise, the OC will care about the accommodation for the confirmed judges of the competition. A respective request need to be addressed to the Organizing Committee via e-mail to b.glatz@bev-eissport.de.

The OC will cover accommodation and meals for all Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators and Judges, who are serving in the "Bavarian Open 2023" within the dates and period as individually agreed.

The Organizing Committee will provide all persons, as to above and for the period as confirmed, with a meal coupons, valid only in the Restaurant of the Skating arena.

All other Team Members have to bear their own expenses.

Travel expenses will be covered by the Organizing Committee for all Referees, the Technical Panels, the Data and Replay Operators.



CALCULATION OF EVENTS

The events will be calculated according to Rule 352 and 353.

PANEL OF JUDGES

It is the intention of the Organizing Committee to accept as much judges as required and needed. We will, however, inform the Members concerned prior to any flight bookings who has been accepted as Judge and whose entry needs to be withdrawn. For this purpose, if needed, a preliminary draw will be made in public.

WORLD RANKING POINTS

The “Bavarian Open 2023” will count for World Ranking points, provided the minimum number of competitors/participating Members will be reached in the respective disciplines. Skaters/couples placed in the top eight (8) in the single disciplines and the top five (5) in Pairs and the top six (6) in Ice Dance will be awarded with points according to the respective ISU Communication.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

IMPORTANT

If you book your flights, please make sure that

- no arrival time in Munich should be planned later than 18.00 h
- no departure from Munich should be planned before 11.00 h

There is nearly no chance to reach Oberstdorf by public transport for those who will arrive outside the time-range and there is no chance to catch flights earlier than indicated above. The earliest train from Oberstdorf is leaving at 05:22 am and it takes its time to the airport.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Oberstdorf, located in the south of Germany, is easy to reach.

By plane

Airport Munich – official airport

Airport shuttle-train to Munich main station (follow the green signs to S1 or S8). The train needs 45 min. to reach Munich main station, where you need to change for train on platform 29 – 36 to the departure platform for Oberstdorf.

By train

Munich Main Station - official train station

Nearly every hour a train is running from Munich to Oberstdorf. Most of them are „direct trains“ without any necessary change. The time to calculate is app. 2 1/2 hours.

Other train connections are directly from the northern part of Germany to Oberstdorf via Ulm. The train ride leads you through the most beautiful area of southern Bavaria, stops in one of the oldest Roman settlements in Germany, Kempten, and brings you into Oberstdorf.

Train tickets are available at the Munich airport, Terminal 1, ground floor. The cheapest ticket is the so called “Bavarian ticket” for app. € 26,00 and covering 5 people.

By car

Munich to Oberstdorf

Motorway to Kempten either via Munich or Ulm.

Distances: Munich – Oberstdorf app. 180 km

Also easy to reach from Zürich (SUI) via St. Gallen, St. Margarethen, Bregenz.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Passport and Visa Requirements

All citizens from the Schengen area may enter Germany without presenting his or her passport. For citizens from other countries a valid passport is necessary. Please check with the German Embassy or Consulate whether your country also needs a visa for entering the country. If this is the case, please contact the Bavarian Federation. Furthermore, please contact Mrs. Glatz (contact information on page 9) for the necessary invitation letter.

VAT

The VAT is always included in the price presented to the customers/guests in shops and restaurants etc. and will be 19 %, for hotels only 7%. A refund of VAT is not possible. Tipping at restaurant is not mandatory, but common and welcome.

Currency & Banks

The currency used in Germany is EURO (€). The banks in Oberstdorf are all closed on Saturdays and Sundays. The opening hours are as follows:

Banks in Oberstdorf

Raiffeisenbank Oberstdorf
Nebelhornstraße 2

Days

Mon. – Wed.
Thu.
Fri.

Opening hours

8:30 – 16:00
8:30 – 18:00
8:30 – 15:00

Sparkasse Oberstorf
Bahnhofsplatz 2
(Near the train station)

Mon. – Thu.
Wed.
Fri.

8:30 – 12:00 & 14:00 – 16:00
Afternoon closed
8:30 – 16:00

Electricity

Electrical sockets are 220 – 240 V AC 50 Hz, using 2 pin plugs.

ACCREDITATION

The accreditation is open from Monday, January 30th at 14:00h and ending once the competition is concluded. Please also see the operating hours as displayed. The location of the accreditation is the Skating Arena.

Accepted Team Members will receive an ID-Pass for the whole period of the events; accepted chaperones need to purchase an all-event-ticket at the price of € 35,00 each.

Music

All music must be provided to the Organizing Committee in MP3 or M4A format latest by January 25th, 2023. The music must be sent to:

isu.music@cst-music.de

All competitors must be able to provide back-up copies on CD in excellent format on site if requested.

Draws

The Organizing Committee will follow the procedure for “ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series (Senior)” for Short Programs and Rhythm Dance Senior and Junior disciplines (ranking as World Standings) and will use the “reverse order system” for the final Free Skating/Free Dance.

For the Novice disciplines an open draw will be made for the first segment and the starting order for Free Skating/Free Dance will be the reverse order of the result of the previous segment.

ENVIRONMENT

The Organizing Committee very much supports the activity of the IOC and the ISU not to use any plastic material on the occasion of our event. We will e.g. only provide glass bottles in our VIP Lounge, and only water containers for the skaters area. Consequently, we kindly ask our teams to use their own “drinking bottles/cups” for filling-up.

We ask for your understanding and hope that you will support these measures.

To save paper, we will provide every accredited person with a QR-Code which opens all information and results. Additionally, the OC provides an Information Board with all results and information concerning the event.

DEVELOPMENT / FEEDBACK SESSIONS

As a project of the ISU Development Program, Advanced Novice Ice Dance couples and Junior Pairs are welcome to sign up for an individual post-competition feedback session and video analysis by ISU Officials. Filling in the sign-in sheet is mandatory.

COVID-19 MEASURES

In Germany, there are no special measures regarding COVID-19 protection, except for doctors and long-distance trains where masks are mandatory.

However, if there are any changes or updates published by the government, we will announce and publish them. In any case, it is recommended to visit the official website of the German government before you start your trip.

LIVE-STREAM

The event will be live streamed under

<https://solidsport.com/bavarian-open>

The live-stream or any repetition is not free of charge. The provider will charge

- € 4,99 for an individual event
- € 6,99 for one day
- € 19,99 for the whole competition

A discount for early booking will be granted.

CONTACTS

Please send all requests regarding the competition to

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