



ANNOUNCEMENT
1.08.2024



Announcement of the International SPECIAL FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION,
a part of the 25th SANTA CLAUS Special Figure Skating Competition for Young Single Skaters 29.11.-1.12.2024

The figure skating club, Varala-Tiimi ry, from Tampere, Finland, is pleased to invite special skaters to participate in the international figure skating competition.

Date	29.11.2024	14:00 - 22:00
	30.11.2024	8:30 - 21:30
	1.12.2024	8:30 - 19:30

More detailed schedule will be announced in the competition confirmation. The organizing club reserves the right to schedule changes.

Venue Tesoman Ice Stadium 1, Tuomarinkatu 7, 33310 Tampere, Finland
<https://goo.gl/maps/1wESARgQT1BtBHK36>

Organizer Varala-Tiimi Figure Skating Club, Finland, www.varalatiimi.fi
Member of the Finnish Figure Skating Association

Website www.varalatiimi.fi/kilpailut/santaclaus

Categories and classes, entry fee and judging system

Competition will be in following single skating categories and classes, for male and female.

Category	Entry fee	Judging system
Special Olympics	66 €	ISU evaluation

After deadline double fee.

Level I - VI, age free groups.

Competition implements all impairments.

Participants in Level I-VI will skate ONLY FREE PROGRAMS

The organizer reserves the right to split categories into age groups, if the number of participants requires it.

Rules The Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Figure Skating-Version of 2022.
<https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/sport-rules/Sports-Essentials-Figure-Skating-Rules-2022.pdf>

Requirements Santa Claus Competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations, the ISU Special Regulations for Figure Skating as well as all pertinent ISU Communications for Figure Skating and the regulations and classifications of the Finnish Skating Union.

Link to rules on our website www.varalatiimi.fi/santaclaus

Ice surface	28 x 58 m
Judges	Will be announced in confirmation.
Entries	Participation in the Santa Claus competition is only open to skaters and clubs who belong to an ISU member. All invited clubs and National Figure Skating Federations are invited to the competition in any category. All competitors and clubs of the Finnish Figure Skating Association are invited to the competition.

Finnish clubs' entries must be submitted using **Taikkari** www.taikkari.fi and others by email: santaclaus.competition@gmail.com **starting 24.10.2024 at 9:00 and latest 7.11.2024 at 20:00 (EET).**

Post-registration until 12.11.2024 20:00 (EET) (double fee)

Registration must contain:

- Club, Nation
- First name Last name
- Gender
- Category (Level)
- Date of birth
- Club representative in the competition

In addition to the competitors, coaches and club representatives or officials who are going to the competition must be also registered.

The organizer reserves the right to limit the number of participants.

Entry fee Finnish clubs: Entry fee invoice will be sent after competition.

Foreign clubs: Each club must pay the total amount of entry fees for its participants right after entry but not later than 12.11.2024. The competitor is included in the entry list only after 100% payment and from that moment on she/he can be substituted by another skater if an emergency cancellation occurs.

Entry fee must be paid to the organizer's bank account:

Varala-Tiimi ry FI15044639

SWIFT/BIC NDEAFIHH

IBAN FI92 1679 3000 0002 75

Address: Kaarle Halmeen 1 D 11, 33720 Tampere

We kindly ask the clubs to make **one payment** for all its participants.

Cancellation According to Finnish Skating Union regulations (chapter 15.7). Send email to santaclaus.competition@gmail.com. In addition, during competition inform cancellation to +358 40 960 6126 (Noora Majoranta).

Planned Program Content Sheet

Finnish clubs: Planned program content sheet for Finnish participants is taken out from Taikkari.

Foreign clubs: Send program content sheet by 12.11.2024 via email: santaclaus.competition@gmail.com. Naming: LASTNAME-FIRSTNAME_CLUB_CATEGORY/LEVEL_FS.

Music Finnish clubs: Music is taken out from **Taikkari 21.11.2024**.
Foreign clubs: send MP3 music files by email: santaclaus.competition@gmail.com.
Naming: LASTNAME-FIRSTNAME_CLUB_GATEGORY/LEVEL_FS. Deadline: 19.11.2024

If the music file is changed after 21.11.2024, it must be communicated via email (santaclaus.competition@gmail.com).
The organizing club undertakes to destroy the files immediately after the competition.
Competitor should have a backup copy of the music on a USB memory stick.

Confirmation and preliminary schedule

Will be released on the competition website.

Draw An electronic draw will be on 26.11.2024. Starting orders will be published next day on our website.

Catering Catering will be arranged for judges
Coaches have possibility to order soup lunch beforehand at the price 10€ including soup, sandwich, juice and coffee

- instructions will be published in the competition website

Cafeteria in the swimming hall next door will be serving competitors and public.

Tickets Free entrance.

Protests Protests must be submitted to the Referee of the category at the latest immediately after the event. Protest fee is equal to the participation fee. If the protest won't be approved, the fee won't be refundable. The referee's decision is final.

Protocol The protocol/list of results in each category shall be published on the competition website.

Liability and changes

According to the ISU Regulations, Rule 119, the Organiser accepts no liability. Participants and other members are expected to provide their own insurance. All rights to changes are reserved.

First Aid Doctor and qualified first aiders will be present in the competition.

Stream and photos

By registering for the competition, the skater and her guardians agree that the skater's name and the result will be published in the competition documents and website. Note also that the competition will be streamed and photos of the competition may be posted on social media.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged by the participants. Please contact the hotels to reserve accommodation.

Organiser recommends Holiday Inn Tampere – Central Station, Rautatienkatu 21, 33100 Tampere.

The hotel has preliminary quota reserved for our competitors for following prices:

Single room 100€/day Double room 120€/day Triple room 140 €/day

Each guest can book their room at the following address:

<https://www.holidayinn.com>

Reservations can be made with the reservation code SAC also by phone or e-mail using the hotel's contact information.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Tampere – Central Station

Address: Rautatienkatu 21, 33100 Tampere

Phone number: 0300 308486

Email: hotel@holidayinntampere.fi

The rooms can be booked by 15 November 2024 or according to the hotel's booking status.

The organiser is not responsible for the hotel's offer or prices. All the questions should be addressed to the hotel.

Note Organizing club reserves the right to cancel competition at the short notice.

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Invited countries: Austria, Finland, Latvia, Iceland, Czech Republic, Denmark

Welcome to Tampere!