



ANNOUNCEMENT  
22.9.2023



**Announcement of the International SPECIAL FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION,**  
**a part of the 24<sup>th</sup> SANTA CLAUS Special Figure Skating Competition for Young Single Skaters 1.-3.12.2023**

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

<b>Date</b>	1.12.2023	14:00-22:00
	2.12.2023	8:30-21:30
	3.12.2023	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](http://www.varalatiimi.fi)  
Member of the Finnish Figure Skating Association

**Website** [www.varalatiimi.fi/kilpailut/santaclaus](http://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
Impairment Skating	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](http://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](http://www.taikkari.fi) and others by email: [santaclaus.competition@gmail.com](mailto:santaclaus.competition@gmail.com) **starting 1.10.2023 at 9:00 and latest 3.11.2023 at 20:00 (EET).**

**Post-registration** until 7.11.2023 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 3.11.2023. 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: Ompelijankuja 2 as. 14, 33960 Pirkkala

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](mailto: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 3.11.2023 via email: [santaclaus.competition@gmail.com](mailto:santaclaus.competition@gmail.com). Naming: LASTNAME-FIRSTNAME\_CLUB\_GATEGORY/LEVEL\_FS.

## Music

Finnish clubs: Music is taken out from **Taikkari 18.11.2023**.

Foreign clubs: send MP3 music files by email: [santaclaus.competition@gmail.com](mailto:santaclaus.competition@gmail.com). Naming: LASTNAME-FIRSTNAME\_CLUB\_GATEGORY/LEVEL\_FS. Deadline: 17.11.2023

If the music file is changed after 17.11.2023, it must be communicated via email ([santaclaus.competition@gmail.com](mailto: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 28.11.2023. 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.

## Note

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

## Head of competition

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**Distribution**

STLL (Finnish Figure Skating Association), Finnish Paralympic Committee  
Invited countries: Austria, Finland, Latvia, Iceland, Great Britain, Czech Republic

**Welcome to Tampere!**