French Cup 2027

Rouen, France

JANUARY 29th and 30th 2027

ANNOUNCEMENT
Synchro 9

French Cup

An International Competition

for

Synchro9 Junior and Senior Teams

organized by

Rouen Olympic Club and French Ice Sports Federation

Rouen, France
January, 29th and 30th 2027

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The 32nd **French Cup** will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution 2025, current Competition & Event Regulations (CER), the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating 2026, and all relevant ISU Communications.

Participation in the 32nd **French Cup** is open to all Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to CER Article 7.2, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Article 9.4, and they meet the participation, and citizenship requirements in Article 8.2.4.2 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

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

2. TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE	**Main arena:** Nathalie Pechalat ice-rink, Avenue Jacques Chastellain 76100 Rouen (an indoor ice rink with the ice surface of 30 x 60 m, air-conditioned and heated) **Practice arena:** Edith Ballester ice – rink, Avenue Jacques Chastellain 76100 Rouen (an indoor ice rink with the ice surface of 26 x 56 m, air-conditioned and heated) **Main and Practice Rink are in the same complex / building.**

The **French Cup** shall consist of the following Rounds:

STARTING ROUND **Prescribed Theme**	Duration: Maximum 3 min., 30 sec., but may be less, The General Starting Round requirements are listed in the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating, III. Regulation for Synchro9 Rule 1, paragraphs 2. The Well Balanced Program requirements to be skated for Season 2026/27 are listed in ISU Communication 2784. Required music theme: Street dance
SEMI-FINAL ROUND **Required BPM**	Duration: Maximum 2 min., 40 sec., but may be less The General Semi-Final requirements are listed in the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating, III. Regulation for Synchro9, Rule 1, paragraphs 2. The Semi-Final Round Well Balanced Program requirements to be skated for Season 2026/27 are listed in ISU Communication 2784. Music: Required beats per minute for seasons 2026/27: 110-120
FINAL ROUND / **PLACEMENT ROUND**	Duration: Maximum 3 min., 30 sec., but may be less The General Final / Placement Round requirements are listed in the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating, III. Regulation for Synchro9, Rule 1, paragraphs 2. The Final Round / Placement Round Well Balanced Program requirements to be skated for Season 2026/27 are listed in ISU Communication 2784.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 General

All Entries must be made by the respective ISU Member.

All entries for the 32nd French Cup must be done through the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS)** by the deadline indicated. Hotel and travel information should also be entered into ORS. Declaration forms will need to be uploaded to ORS as well.

A maximum of two (2) teams per member and category (Junior and Senior) will be accepted.

3.2 Preliminary Entries

The preliminary entries for Teams will be open Saturday, November 15th 2026.

3.3 Entries by Name

3.3.1 Entries of Teams

Participation is open to all Teams of ISU Members.

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

https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com

and will be submitted via the ORS simultaneously to the:

ROC – Organizing Committee of French Cup
Avenue Jacques Chastellain 76100 Rouen - France
e-mail: secretariat@frenchcup.fr

and to:

ISU Office
e-mail: entries@isu.org

not later than: **Tuesday, Decembre 15th 2026 – 20:00 h** (Central European (Paris) Time, UTC+1).

3.3.2 Entries of Judges

The ISU will propose 10 Judges for each category (Senior and Junior) for 32nd French Cup who has at least the qualification “Synchro9 Judge for International Competitions”.

The Entries of Judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than: **Tuesday, Decembre 15th 2026 – 20:00 h** (Central European (Paris) Time, UTC+1).

3.3.3 Entries of Team Members

Official entries of Team Leader (1), Team Officials (2), Team Coach (1) and Assistant Team Coach (1), Team Manager (1) Team Medical Staff (2) and the partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially entered in ORS and accepted by the Organizer.
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 Office no later than: **Tuesday, Decembre 15th 2026 – 20:00** (Central European (Paris) Time, UTC+1)**.**

3.3.4 Entry Fee

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

700.00 € per Team

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

These entry fees do not include any extra practice ice.

The payment of the entry fee must be received on the bank account of ROC – Organizing Committee of French Cup latest at the final closing date of entries on the Tuesday December 15th 2026 by credit transfer (the bank draft expenses will be charged to the registering teams and not to the organizer of the competition). No refunds can be given after the Tuesday December 15th 2026. The team registration will be valid only after payment of the entry fee.

Teams that sent in the pre-entry in an earlier stage are urgently requested to inform the organization if the team will not participate in the end. Please notify the organization as soon as possible but before Tuesday December 15th 2026.

Account Holder : CCM ROUEN SAINT MARC
IBAN : FR76 1027 8021 4800 0205 2830 158
BIC : CMCIFR2A

Clearly point out: “French Cup 2027, the name of the team and category in all payments”. Commissions and any bank transaction fees will be at your charge and have to be paid directly to the bank. The organizing committee must receive the net amount of the above mentioned entry fee.

4. APPOINTED EVENT OFFICIALS

The Referees must have at least the qualification “Synchro9 International Referee” and will be proposed by the ISU.

5. MEALS, LODGING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organizer will provide and cover the expenses for rooms and meals for all Referees and Judges participating, beginning with dinner on **Thursday, January 28th 2027** until breakfast on **Sunday, January 31th 2027**.

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 ISU will cover the costs for travel expenses for all Referees and Judges. These should be purchased by the Referees and Judges and will then be reimbursed by the ISU.

In accordance ISU Communication 2781, all Referees and Judges officiating in the “Junior” and “Senior” competitions of a Synchro9 International Competition receive pocket money of USD 250.00 which will be paid by the ISU.

6. PRACTICE

Official practice for Teams begins on Thursday**, January 28th 2027**. The detailed schedule will be issued at the time of registration.

7. MUSIC

In accordance with Rule 805 in the Sports Rules Synchronized Skating 2026, the following method to submit the Competitor's music to the Organizing Committee must be followed:

- the ISU Member is responsible for submitting their Competitor's music as a direct attachment to an email to the Organizing Committee (Link) with a reference "**French Cup" until January 215th 2027**
- Please note: *some music files might exceed the size of a regular email. In this case, an email-based transfer service that allows sending large files could be used to send the file to the OC.*
- each submission shall be labelled with the name of the ISU Member, name of the category, segment, and the name(s) of the Team:

  Example:
  GER_Synchro9_Starting Round_Team XXX
  GER_ Synchro9_Semi-Final_Team XXX
  SUI_Junior Sychro9_Final_Team XXX
  SUI_Junior Sychro9_ChallengeBattle_FTM XXX_Team XXX

- the music files must be sent as **WAV or MP3** file formats. Any other format is not acceptable.
  Please note: *Files in MP3 format may have a significant difference in the music quality when reproduced. The Organizing Committee in this case is not responsible if the music quality is insufficient.*
- Each Team must have their own backup drive (USB Stick) for each program in the format of a WAV or MP3 file.
- The exact running time of the music (not skating time) must be communicated to the Organizing Committee when submitting the music and shall be certified by the Team/Team Manager/Team Leader at the time of registration.
- During the 15th Official Practice, the music will be played as indicated in the Practice Schedule and will allow to verify the correctness of the submitted music. If there is an issue with the music, the Team Leader/Team Manager may be allowed to change the music by presenting an acceptable reproduction to the Organizing Committee's Music Team (USB Stick with file format of WAV or MP3 file).

If the music files have been submitted within the above-mentioned deadline to the Organizing Committee, then the music team of the Organizing Committee is entirely responsible for the correct execution of the music. In case of issues with submitted music files, the Organizing Committee may request, at the time of registration a secondary copy of the music files. In case the music files have not been submitted in time to the Organizing Committee, the Team(s) must present their music latest at the time of registration on the above-defined means and in the defined format.

ISU Members/Teams are reminded that, in order for them to use music to accompany their routines, the following 'Music Accompaniment' rights/ licenses are required:

- the right to edit or adapt music into a mix, if more than one song is being used.
- the right to set choreography to the music, often referred to as a 'Grand Right', which is the right to perform musical compositions and recordings within the context of a "dramatic work" or choreography.
- the right to create any copies of the music that may be needed for training and competition purposes, also known as the 'mechanical rights'.

In order for music to be fully cleared for these uses, these rights need to be cleared for every track used in each mix that contains a license (backed by a warranty and legal indemnity) for appropriate territory(s) that covers both the master rights of the recording artist and the publishing rights of each writer and composer of the track.

There are several ways in which ISU Members and their Skaters can legally use or create a music mix to accompany their routine/performance:

1. For easy compliance with the above-mentioned requirements, it is recommended to use commercially released or production music which has been pre-cleared, such as from ClicknClear.com.
2. Use completely original music (specially commissioned) written and/or recorded by a AI, composer and/or artist. If you do this, please ensure you have contractually obtained the relevant rights required. ClicknClear's License Verification System has an online form that your composer/artist can use to confirm the rights they have granted you.

3. Use music out of copyright (otherwise known as music in the public domain). To be noted that the duration of copyright varies in each country, so ISU Members MUST check their local copyright law.
4. Secure a license directly from the owners of the music that the Skaters would like to use. In some cases, ClicknClear may be able to assist in the clearance of music not currently available on the ClicknClear platform. However, please note this route may be significantly more expensive, may take significant time, and there is no guarantee of a positive outcome.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for all rounds (Starting Round, Semi-Final, Final) must all be entered, in detail, by the ISU Member or the Team(s) on the dedicated ISU platform.

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

8. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS / TEAMS

The nearest airport to **Rouen** is **Charles de Gaulle Airport (Paris)** with a distance of **150 km** to the official hotel.

All Referees, Judges, Teams, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Team Coaches and Assistant Coaches and Team Managers are requested to announce to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible but no later than **Tuesday December 15th 2026 - 20:00** 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).

9. OFFICIAL HOTEL(S)

Mercure Hotel-Champs de Mars
12 Bis Avenue Aristide Briand
76000 Rouen
phone: +33235524232
web: H1273@accor.com

The Organizing Committee will provide transport between the hotel and the ice rink for the Referees and Judges.

For the teams, a list of hotels will be posted on the French Cup website
French Cup – Compétition internationale de patinage synchronisé.

10. ACCREDITATION

The official accreditation for Teams is planned at Ice Rink – Centre Sportif Guy Boissière- Rouen, upon arrival.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader, one Team Coach per Team, one assistant Team Coach per team, one Team Manager per team and two Medical Team Staff per team, and a maximum of two Team Officials per ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation. 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 entries, 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.

11. RESULTS

The scoring system as described in the ISU Sports Rules Synchronized Skating 2026, III. Regulation for Synchro9, Rule 6 will be used.

12. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES

The three best-placed Teams in each event will be announced and honored. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be presented to the medalists. The national anthem of the winners will be played, and the flags of the medal winners hoisted.

The first of Senior category will receive a price money of 1500€ and the first of Junior category will receive a price money of 1000 €.

13. INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with CER Article 17.3, it is the sole responsibility of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials, and all other members of the ISU Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue of 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.

14. MEETINGS FOR ISU EVENT OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

All Referees and Judges are responsible for making their travel arrangements in order to be able to attend the respective event-related meetings. If any other party makes the flight arrangements, the and the Judges are responsible for checking if such arrangements are in line with the detailed schedule as mentioned under paragraph 16.

15. INFORMATION AND VARIOUS

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

Organizing Committee of 32nd French Cup 2027
Centre sportif Guy Boissière
Avenue Jacques Chastellain
76100 Rouen
e-mail: secretariat@frenchcup.fr

EVENT SCHEDULE

Accreditation: Starting on Wednesday January 27th, 2027 at 2:00 PM.

Free Practice according to contractual entries:

- Wednesday January 27th, 2027: from 07:00 AM to 11:00 PM
- Thursday January 28th, 2027: from 07:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Thursday January 28th, 2027

16.00	*Referees meeting*	*Mercure Hotel*
17.00	*Initial Judges Meeting*	*Mercure Hotel*
19.00	*Official Draw for all categories*	*Information to come*
20.00	*Official Dinner*	*Mercure Hotel*

Friday January 29th, 2027

07.00–13.00	JUNIOR – Starting Round / Prescribed Theme	Competition Ice rink
	SENIOR – Starting Round / Prescribed Theme	Competition Ice Rink
18.10	JUNIOR – Starting Round / Prescribed Theme	*Competition Ice Rink*
20.00-23.00	SENIOR – Starting Round / Prescribed Theme	**Competition Ice Rink**

Saturday January 30th, 2027

07.00–13.00	JUNIOR – Semi-Final	Competition Ice Rink
14.30–17.30	SENIOR – Semi-Final	**Competition Ice Rink**
17.45	JUNIOR – Placement battles	*Competition Ice Rink*
18.00	SENIOR – Placement battles	*Judges Room*
20.00–23.00	JUNIOR – Final	**Competition Ice Rink**
	SENIOR – Final	
23.10	Victory Ceremonies JUNIOR and SENIOR	*Competition Ice Rink*

Please note:

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

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FORMS AND DEADLINES

Number	Form	Format	Deadline
N/A	Preliminary Entries for Teams	ORS	November 15th 2026
N/A	Entries by Name for Teams	ORS	December 15th 2026
N/A	Entries by Name for Delegations	ORS	December 15th 2026
N/A	Hotel reservation request	ORS	December 15th 2026
N/A	Team Travel information	ORS	December 15th 2026
N/A	Media Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 26/27
N/A	Competition Music Information	ISU Portal	Valid for season 26/27