



FIRST INFORMATION

SYNCHRO9

DEVELOPMENT CAMP



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Budapest - Practice Ice Rink

Pathway to YOG 2028
SYNCHRO9 Development Camp
Budapest, Hungary, 23 – 28 August 2026

Welcome to Budapest,

The Hungarian National Skating Federation is pleased to organize the SYNCHRO9 Development Camp which is part of a project what was designed to support first-hand the introduction and early implementation of the new SYNCHRO9 synchronized skating category, which is expected to debut at the Youth Olympic Games in 2028. Daily activities will include on- and off-ice sessions, and theoretical seminars focusing on the explanation of the requirements and judging criteria, physical education and dance, movements and expression classes.

It is our honour to contribute to your successful preparation for season 2026/27. The Organizing Committee prepared this First Information document to make sure your visit is smoothly organized and memorable for all the right reasons. We kindly ask you to read this guide carefully and contact us if you have further questions.

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Expressions

Venue and Location:

The camp is held in the Budapest Practice Ice Rink located at the address of 3-5 Istvánmezei street, Budapest, 1146 Hungary (district XIV). Entrance is available through the gate of the Olympic Centre at 3 Szabó József street as the below map suggests.



This venue is home to the Hungarian National Skating Federation, our short track Olympic and junior teams, along with the junior and novice ice dancers, and the national synchro team. Therefore, the rink has a movable padding system instead of ice hockey boards and presents a feel-at-home environment.

Off-ice training sessions (acrobatics and lifts) will be held at the Gerevich Aladár National Sports Hall. Located within a 5 – minute walked from ice rink, the venue offers a unique atmosphere and a well-equipped training environment, providing good conditions for high-quality off-ice preparation throughout the camp.

If this is your first time in Budapest, you will find that it's a beloved destination of tourists and sports communities from all around the world thanks to its central European location and easy accessibility whether you choose to arrive by plane, train, bus or car. The city has one major international airport, the Liszt Ferenc International Airport (BUD) and three international railway stations: Keleti, Nyugati and Déli. Moreover, it can easily be accessed through cars and buses as all major highways end here.

Technical Meeting:

On the day of arrival, we organize a Technical Meeting at 19:00 (7 pm) in the hotel to officially open the camp and carry out registration.

Accommodation and Catering:

Participants of the camp will be accommodated in the Lion's Garden Hotel, which is in a 5-minute walking distance from the venue. It is a 4-star hotel with a wellness section, so make sure you pack your swimwear. Breakfast and dinner will be served in its restaurant.

Address of the hotel (with breakfast and dinner): 4 Cházár András street, Budapest, 1146 Hungary.

More information about the hotel is available here: www.lions-garden.com

Lunch will be provided in the Stefánia Restaurant, located in a 10-minute walking distance from the venue. The service will include soup for starter, a main course and dessert.

Address of the restaurant (for lunch): 32 Stefánia street, Budapest, 1143 Hungary

Payment:

As the Announcement clearly states, participation in the camp is subject to a fee of

- a. 200 EUR per Skater**
- b. 170 EUR per Coach**
- c. 170 EUR per Judge**

which includes accommodation, meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), training facility fees, and other camp-related costs, from dinner on Sunday, 23rd of August 2026, through lunch on Saturday, 28th of August 2026.

The Participation Fee must be paid following the confirmation of acceptance and no later than 3rd of August 2026.

Participants are responsible for the travel expenses to and from Budapest, along with their health and travel insurance as athletes and coaches both take part in the camp at their own responsibility and liability.

Safety and Well-Being:

Our Federation is committed to creating and ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all members of the skating community. Thus, if any of you feel a boundary has been crossed or you were treated inappropriately, please contact our Safeguarding Focal Point in the rink or via e-mail to safeguarding@hunskate.hu

It is important to note that each participant is subject to the Hungarian National Skating Federation's [Code of Ethics](#) and the [Ethics, Child Protection and Safeguarding Regulations](#). Through these documents we aim to help the better understanding of expected and acceptable behaviours and the importance of asking for help if needed.

Additionally, each adult participant is obliged to confirm they have read and understood the [ISU Code of Ethics](#) and the [Safeguarding Code of Conduct](#). **The latter will need to be signed and submitted to safeguarding@hunskate.hu until 23rd August 2026.**

The documents are available at the [SAFEGUARDING – GYERMEKVÉDELEM section](#) on our website.

As the camp is organized for YOG aged categories, we also ask each skater to **submit their signed Parental / Guardian Consent form** along with the application or directly to safegaurding@hunskate.hu until 23rd of August 2026 at the latest.

Medical Information:

We provide medical supervision (1 person) for the ice sessions of the camp.

Medical services for foreign citizens in Hungary are only available if one's holding valid personal accident and health insurance. Please make sure your insurance document and passport are always at hand. For residents of the European Union, it is advised that before travelling to Hungary you request the European Health Insurance Card from your national health insurance provider. It is a free card that provides access to healthcare during your stay in Hungary the same way as for Hungarians. Should you receive this card, add it to the items you always keep at hand.

Outside of the European Union please check your insurance policy and options prior to your travel.

Discover Budapest:

Get ready to experience Budapest – a vibrant city where sport, culture and unforgettable experiences come together. While the ice will be the heart of the camp, there is plenty to discover beyond the rink.

Take a walk along the banks of the Danube, cross the city's iconic bridges, enjoy breathtaking views from Buda Castle and Gellért Hill, or simply relax in one of Budapest's many cafés and green spaces. With its unique blend of history, modern city life and welcoming atmosphere, Budapest is the perfect place to connect with skaters from around the world, create lasting memories and enjoy a memorable week both on and off the ice.

For more inspiration and useful information about the city, you can check the following site: <https://www.budapestinfo.hu/en>

Transportation:

Should you choose to explore what the city has to offer further to the ice rink, you can use a wide range of public transportation (buses, subways, trolley buses, trams, metros), taxi, and car sharing options.

For more information on public transportation, please visit the site of BKK: <https://bkk.hu/en/>

If you prefer car rides, you may download the BOLT app (<https://shorturl.at/Vl7Oh>) or Uber (<https://www.uber.com/hu/en/>)

Electricity:

The electricity in Hungary is 220V (230V), 50 Hz and a two-pin plug system is used.

Time Zone:

Central European Time (CET) (GMT+1)

Weather:

Late August in Budapest is typically warm and pleasant, with daytime temperatures ranging between 25-30 °C (77-86 °F) and cooler evenings around 15-18 °C (59-64°F). Occasional rain showers or thunderstorms may occur, so participants are advised to bring both light summer clothing and a light jacket or umbrella. 🌤️

Financial Trivia:

The national currency is the Hungarian Forint (HUF, Ft). The exchange rate for 1 Euro is around 350 HUF.

Hungarian banks are open on weekdays usually between 8:00-16:00 (8 am-4 pm), while several ATMs are available for cash withdrawal throughout the city (not just within bank facilities) which operate 24/7.

Most major credit cards are accepted (e.g. Mastercard, Visa) except for American Express in some places.

In restaurants, a 10% tip is considered appropriate but unless the service fee is included in the bill, tipping is mandatory and expresses satisfaction with the provided service.

Sustainability:

In order to reduce waste, Hungary introduced the 'Report' renewal system by which customers can exchange the renewable plastic, metal or glass bottles via reverse vending machines and receive HUF 50 in exchange which can be used as a voucher in a grocery store or donated to charity. The bottles collected this way will then be sorted to recycling plants and used to make new packaging among other things. You can find the location of the machines at the following link <https://repoint.hu/en/return-point-finder>. It is strongly recommended that you use these machines to get rid of your bottles.

Throughout the camp, we'll provide refreshments via a water dispenser instead of bottled water, so please make sure you bring your own bottles or cups you can refill.

Telephone Instructions:

The emergency number is 112 and free to call (just dial 112 and press call).

The country code for local numbers is +36 (or 00 36)