



Synchronized Skating Neuchâtel Trophy 2026

Neuchâtel, Switzerland

March 6 – 7, 2026

Interclub competition with ISU categories

HANDBOOK

Organized by:

SWISS
ICE SKATING

and

Club des Patineurs de Neuchâtel-Sports



WELCOME / BIENVENUE

Dear Public and friends of synchronized skating,
Dear athletes, coaches, officials and technical panel's members,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, I am pleased to welcome you to Neuchâtel for the 2026 edition of the **Neuchâtel Trophy**.

Over these two days of competition, we come together to celebrate synchronized skating and the values it represents: commitment, elegance, creativity, and team spirit.

I would like to warmly thank **Swiss Ice Skating** as well as the **Neuchâtel-Sports Figure Skating Club** for their valuable support in organizing this international competition.

Nothing would be possible without the involvement of our many volunteers and skating friends. Club members, families or friends invest their time and energy with passion and generosity to make this event a success. We sincerely thank them for all their work.

Our thanks also go to our sponsors and donors, the Cantonal and Municipal authorities, as well as the **Syndicat des Patinoires du Littoral**, for their essential support, as without them such an event could not take place.

May these two days be marked by fair play, kindness, and outstanding choreographic performances.

To you, athletes, may you make the ice shine with your talent.
To us public, let us support you with all the energy you deserve.

Katia Huguenin
President of the organising committee

*Cher Public et amis du patinage synchronisé,
Chers athlètes, coaches, officiels et membres du panel technique,*

*Au nom du Comité d'Organisation, j'ai le plaisir de vous souhaiter la bienvenue à Neuchâtel pour l'édition 2026 du **Neuchâtel Trophy**.*

Durant ces deux jours de compétition, nous nous réunissons pour célébrer le patinage synchronisé et ses valeurs: l'engagement, l'élégance, la créativité et, avant tout, l'esprit d'équipe.

*Je tiens à remercier chaleureusement **Swiss Ice Skating** ainsi que le **Club des Patineurs de Neuchâtel-Sports** pour leur précieux soutien dans l'organisation de cette compétition internationale.*

Rien de tout cela ne serait toutefois possible sans l'implication remarquable de nos nombreux bénévoles et amis du patinage. Membres du club, familles et proches s'investissent avec passion et générosité afin de faire de cet événement une réussite. Qu'ils en soient sincèrement remerciés.

*Nos remerciements s'adressent également à nos sponsors et donateurs, aux autorités cantonales et communales, ainsi qu'au **Syndicat des Patinoires du Littoral**, pour leur soutien indispensable à la tenue d'une telle manifestation.*

Que ces deux journées soient placées sous le signe du fair-play, de la bienveillance et de magnifiques performances chorégraphiques.

*À vous, athlètes, de faire rayonner la glace par votre talent.
À nous, public, de vous encourager avec toute l'énergie que vous méritez.*

Katia Huguenin
Présidente du Comité d'organisation.

CONTACT / INFORMATIONS

Welcome desk / <i>Accueil</i> Main rink / <i>Piste principale</i> - Neuchâtel	+41 (0)77 465 17 94
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Hospital / <i>Hôpital</i> – Pourtalès (the local hospital is 5 minutes away from the Ice Arena)	+41 (0)32 713 30 00
Medical Room / <i>Infirmier</i> Main rink / <i>Piste principale</i> - Neuchâtel (emergency medical services will be provided for all participants during official practice and competition times)	+41 (0)77 498 34 55
Medical Person on duty / <i>Service de garde</i> (doctor, dentist, pharmacy; outside official practice and competition times)	+41 (0)848 134 134
Press Officer The press officer will be glad to organise interviews of skaters/Teams/coaches through the Team Leaders	+41 (0)76 381 85 62 press@neuchatel-trophy.ch

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Ms Katia Huguenin
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Event Referees	ISU	Mr Anthony Grevisse
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Assistant Referee Ice		Ms Christine Müller Ms Céline Date

SCHEDULE OF EVENT

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Upon request Extra practice ice Main & Practice Rink

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Upon request Extra practice ice Main & Practice Rink
16:00 – 18:00 Official registration for Teams & Officials Main Rink

Friday, March 6, 2026

08:00 – 11:00 Official registration for Teams Main Rink
14:00 – 17:00
09:30 Initial Technical Panel Meeting Judges room
10:00 – 11:30 **Official Practice**
Juvenile / Basic Novice Main Rink
15:30 Initial Judges Meeting Judges room
16:15 **Opening Ceremony**
17:00 – 18:10 **Competition**
Juvenile / Basic Novice Main Rink
After competition **Awards Ceremonies**
Juvenile / Basic Novice Main Rink

Saturday, March 7, 2026

08:00 – 11:00 Official registration for Teams Main Rink
09:00 – 11:55 **Official Practice**
Mixed Age / Senior B / Junior B Main Rink
Advanced Novice
15:00 – 17:10 **Competition**
Mixed Age / Senior B / Junior B Main Rink
Advanced Novice
After competition **Awards Ceremonies**
Mixed Age / Senior B / Junior B Main Rink
Advanced Novice

PARTICIPATING TEAMS



SENIOR B

1		BEL	Crystallice GSK
2		SUI	Cool Dreams Royal
3		SUI	Lausanne Ice Genesis
4		SUI	Team Sapphire

JUNIOR B

1		BEL	Ice Fever GSK
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MIXED AGE

1		SUI	Silver Oaks
2		SUI	Team Bernettes
3		SUI	Team Lunarys
4		SUI	United Blades

ADVANCED NOVICE

1		GER	Team Berlin
2		SUI	Cool Dreams
3		SUI	Team Ruby

BASIC NOVICE

1		CZE	Team Kometa
2		SUI	Team Bernettes

JUVENILE

1		CZE	Team Kometa
2		SUI	Cool Dreams
3		SUI	Silver Oaks
4		SUI	Team Bernettes
5		SUI	Team Pearls

WELCOME AND INFORMATION DESK

An information service will be provided for participating Teams at the **Welcome and Information Desk in the entrance of the Main Arena** (see map 1) where we will be happy to assist you.

Accreditation of Officials will take place at the Welcome and Information Desk.

The opening hours of the Welcome and Information Desk will be the following:

Friday, March 6, 2026	09:00 – 12:00 and 13:30 – 19:30
Saturday, March 7, 2026	09:00 – 12:00 and 13:30 – 19:30

TEAM ACCREDITATION DESK

Accreditation of Teams will take place at the Main Arena **near the Team's entrance** (see map 1).

The opening hours of the Team Accreditation Desk will be the following:

Thursday, March 5, 2026	16:00 – 18:00
Friday, March 6, 2026	08:00 – 11:00 and 14:00 – 17:00
Saturday, March 7, 2026	08:00 – 11:00

Don't forget to present the following items:

- music: a back-up for each program (Short Program and Free Skating). Each program must be recorded in MP3 format on a separate USB stick. The USB stick shall be formatted for Windows (NTFS, FAT32 or exFAT) with only the MP3 file of the program in the main (root) directory, without other files or directories,
- team documentary with copies of passports and release letters,
- settle any outstanding fees by paying in cash in Euro or Swiss francs.

CATERING

Pre-booked Meal requests: meals will be served at lunch time in the "Lobby Bar" located in the "Maladière Centre", entrance from the outside esplanade of La Maladière (see map 3). A schedule of allocated mealtimes will be available at the Welcome Desk and communicated on the Sportity application.

Take away: several snack-bars will be at your disposal on the gallery located under the public stand (see map 2).

REST AND MEETING ROOMS FOR TEAMS

Two conference rooms at La Maladière (3 minutes walking distance) are available **Friday, March 6, 2026**, and **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, for teams. The rooms can be booked at the **Welcome and Information Desk** and are free of charge. They are not intended for warm-up, but only for rest and meeting sessions.

BUS PARKING FOR TEAMS

For Teams coming with their own coach/bus, a dedicated parking area, the "Esplanade de la Maladière", is located near the Main Arena (see map 3).

ENTRANCE / EXIT TEAMS – TEAM SEATING

During Official Practice and during the competition, Teams are asked to use the Skater's entrance to access the dressing rooms (see map 1). To reach the seating area, teams must use Entrance 11 (see map 2).

LUGGAGE DEPOSIT

There will be no Luggage Deposit. We kindly ask teams travelling by coach/bus to leave their suitcases in their vehicle. Alternatively, the luggage can be deposited along the passageway of the upper floor (see map 2). Unattended luggage left outside will be at your own risk. Please note that the Organizing Committee will take no responsibility for lost luggage if the above recommendations are not followed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Each Team will have their own mailbox located at the Skaters Entrance (see map 1). All bulletins and communications will be distributed in the mailboxes. Schedule changes, starting orders, results, and matters of general information will be issued in the form of bulletins and communications. The allocation of the dressing rooms for the awards ceremony will be communicated this way too. All information will also be available on the Sportity App. Access code: **"SYSNE26"**.

RESULTS AND MUSIC BACKUPS

Your music backups will be available at the Welcome Desk after the Award Ceremony. All results and Judges' details will be available for download from the official website <https://www.neuchatel-trophy.ch> and on Sportity after the competition.

CEREMONIES

- An Opening Ceremony will take place on **Friday, March 6, 2026, at 16:15**.
- The Awards Ceremonies Juvenile and Basic Novice will take place on the ice on **Friday, March 6, 2026**, after competition.
- The Awards Ceremonies Mixed Age, Junior B, Senior B and Advanced Novice will take place on the ice on **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, after competition.
- For each category:
 - **All Skaters** are invited on the ice.
 - The Skaters of all categories enter the ice before the beginning of the ceremonies.
 - After the national anthem of the winning team of a category has been played, the skaters return to their waiting places before the ceremonies continue with the next category.

WARM-UP AREAS

From **Friday, March 6, 2026**, to **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, official warm-up areas are available in the "Maladière Centre" for Official Practice and Competition as per timetable (see map 3). To access the warm-up halls, please follow the signs. Our volunteers will also be available for help, and a map of the warm-up halls will be provided at accreditation. Warmup areas will also be available for the Extra practice on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**, and **Thursday, March 5, 2026**. You'll receive the information from the person responsible for relations teams.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE

The Official Practice will be held in the Main Arena. Only competitive music may be played.
The practice time will be:

Free Skating	
Senior B	12 minutes
Junior B	11 minutes
Mixed Age	
Advanced Novice	10 minutes
Basic Novice	
Juvenile	

The music will be played twice (2 times). The music will start:

- In the practice of 10 minutes: after 1:30 minute and after 6:00 minutes
- In the practice of 11 minutes: after 1:30 minute and after 6:30 minutes
- In the practice of 12 minutes: after 1:30 minute and after 7:00 minutes

A 30 second warning will be given before the restart of the music.

Once music has started, it will be played through completely.

DRAWS

The draw for all categories has been done randomly by computer.

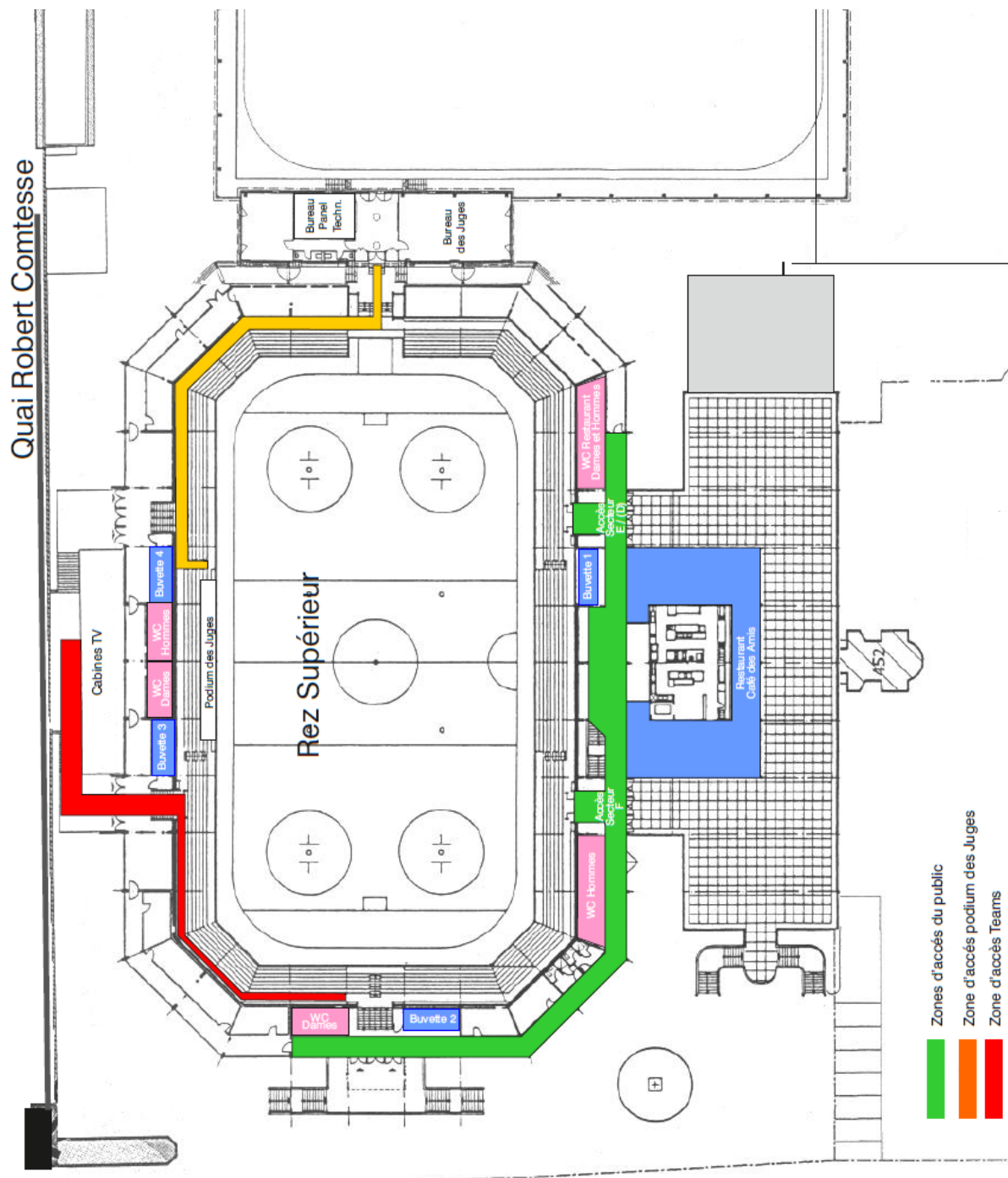
SECURITY

The use of flashlight photography is strictly forbidden during the competition.

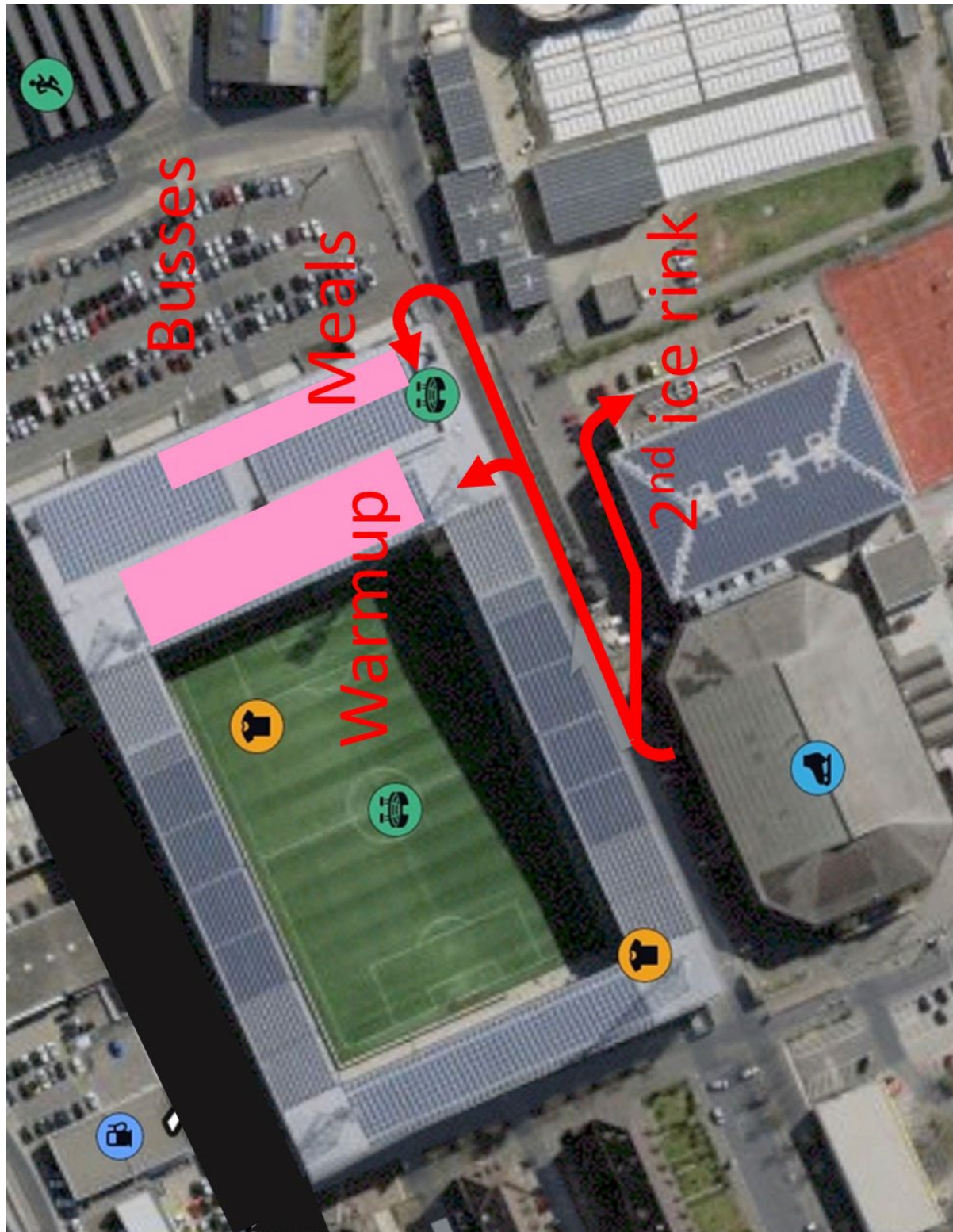
INSURANCE / LIABILITY

In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each ISU Member participating in the competition, as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical and accident insurance for his Athletes, Officials, and all other Members of the ISU Member's Team(s). Such insurance must provide full medical coverage as well as the return journey of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means. Swiss Ice Skating and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the event by Competitors and Officials. The Organizer will not provide participant insurance coverage for the event. The Organizer will provide emergency medical services for all Competitors during the competition and Official Practice sessions at the Official Ice rink. The local hospital is within 5 minutes distance from the Ice Rink.

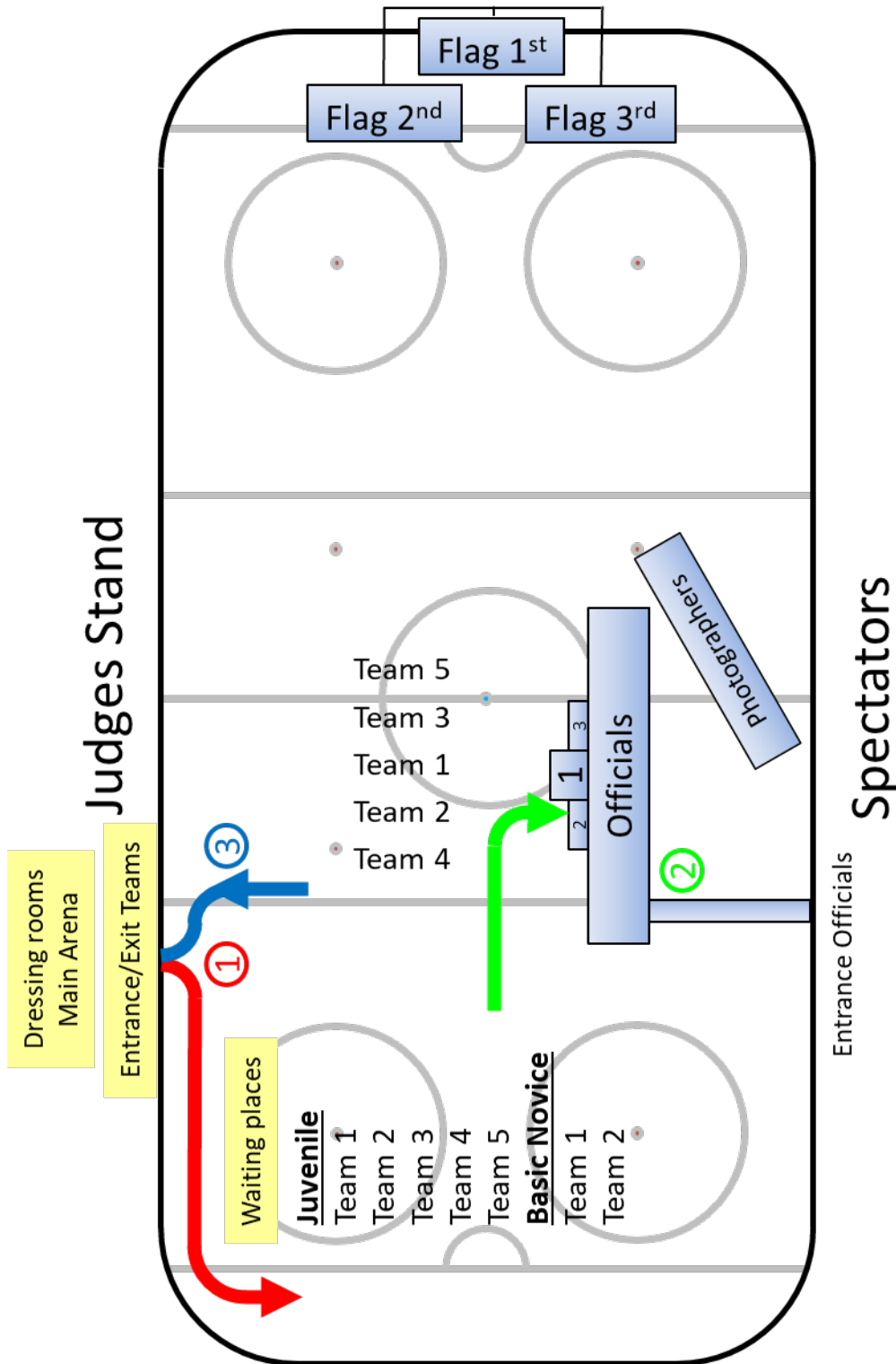
MAP 2: THE ARENA – UPPER FLOOR



MAP 3: WARM-UP AREAS, MEALS AND BUS PARKING



MAP 4: AWARDS CEREMONY FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026



MAP 5: AWARDS CEREMONY SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

