

Communication No. 2363

Ice Dance Judges Seminars

Application to hold ISU Seminars for Ice Dance Referees and Judges in 2021 hosted by ISU Members

In accordance with the ISU Regulations, Rule 417, paragraph 1, ISU Members may send to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to the Chair of the Ice Dance Technical Committee, applications to host ISU Seminars for Ice Dance Referees and Judges in 2020 fulfilling the characteristics below.

The deadline for receipt of these applications is **January 1, 2021**. The application form is attached to this Communication.

The holding of Seminars will be subject to further pandemic related developments permitting. In this regard, it must be noted that during its December 10, 2020 meeting, the ISU Council decided that all meetings, seminars, examinations or similar of ISU internal bodies shall continue to be held on-line or postponed until at least April 30, 2021.

Purpose

These ISU Seminars will include a Judges section and a Referees section. They constitute ISU Seminars for re-appointment of International Judges, re-appointment of ISU Judges, re-appointment of International Referees and re-appointment of ISU Referees, and therefore they serve the purposes of seminar attendance requirements included in Rule 412, paragraphs 1.d) (i), 2.c), 3.d) (i), 4.c) and Rule 413, paragraphs 2.c), 4.c).

Moderators

Moderators designated by the Ice Dance Technical Committee must conduct these Seminars.

Language

These ISU Seminars will be conducted in English.

Participants

These ISU Seminars are primarily for the Referees and Judges of the Host ISU Member. However, Referees and Judges from other ISU Members (not more than 2 per ISU Member) may also attend subject to the availability of places.

ISU Members wishing to nominate Referees and Judges to participate in these ISU Seminars, or the ISU Referees/Judges themselves, may make an application to the ISU Secretariat, with copies to the Host ISU Member and the Chair of the Ice Dance Technical Committee, not later than six (6) weeks prior to the scheduled date of the Seminar. The Host ISU Member must also send to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to the Chair of the Ice Dance Technical Committee, the names of those of its own Referees and Judges who will attend the Seminar for final approval. If an ISU Seminar is organized in conjunction with an International Competition, the participants at the ISU Seminar cannot also serve as Referees or Judges at the competition.

The organizing ISU Member may also invite Coaches who are interested in learning and receiving useful information, to attend these ISU Seminars and must send their names to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to the Chair of the Ice Dance Technical Committee for final approval.

Please note that at all 2021 ISU Figure Skating Championships the Initial Judges Meetings will be conducted by the Referee together with the Chair or a member of the Ice Dance Technical Committee. Each Initial Judges Meeting and the respective Round Table Discussion will together form an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges, as per Rule 417, paragraph 6. The Judges officiating at 2022 ISU Figure Skating Championships are not required to attend an ISU Seminar as presented in this Communication in order to fulfill the requirement of having completed an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges. ISU Members are reminded that a Judge's attendance at the Initial Judges' Meeting and Round Table Discussions is not considered as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment as an ISU or International Referee. Referees still need to attend one seminar to fulfill the requirement of having completed an ISU Seminar for re-appointment as an ISU or International Referee. However, Rule 417, paragraph 5, states the following exception:

To consider the activity as Referee of an ISU Championships or the Olympic Winter Games, as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment as an ISU or International Referee, the following is required:

- the Initial Judges' Meeting must be conducted by the concerned Referee together with the Chair or a member of the respective Technical Committee;
- the Round Table Discussion must be conducted by the Referee;
- the activity as a Referee for the Championships or the Olympic Winter Games must have been considered acceptable by the respective Technical Committee.

In order to fulfill the requirements of having completed an ISU Seminar for re-appointment, Judges and Referees may also complete the related ISU webinar/e-learning exercise published on the ISU eLearning platform (details for Judges can be found in ISU Communication 2357 and Communication 2255 for Referees).

Expenses

The responsibility for the expenses of these ISU Seminars will be allocated as follows:

- a) The administrative expenses (use of ice surface, classroom and all supporting equipment/facilities) will be borne by the Host ISU Member.
- b) The travel and living expenses of the Moderators will be borne by the ISU.
- c) The travel and living expenses of the participants will be borne by their respective ISU Members, or by the ISU Referees/Judges themselves in case of direct application (not through the ISU Members).

The ISU can contribute financially only to a limited number of these ISU Seminars each year. If the ISU is unable to contribute to the expenses of a Seminar and the Host ISU Member holds a seminar following the above guidelines and applied as per the procedure above, the Host ISU Member may nevertheless submit an application for its recognition. If recognition is granted, the total expenditure will then be borne by the Host ISU Member.

ISU Members who do not receive financial assistance from the ISU may apply to their respective NOC for possible funding through Olympic Solidarity.

Note: ISU Seminars and ISU Examinations for first appointment as an International Judge (Rule 413, paragraphs 1.c) and 1.d)) will be held in Frankfurt, Germany, in July, 2021 for first appointment on the 2021/22 list of Officials, and will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication.

An ISU Examination for first appointment of an ISU Judge (Rule 413, paragraphs 3.e)) will be held in Oberstdorf, Germany, in September 2021 and will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication. The appointment of the successful Judges will be published in the 2021/22 list of Officials.

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